



8 Business Drivers That Motivate Cloud Migrations

How AWS helps businesses achieve their goals

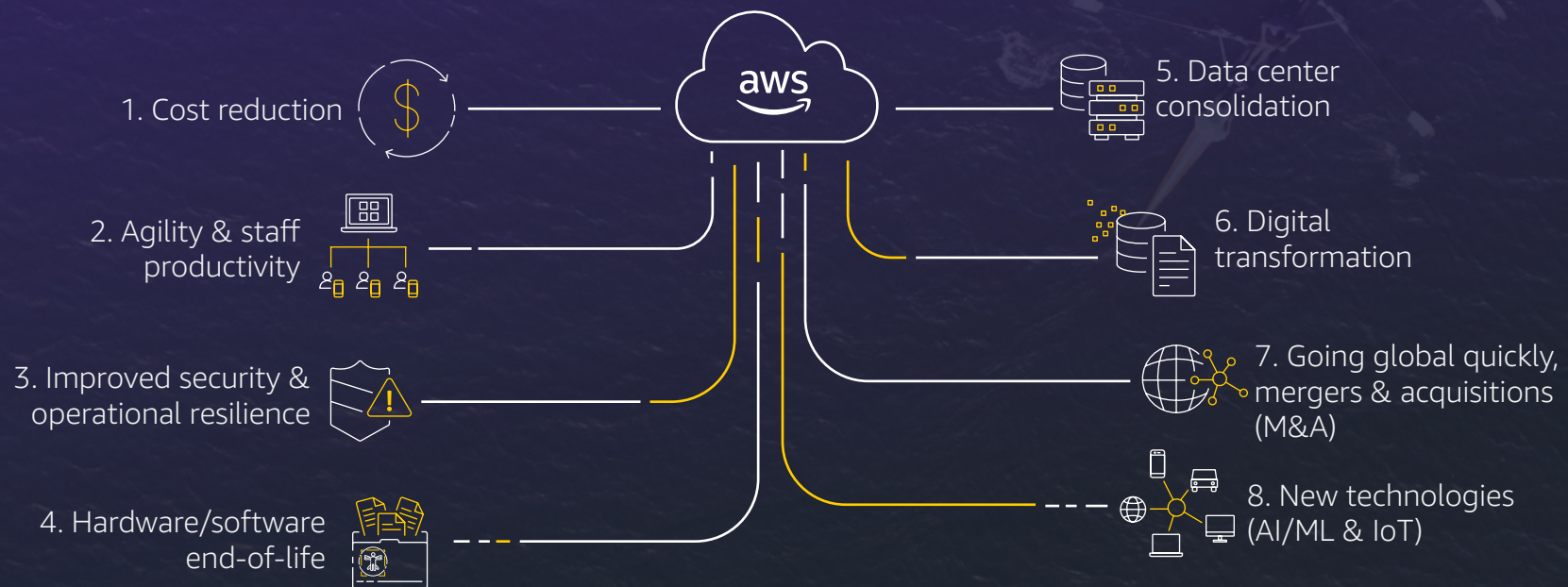


Why cloud, why now?

By migrating some or all of their digital assets to the cloud, businesses can achieve transformational results. They can move and innovate faster, modernize aging infrastructure, scale globally, get better insights from their data, and restructure organizational models to create better customer experiences.

Over its 13+ years of experience helping thousands of organizations successfully migrate to the cloud, AWS has observed eight business drivers that emerge as the most prevalent motivators for migration.

Business drivers for migrating to the cloud



1. Cost reduction

Cost reduction is the most popular migration motivator, as retiring legacy infrastructure in favor of more efficient AWS solutions is virtually certain to bring costs down.

IDC projects:¹

51%
reduction in
operational costs

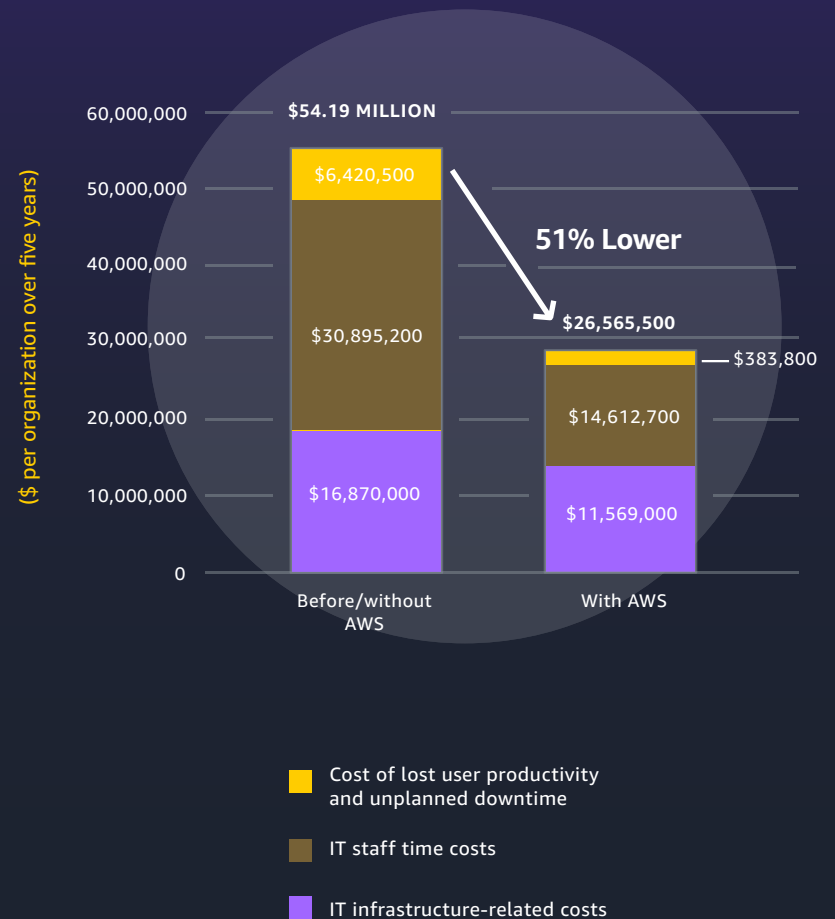
31%
lower 5-year
TCO

News Corp saved
\$100 million
over 3 years²

[Start your business case and cost analysis now »](#)

¹ <https://pages.awscloud.com/rs/112-TZM-766/images/AWS-BV%20IDC%202018.pdf?aliid=1614258770>
² <https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/enterprise-strategy/considering-a-mass-migration-to-the-cloud/>

Five-Year Cost of Operations Using AWS



2. Agility & staff productivity

Flexible AWS architecture improves business agility, while automation allows staff to increase the pace of innovation and dedicate more time to important tasks.

Agility

18.8%

faster time to market³

33.8%

higher app revenue per user³

26.4%

more features and fixes per release³

Productivity

62%

better IT staff productivity⁴

After 3+ years on AWS, the average IT admin can:

Manage
3.3x
more virtual machines⁵

Manage
3.2x
more terabytes of data⁵

3. Improved security & operational resilience

Migrating and modernizing with AWS hardens security to help protect against cyberattacks, define and manage access policies, and prevent unauthorized disclosure and modification using encryption and policy-driven controls. AWS also helps ensure resiliency, providing high availability with virtually unlimited failover capacity.

Security

43.4%

fewer monthly security incidents⁵

Resilience

69%

reduction in unplanned time⁶

[Learn more about AWS Cloud Security »](#)

⁵ 500 AWS Customers. AWS Benchmarking, August 2018

⁶ Nucleus Research - Guidebook Understanding the Value of Migrating from On-premises to AWS for Application Security and Performance, June 2020





4. Hardware/software end-of-life

Many organizations migrate to AWS due to the end-of-life (EOL) of their hardware/software licensing and/or support. These companies see the cloud as an opportunity to improve depreciating capabilities and to end or shorten refresh cycles. This is especially compelling for organizations running Windows workloads and applications. AWS runs nearly 2 times more Windows Server instances than the next largest cloud provider, according to an IDC report.

Migrate Windows-based environments to AWS and achieve, on average:⁷

442%

Five-year ROI

9-month

breakeven point

56%

Cost savings

[Learn more about Windows on AWS »](#)

5. Data center consolidation

Organizations can spend less time managing data centers and more time running their businesses by migrating to AWS.

Dow Jones is going all-in on AWS, with plans to:⁸

Reduce

50 global

data centers
down to 6

Move

75%

of all compute
to AWS



“Migrating with...AWS allows us to move quickly and exit data centers while looking for ways to retire and/or optimize our application portfolio.”

Paul Goldberg, CIO, AECOM

6. Digital transformation

Migrating to AWS helps businesses achieve digital transformation by boosting agility, enabling broader use of advanced technologies, and facilitating culture change.

Swire Coca-Cola

closed 3 on-premises

production and disaster recovery data centers and migrated all of their business systems, including SAP and CRM, to AWS.⁹



“We achieved digital transformation of our IT systems, which can serve...hundreds of millions of consumers rather than the previous 10,000 sales representatives.”

Ke Li, Manager of Cloud Services & IT Operations, Swire Coca-Cola

7. Going global quickly, mergers & acquisitions (M&A)

AWS customers gain access to a global network of data centers—enabling rapid, strategic scalability. AWS also makes it easier to integrate digital assets, shortening and streamlining M&A procedures.

[Explore the full breadth and depth of AWS Global Infrastructure »](#)

According to Harvard Business Review,

71% of U.S. companies say **technology integration**

determines the success of M&A deals¹⁰



AWS Global Infrastructure:

22

worldwide
regions

69

availability
zones

245

countries and
territories

“Our agility to go to market and being able to quickly and seamlessly change and improve the way we deliver IT services to support the growth of (our) business has led to outstanding results.”

Lia Taylor, CTO, John Holland¹¹

8. New technologies (AI/ML & IoT)

Migrating to AWS is a more economical and practical solution for meeting the data storage and computational requirements of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) and the internet of things (IoT).

[Learn more about AWS AI/ML »](#)

[Learn more about AWS IoT »](#)

Intuit can deploy machine learning models **90%** faster¹²

Vantage Power can process **100,000+** data points per minute across its IoT ecosystem¹³

AI Services

Vision			Speech		Language		Chatbots	Forecasting	Recommendations
Rekognition Image	Rekognition Video	Textract	Polly	Transcribe	Translate	Comprehend	Lex	Forecast	Personalize

ML Services

Amazon SageMaker	Ground Truth	Notebooks	Algorithms + Marketplace	Reinforcement Learning	Training	Optimization	Deployment	Hosting
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ML Framework + Infrastructure

FRAMEWORKS	INTERFACES	INFRASTRUCTURE						
TensorFlow PyTorch	mxnet Gluon Keras	EC2 P3 & P3DN	EC2 G4	EC2 C5	FPGAS	Greengrass	Elastic Inference	Inferentia

AWS—the best choice for any migration motivation

No matter what motivates businesses to migrate to the cloud—one of the eight drivers described in this eBook, any combination of them, or something else entirely—AWS can help them achieve their objectives quickly and efficiently. With the best software, services, and support, AWS enables smart, strategic migrations for businesses of every shape and size.

Ready to get started?



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Best practices to make your cloud migration a success »