Bridge the gap
7 strategies to help you go from current to future state

Research shows that organizations are still struggling to successfully modernize their data centers. Challenges arise in nearly all areas — security, budget, logistics, human resources, and so on. Have you or your organization:

- made healthy progress toward your ideal future state while maintaining day-to-day operations?

Be prepared to invest in both sides — CapEx and OpEx
Your current-state, on-premises environment may need to remain operational despite any long-term goals to be fully in the cloud. Overcommitting to an all-OpEx model will deplete CapEx funds that could be needed for on-premises hardware upgrades, building data-intensive models such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning, or new, local, or edge infrastructure.

Free your people — enlist help so that IT teams can drive innovation
IT leaders are often busy with reactive operations to make short-term decisions on your cloud strategy (e.g. to keep the lights on, meet deadlines, address performance issues, and so on).

Manage (and reset) expectations — establish realistic timelines
As you proceed with your transformation initiatives, timelines, impacts, and where we stand can impact how you know what’s realistic. Outside experts may be the most reliable resource to set realistic expectations.

Identify and engage high performers — nurture key talent
“New wave of IT leaders who are particularly passionate about transformation and may be able to advance our vision to be ready for the digital transformation”

Build cultural bridges — secure buy-in and support
Transforming the data center from Mode 1 to Mode 2 isn’t just one change; it’s a seismic shift across the entire way of doing business. Create or re-prioritize an enterprise-wide cloud advisory board.

Establish a cloud architecture board — formalize to unify
It’s important for your IT organization to have a consistent operating model and set of practices that each member follows to deploy, manage, and secure new application workloads, all while controlling cloud costs.

Build technical bridges — refresh, upgrade, automate
Start looking at how cloud-native infrastructure can be used to support your future-state roadmap (e.g. open APIs, Infrastructure as Code (IAC), etc.). Standardization and automation initiatives may need to be controlled to support future public cloud readiness.

Learn more about each of these strategies in the whitepaper, “7 Core Practices to Achieve Data Center Modernization.”

Need more guidance?
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We’ve helped many IT organizations modernize their data centers and would be happy to work with yours.