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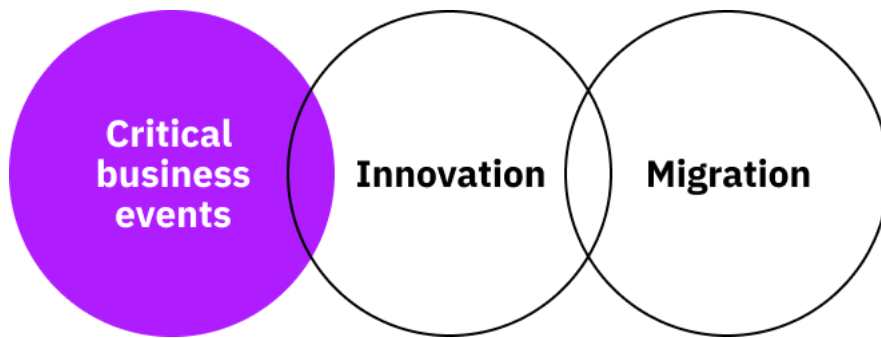
One step closer to the cloud

To achieve the benefits of migrating to the cloud, we strongly recommend preparing an overall strategy based on the company's motivation to move, whether it is a need for better collaboration, technological limitations of existing solutions, a need to develop new services and products faster.

In this document, we have prepared a tool for mapping the company's motivation which can provide a good basis for working further with a clear strategy and plan with clear business goals.

As you're building the list of motivations, trends will likely emerge. Motivations tend to be associated more with one classification than with others. Use the predominant classification to help guide the development of your cloud adoption strategy.
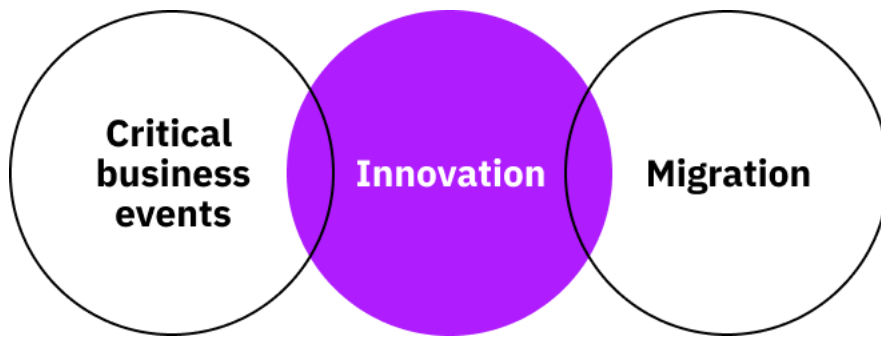
Motivations checklist

Critical Business Events

When a response to critical business events is the highest priority for your Cloud Adoption Strategy, it's essential to get started with migration early, often parallel with strategy and planning efforts. This approach requires a growth mindset and a willingness to improve processes based on direct lessons learned iteratively.
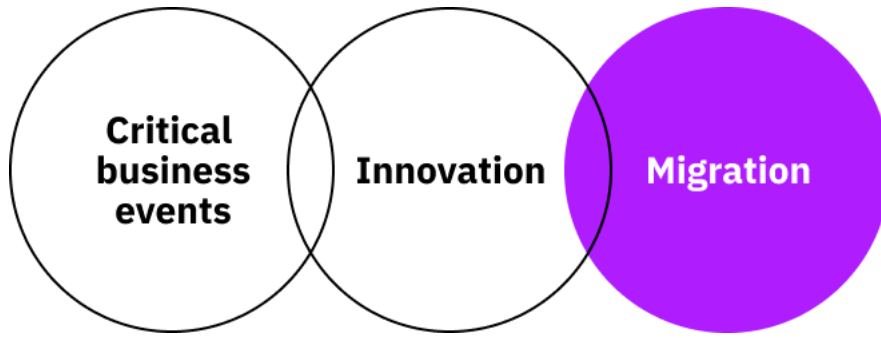
Business events	Priority (H/M/L Risk or N/A)	Comment
Datacenter exit		
Merger, acquisition, or divestiture		
Reduction in capital expenses		
End of support for mission-critical technologies		
Response to regulatory compliance changes		
New data sovereignty requirements		
Reduction of disruptions and improvement of IT stability		

Innovation

When innovation is the highest priority of your Cloud Adoption Strategy, strategy and planning require more investments early in the process to ensure balance in the portfolio and wise alignment of the investment made during cloud adoption. For more information and guidance, see Understand the innovation journey.

Innovation	Priority (H/M/L Risk or N/A)	Comment
Preparation for new technical capabilities		
Building new technical capabilities		
Improved customer experiences and engagements		
Transformation of products or services		
Market disruption with new products or services		
Democratisation and/or self-service environments		
Reduced time to market for applications and services		

Migration

When migration is the highest priority in your Cloud Adoption Strategy, strategy and planning will play a vital role early. We recommend that you implement the first workload in parallel with planning efforts to help the team understand and anticipate any learning curves associated with cloud adoption.

Migration	Priority (H/M/L Risk or N/A)	Comment
Cost Savings		
Reduction in Vendor or Technical Complexity		
Optimisation of Internal Operations		
Increase in Business Agility		
Preparation for new technology		
Scaling to meet market needs		
Scaling to meet geographic needs		
Reduce Carbon Footprint		
Integration of a complex IT portfolio		
Security		

This guide is based on Microsoft's Cloud Adoption Framework.