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# Cloud readiness checklist
## Simplify your journey to the cloud

Cloud computing offers amazing benefits for organizations of any size and across all industries. From greater agility and scalability to innovation and cost reduction, the cloud can provide a competitive advantage today and prepare for tomorrow's evolving business environment. According to a recent Cisco study, 78% of workloads will be processed by cloud data centers by 2018. But where do you start?

While a move to the cloud can bring operational and financial rewards, it's a complex undertaking for any organization. At Hitachi Consulting, we've helped some of the world's largest organization's map their path and seamlessly move mission critical applications to the Hitachi Cloud Framework. We can do it for you, too.

## Your cloud readiness checklist - a three step process

Like any journey, creating a roadmap begins with a plan. No matter where you are on your own cloud journey, we can make it easy for you to accelerate the process. We've helped businesses across industry verticals move to the cloud, and our experts can partner with you to define your specific cloud requirements, timelines and goals.

Our three-step process provides a 360-degree view that analyzes your IT environment, identifies cloud ready applications and provides a summary of the true cost savings and benefits, as well as a tailored strategy for moving data and applications to the cloud.

- **Gain insights from a complete IT environment analysis:**
  The first step in creating your path to the cloud is a complete analysis of your current IT environment. We work with you to assess your infrastructure, networking, applications and security to determine what changes are required for a smooth, successful transition to the cloud.
- **Identify cloud-ready applications and environments:**
  The next step is identifying which of your applications and infrastructure are ready for the move. Our experts examine all applications and environments to distinguish opportunities to streamline your transition to the cloud through virtualization and consolidation.
- **Determine the ROI of your cloud transition:**
  The final step in the checklist process is looking at the value in black and white. After a complete analysis and evaluation of your cloud-ready IT assets and opportunities, we provide

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a summary of the true cost savings and ROI. When calculating your ROI, we consider several factors, including run-rate subscription costs, projected growth, year-to-year capex reduction, application license agreement savings and hardware depreciation.

## From checklist to charting your course

Once you've had the opportunity to review your assessment and realize your ROI, we provide you with a step-by-step strategy for moving those assets to the cloud.

We take into account what applications and systems fit best in the cloud, provide optimal implementation strategies and project milestones on your journey.

## It's time to move to the cloud with Hitachi

Armed with a complete view of your IT environment, the changes required for a seamless transition to the cloud and a real-world ROI, your organization will be well-prepared to begin its journey.

## About Hitachi Consulting

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