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20 Most Promising Web Development and Design Solution Providers 2015

Since its launch in 2010, Azure has come a long way in aligning its operations with the enterprise use cases. According to the recent reports, Azure is arguably one of the most complete cloud offerings available; consistently ranked as a leader for both Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) and Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS).

Like most of its competitors, Microsoft Azure is no different in overwhelming the customers. It has over 30 virtual machine (VM) types with varied capabilities and pricing options; however with very little guidance on choosing the right configuration. With PaaS, maximum possible amount of flexibility is derived before the tedious world of OS maintenance, versions, security, patches, which always challenged the customer.

Fueling rapid innovation further into the global market,

the company continues to add new features, into Azure, including IoT capabilities. The platform recently had two strategic announcements related to IoT: Azure IoT Suite and Azure IoT Hub. These two services will take Azure to the next level in the enterprise IoT market.

To help CTOs, CIOs and CEOs find the right Azure solution provider that symmetrically match their operations, our distinguished selection panel has evaluated hundreds of Azure platform providers that own innovative technologies, methodologies and outstanding customer service in this space. The companies featured here provide a look into how their solutions work so that you can gain a clear understanding of what technologies are available, which are right for you and how they shape up against competition.

We present to you CIOReview's 20 Most Promising Azure Solution Providers 2015.



Company:
Catapult Systems

Description:
A leading Microsoft IT consulting company that provides innovative technology solutions for cloud computing, Office 365 and Managed Services.

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Catapult Systems Defining Organizations' Cloud Enablement Journey

The cloud has become one of the biggest game changers and equalizers in today's competitive environment. Microsoft's cloud platform, Azure, is providing enterprises the ability to quickly build, deploy and manage applications in the cloud through its global network of secure, Microsoft-managed data centers. However, most enterprises face the critical decision of choosing the right partner with technical competency and a user-centric approach that can successfully migrate applications to the cloud. As one of Microsoft's leading partners for office 365 and Azure consumption nationwide, Catapult Systems is well-positioned to help enterprises navigate the cloud, while managing and supporting their business critical applications. The company brings years of experience helping clients with their private cloud, while securely integrating web-based offerings into corporate IT service portfolios. "Our structured methodology, CloudScape, provides organizations with the precise insight they need throughout every phase of their modern data center journey," begins David Fuess, CEO of Catapult Systems. As a Microsoft National Solutions Provider (NSP), the company's established cloud consulting services framework helps organizations to clearly define a Microsoft cloud strategy by identifying the applications or workloads that are best suited for the cloud. "We also map our clients' current business objectives and develop a roadmap outlining the ways for getting the most out of their cloud investment using our Firm Foundations offering," says Fuess.

Catapult's consultants help clients chose the best hybrid cloud deployment option while greatly reducing large overhead costs associated with server hardware, network maintenance and data storage. The company also leverages Azure to help clients with Disaster Recovery planning and backup services, as well as redefine the DevOps model for large organizations, providing flexibil-

ity for their software development and testing processes. Moreover, Catapult's CloudScape methodology provides a framework

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to support an organization's cloud vision, reducing complexity, while supplying ongoing support and optimization. In addition, the company's new Solution as a Service model leverages the cloud to provide customers with a new way to purchase IT services. Their first offering, Fuse, is a fully-hosted, developed and supported Intranet as a Service solution built on Office 365 and managed entirely by Catapult Systems. "Our platform can be implemented much faster than a traditional intranet solution," says Fuess. The company's support team constantly monitors and makes improvements, leading to cost-effective and revolutionary business developments for customers. "We empower organizations with Catapult Managed Services to reduce the ongoing administrative burden and cost of IT maintenance, delivering resolution for client's support requirements across all Microsoft technologies," adds Fuess.

In one such instance, 240Tutoring, an online resource that helps teachers prepare for their certification exams, needed an affordable enterprise-class set of servers and solution that could scale quickly and cost-effectively as the organization grew. The organization wanted to expand to provide similar services to teachers across the U.S. 240Tutoring approached Catapult to design, develop and deploy a unique website using Azure with a 99.95 percent monthly SLA. The solution enabled 240Tutoring to expand their offerings to customers nationally within nine months of the initial launch. Being a well-established Microsoft partner, Catapult Systems has accomplished thirteen gold and four silver competencies. Boasting an unparalleled depth and breadth of expertise, the company plans to offer new cloud-based services and solutions to meet customer needs. "We aim to evolve with the industry and expand our reach globally to serve multifaceted customers worldwide," concludes Fuess. 



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