



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: AZURE MIGRATION



INTRODUCTION

Many organisations would like to move their hosted environment to allow innovation and continuous improvement, but lack the technical resources, time or knowledge to execute a smooth migration that will benefit their business.

Our team of experienced migration consultants expertly address all of these challenges for you. This removes the complexity and risk of transitioning to Microsoft Azure.

Trusted Azure experts work at the heart of your organisation to develop a deep understanding of your business needs. They then create a comprehensive plan to carry out your Azure migration successfully, using a tried and tested framework. In their safe hands, you can plan and move with confidence – and get on with the running of your business.

Easing your move to Azure

Our specialists can migrate your business services however they're constructed or hosted. We ensure you choose the right solutions, and implement the move in a way that minimises disruption and downtime, whatever the nature of the migration.

"Azure for infrastructure and Rackspace for support is the ultimate solution for us."

Charles Bikhazi ::
Head of Applications Services
Help for Heroes

OUR TRIED AND TESTED METHODS

We help our customers complete their Azure migrations by providing a seamless end-to-end service that covers discovery, planning, testing, data and configuration.

We're fully accountable and transparent from start to finish. Our broad experience means we've likely handled the technologies you wish to migrate from, and can guide you to a completely safe migration.

Our structured approach

Our team operates in a way that is efficiently structured, yet remains flexible to respond to the requirements of different types of customers and engagements.



Method Statement

Defines at an operational level how outcomes are achieved and how value is created



Toolkit

Defines the assets and artefacts required to support our consultants in executing this method



Reporting

Provides full visibility of the project at all times



Technical expertise

We assign a dedicated technical consultant, project manager and consulting engineer to your migration. Each expert has extensive experience and an advanced Microsoft Azure skill set.

The technical consultant performs the initial assessment of your move, maps dependencies, prepares a migration strategy and authors the migration runbook.

The consulting engineer completes the technical aspects of the assessment and migration execution activities, and assists with troubleshooting – as required.

2000 +

**MICROSOFT
CERTIFICATIONS
WORLDWIDE**

5 x

**MICROSOFT
HOSTING PARTNER
OF THE YEAR**

Step by step: migration methodology

Every step of this process is validated and signed off by you to ensure complete peace of mind.



1. Pre-engagement

We start by making sure the scope of work is commonly understood and the correct resources are aligned. This includes a migration readiness assessment.



2. Assess

Pre-migration, our experts work with you to gain a deep understanding of your current environment. Typically, we work with you on a deep-dive analysis, mapping out dependencies, services and applications.



3. Design

Using our tried and tested toolkit, our experienced team will help you design an appropriate migration strategy for each workload, removing the 'what ifs' of a complex move. In all cases, these strategies are based on industry best practices.



4. Planning

We create a migration runbook, ensuring the move has predictable steps with predictable costs. A detailed schedule minimises any operational disruption and risk of downtime.



5. Build and Implementation

We work directly with the platform build teams to ensure the platform is constructed correctly. This includes operation runbooks, service management integration, environment build and test, validation and sign off.



6. Migrate

We execute a safe and orderly migration, following best practice across a range of technologies and testing approaches.



7. Hyper Care

We validate the migration against success criteria defined by you. This includes health checks to ensure stability and continuity in the immediate period post migration.



8. Close

We will then wrap up the project and carry out final analysis to capture lessons learnt throughout the migration and help improve the next one.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

The good news

By using our Azure Migrations service, you can get outstanding results whilst committing minimal resources or incurring significant interruption, saving you time and money.

The great news

You'll be saving time and money, while getting on with the important things, like running your business.



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