

Azure Jump Start

Making a strong start in cloud computing

How can my organization benefit directly from the agility of the cloud? What technologies and functionalities are available? What steps must I take to start? These are questions that we are asked by a variety of organizations every day, and our cloud experts are always happy to help.

Microsoft Azure, a cloud computing platform and infrastructure, was launched in April 2013. This platform is undergoing tremendous growth. In terms of public cloud services, research and advisory firm Gartner placed Microsoft in the “Leaders Quadrant” back in 2014, and Microsoft is currently the only vendor recognized by Gartner as a leader across six Magic Quadrants for enterprise cloud workloads. The Azure platform provides computing, storage, data, network, and app services. Azure ensures flexibility and a short time-to-market with respect to ICT services. Understandably, migrating to the cloud can be quite a challenge. Management of the environment, availability, costs, actual operation, and legislation and regulations must all be taken into account.

Inspiration about the possibilities

We inspire you through a range of workshops, essentially knowledge sessions in which different aspects of Microsoft Azure are handled interactively. These workshops help organizations to become familiar with the Azure platform, understand the architecture, and formulate a strategy. During the sessions, participants are given the opportunity to discuss matters and ask questions, and examples of scenarios and possibilities to migrate to Microsoft Azure are presented and explained. The workshops are given at your business location by our experienced cloud consultants. You can choose from two workshops of half a day. We recommend that you attend the architecture workshop first, since it provides a foundation for a deeper understanding of the platform.

The following workshops are available:

- » Microsoft Azure Overview
- » Microsoft Azure Architecture
 - » Network connections
 - » Data storage
 - » Compute resources
 - » Availability
- » Microsoft Operations Manager Suite (OMS)
 - » Monitoring
 - » Disaster Recovery
 - » Backup
- » Security (privacy and compliance) workshop

Azure architecture support

A proper architecture plan is essential as a foundation for starting with Azure and prevents errors that could result in performance issues or unforeseen costs. We provide assistance in setting a final objective (the dot on the horizon) and in determining the kind of Azure architecture that your organization needs. We help in terms of the choices that must be made and why these choices must be made. Depending on your organization's ICT landscape and requirements, this process, which takes a total of six days, may result in a High Level Design (HLD) Document or may take the form of planned architecture days on location spread over a longer period of time.

Azure consultancy

Assistance in determining the basic component design of the platform makes it much easier to start using Azure. After this process, we make it possible for your organization to take steps independently in the Azure environment. A good basic component design and explanation from an Azure specialist have added value for organizations that are taking the first step toward the Azure cloud. After the workshops, we therefore offer five days of consultancy in which the following practical steps are taken:

- » Implementing the basic component design of Azure (network, storage, site-to-site VPN), including setting up domain controllers.
- » Providing training on the job for the administrators involved.
- » Implementing the basic component design of the Microsoft Operations Management Suite, which makes it easy for administrators to monitor on-premise and cloud resources.
- » Further organizing workloads if enough time remains. Examples in this regard include ADFS, SQL, Virtual Storage, Azure Backup, or other services.

Target group

This assessment was developed for IT managers, policymakers, and IT professionals who are wondering about the benefits and advantages of using Microsoft Azure.

Investment

If your organization has a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement or an Enterprise Subscription Agreement, it is quite likely that you have Software Assurance Planning Services Vouchers. In many cases, these vouchers can be used for the transition to the cloud. If you do not yet have an Azure environment, you can use our Azure managed service platform during the start-up phase.

Conditions

The workshops will take place at your business location. To provide the workshops, we require a room with a beamer/TV, a whiteboard, and an Internet (WiFi) connection. It is also possible to have the assessment carried out at Microsoft. The visit could then be combined with a tour of the office, which would give you the opportunity to see the cutting-edge work that is being done from close up.

More information?

If you would like to receive more information about the Azure Jump Start or if you and your colleagues would like to register for participation, please contact Katri Niemi, Cloud Solutions Manager.



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