



# Migration planning checklist

It is important to ask a series of questions to have a successful migration and to understand what success means for your organization. We recommend that these questions be addressed before finalizing the migration plan.

## Goals and objectives

- Why are we migrating?
- What is the desired goal?
- Would a migration better support the organization's business objectives and IT strategy?

## Data and workloads

- How will we determine the workload placement decision and choose the right location and provider?
- Do we know the data and workload candidates for migration?
- What type of data will be migrated? (VMs, databases, flat files)
- Will physical systems need to be moved?
- What is the amount of data being considered?
- How many files or objects are in the data set?
- What is the rate of change of that data?
- What is the performance baseline of the current environment?
- Do we have tested backups and/or disaster recovery for the environment?

## Team and support

- Have we obtained executive support for the workload placement and the migration?
- Do we have staff who know how to plan and execute a successful migration?
- Have we obtained vendor input and support for the migration?
- Do we need further help from an outside party?

## Budget and resources

- Do we have a set of migration tools to choose from?
- What are the operational costs we expect?
- What is the projected financial budget?
- What are the team resources needed?

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