

SAP on Microsoft Azure: Optimising costs and creating value that goes beyond technology transformation.



In order to stay competitive, respond to changing customer demand, and continue to innovate, today's businesses must operate with more speed and agility than ever before.

65%

of businesses agree legacy systems are no longer adequate¹

92%

of companies say their business models need to change given digitisation – even pre-COVID-19²



The growing cloud opportunity

To meet these challenges and keep pace with advancing technology, more and more organisations are looking to move business critical apps and systems like SAP to the cloud.

- By 2022, **cloud services market size** and growth will be **nearly three times that of overall IT services**³
- **86%** of companies believe cloud technology is **critical to digital transformation**⁴

Stunted growth: SAP migration drivers

In addition, many businesses looking to modernise their SAP estates are driven to do so by several key issues:

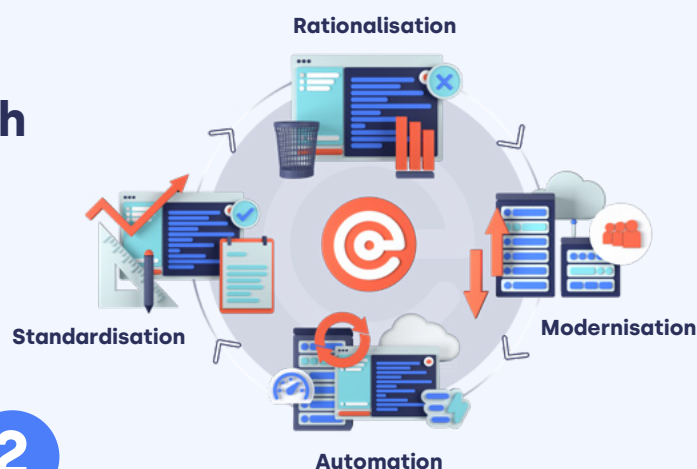
- **A lack of ability to scale** and keep up with demand
- **Not-optimised / technical debt** on one legacy system utilised only in busy periods
- **Downtime and resources** from frequent system failure
- **Inability to regularly test systems** due to lack of redundancies, staff, or processes

Partner with the experts: a faster, more cost optimised way to move your SAP estate onto Azure

Centiq are best placed to migrate your SAP applications onto Azure whether hosted in your own data centre or by a 3rd party. We have the expertise to move your SAP programmes **cost-effectively** and **with ease**, no matter how complex your estate may be.

Four pillars, one simple approach

Simply lifting and shifting your current SAP landscape into Azure will not reap the benefits of cloud or solve any current challenges you have with your estate. At Centiq, we do things a little differently. **We want to solve your problems** - not move them, which we do using our four-pillared approach.



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Standardisation

- Simplify systems** - reduce the complexity, cost and make the solution easier to build, maintain and update
- Fix old systems issues** - while moving to Azure to standardise operations
- Improve availability** – with less risk of break down and faster repair speed
- Eliminate running costs** - no need to service different systems
- Fewer skills and resource required** - with a simplified architecture
- Long term reset** – the more upfront changes you make, the more your business will benefit

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Rationalisation

- Save with rationalisation** – get a reserved instance discount for always-on services
- Optimise space and time** – with a project track system that ensures systems are destroyed once projects are complete
- Right sizing** – increase or decrease performance when the time is right and avoid advanced builds
- On-demand provisioning** – cut infrequently used system costs with banded pricing
- Meet customer demand** – services are available on-demand and easily scalable
- No hardware investment** - or associated expensive running costs
- Pay as you go** – pay for services as and when needed, shut down when not

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Modernisation

- Fully leverage the power of Azure** - by keeping SAP regularly updated
- Protect against vulnerabilities, issues, and end of life support** - with frequent patching
- Reduce risk and speed up changes** - smaller implementations are less complex and quicker to complete with less risk of things going wrong
- Easily deploy back up plan** – with a shorter change window
- Improve skills and processes** – the more frequently you modernise the better understanding your people will gain
- Drive business confidence** – with a process that becomes easier and simpler with each change

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Automation

- Future proof your system** – with automated patching and upgrades
- Decrease implementation time** - by using automation in build phase
- Save money** – snooze systems at night, run on a schedule, and provision on-demand in run phase
- Eliminate human error** – Run reports, audits, and check setup code to ensure your system is set up exactly the way it was built
- Instantly detect system changes and automate fix** – Know where the system has deviated and why, and reset manual errors or changes with machine learning
- Deliver compliance checks** – Quickly provide evidence to auditors that systems are correctly configured

Previously every production environment was taking up to five weeks to build and deliver, with non-production environments up to three weeks. By introducing automation processes we have now reduced build time down to 4-5 hours, resulting in a tangible time and cost saving.

Paul Haigh, Head of Cloud, Thames Water

Prepare for a new world of agile operations

Ready to accelerate and sustain your SAP transformation with Microsoft Azure? Register now for our **free Discovery Workshop** and learn how Centiq's Agile Operating Model uses our four pillars to transform your SAP estate and modernise your IT.

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Sources:

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