Cloud Readiness Workshop

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While the benefits of cloud computing are significant, so is the complexity of planning, building and managing a cloud environment. Many enterprises and service providers have been slow to adopt cloud computing due to concerns about security, compliance, integration, performance, capital expense requirements, and deployment and operational risks – and how to address them.

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Common questions and challenges facing IT leaders include:

- I'm under executive pressure to execute on a cloud strategy: any development and implementation delays will impact time-to-market for new services.

- How do I meet the business' need for cloud services with a flat or shrinking budget?

- How do I define and prioritise which areas of my infrastructure to move to the cloud?

- Unless we move ahead with our cloud strategy swiftly, internal customers will become frustrated and resort to non IT approved, non-secure cloud services.

- I'm unsure as to which applications to move to the cloud.

- My existing processes and procedures aren't currently aligned to cloud.

- My internal IT team is stretched to the limit; developing our cloud strategy is causing delays on other important projects.

Dimension Data's Cloud Readiness Workshop

Dimension Data's Cloud Readiness Workshop will allow you to:

- Refine your vision for the cloud;

- Qualify your cloud-related needs and requirements; and

- Identify a high-level roadmap and preliminary set of actions with which to move forward.

During the workshop, we work with you to review your operations across four critical dimensions of cloud computing – **business alignment**, **organisation**, **infrastructure and applications**. We enable you to pinpoint any gaps that exist between the current 'as is' state and the desired 'to be' state; and set out a preliminary cloud roadmap that identifies key next steps, based on your business' specific requirements.

How it works

The primary goals of the workshop are to:

- Evaluate your organisation's level of cloud readiness across four cloud readiness dimensions and twelve cloud readiness attributes

- Identify gaps between your business' current state and desired state with respect to cloud readiness.

- Identify applications that are the best initial candidates for a move to the cloud and identify a high-level, phased plan for applications that have been targeted for migration to the cloud.

- Develop a high level 12-24 month cloud roadmap to close all cloud readiness gaps and prepare for the migration of initial workloads.

Engagement process

Dimension Data's Cloud Readiness Workshop is delivered using three components of Dimension Data's consulting methodology – **initiate**, **discover** and **construct**:

Workshop deliverables

The deliverables of the workshop include an executive presentation and written report that identify:

- Key findings and recommendations for each dimension and associated attributes;

- Charts depicting the cloud readiness of your business, from a dimension and attribute level. Cloud readiness will be defined as either basic, moderate, advanced or optimised;

- Tables that provide a description of the level of cloud readiness for each attribute;

- A spider chart, that compares the 'as-is' state to the 'to-be' state; and

- A high-level roadmap that identifies key activities for the next 12-24 months.

Why Dimension Data?

- Mapping a migration path and architectural design for cloud requires an in-depth understanding of an organisation's **entire IT infrastructure, architecture and relative interdependencies and risks**. Dimension Data offers a unique blend of capabilities, assets and experience that sets us apart from other cloud service providers.

- Our **heritage in systems integration, mature managed services skills and technical expertise** position us well to help clients determine the correct cloud strategy, migrate to the cloud and manage their cloud infrastructure on an ongoing basis

- Our consulting teams are **experienced in both cloud and on-premise enterprise solutions**.

- Members of our consulting teams have on average 10 years of IT infrastructure and service management consulting experience.

- We conform to best practice standards for software asset management including ISO/IEC 19770 and ISO/IEC 20000.

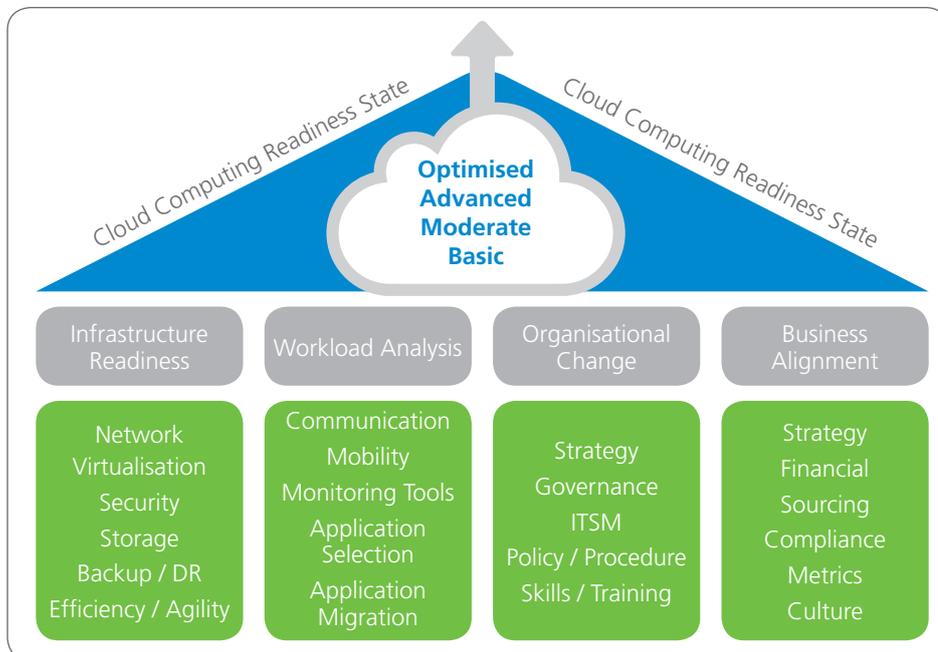For more information about Dimension Data please visit **www.dimensiondata.com**

Fig 1: Dimension Data Cloud Readiness State Model