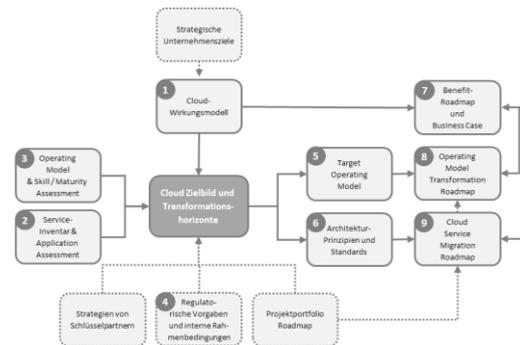


Gain speed and control on your way to the cloud

Public cloud services offer a considerable amount of potential for financial service providers. A paradigm shift in management and IT architecture is needed in order to gain the maximum benefits. Create clarity for your goals and for the transition to a new model of service delivery.



Put the focus on a cloud impact model ¹

When it comes to achieving your business goals, the various features of the cloud will have varying levels of importance for you. Is it the self-service aspect, the usage-dependent costs or something else that are most important to you? What conditions do you need to create and how will you measure the impact?

We develop an individual impact model together with you, and from that we create the basis for the strategic planning within the company and with your partners.

Assess your services to find out where to start ²

The advantages of a public cloud differ depending on the application. However, by timing the migration of services or applications correctly, this minimizes the costs and risks at the same time while maximizing the benefits. To do this, we analyze your existing and planned services together with you, as well as the life cycle status of your applications. We can then use this as a baseline for selecting foundational cloud services and roadmap scenarios.

The human element has the largest influence on the speed and success of your cloud initiative ³

Roles, processes, and teams for the deployment and operation of services must be realigned toward the specific properties of a cloud. If existing processes are embraced when adopting the cloud, the cloud will not be able to develop to its full effect.

Building resources and skills requires targeted investment and patience. Together we will identify where and how much action is required within your current organization.

The scope is defined by external and internal governance, risk, and compliance requirements ⁴

Hybrid architectures with dedicated infrastructure and cloud services must also meet mandatory regulatory requirements.

Requirements based on the regulatory requirements and any additional internal requirements must be reviewed with regard to functionality, integrity, and effectiveness in the context of the cloud. We support your specialist departments in this with our knowledge of how

cloud providers supply their services and how these are best used.

Users take center stage and cloud providers determine the life cycle:

The Cloud Target Operating Model ⁵

Traditionally IT operations have controlled deployment and maintenance activities. If the cloud is to relieve the IT organization by using self-service, then ideally guidelines, target values and the monitoring of these should replace the previous process-based management.

Maintenance strategies and skills must be accommodated for by the cloud since the cloud provider predefines the cloud service life cycle through rigid standardization.

In a cloud target operating model, we work with you to design the target state in which cloud management and governance maximize the benefits of the cloud and ensure the necessary control despite decentralized decision-making.

New architectural priorities occur when changing to the cloud ⁶

Many of the previous IT architecture topics are being put in the hands of the cloud providers. This changes the tasks within the architecture team, away from infrastructure and technology towards data and service integration, standardization, and automation. Avoiding unnecessary complexity and new lock-ins is becoming more important.

Together with your architecture team, we can define the essential principles and set standards so that agile teams can independently utilize the possibilities of the cloud and create sustainable benefits for the company.

Rethink financial management ⁷

Generally speaking, previously tried and tested approaches for the financial assessment of initiatives and financial controlling do not sufficiently take the features of cloud services into

account. Benefit from the advantages of the cloud without unpleasant surprises when scaling or operating solutions in the long-term. We help create the conditions for this with your finance team and architects.

Optimize the speed of transition ^{8,9}

The transition to the cloud affects technology and organization equally. Together with everyone involved, we help to develop sequences of events and timings, alongside dependencies and resources. As a result, benefits are continuously created and made visible.

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itopia stands for practical solutions. With suitable partners, you can increase your efficiency and security during the cloud transformation process and in future operation. When it comes to the details, we work with your teams, your partners, and your chosen cloud providers. And if there are any gaps, we use our experience to provide support during the evaluation of cloud providers, and project, and operating partners.

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