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# Cloud Migration as a Service with MaaS

A Quick, Comprehensive, and  
Automated Approach

Microsoft SharePoint White Paper

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SharePoint

# Migrating SharePoint to the Microsoft Azure Cloud Using Corent's MaaS

## Rapidly, Reliably and Confidently

### INTRODUCTION

For organizations who are considering migrating their applications from on-premise to Microsoft Azure Cloud, MaaS is the solution to consider.

It manages and automates the *whole migration journey* from analysis, design, pricing and the actual migration. It can migrate any applications to Microsoft Azure Cloud without need for any programming.

Available as a service on Microsoft Azure with a pay-as-you-go business model.

Supported by an extensive knowledge base, MaaS provides value in each step of the migration journey.

MaaS' automated process helps organizations substantially reduce their time and required resources and mitigates the risks involved.

### CHALLENGES IN MIGRATING SHAREPOINT TO THE CLOUD

#### Identifying your current SharePoint Architecture:

- Identifying your SharePoint architecture at the initial stage is very essential.
- Need to identify and plan on what other workloads you need to move along with SharePoint to the Cloud.
- And discover the interconnections between different applications with the SharePoint environment.

**Re-architecting SharePoint Environment:** An important step in SharePoint Cloud migration strategy would be to explore the possibilities of re-architecting your SharePoint's topology in the Cloud.

- Making changes to the hardware or software configuration of your environment in the Cloud for improving the overall performance.
- Identifying and designing the SharePoint architecture that suits your business the best, based on different scenarios.

**Migrating SharePoint to the Cloud:** The SharePoint migration and its configuration in the Cloud itself is hard to manage.

- It requires identification of the pre-requisites needed for the SharePoint to be installed in the Cloud.
- Possibility of incorrect execution in manual Cloud migration due to the human factor which can cost substantial loss in time and cost.

**Migrating SharePoint Related Data:** Movement of SharePoint related data to the Cloud is a challenge.

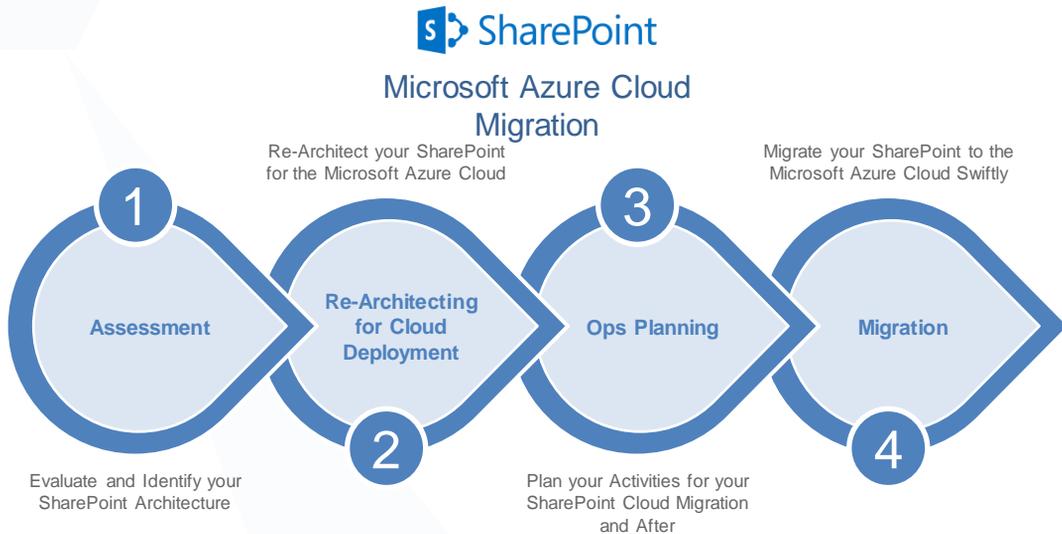
- It involves secured and seamless data transfer from on-premise to the Cloud.
- The success lies in achieving the data migration without any data loss.

These are some of the challenges organizations have to face while migrating SharePoint to the Cloud.

## AUTOMATED PROCESS FOR MIGRATING SHAREPOINT TO THE MICROSOFT AZURE CLOUD

Corent's solution to the SharePoint Cloud migration problem is a proven methodology and automated process that opens up a new window of opportunity for many organizations who prefer to migrate their SharePoint environment from on-premise to the Microsoft Azure Cloud.

A brief explanation on the Corent's solution for the SharePoint Cloud migration using MaaS is given below.

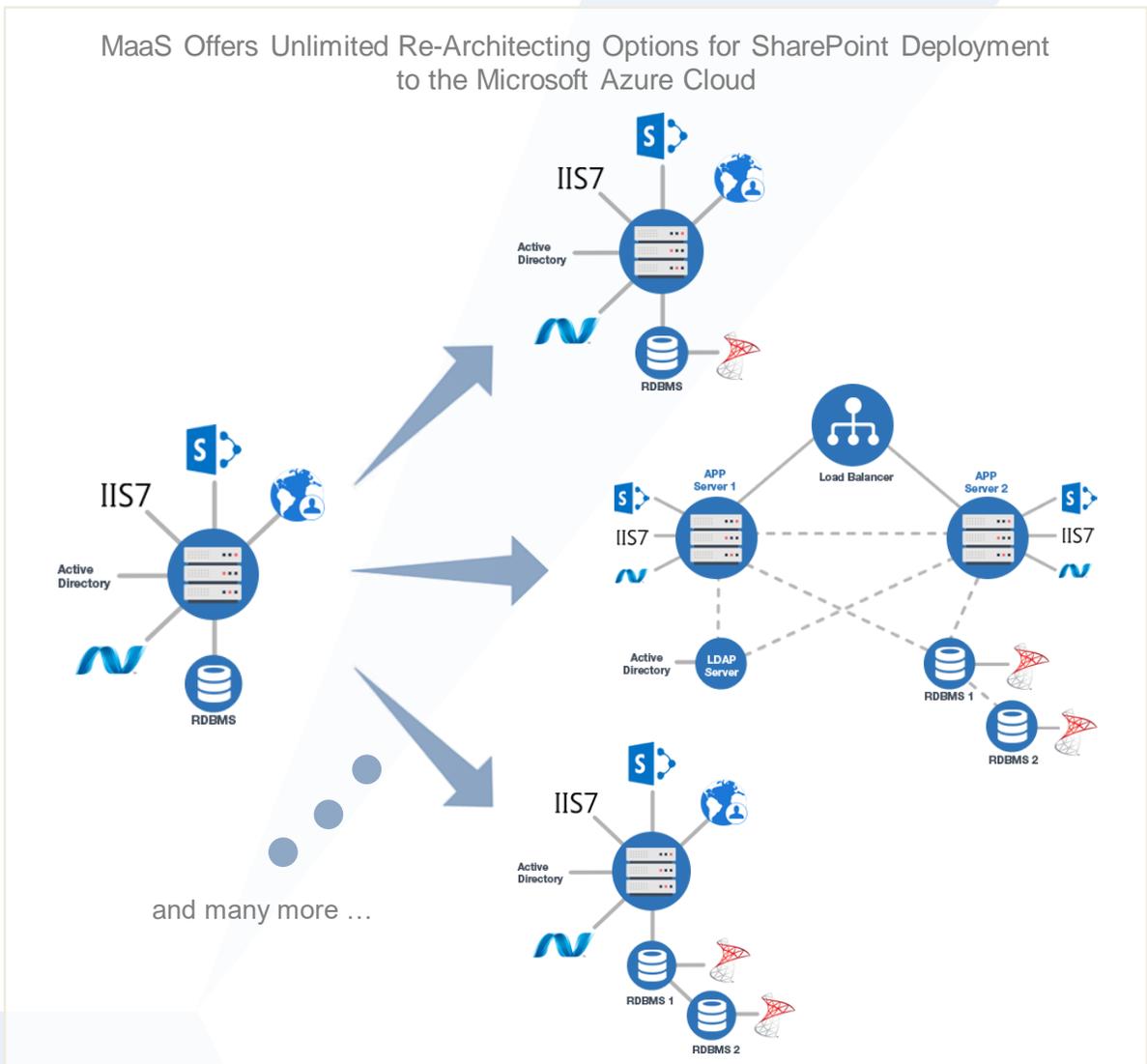


### Assessment:

- MaaS performs a comprehensive scan of the existing SharePoint infrastructure – from hardware to different workloads – to assess if the organization will benefit from the Cloud migration (or) not.
- On completion of this scan, MaaS builds a detailed workload map of the SharePoint environment which gives complete clarity on all the requirements and dependencies in the SharePoint.
- Corent's MaaS estimates all the initial and recurring costs involved in the operations, application services, hardware and networking before SharePoint Cloud migration.
- MaaS compares costs for different what-if scenarios involving various Cloud migration options and hardware configurations based on your business requirements and potential PaaS features available in the Microsoft Azure Cloud to replace your current licensed features.
- Using MaaS, you can customize the SharePoint's Operations Costs in the Cloud by trying out various configurations available in the Microsoft Azure Cloud for your SharePoint environment.

**Re-Architecting for the Cloud Deployment:** The workload map generated earlier is used to identify SharePoint's current architecture and MaaS suggests various architectures for the SharePoint's Microsoft Azure Cloud deployment that might be suitable for your business requirements.

- It enables you to custom-build the SharePoint architecture on your own if you choose not to use the suggested ones from MaaS.
- Existing SharePoint infrastructure can be upgraded to the latest and more powerful hardware options available from Microsoft Azure Cloud.



**Ops Planning:** MaaS aligns the generated SharePoint assessment results to a practical Cloud migration plan and helps planning your migration strategy.

- Performs cost analysis for your Cloud migration plans and helps you compare migration costs for various Cloud configurations.
- Allows you to select a suitable SharePoint architecture for the Microsoft Azure Cloud based on your business requirements.
- Conduct pilot migrations with different Cloud migration strategies and finalize your SharePoint Cloud migration plan.

**Migration:** After the SharePoint Cloud migration plan is finalized, SharePoint can be easily migrated to the Microsoft Azure Cloud using MaaS' easy-to-follow steps.

- Automate your SharePoint Cloud migration with MaaS' powerful capability to integrate scripting in the migration plan.
- Swiftly migrate the SharePoint related data from on-premise to the Microsoft Azure Cloud using MaaS .

## TIME NEEDED FOR MAAS TO MIGRATE SHAREPOINT TO THE MICROSOFT AZURE CLOUD

For a SharePoint setup with typical hardware configuration, the Cloud migration would take only between 3-16 hours from on-premise to the Microsoft Azure Cloud depending on several factors including the amount of data, RAM size and connection bandwidth.

## COMPARISON OF MAAS CLOUD MIGRATION APPROACH VS. MANUAL MIGRATION

Cloud Migration Activities	Manual Cloud Migration	Cloud Migration Using MaaS
Feasibility analysis of Applications to be migrated to the Microsoft Azure Cloud.	Difficult to identify the application architecture for analyzing the feasibility of Cloud migration.	MaaS analyzes your application and builds a complete workload map for assessing the feasibility of Cloud migration.
Operational and cost planning based on different what-if scenarios.	Tedious to calculate the costs involved in the operations, application services, and for different hardware configurations available in the Cloud.	MaaS helps you to try out various Cloud migration options and hardware configurations and calculate the costs for each scenario.
Optimizing scenario of choice with operational cost overview and service costs	Difficult to choose or design your application architecture and configurations based on your target budget.	MaaS helps you in planning and designing the application architecture based on your budget by means of its capability to compare cost for different configurations in the Microsoft Azure Cloud.
Re-architecting your application architecture.	Manually designing or re-architecting the application architecture takes substantial time and needs expertise.	MaaS helps in re-architecting your application as you want or also suggests architectures on its own based on your business requirements.
Migrating applications to the Microsoft Azure Cloud.	Challenging and time-consuming to carry out the Cloud migration manually as the steps has to be performed in a systematic manner with precision.	MaaS makes the application migration to Microsoft Azure Cloud ridiculously simple and quick by means of its scripting support and in-built data/file transfer mechanisms.

## CONCLUSION

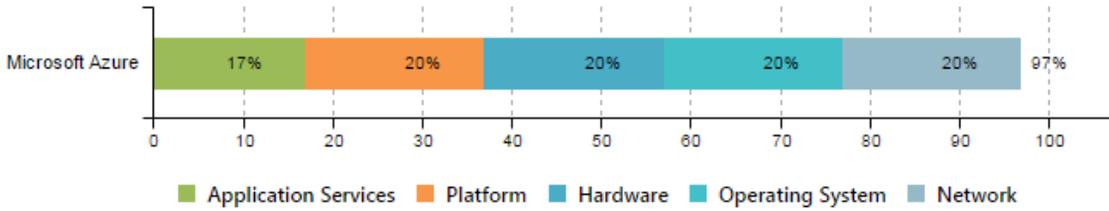
Corent has built in its unrivalled Cloud migration expertise into MaaS which makes it a go-to choice platform for anyone who wants to migrate their SharePoint (or any other application) to the Microsoft Azure Cloud.

With MaaS' proven track record of migrating SharePoint to the Microsoft Azure Cloud, you can now migrate your SharePoint to the Microsoft Azure Cloud with ease and confidence.

# APPENDIX: SAMPLE MAAS SCREENSHOTS FROM A SHAREPOINT MIGRATION TO THE AZURE CLOUD

## ASSESSMENT

### Cloud Compatibility Chart

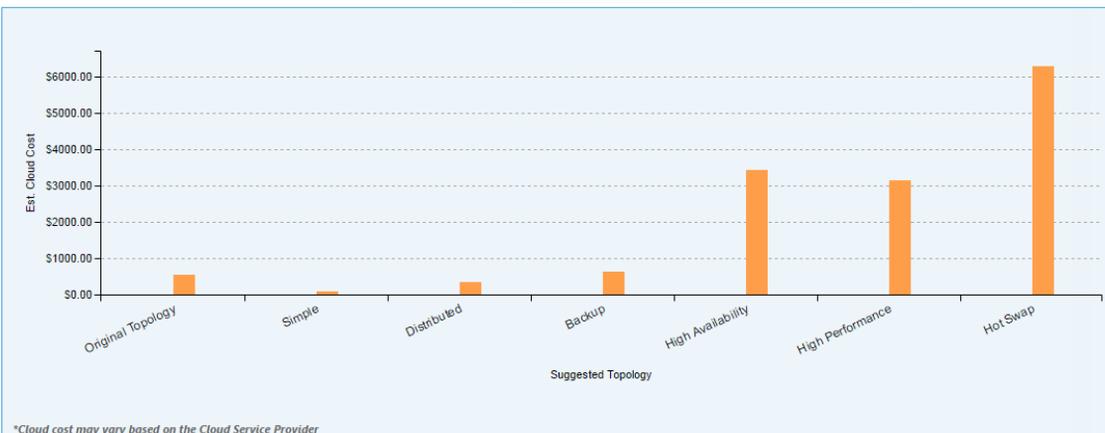


### Resource Efficiency Ratings

	Microsoft Azure
<b>Application Services</b>	<b>4</b>
ApacheTomcat (WebServer)	4
IIS (WebServer)	4
SharePoint (ApplicationServer)	5
MSSQL (RDBMS)	4
Application (DesktopApplication)	4
<b>Platform</b>	<b>5</b>
Ruby	5
.NET	5
Java	5

<b>Hardware</b>	<b>5</b>
Architecture	5
Processor	5
Memory	5
<b>Operating System</b>	<b>5</b>
OS Type	5
<b>Network</b>	<b>5</b>
Outbound Internet Access	5
Accessible Ports	5
Cloudability	✓

### Cloud Migration Cost Chart



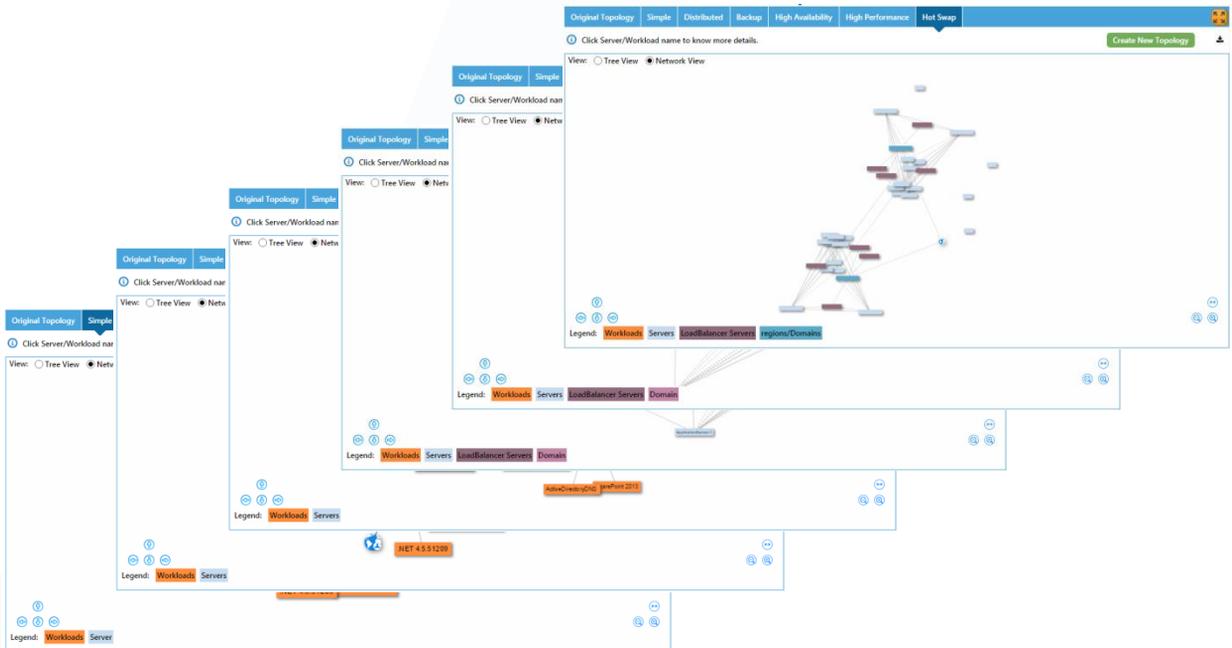
\* Cloud Costs shown in this bar chart are monthly costs for each suggested topology.

### Identified Hardware Details

Application Server(s)	Active Directory	SharePoint 2013	MSSQL 2013
<b>Hardware Details</b>			
CPU Count	2	2	2
CPU Speed	2.50 GHz	2.79 GHz	2.79 GHz
Installed Memory (RAM)	7.50 GB	3.75 GB	3.75 GB
Processor Architecture	64 bit	64 bit	64 bit
Hard Disk	XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (100.00 GB) C: : 100.00 GB XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (29.99 GB) Z: : 29.99 GB	XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (100.00 GB) C: : 100.00 GB XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (15.25 GB) Z: : 15.25 GB XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (15.25 GB) Y: : 15.25 GB	XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (100.00 GB) C: : 100.00 GB XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (15.25 GB) Z: : 15.25 GB XENSRC PVDISK SCSI Disk (15.25 GB) Y: : 15.25 GB
<b>Operating System</b>			
Name	Windows	Windows	Windows
Version	2008 R2	2008 R2	2008 R2
Architecture	64 bit	64 bit	64 bit
<b>Network Information</b>			
Public IP			
Private IP			
Domain Name			
Internet Access	Available	Available	Available

## RE-ARCHITECTING

### Some of the Suggested Application Architectures



## CLOUD MIGRATION PLAN

### Selecting Microsoft Azure Cloud

▼ Step 1 - Setup Cloud Account Windows Azure Azure ✓

Windows Azure

Add Cloud Provider Account

### Selecting an Application Architecture

▼ Step 2 - Select Application Topology Simple Topology ✓

Click on Server, Workload in graph to view the information. Legend: Workloads Server Application Profile

Your Source Topology

Desired Target Cloud (Azure)

Cloudplan: SharePoint 2013 - CP | Topology: Simple

Total Estimated Cost  
\$93.60 (per month)

### Setting up the Application

▼ Step 3 - Setup Source Machine Credentials ✓

Provide the source machine credentials for Auto Agent installation. Credentials will be stored securely and used for data migration during Shift process.  
 For Manual installation credentials are not required, Download and Install Agent in source machine.  
 Swift Shift Plugin will be installed automatically in source machine, which will be used for transferring data from source machine to destination server

Server Name	OS Name	Auto Agent	Authentication	Port	Agent Status	Action
Active Directory	Windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	NA	✓ Installed	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 5px;"> <span style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px 5px;">Download</span> <span style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px 5px;">Register</span> </div>
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### Sample Workload Migration List

**Step 4 - Migrate Workloads**

Click ON to perform user execution else automatic execution will be performed. For user execution, manually execute each script to shift.

User Execution  OFF [Audit Logs](#) [Restart Migration](#)

**Cloud VM Provisioning**

WebServer VM

WebServer VM Provisioning	Running	<a href="#">Firewall Settings</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>
SaaS Agent Installation	Running	<a href="#">Register Agent</a>

**Workloads** [Add From Script Store](#) [Add Workload Group](#)

Mouse hover on Group Name to select the Group for deleting.

Group Name	Download	Status	Date	Time	Actions
<b>SharePoint Group Group</b>					
SharePoint_Pre_Installer		Success	06-08-2016	12:52:53 PM	
Restart		Success	06-08-2016	01:11:44 PM	
SharePoint_PostInstaller		Success	06-08-2016	01:20:29 PM	
<b>MSSQL Group Group</b>					
MSSQL_Install		Success	06-08-2016	01:21:14 PM	
Export		Success	06-08-2016	01:40:05 PM	
Mkdir		Success	06-08-2016	01:40:22 PM	
MoveDump		Success	06-08-2016	01:41:07 PM	
Import		Success	06-08-2016	01:42:36 PM	
<b>Active Directory Group</b>					
ActiveDirectory		Success	06-08-2016	01:43:23 PM	

[Access Application](#)

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