

Civica Cloud Optimisation Service

Optimise your public cloud spend and governance with our **managed reporting and analysis service**

The Civica Cloud Optimisation Service helps you maximise the value of your public cloud environments and gain transparent control over costs.

Among the key advantages of public cloud IaaS are the speed and simplicity with which developers can spin up containers, and the pay-for-what-you-use charging model. But without comprehensive governance, it's all too easy for costs to escalate through wasteful overprovisioning, services that needlessly run 24/7, and continued reliance on out-of-date instance types.

With Civica's Cloud Optimisation service, you'll gain — or regain — control over your public cloud spend and environments. You'll be able to improve governance, manage spend, reduce risk, and increase the value your organisation gets from its public cloud deployments.

Why Civica Cloud Optimisation?

Our Cloud Optimisation Service combines insightful reporting on your public cloud IaaS environments with expert analysis and consultancy from Civica specialists.

We use an industry-leading cloud-based reporting service that receives real-time data feeds from your public cloud providers. It's quick to set up, with no need to install software on your servers or add to your IT team's workload.

Once the service is established, we carry out a deep-dive review of your cloud spend, and recommend actions you can take to drive savings and improve the way you use public cloud to support business objectives.

We follow that up by holding monthly optimisation workshops with you to:

- ▶ Deliver savings report packs
- ▶ Track ROI to understand the savings realised
- ▶ Review current reporting to identify further optimisation opportunities
- ▶ Make changes to the reporting configuration to meet evolving requirements or add new projects.

In addition, we'll help you set up billing centres that support cross-charging, enable spend tracking, and generate alerts if spend thresholds are breached or unauthorised individuals try to spin up containers.



Gain insight



Cost savings



Reduce risk

Main benefits:

- ▶ **Lower cloud spend**
- ▶ **Align public cloud spend to business needs**
- ▶ **Improve governance and control of public cloud environments**
- ▶ **Realise the business benefits of cloud faster.**

Which public clouds?

Civica's Cloud Optimisation service reports on Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud Platform. Reporting on other providers may also be possible — please contact us to discuss.

Business benefits



Improved governance

You'll avoid unbudgeted and uncontrolled opex spend, get rid of underused cloud containers and subscriptions, and reduce unauthorised setup of new instances.



Reduced risk

With improved governance you'll be able to enhance the security of your public cloud environments and ensure your cloud strategy is adequately resourced.



Transparent cost control

Accurate, meaningful reporting on cloud expenditure will help you align cloud spend to business needs and implement flexible financial management.



Increased value

As well as paying only for what you need, you'll make better use of public cloud to drive innovation and transformation, and realise the business benefits more quickly.

Focus areas for cost optimisation

Deep-dive and monthly reviews typically focus on the following aspects of public cloud usage.

Overprovisioning/low usage

Identifying instances with low usage that can be re-provisioned to smaller instances.

Superseded instance types

Spotting opportunities to upgrade to newer instance types to benefit from the increased functionality and lower cost they offer.

Instance scheduling

Understanding which instances need to run 24/7, and which can be scheduled for fewer hours (for example, business hours only), to cut the number of hours you pay for.

Lower-cost region

Determining which data can be safely moved from a higher-cost region (such as the UK) to a lower-cost region (such as another EU country).

Waste analysis

Pinpointing for removal storage that's no longer required and idle instances with little or no usage.

