

# AZURE WELL-ARCHITECTED REVIEW

## REVIEW CLOUD WORKLOADS FOR OPTIMAL RELIABILITY, SECURITY AND EFFICIENCY

**MIGRATING APPLICATIONS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP ON THE CLOUD JOURNEY. ONCE THEY ARE RUNNING IN AZURE, YOU'LL WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE PERFORMANT, SECURE AND COST-OPTIMISED TO MAKE BEST USE OF RESOURCES. THIS IS WHERE A WELL-ARCHITECTED REVIEW CAN HELP.**

Our fast, expert-led assessments are designed to help plan your cloud adoption.

As part of this engagement, a Node4 Cloud Consultant will take you through a series of questions based on the key recommendations provided in the pillars of the Well-Architected Framework, which are:

- Reliability
- Security
- Cost-optimisation
- Operational excellence
- Performance efficiency

We'll also select appropriate questions for the workload – for example, critical workloads, SQL Server, landing zones, etc.

We'll then provide a report with recommendations and links to supporting material that can help you improve your workload's design.

Our guidance will help with:

- Understanding the recommendations
- Prioritising recommendations for implementation
- Monitoring improvements

### KEY BENEFITS

- ✓ Provides recommendations to improve your Azure workload against key architecture principles
- ✓ Assesses opportunities to increase application reliability and performance
- ✓ Provides recommendations for improvements including cost optimisation
- ✓ Includes recommendations for improved security and compliance
- ✓ Cloud adoption aligned to Microsoft's published best practices without a steep learning curve
- ✓ Access to certified Azure architects for expert advice
- ✓ Accelerated cloud transformation and innovation
- ✓ Can be repeated for multiple workloads
- ✓ Addresses cloud skills gaps through knowledge transfer

### KEY FEATURES

- Assess your existing workload(s) and provide architectural recommendations.
- Delivered by certified Cloud Architects from an Azure Expert MSP partner.
- Built around Microsoft's own tools and reports, expanded with Node4 knowledge.
- Fully aligned to, and builds upon, the Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework for Azure.
- Integrated with other Node4 consulting engagements to help your organisation on its journey to the cloud.
- Aligned to industry regulations and standards such as ISO 27001, UK Police NEP, NHS, and MOD standards.
- Ongoing management available through Managed Services add-on.
- Customisable engagement to suit your organisation's specific requirements.

**HOW DOES THE ENGAGEMENT WORK?**

As a Consulting engagement, we can adjust it to meet your exact requirements but, in general, our Cloud Well-Architected Review service works as follows:

- A short workshop, facilitated by an expert Azure Consultant, to understand the current state and to draw out any information that we need for the assessment.
- Remote working to create the report that is the main deliverable from the engagement, validating your environment against current recommended practices.
- Playback session, delivered over Microsoft Teams.

We make extensive use of Microsoft-provided tools for this engagement, but the real benefits come from your engagement with Node4 and our Consultants' collective experience with migrating clients to the cloud.

**CLIENT DEPENDENCIES**

We'll need some information from you, to make sure that we're able to carry out the engagement and provide the expected output:

- Attendance at the initial workshop and at the playback session.
- We'll also need you to manage the relationships with any third parties that are involved. We're happy to speak with your business partners where necessary, but we need you to own the discussion.

**WHAT WILL I GET AT THE END OF THE ENGAGEMENT?**

In addition to the features and benefits listed throughout this document you can expect to receive.

- A completed report that provides recommendations across the four pillars of pillars of the Well-Architected Framework.
- Clear next steps for how to remediate any recommendations.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Speak to your Node4 representative or contact us using the details at the bottom of the page.

**THE NODE4 PUBLIC CLOUD JOURNEY**

Our journey map shows how this engagement complements other Node4 services on your organisation's cloud journey

