Develop a strategy and roadmap to effectively leverage the Cloud

Today’s high-performance businesses and governments are increasingly tapping into a global computing “cloud” to drive innovation, dramatically improve IT capabilities, and gain cost and competitive advantages. This is hardly surprising as cloud computing offers compelling economic advantages and strong technical benefits including on-demand computational capacity, lower-cost services, greater IT agility, flexibility and scalability. However, determining the optimal opportunities for cloud computing can be a real challenge.

Like most Cloud offerings the Microsoft Cloud is evolving quickly, so it’s important to develop a strategy and roadmap for how and when to leverage these services to gain the most impact and value. A structured exploration of the potential of cloud computing for your organization will help you design a sound approach that will keep you on pace while making the best decisions for your organization’s future growth and scalability.

Bringing to bear our expertise in infrastructure and custom application development, Catapult Systems’ comprehensive Cloud assessment will help you answer vital questions such as:

- What are the risks and opportunities of cloud computing?
- What business applications can be migrated to the Cloud?
- Which migrations will most benefit the enterprise?
- Is the existing application infrastructure ready to make the move?
- Can cost savings be realized quickly?
- How and when do I get started?

This assessment quickly quantifies the value of the Cloud opportunities available to your enterprise including suitability, timing and the potential issues/benefits of moving your infrastructure and applications to the Cloud. It includes:

- Review of your business needs, goals and plans to align Cloud objectives
- Identification, evaluation and prioritization of cloud computing initiatives
- An analysis of current IT capabilities and infrastructure for challenges/benefits to Cloud migration:
  - Hardware & software lifecycle and maintenance costs
  - Operational, support and maintenance costs
  - Disaster recovery and backup needs
  - Capacity, reliability, flexibility
• An analysis of your application portfolio to assess suitability for migration to the cloud:
  — Integration and interoperability considerations
  — Scaling requirements
  — Usage patterns
  — Sensitivity and security demands
  — User base and accessibility needs
  — Integration and interoperability considerations
  — Hosting, storage and bandwidth needs/costs
  — Baseline cost analysis for high priority cloud initiatives
  — Gap and timing analysis to compare and align business needs with current Microsoft Cloud roadmap and capabilities
  — Development of initial strategy and high-level roadmap for Cloud initiatives

As a result you’ll define an initial strategy and high-level roadmap for integrating Cloud services into your overall IT and business strategy.