

Cloud Estimating in the 21st Century – Okay, Well in 2023!

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Cloud Overview

- Over the past decade, Cloud developments have started to become common place
 - Based on observations at Unison Cost Engineering, even faster over the past few years
- Rather than companies setting up and managing their own server farms, commercial providers like AWS now offer Cloud services for deploying large-scale business applications on public servers, which saves money, as shown here.
- With the incorporation of cybersecurity techniques, even the most sensitive, i.e., DoD and some other applications can be safely deployed 'in the Cloud'.
- To estimate cloud deployment accurately, must consider software development and performance, including storage utilizing Containers, Kubernetes Orchestrators, IaaS, and PaaS.
- This presentation is intended to provide an overview of a basic process to estimate a Cloud Development / Transition
 - Disclaimer: For convenience, throughout this presentation I will be using examples from the TruePlanning Software, recognizing however that other estimating models may have similar capabilities

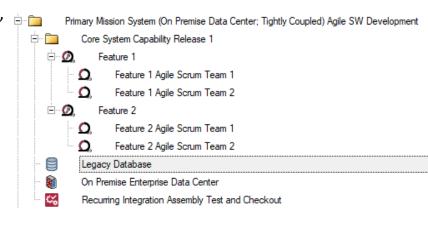


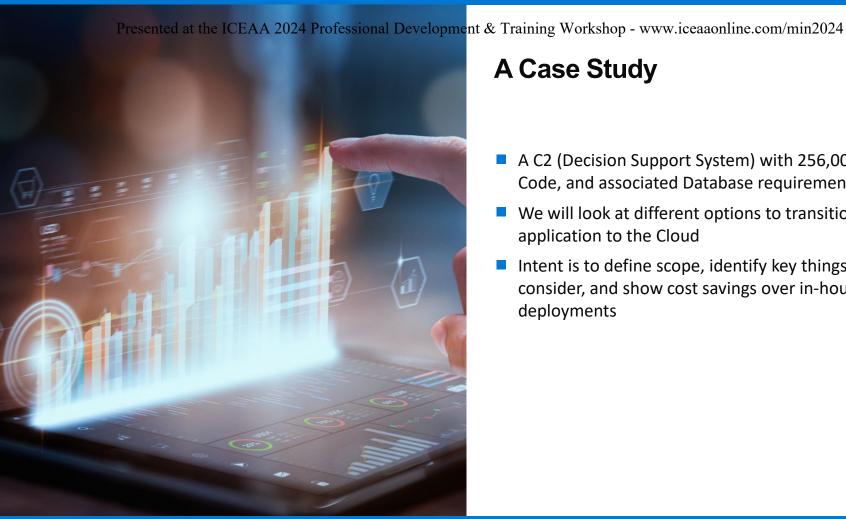


Cloud Software Development

- Cloud development begins with Software Development to provide core capability, similar to development for any environment
- This development may use any accepted Process: Waterfall, Agile, etc.
- If developing a new application to run exclusively in the Cloud, you may desire to develop it directly in a Cloud-based language, i.e., Linux, but there are options for deploying applications developed in other languages to the Cloud
- Note: Must consider both Applications & Storage
- Frequently, applications already developed in legacy languages and in-house operating environments are moved to the cloud







A Case Study

- A C2 (Decision Support System) with 256,000 Lines of Code, and associated Database requirements
- We will look at different options to transition this application to the Cloud
- Intent is to define scope, identify key things to consider, and show cost savings over in-house deployments

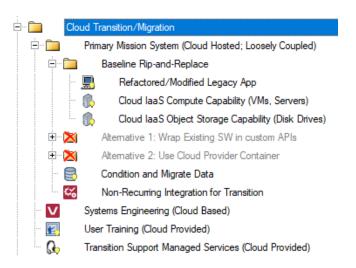


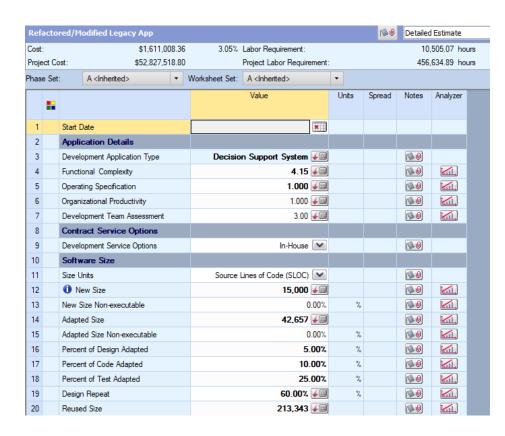
ReFactor Transition

Refactor (Rip-and-Replace): \$~3.2M Total

If you have an existing application developed in a different language i.e., C, Ada, etc. then you may completely rewrite that application in the Cloud based environment

Costly approach but optimal result







RePurchase Transition

Repurchase (Drop-and-Shop)

Some basic applications have equivalent applications already existing in the Cloud

In this case you simply replace your current application(s) with those in the Cloud

This is generally referred to as Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)

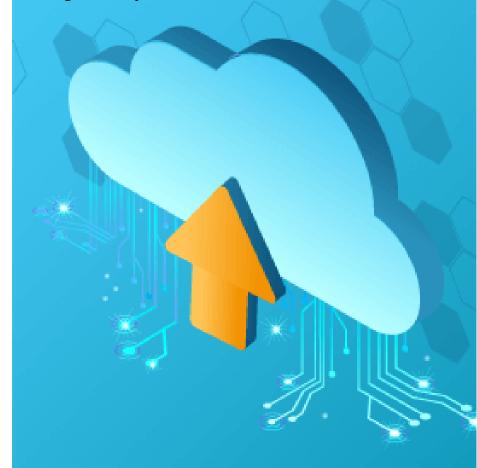
Common examples include Email, Calendar / Scheduling, other basic business process applications

Minimal non-recurring transition costs / higher Cloud fees / user training for new apps



RePlatform Transition

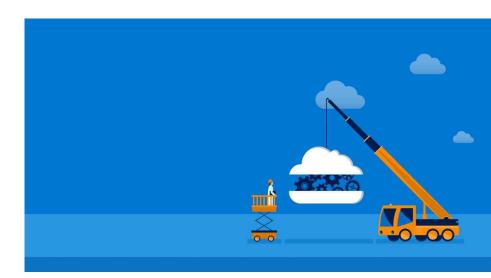
- Re-Platform (Lift-and-Optimize)
- Optimize existing application to run in the Cloud
 - Incorporate Cloud Infrastructure and Platforms to some extent (laaS, PaaS)
 - Use Cloud Provider's Applications / Tools to the maximum extent possible
- A variation on Drop & Shop (mentioned previously), but some combination of converting an existing application with utilizing capabilities already existing in the cloud
- Maybe just move storage but keep applications local





ReHost Transition

- Rehost (Lift-and-Shift): ~\$1.0M Total
 - Migrate an existing application from an 'in-house' server to a public Cloud (laaS)
 - Assumes no functional modification application runs the same in the Cloud environment
 - Common approach
 - Make use of Containers and Kubernetes
 Orchestrators to run current software in Cloud environment
 - Consideration for both Applications and Data / Storage
 - Cost effective approach

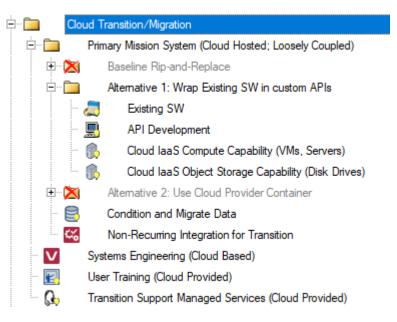


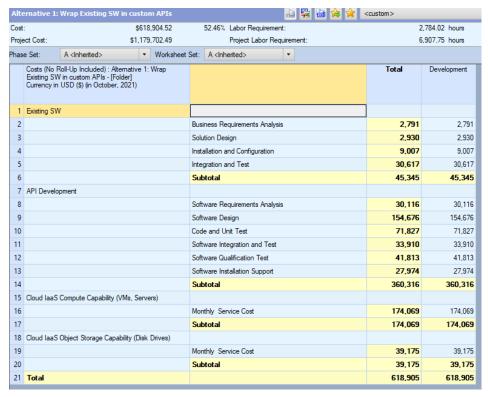


ReHost Transition Options

Custom API: \$1.2M Total

Write custom API to interface legacy software to Cloud Host environment, using Cloud VMs, Servers



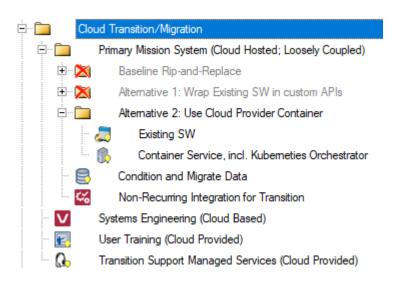


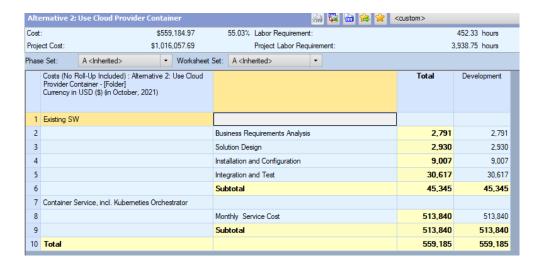


ReHost Transition Options

Least cost / most efficient method

Cloud Service Container: \$1.0M TotalUse Cloud Container Service / Orchestrator

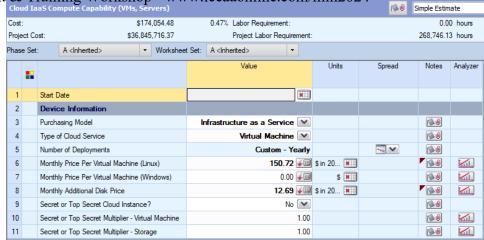


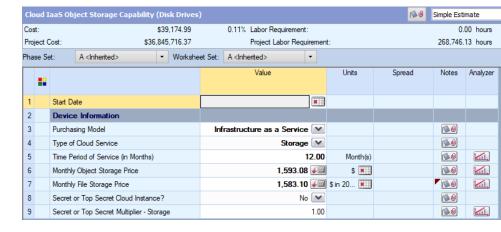




Infrastructure as a Service (laaS)

- All methods of Cloud transition involve utilizing the Cloud providers IaaS:
- Virtual Machines, Servers: \$174K for 100 VMs / year
- Storage / Disk Drives: \$39K / year for 50TB storage,5TB data transfer, and 1M RW ops.
- Data Migration: \$36K, plus Integration effort: \$169K
- Systems Engineering: \$33K
- Training: \$133K (8 hrs.)
- Support Services: \$85K for 500 Users
- Note: All laaS Cloud Service prices used here are from AWS a/s July 2023 or August 2020







Operations in the Cloud

- \$13.2M for 10 years, including:
 - Data
 - User Training
 - Qty. 50 8 hr. courses
 - Managed Help Desk
 - 500 Users





Case Study Summary



10M Initial Development (SW Application + Database)



\$25.9M to run on internal servers for 10 years



\$1M to \$3.2M to transition to the Cloud, depending on approach



Total \$17.3M to transition and operate in the Cloud for 10 years (worst case, assuming Refactor)



Net savings of \$8.6M - \$10.8M over 10 years to move to Cloud!