



Provides value to the organization by exploring the potential benefits of Cloud Computing and the different Cloud Computing models, and identifying which client workload categories are initial candidates for cloud deployment.

Cloud Exploration Workshop

Highlights

- **Modular workshop format that is tailored to the client's specific interests**
- **Provides a management level understanding of Cloud Computing**
- **Analysis of selected cloud workload categories using specialized techniques to identify the "best place" to being the journey to cloud computing.**
- **Optional assessment of the key IT capabilities necessary for an effective deployment of a private cloud environment**
- **Optional IT roadmaps to develop the IT capabilities needed to deploy a private cloud computing environment**

What is the Cloud Exploration Workshop?

CEW is a ½ - 1 day workshop that uses a series of structured education and analysis techniques to help a client increase their knowledge of Cloud Computing and where it may provide the most value to their business.

After the workshop, the IBM team will present a report that includes assessment results, observations and recommendations, and if the optional workshop modules are selected, an IT roadmap that provides a path to address any identified capability gaps.

What is the value of the CEW?

- Explores the benefits and value proposition of each of the cloud computing models
- Performs an analysis of selected workload categories including the motivators and barriers to determine those suitable for public or private cloud deployment
- Optional modules cover the Cloud Computing Architecture and an assessment of the key IT capabilities necessary for deploying a private cloud

How is the CEW delivered?

The CEW is an IBM facilitated workshop led by IBM subject matter experts, using white boarding and specialized assessment techniques based on predefined assessment criteria. This workshop is performed over the course of ½ to 1 full day depending on the modules selected

What are the Deliverables?

The CEW report is presented approximately 2 weeks after the assessment. The report includes:

- Workload Assessment results
- Initial recommendations
- Initial IT roadmap and project recommendations if optional modules are selected

After the CEW report is delivered, your IBM team can continue to work with you to develop the detailed plans required for deployment of your cloud computing workloads.

Who participates in a CEW?

The workshop success relies upon the participants' knowledge of their business drivers, IT priorities, environment and current status. The client participants should be chosen based on their leadership knowledge of the strategic direction and business drivers for IT

The participants from IBM include:

- Two IBM IT architects skilled in CEW, workshop facilitation, and cloud computing will lead the session, then develop and deliver the report.
- Other IBM participants may attend, as appropriate.

Let's get started

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