Take A Holistic Approach To Cloud Migration

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A SUCCESSFUL CLOUD MIGRATION STRATEGY EXTENDS BEYOND TECH

Firms must execute on both technology and people/process activities for cloud-supported digital transformation.

TECH

For one in every three companies, moving applications to the cloud is one of the most important digital transformation activities.*

Digitally mature organizations are investing in software as a service (51%), infrastructure as a service (46%), and platform as a serivce (39%).†

PEOPLE/PROCESS

IT process is at the top of the list of key focus areas for digital transformation (49%).*

Nearly **30%** of organizations are adding training for employees and executives to improve digital skills.‡

TECHNOLOGY ISSUES ARE ONLY SKIN-DEEP

Moving apps to the cloud isn't just a tech play — it also needs the right change orchestrators.

Top challenges for cloud migration are people- and process-focused:§

Training existing staff on cloud services
22%

Hiring experienced data cloud experts
20%

Figuring out an optimal work structure to facilitate this change
20%

Maintaining staff that have been trained on cloud services
19%

THREE PILLARS DEFINE A CLOUD STRATEGY: PLATFORMS, PARTNERS, AND PRACTICES¶

Neglecting to address organizational challenges can threaten the efficacy of your cloud plan.

Greatest areas of challenge for each pillar include:‡

Platforms (technology)
23%
Implementation of new processes and capabilities

Partners (ecosystem and org model)
19%
Business process redesign

Practices (processes)
25%
Employee availability of time devoted to digital transformation

CLOUD MIGRATION DONE RIGHT CAN DRIVE GREATER BUSINESS VALUE

TODAY
IN TWO YEARS

Today, **42%** of app portfolios are in the cloud. In two years, that number is expected to increase to **59%**.**

Benefits of a successful cloud migration include:††

41%
Ability to scale quickly and easily

37%
Free up IT staff for other tasks

36%
Fastest time to deployment

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