

Migrating from VMware to Azure VM

Why your migration strategy needs more than just a lift-and-shift

Migrating VMware workloads to Azure VMs offers agility, scalability, and cost savings, but simply lifting and shifting is only the first step. Microsoft recommends a holistic migration strategy that includes governance, security, and ongoing optimization beyond moving virtual machines.

Organizations should use Azure tools like Policy, Security Center, and Cost Management to enforce governance, monitor compliance, and optimize resources. Automation and centralized monitoring help maintain regulatory standards and workload visibility.

Adopting a cloud operating model with defined roles, resource tagging, and integrated security controls supports innovation in a secure environment. By prioritizing these areas, organizations avoid increased risk and cost, ensuring migrations deliver long-term value.

To fully benefit from Azure, invest in strong governance, security, and continuous improvement, transforming migration into a driver for growth.



The hidden risk: Silent drift in cloud governance

Many organizations approach VMware-to-Azure migration as a checklist item and move the virtual machines, confirm completion, and consider the task done!

However, this narrow focus on technical migration overlooks a crucial aspect; Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC). Without robust governance policies and proactive risk management, organizations can quickly lose visibility and control over their cloud environment. Failing to address GRC not only invites security breaches and regulatory penalties but also increases the risk of operational disruptions that can erode the business value of migration. Effective governance is deeply intertwined with cloud operations, providing the guardrails needed to maintain security, compliance, and cost control in an ever-evolving cloud landscape.

Without a robust GRC framework from day one, organizations risk falling into what I call "silent drift," the gradual erosion of governance, security, and cost control that turns a successful migration into a chaotic, expensive, and insecure environment over time.

Why GRC is Non-Negotiable in Cloud Migration?

In traditional on-premises environments, GRC is often a manual, project-based effort. But in the cloud, it must be automated, continuous, and proactive. Here's why:

Security by Design

Without GRC, your cloud environment becomes a free-for-all. Policies for encryption, IP management, and access control are often treated as suggestions rather than requirements. The result? Misconfigurations, which are a leading cause of data breaches.

Operational Control

Lack of governance leads to "subscription sprawl." Teams create new subscriptions without a logical hierarchy, making management and auditing nearly impossible.

Cost Management

Unpredictable cloud spend is a top concern for CFOs. GRC provides the guardrails to control costs through resource tagging, eliminating idle resources, and preventing over-provisioning.

Compliance Adherence

Regulations like GDPR and NIS are becoming stricter. A manual GRC approach can't keep up. Automated GRC ensures continuous compliance, avoiding costly fines and reputational damage. For years, addressing these challenges required expensive, time-consuming consulting engagements. A traditional Azure onboarding could easily take +200 hours of manual labor, turning a technical challenge into a significant capital expenditure. This is a heavy lift for any organization, especially smaller corporates that lack deep pockets or specialized GRC talent.

How MyPlatform solves the GRC challenge

This is where MyPlatform comes in. Designed to tackle silent drift and operational complexities head-on, MyPlatform is a managed Azure platform that automates and optimizes Azure adoption and operations. MyPlatform provides the "digital plumbing" for your Azure environment, enabling a swift migration plan to Azure Virtual Machines.

Here's how MyPlatform accelerates your cloud journey:

Built-in GRC

We provide a standardized, code-first foundation that includes all the necessary controls for Identity and Access Management (PIM), security (Defender for Cloud), and governance. This ensures you're secure and compliant from day one, without extensive manual configuration.

Radical Acceleration

We turn months of consultant-led work into an automated process that takes minutes. You can go from a VMware environment to a secure, production-ready Azure foundation in about 15 minutes, allowing you to focus on migration and innovation.

Evergreen Operation

The platform continuously updates itself with the latest security baselines and best practices. We handle the "undifferentiated heavy lifting" of maintaining the foundation, so your team can focus on high-value business workloads.

Transparent Cost Model

Pricing is clear and predictable. You shift from high, upfront CAPEX to a manageable OPEX model, significantly reducing your Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) compared to traditional consulting.

It's important to clarify the scope of **MyPlatform**. While we provide the secure, governed foundation, **MyPlatform** is a platform, not a workload migration service. This means that tasks such as the actual workload migration, creating the VM landing zones, running Azure Migrate, designing IP subnets, and rightsizing your virtual machines remain the responsibility of your internal team or a specialized cloud partner. By providing the solid, compliant platform layer, we allow you to bypass the extensive manual setup and focus on the swift, efficient execution of your migration plan.

The Bottom Line

Unlock the Full Value of Azure MyPlatform provides the "digital plumbing" for your Azure environment, enabling your team to migrate your VMware workloads to a secure, governed, and cost-optimized foundation. This empowers your organization to:

- Avoid silent drift and maintain control over your cloud environment.
- Accelerate migration and focus on innovation, not infrastructure.
- Reduce costs with predictable pricing and automated governance.

The cloud isn't just about moving workloads; it's about transforming how your business operates. With **MyPlatform**, you're not just migrating; you're future-proofing your cloud journey. Ready to make your VMware-to-Azure migration a success? Let's talk about how **MyPlatform** can help you avoid the pitfalls of silent drift and unlock the full potential of the cloud. 🚀

