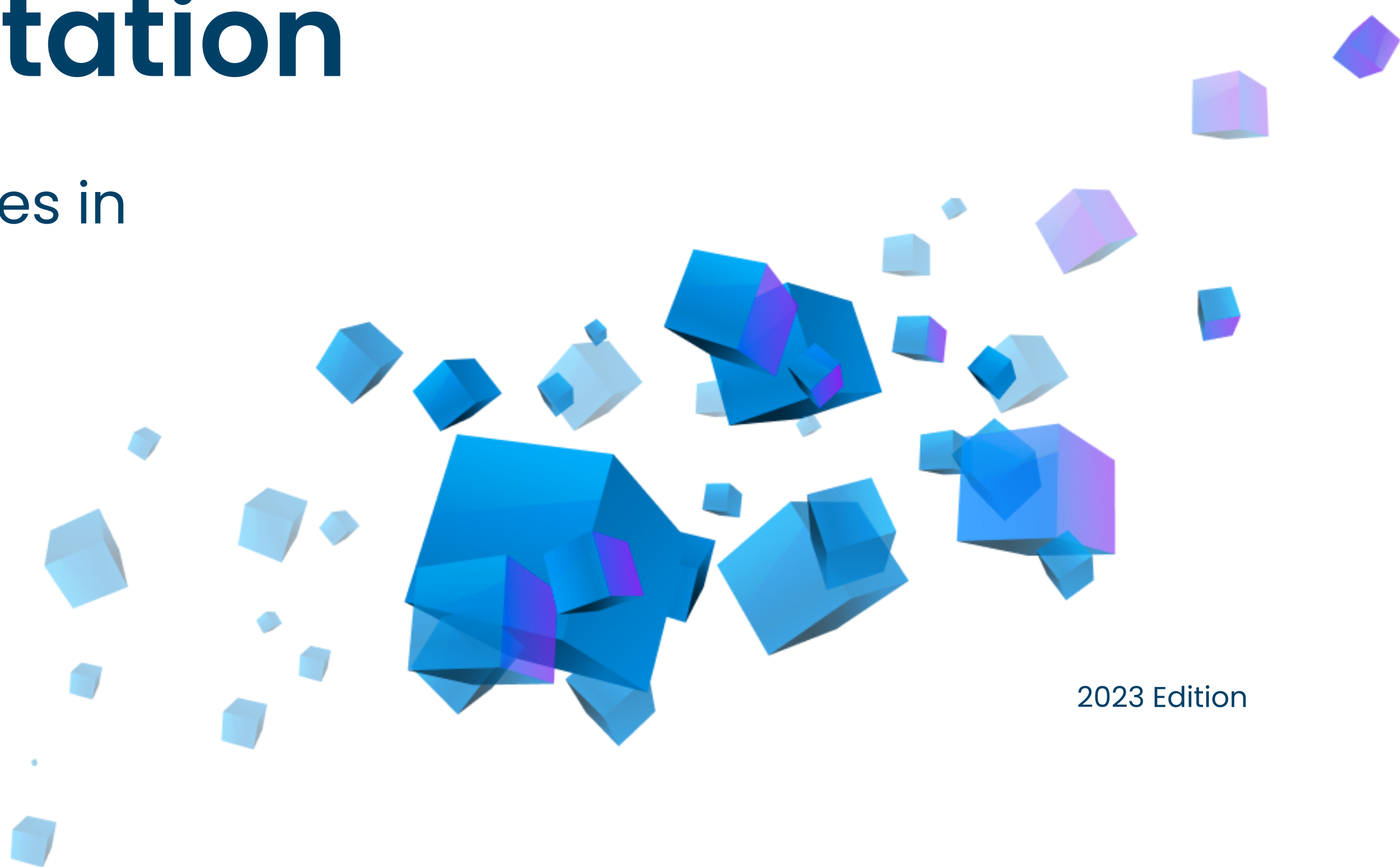


Cloud Migration Implementation

Discover Best Practices in
Cloud Migration

2023 Edition



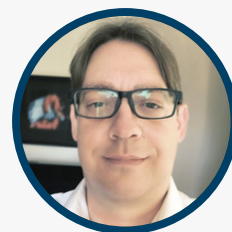


We understand that implementing a successful cloud migration project is a complex task.

It's easy to get lost.

This guide is for organisations seeking to migrate legacy applications, processes and infrastructure to the Cloud.

Our white paper offers best practices from cloud engineering experts, and a downloadable spreadsheet checklist for practical use.



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Executive Summary

Common Implementation Challenges

- Legacy systems compatibility
- Data protection and compliance
- Impact on operations

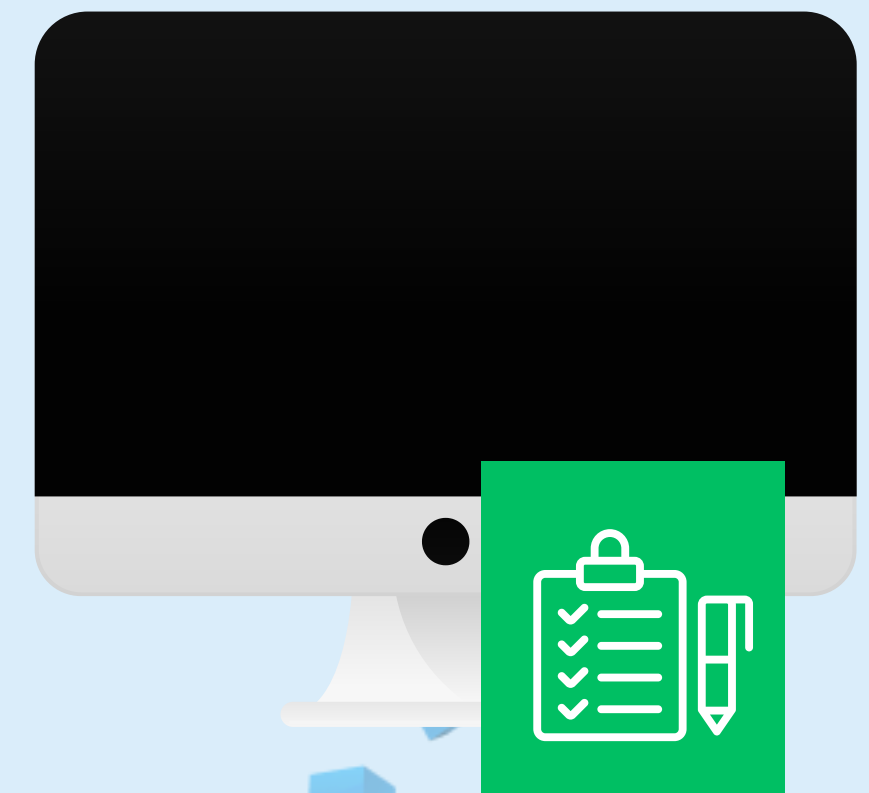
Cloud Migration Implementation Checklist

- Assessment and planning
- Data and application migration
- Infrastructure
- Testing and validation
- Go-Live and Post-Migration

Implementing Best Practices

- Comprehensive Planning and Assessment
- Engage Stakeholders and Establish Clear Communication
- Prioritise Security and Compliance

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Introduction

The white paper "*Cloud Migration Implementation: Best Practices for 2023*" is worth a look if you're:

- Interested in migrating legacy systems to the Cloud,
- Interested in automating processes using the Cloud to drive growth, or
- Seeking to educate your organisation on what it takes to consider a cloud migration project

First, the white paper provides a comprehensive checklist outlining all the essential steps you should take when considering a cloud migration project.

From defining project objectives, designing the solution, infrastructure and processes, and measuring its success, the checklist covers everything you need to know to ensure a successful migration to the Cloud.

But it's not just a checklist.

Our white paper also sets out the most common hurdles to overcome when considering a cloud migration project, so that you can prepare and tackle them with a greater degree of confidence.

In addition, the white paper includes best practices for implementing a cloud migration based on the experiences and insights of experts who have already executed many impactful cloud migrations.



The Impact of Cloud Migration on Business Growth

Scalability and Flexibility

One of the key benefits of migrating to the cloud is the **ability to scale resources up or down based on business needs**. Traditional on-premises infrastructure often requires upfront investments and may not be easily adjustable. Cloud solutions, on the other hand, allow businesses to rapidly adapt to changing demands by providing the flexibility to increase or decrease computing resources as required.

This scalability enables businesses to **respond to growth opportunities quickly and efficiently**, without being limited by their IT infrastructure.

Cost Optimisation

Cloud migration **can lead to cost savings** and optimisation for businesses. On-premises infrastructure often requires significant upfront investments in hardware, software licenses, maintenance, and ongoing management. With cloud services, businesses can **shift to a pay-as-you-go model**, paying only for the resources they use. This **eliminates the need for large capital expenditures** and reduces ongoing maintenance costs.

Enhanced Collaboration and Innovation

Cloud-based platforms provide a centralised and **accessible environment for collaboration**, allowing teams to work together more effectively. Employees can easily access and share files, collaborate on documents in real-time, and communicate seamlessly, regardless of their physical location. This increased collaboration can **enhance productivity and enable teams to work more efficiently**.

By embracing cloud migration, businesses can leverage the advantages of scalability, cost optimisation, and enhanced collaboration to **drive growth and stay ahead** in today's challenging business environment.



Cloud Migration Challenges



Challenge: Legacy System Compatibility

Many businesses have existing legacy systems and applications that have been developed and customised over a long period of time. It's not uncommon for custodians of these systems having little to no context of why some of them even exist – lack of historical context.

Migrating these systems to the cloud can **be challenging due to compatibility issues**.

Legacy systems may have dependencies on specific hardware or software configurations that are not readily available in the cloud environment.

Additionally, the **complexity of data migration and integration with the cloud** can pose significant obstacles.

To overcome this challenge, **a thorough assessment of the existing systems** and a well-defined **migration strategy**, including any necessary modifications or refactoring, **is crucial**.



Challenge: Data Security and Compliance

Data security and **compliance are critical considerations** during a cloud migration.

Moving sensitive data to the cloud requires ensuring that appropriate security measures are in place to **protect the data from unauthorised access or breaches**.

Additionally, **compliance with industry regulations and data protection laws** must be maintained throughout the migration process.

Cloud service providers offer a variety of security features, such as encryption and access controls, but it is **essential to carefully configure and monitor these measures to meet your specific security and compliance requirements**.



Challenge: Operational Disruptions and Downtime

A cloud migration **can potentially disrupt normal business operations**, leading to downtime and loss of productivity.

During the migration process, there may be temporary service interruptions, data transfer delays, or configuration issues that can impact the availability of applications and services.

To minimise disruptions, **a detailed migration plan should be developed**, including a thorough testing and validation phase.

It is also important to **have effective communication with stakeholders to manage expectations** and provide regular updates on the migration progress.



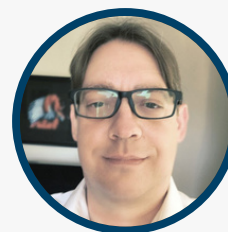
Detailed Implementation Checklist



Commissioning a cloud migration project is by no means an easy undertaking.

It requires significant, and thoughtful, planning,
and execution across many business critical areas.

Use our Detailed Implementation Checklist* as a starting point.



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Stage 1: Assessment and Planning

- ✓ **Identify business objectives** and goals for cloud migration
- ✓ **Evaluate the current IT infrastructure** and applications for migration suitability
- ✓ Assess **security and compliance requirements** for the cloud environment
- ✓ **Determine the target cloud platform** (e.g., AWS, Azure, Google Cloud) based on the evaluation
- ✓ Perform a **cost analysis and create a budget** for the migration project
- ✓ Develop a **migration strategy and roadmap**
- ✓ **Identify key stakeholders** and establish communication channels
- ✓ **Define success criteria** and key performance indicators (KPIs) for the migration



Stage 2: Infrastructure

- ✓ Provision and **configure cloud infrastructure resources** (virtual machines, storage, networking, etc.)
- ✓ **Implement security measures**, such as access controls, firewalls, and encryption
- ✓ **Set up virtual private networks** (VPNs) for secure connectivity between on-premises and cloud environments
- ✓ **Optimise network configuration** for performance and latency
- ✓ Implement **disaster recovery and backup** mechanisms for business continuity



Stage 3: Data and Application Migration

- ✓ **Conduct a detailed inventory** of applications, databases, and data sources
- ✓ **Prioritise** applications and data **based on criticality** and dependencies
- ✓ Determine the **migration approach** (lift-and-shift, re-hosting, re-platforming, refactoring, or rebuilding)
- ✓ Define **data migration strategies** and processes
- ✓ **Execute the migration plan in a phased manner**, ensuring minimal disruption to business operations
- ✓ **Validate and test** migrated applications and data for functionality and performance
- ✓ **Set up monitoring** and logging systems to track the performance of migrated applications



Stage 4: Testing and Validation

- ✓ **Perform thorough testing of the migrated applications**, including functional, performance, and security testing
- ✓ **Validate data integrity** and consistency after migration
- ✓ **Conduct user acceptance testing (UAT)** to ensure applications meet business requirements
- ✓ **Monitor and optimise** application performance in the cloud environment
- ✓ Verify that **compliance requirements are met**, such as GDPR, or industry-specific regulations



Stage 5: Dry Run, Go-Live and Post-Migration

- ✓ **Plan and execute a cutover strategy** to transition users and traffic to the cloud environment
- ✓ **Monitor the system closely** during the go-live phase and address any issues promptly
- ✓ **Conduct post-migration reviews** and collect feedback from stakeholders
- ✓ **Optimise and fine-tune the cloud environment** based on performance and cost analysis
- ✓ **Train IT teams and end-users** on utilising the new cloud infrastructure and services
- ✓ **Establish ongoing cloud management practices**, including monitoring, security, and governance
- ✓ Regularly review and **optimise cloud costs** to ensure cost-effectiveness



How can we help you?

Cloud Migration Implementation Checklist

Feel free to use our cloud migration implementation checklist as a guide or starting point.

Reach out if you have any questions

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Best Practices for Implementation



Comprehensive Planning and Assessment

Before initiating a cloud migration project, **it's crucial to conduct a comprehensive planning and assessment phase.**

This includes assessing your current IT infrastructure, applications, and data to identify dependencies, compatibility issues, and migration priorities.

Define clear objectives and goals for the migration project, taking into account factors such as cost optimisation, scalability, and security requirements.

A well-defined migration strategy with **a detailed timeline and milestones will help ensure a smooth and successful transition** to the cloud.



Engage Stakeholders and Establish Clear Communication

Cloud migration projects involve various stakeholders, including IT teams, business units, and end-users.

It's important to **engage all relevant stakeholders from the outset** and establish **clear communication channels**.

Ensure that everyone understands the goals, benefits, and potential challenges of the migration. **Regularly communicate project updates**, address concerns, and gather feedback to **maintain transparency and manage expectations** throughout the migration process.

Engaging stakeholders early on and fostering a collaborative environment will contribute to a more successful migration project.



Prioritise Security and Compliance

Security and compliance **should be at the forefront of any cloud migration project.**

Evaluate the security features and certifications of your chosen cloud service provider to ensure they meet your specific requirements.

Implement appropriate access controls, encryption mechanisms, and monitoring tools to **protect your data and applications** in the cloud.

Consider **compliance regulations that apply to your industry** and region, and ensure your migration strategy aligns with these requirements.

Regularly **conduct security audits and assessments** to identify and address any vulnerabilities in your cloud infrastructure.

These best practices will help set the foundation for a successful cloud migration project.

However, it's important to note that each migration is unique, and it's advisable to work closely with experienced cloud migration professionals who can tailor these best practices to your specific business needs and guide you through the process effectively.



When you're ready to engage – reach out!



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