

## WHAT TO EXPECT

# ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

The decision to move to the cloud is not always an easy one — especially if you don't know where to start. Often, the most challenging part in deciding to migrate to the cloud is the initial assessment. Evaluating your existing infrastructure, analyzing which workloads would move, and estimating the overall cost can feel overwhelming. Microsoft's Cloud Economic Assessment is a perfect solution to help you with these tasks. It allows Interlink to do the hard part — data collection and analysis — to provide you the information you need to make a decision. From there, we use the data to design a specific digital transformation tailored to your organization's needs.

## WHAT IS A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION?

**IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT TECHNOLOGY — A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES YOUR BUSINESS LEADERS TO RE-ENVISION EXISTING BUSINESS MODELS AND EMBRACE DIFFERENT WAYS TO COLLABORATE.**

The economic assessment can provide you the necessary data and recommendations to help you decide if the cloud is right for you. If it is the right path, the assessment can also be useful in planning your transformation. The journey to the cloud, combined with the assessment, creates new value by rethinking how people, data and processes are brought together to be successful.

### INFORMATION

Will help you make the decision if moving to the cloud makes sense for your organization

### COST/ROI

Costing and return on investment information so you know what things will cost

### LICENSING GUIDANCE

Help and guidance with licensing options

### MICROSOFT EXPERTISE

Understanding of Microsoft programs and promotions

### INVENTORY

Inventory of IT assets that are currently in use

### SECURITY

Security recommendations and overviews

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

## HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

One of the great aspects with this assessment is that Interlink will take care of the bulk of the work and all the heavy lifting. There is no requirement to dedicate a lot of time or resources to this assessment. Your team will be engaged throughout the assessment through periodic discussions. Expect the assessment to take anywhere from 3-6 weeks, so our tools can capture an operating cycle (typically 1 month). In the beginning, your team will be involved in a kickoff call so Interlink can get a feel for the environment. From there, your team will be engaged in additional conversations throughout the assessment and at the end to review the deliverables. These discussions should include key people throughout the organization from both IT and the involved business leaders. Getting everyone's engagement and support will lead to a richer assessment that meets everyone's goals.

## TWO MAJOR TYPES OF ASSESSMENTS



### MODERN WORKPLACE

Focuses on assessing Microsoft 365 in your organization, evaluating product end-of-support, security analysis, and recommending modern workplace solutions:

- ✓ Return on investment of the cloud vs. your current environment
- ✓ Help profiling users and selecting Microsoft licensing packages
- ✓ Overview of the solutions that are part of the 365 package
- ✓ Deployment roadmap



### AZURE

Data driven assessment that focuses on Azure opportunities within your environment to improve operational efficiencies, security and workflow.

- ✓ Uses resource consumption for services to determine the right sizing of your environment and maps to the correct Azure system
- ✓ Provides charts & graphs of how much bandwidth is required for each of your systems
- ✓ Recommendations for backup and disaster recovery
- ✓ Provides security recommendations, such as, migrating servers that are almost at end of life to Azure instead of upgrading to all new systems
- ✓ Add licensing optimization with Hybrid Use Benefit (HUB)

## CUSTOMER IMMERSION EXPERIENCE (CIE)

For a lot of organizations, the big frustration in the workplace is having access to new tools and technologies...but, not knowing how to utilize them effectively. Understanding that your time is valuable, we've developed a true to life, hands-on, interactive session designed for professionals like yourself — a Customer Immersion Experience (CIE). A CIE is not just a walk through or standard demo; it puts you in the driver's seat. It's an introduction to test-drive Microsoft's devices and productivity tools to ensure so your organization makes the most out of its investments. A CIE can focus on Modern Workplace or Azure. During a CIE with Interlink, we provide a knowledgeable and helpful in-person facilitator to lead the session. Our consultants aim to understand your business challenges and how particular solutions will work for your organization, so your CIE is a completely tailored experience specific to your organization's needs.

## CONTACT US TODAY

to learn more about an Economic Assessment for your organization.

