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Customer Success Story

Migrating SAP to the Cloud

A successful SAP to Microsoft Azure Cloud migration

Absoft completed the migration for eight SAP systems, with little downtime and no significant business impact, within an unusually short timeframe of 3 months of development system moves.
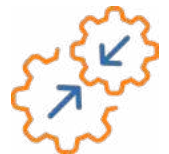
The challenge

A large local council, an existing SAP support customer, approached Absoft requiring our expertise in order to move from an ERP system with third party hosting to a more cost-effective, fully Cloud-based ERP function, on Microsoft Azure.

With a private data centre termination date in sight, Absoft provided the council with a timeline which included an immediate start and necessitated two technical consultants working concurrently on the project.

The timeline took into account a scope of work which included the cloud migration of eight SAP landscapes – only some of which were currently SAP supported – totalling around **30 servers' worth of SAP estate**.

Client has reported:

Reduction of server hosts through landscape rationalisation by

40%

And a reduction of

50%

in hosting costs once in the cloud

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Our solution

Whilst the council's team were well versed and experienced in the cloud, SAP in the cloud was an are that they hadn't had any exposure to. To address any gaps in knowledge that would prove detrimental to an efficient landscape build prior to migration, Absoft provided advice to the Infrastructure team via an interactive workshop.

Absoft continued to work closely with the infrastructure team throughout this stage, alongside a Microsoft Fast Track team, ensuring that the pre-migration ERP landscape was fit for purpose within one month.

During this stage, Absoft undertook a rationalisation of the council's eight existing landscapes, resulting in the decommissioning of one, which we replaced with a Self-Service Procurement functionality we've built into the main ERP landscape.

Upon completion of stage one, we commenced migration to the Cloud, which involved two processes:

◉ Those landscapes well within the maintenance period were migrated via a "lift and shift" process;
◉ Those outwith ,or near to end of maintenance, required migration via SAP tools to update them.

Absoft had previously performed an interface investigation and documentation exercise for the local authority which allowed the customer to understand all of their critical business processes relying on SAP (around 30) and have a deep grasp of how they interacted with other non-SAP systems. It also made it possible for **Absoft to perform the migration with a clear interface migration strategy and deliver without any downtime of critical interfaces.**

The result

With two senior technical consultants working in parallel, Absoft **completed migration within 3 months** of development system moves, an unusually short timeframe during which to successfully migrate eight systems. Creating further cost efficiencies and despite the tight deadline the project was completed remotely with team updates and workshops taking place online.

The client incurred just one weekend of essential downtime, which had no significant business impact and all critical interfaces were reported as unimpacted, post-migration.

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Over 28 years of SAP experience

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10 years of SAP in the Cloud

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