

From Tactical to Transformational: Factors to Consider When leveraging the Cloud

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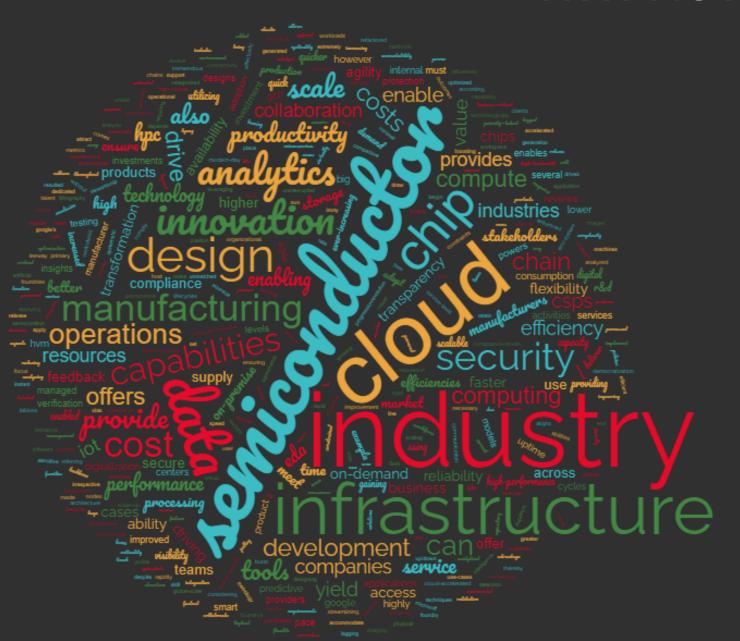




# **AGENDA**

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- Conclusion

### WHY NOW & WHAT'S THE RUSH?



- Cloud maturity
- Enabler for innovation
- Available choices (flexibility)
- Process improvement
- Improved security
- Seamless integration of automation up/down stream (smart manufacturing)
- End-to-end data analytics
- Use of AI/ML where applicable
- Increased collaboration through the supply chain
- Focusing on your core competencies and leveraging services/technology more efficiently
- Cost efficiencies
- Attracting skilled resources



## Factors - Business Strategy

- NO! seriously it all starts here!
  - Stakeholders
  - Executive buy-in
  - Setting the right objectives/outcomes
  - Budget (overall, department level)
  - Initiatives
  - Organization WIDE
  - Milestones, celebrating successes and not hiding failures (learn from them!)



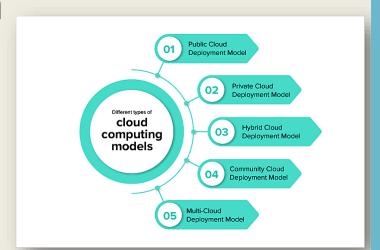
## Factors - Security posture

- Remember it's a shared responsibility!
- Sub-factors here include:
  - Having documented and understood security best practices
  - How do network routes work
  - Workload segmentation
  - Roles/responsibilities
  - Access control
  - IP protection
  - Encryption areas
  - Protection of data in flight and at rest data life-cycle

- Monitoring
- Reacting to a breach
- Playbooks
- Leveraging the platforms security features
- Independent assertions
- CSO (& security experts)
- Auto rejection/flagging of in-securely deployed assets
- DO NOT treat this as 'fix it as you find it'\*

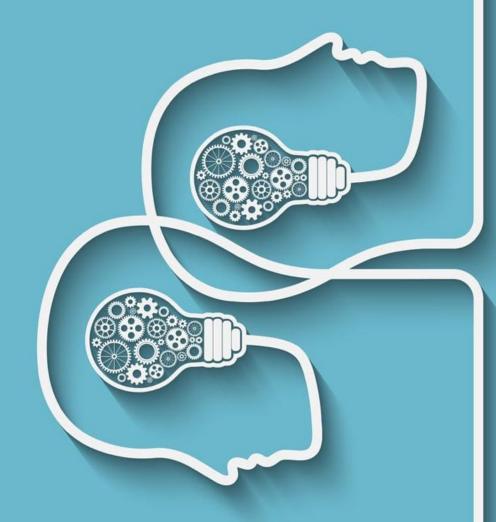
## Factors - Choosing a platform

- Private
- Public
- Hybrid
- Multi-platform
- A decision **not** to be made lightly



#### Factors - Resources for execution

- "It's not going to paint itself!"
- Do not treat this as an IT *only* project think partnership
- Reduce 'cognitive load' (Think chapters/guilds cross-departments)
- Fluency in:
  - Platform
  - open-source that you pick/use
  - Automation framework
- Building needed skills & adopting published best practices





#### Factors - Automate

- Automate everything\*
- Leverage best practices
- Open-source frameworks are great!
- Standardize on automation frameworks
- Enforce automation standards
- Share automation

### Factors - Start small

- Resist the urge to 'make all things better' at once!
- Try the end-to-end with a small YET representative 'application'
- Litmus test for all the other factors that will be in place (when you finally declare success)

### **Factors – Costs**

- Budget
- Be vigilant and judicious in usage
- Understand ALL the costs
  - E.g. Machine, storage, services, network
- Monitor, monitor, monitor
- Cut costs via automation

- Do not over-rotate!



#### Factors - Culture

- Truly adopting cloud to be transformational WILL be a culture change in the organization accept & encourage
- Encourage Openness, learning and adoption of best practices
  - Open-source usage
  - Code openly
  - No NIH syndromes
- Sharing
  - Code
  - Best practices
- Grass roots to 'best way'
- Experimentation allowance
- Fail FAST!





## Factors - vendor applications

- SaaS/managed provider/deploying to your cloud
- Deploying to your 'platform'
  - Experience
  - Fit security architecture and platform?
  - Scalability, HA, DR
  - Data flow, data-lifecycle, storage (in flight and rest)
  - Level of automation
  - Upgrade procedures
  - SLA, RPO/RTO
  - Compliance/governance aspects
  - Monitoring/alerting in product
- SaaS
  - TENANCY
  - Platform of choice vs. you pick the platform

- Internal vendor Roles and responsibilities
- Compliance and standards (e.g. SOC 2 type I or ii
- Outage notifications, dashboards, penalties/cost structure
- Insight into monitoring ability
- Encryption keys
- Level of automation (specially if single tenancy)

# Conclusion



