



Welcome to **Cloud Perspective[s]**, your monthly go-to for different perspectives on hot cloud topics. This month, we're delving into the 'what' and 'why' of **Cloud Adoption Framework (CAF)**.

In short, a CAF provides a set of guidelines to help you through all stages of your cloud adoption journey. It uses best practices from industry experts to help shape your cloud strategy and plans, and acts as the glue that brings all your stakeholders together, from IT to HR.

INDUSTRY EXPERT SAYS...

According to Miguel Angel Borrega, Senior Director Analyst, Gartner, **"Through 2024, 80% of companies that are unaware of the mistakes made in their cloud adoption will overspend by 20 to 50%"**

To avoid becoming part of that statistic, **Gartner's No.1 lesson** for cloud adopters is the implementation of a cloud strategy across the whole organization. **Enter the CAF** – your starting point to improve your cloud adoption strategy and plans.

YOUR PEERS SAY...

Our 2022 Cloud Impact Study, Part 1 released last month, looks at the 'here and now' of cloud adoption after the necessary rapid migrations when the pandemic hit in 2019.



Here are just a few interesting stats:

90%

of 400 IT professionals surveyed agreed that cloud has delivered on expected efficiencies

47%

are still anticipating an increase in their use of non-cloud-based infrastructure

So, what's causing a delay in the cloud adoption train?

Only 20%

of respondents reported an intentional, holistic cloud strategy before beginning their journey

80%

say that they are struggling to decide on an effective cloud strategy

The starting point of a CAF focuses on cloud adoption strategy and planning. To keep your cloud adoption train on track, it's important to understand and embrace the value of a CAF, without which the momentum of innovation, operational efficiency and transformation delivered by the cloud can be seriously hindered.

There's no beginning or end to a CAF – it's a continuous improvement methodology you can benefit from regardless of the stage you're at - so the good news is that it's never too late start 😊

VIEW THE 2022 CLOUD IMPACT STUDY: PART 1 NOW



OUR EXPERT SAYS...

Here's what our **Senior Cloud Product Leader, Chris David**, said when we asked him about the reason behind the apparent cloud boomerang:



“When the pandemic hit, many organizations reacted hastily to moving applications to the cloud and neglected some workload considerations that have since become apparent. So, while organizations see benefits from the cloud, they could have been more successful in their endeavors when the shift first took place. As a result, many react by moving applications out of cloud infrastructure instead of taking a proactive approach where the desired end-state is constantly kept top of mind.”

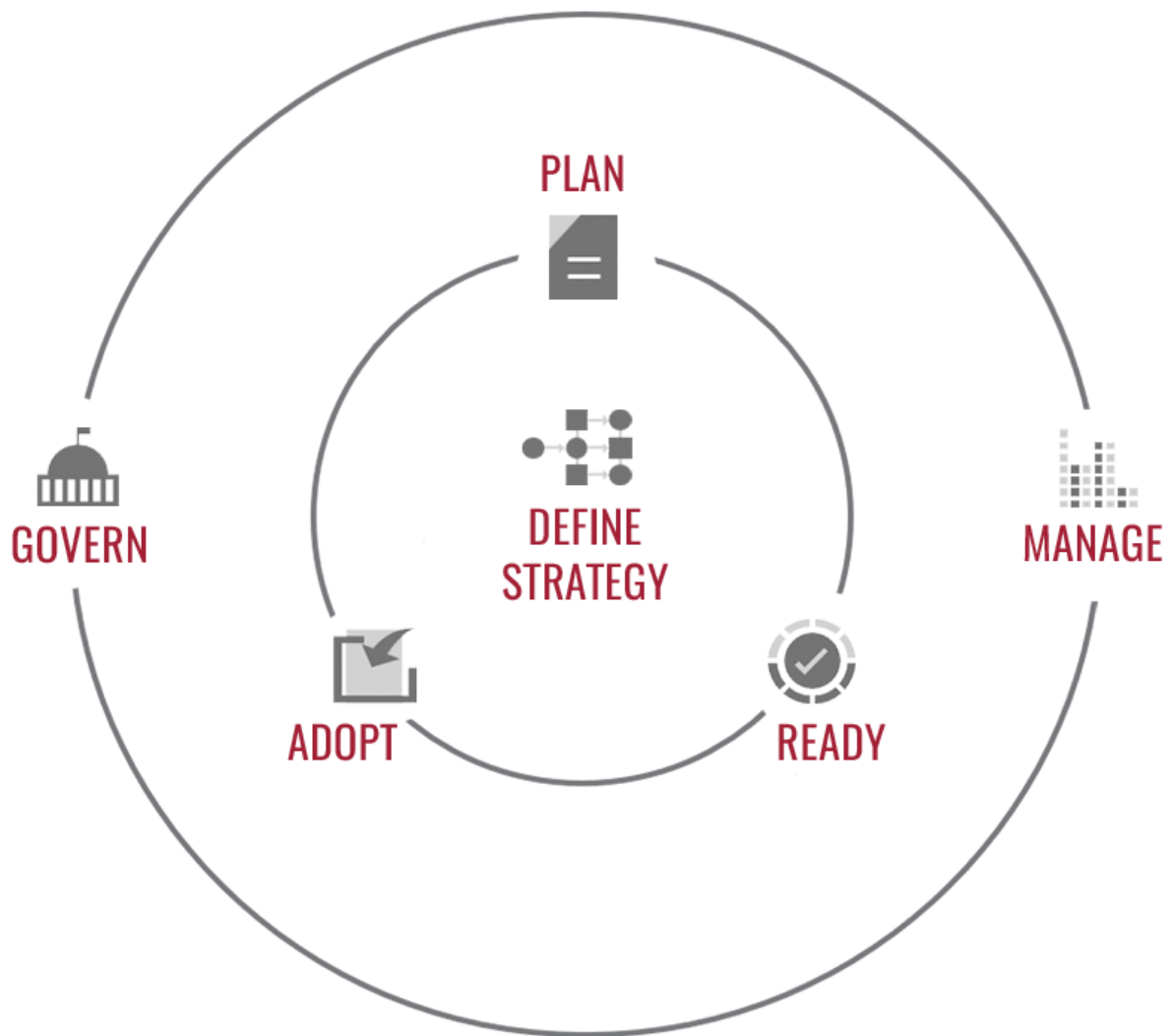


OUR PARTNER SAYS...

Every cloud solution provider recognizes the benefit of CAF and has their own version tailored to their specific solutions. Microsoft Azure leverages years of experience and best practices that help drive a bulletproof adoption strategy. Here's what their experts have to say:

“Cloud adoption affects the business, technology, and culture of an organization and impacts everyone, from IT decision makers to Finance and HR. Every role in an organization uses its own vocabulary and has different goals and KPIs. A CAF serves as the facilitator to bring these stakeholders together and promotes the right conversations, with the right audiences, to drive holistic decision-making.”

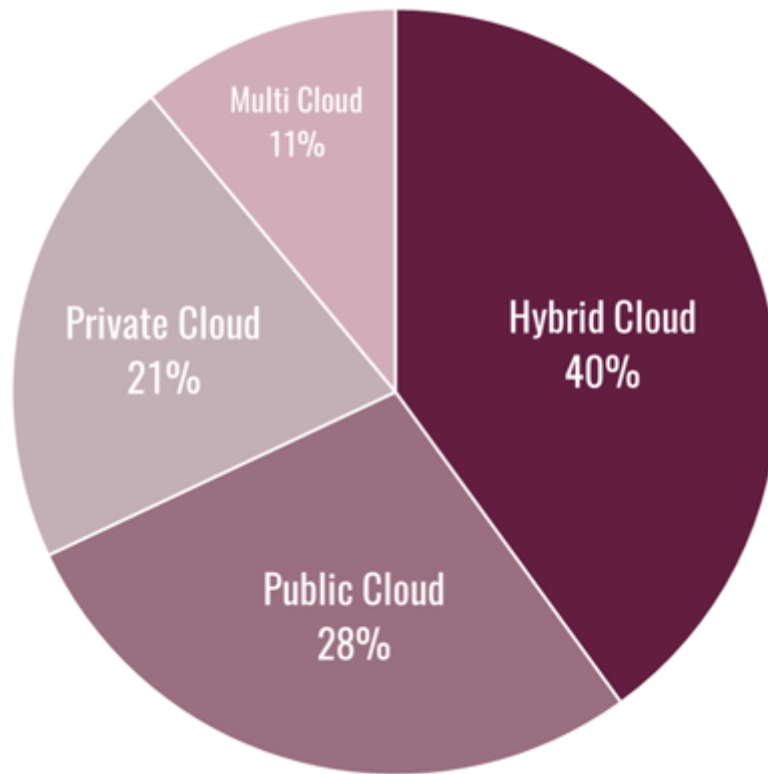
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HAVE YOUR SAY...

Last month we shared a LinkedIn Poll asking whether you're using private, public or hybrid cloud for your applications.

It may be no surprise that **hybrid came out on top (40%)**, followed by public (28%) and then private (21%). At 11%, a multi cloud environment was the least used by respondents. Thank you to everyone who took part.



This month have your say on CAFs – do you believe it can add value to your cloud adoption strategy and plan?

It's a very quick LinkedIn poll* *(and take a peek at what others are saying).*

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ICYMI: Check out our Private vs Public vs Hybrid issue [here](#).