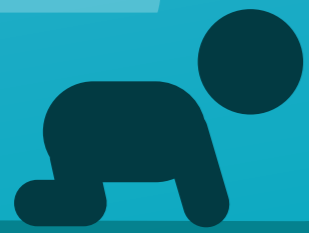
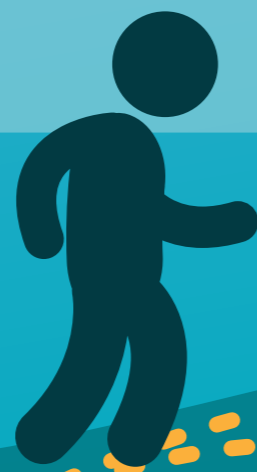


# A Step-by-Step Guide to Navigating Your Cloud Journey



## Baby steps

### Take your first steps:

We all start at the same place — understanding our needs.

- Determine which on-premise technologies you have
- Analyze your data center
- Identify data silos
- Understand what workloads you are managing

### Get moving:

- Conduct a cloud assessment
- Understand the cost savings
- Assess level of difficulty
- Outline cloud impact on IT strategy

## Full stride

### Next, forward motion:

Now you understand your cloud options, so it's time to get an easy win in the cloud! Look for something:

- Not mission critical
- Few stakeholders involved
- Easy cost/benefit win

### Take your initial steps:

- Active Directory migration
- Disaster recovery
- Data storage
- Lift and shift simple VM/workload

## Pick up the pace

### Build on your momentum:

First win under your belt? Seek out opportunities to have an even greater impact!

- Identify application/database that can benefit most from the cloud
- Look for ways to improve IT operations
- Identify applications and infrastructure that integrate with CI/CD (VSTS)

### Run full steam ahead:

- Modernize your apps
- Cloud-enable your data
- Migrate critical infrastructure
- Create a dev/test environment for COTS and internal applications
- Implement automation to take advantage of serverless resources

## Take off!

### Soar in the Cloud:

Now that you are cloud-savvy, it's time to harness its exponential power through cloud optimization.

- Leverage new cloud tools as they emerge
- Expand globally
- Understand what new business problems you can solve
- Learn from your experiences along the way

### Float high in the sky:

- DevOps Enablement
- Data insights and machine learning
- B2B integration
- Ongoing cloud optimization