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HOW DO YOU BUILD A GOVERNANCE PROCESS?

START WITH A SOLID
FOUNDATION

Zones and Microsoft, the perfect solution for building a Cloud Governance Framework.

Cloud Governance Framework.

A cloud-first infrastructure can introduce a storm of new costs, benefits, and variables. Bring order to the chaos with a Cloud Governance Framework.

Many businesses recognize how a cloud-first strategy can benefit them. Whether it's increasing business returns, staying relevant in a competitive market, or maximizing business potential, IT is no longer seen as a cost sink but as an area for potential business growth.

However, along with these benefits come significant risks and questions. How do you protect your customers' data? How do you track and optimize workload? How do you maintain availability to all systems and services? These concerns are well founded and can keep systems managers and CTOs awake at night.

Cloud Governance Framework.

Zones' Cloud Governance Framework (CGF) is our answer, mitigating common concerns while maximizing the benefits of a cloud-first IT environment. Our CGF provides a set of principles and industry best practices for architecting, securing, and managing cloud computing resources. Basically, it's a way to ensure that the right things are happening the right way, and – most importantly – consistently verifying these outcomes.

Zones has developed a cloud governance process that outlines the best practices for building a formalized framework around people, processes, and technology with the focus of:

a. **Increasing profitability** by automating cleanup of underutilized and zombie workloads

b. **Increasing productivity** by improving operational efficiencies and visibility

c. **Minimizing risk** through strict identity and access management principles and policies

d. **Maintaining visibility** through operational process tracking

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Four focus areas.

When implementing a Cloud Governance Framework, we look to make your IT environment work better for your business. We do this by focusing on four functional areas:

INCREASING PROFITABILITY

a. Automating cleanup of underutilized and zombie workloads

b. Cloud analytics & optimization

c. Custodian controls, automation

d. Hard & soft cost, time

INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY

a. Improving operational efficiencies and visibility

b. Automating orchestration

c. Development consistency

d. Optimizing for use-cases

e. Reducing management complexity

MINIMIZING RISK

a. Strong identity and access management principles and policies

b. Security violations CIS CVE

c. Infrastructure & data sovereignty

d. Regulatory compliance

MAINTAINING VISIBILITY

a. Operational process tracking

b. Monitoring, alerting, & reporting

c. App / workload performance metrics

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Zones and VMware, a global leader in cloud infrastructure and business mobility, team together to provide software solutions and industry-leading virtualization technology that simplify and automate our customers' data centers. Zones designs and implements solutions that enable quick recovery of infrastructure, workload applications, and critical data based upon business and IT policy-driven models. Zones has delivered on-prem, on-prem-to-on-prem, on-prem-to-cloud, and cloud-to-cloud solutions.

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