

Strategy guide

# Unlocking the full potential of Cloud:

Elevate business agility and cost-savings through cloud-native infrastructures

In today's fast-paced world, businesses need more than just a competitive edge - they need a turbocharged engine for growth. That's when Cloud technology comes in, transforming the global business landscape with its unmatched agility, efficiency, and resilience.

Picture this: real-time collaboration, lightning-fast development cycles, and cost-saving opportunities that are turning out to be the key for success. With Cloud solutions, it's not just a dream - it's a reality. But this guide is more than just a roadmap - it's your ticket to unlocking the endless capabilities of success in the digital age. We will dive deep into Cloud top trends, discover captivating business outcomes, and uncover insider tips and insights to leverage Cloud across various industries.

Are you ready to unleash the full potential of Cloud and take your business to new heights? Keep reading, the adventure begins here.

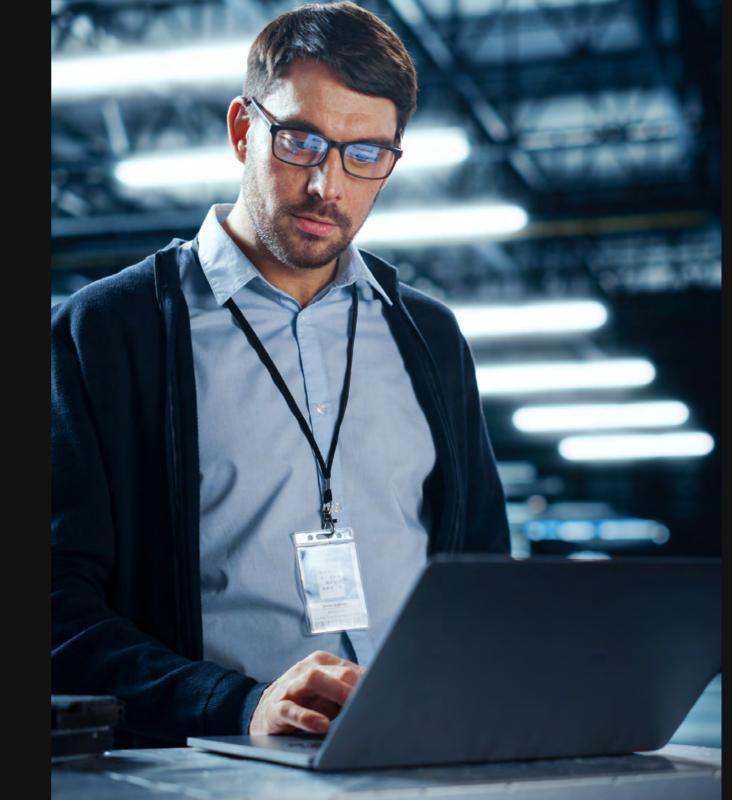
Let's step into the groundbreaking landscape of Cloud!

## How can businesses leverage the power of Cloud to skyrocket

## their success across diverse industries?

By gaining business agility, optimizing costs, and enhancing security and reliability. With Cloud solutions, organizations can facilitate rapid innovation, streamline operations, and adapt to market dynamics swiftly. Moreover, Cloud technology offers substantial cost-saving opportunities, eliminating the need for on-premises hardware and maintenance while providing flexible pay-as-you-go models. It's not just about staying afloat; it's about thriving in the digital age.

Ready to unlock the sky-high potential of Cloud for your business?



#### **MUST KNOW:**

## **Cloud trends** that are driving business success.

Cloud infrastructures are becoming innovation powerhouses, driving business initiatives to new heights. As companies worldwide aim for excellence, optimizing Cloud costs becomes crucial, just like unlocking efficiency and resource utilization. Security remains paramount and Cloud technology offers robust protection against cyber threats, fortifying digital fortresses.

Explore these transformative trends as we reveal how they can revolutionize your business:

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**Rise of Cloud** platforms

Cost optimization through Cloud

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Security enhancement through Cloud By 2027, more than 50% of enterprises will use industry Cloud platforms to accelerate their business initiatives, up from less than 15% in 2023.

61% of businesses plan to optimize Cloud costs in 2024, reflecting a proactive approach to maximizing efficiency and resource allocation.

An overwhelming 94% of companies have witnessed significant enhancements in online security following their adoption of Cloud technology.



revolutionizing modern business operations.

Sources: Mckinsey, Zippia

## Unlocking innovation and cost savings through Cloud

Drawing upon the insights gained from our exploration of these transformative trends, we now shift our focus to actionable strategies that enable innovation and cost-effectiveness through Cloud solutions.

#### <mark>ទ</mark> Applications

• Disaster recovery

• Data resilience

Facilitate rapid innovation by providing real-time • Process optimization collaboration, quickly experiment with new ideas, • Real-time decision-making develop and deploy applications faster, and adapt to Accelerated development changing market conditions more easily; this will give Drive innovation • Streamlined deployment you competitive edge to stay ahead in the fast-paced and gain • Agile adaptation industry landscape. business agility Reduce expenses by eliminating the need for on-• System modernization 02 premises hardware and maintenance through Cloud • Cost-savings strategy services on a pay-as-you-go model; these can easily be • Resource optimization scaled up or down based on demand, allowing you to • Data storage efficiently manage resources and avoid over-Optimize • Data readiness provisioning. costs Leverage the robust security measures that Cloud • Encryption 03 providers invest in and the distributed data centers • Compliance certifications with built-in redundancy they offer to protect against • Redundancy

emerging threats and safeguard data and applications;

this effectively mitigates security risks, provides

compliance and ensures data availability.

Enhance

reliability

security and

- Check the following use cases
  - Check the following use cases and tips on how to apply them to your industry:



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#### Drive innovation and gain business agility by providing:

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Optimize

Enhance

security and

**reliability** by delivering:

by offering:

costs

#### • Hosting platforms

• Real-time inventory

• Actionable insights

• Streamlined checkout process

management

- Databases management
- Processes automation

#### Implement a pay-for-usage model to facilitate scalability and elasticity for websites. By automating administrative tasks to optimize resource utilization you can reduce manual errors and streamline release cycles for enhanced efficiency.

Ensure real-time inventory availability updates while

any internet-connected device. Analyze customer

promotions.

behavior to identify trends and optimize pricing and

flexibly managing transactions and customer data from

• Supply chain visibility

- Robust security measures
- Security threats real-time response

Enable proactive detection of logistics delays and inventory shortages, while leveraging advanced security services to safeguard customer information and protect data and applications from cyber threats like malware, phishing attacks, and data breaches.



#### Drive innovation and gain business agility by providing:

- Online and mobile experiences
- Real-time decision making

Provide a comprehensive set of services including account management, fund transfers, bill payments, and mobile check deposits while leveraging data analytics to gain insights into customer behavior, market trends, and risk profiles.

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- Modernized applications
- Cost-saving measures
- Database optimization

#### Optimize costs

by offering:

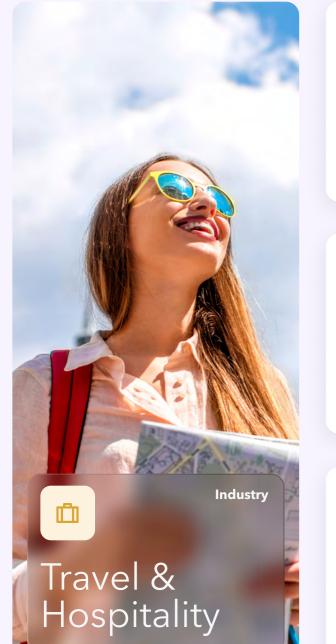
Enhance security and reliability by delivering:

- Robust security measures
- Fraud detection
- Task automation

legacy systems, improving resource utilization, and increasing scalability. Ensure cost transparency across business units and departments while automating administrative tasks for optimization.

Modernize your infrastructure by leaving behind

Enhance data security with advanced encryption and threat detection, while streamlining processes to reduce manual effort and mitigate compliance risks effectively.



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- innovation and gain business agility by providing:
- ntralized reservation tem
- Rooms management

Maximize occupancy rates by enabling seamless updates of real-time room availability, rates, and packages, alongside providing availability checks and seamless booking experiences for customers across multiple channels.

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- Loyalty and retention program
- Dynamic pricing
- In-app traveler support

#### Elevate guest experiences with digital concierge services and personalized check-in/out. Optimize marketing by understanding customer preferences and adjusting pricing dynamically based on demand fluctuations and competitors.

Optimize costs by offering:

#### Enhance security and reliability by delivering:

- Enhanced data privacy
- Security monitoring
- Multifactor identification

Enhance data privacy with multifactor identification, requiring users to verify their identities using passwords, biometrics, or one-time passcodes. Protect sensitive information to proactively mitigate cyberattacks.



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#### Drive innovation and gain business agility by providing:

- Video on demand
- Ticketing and venue management
- Merch management

Efficiently manage global merchandise sales and enhance fan engagement with live events and personalized content. Streamline ticket sales and event logistics for sports games, concerts, and live performances to ensure seamless operations.

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#### • Content creation collaboration

- Scalable infrastructure
- Content delivery network

Optimize media workflows by editing videos and utilizing live production tools to reduce production costs. Scale resources dynamically to match workload demands and efficiently deliver streaming video, images, and content to a global audience.

Optimize **costs** 

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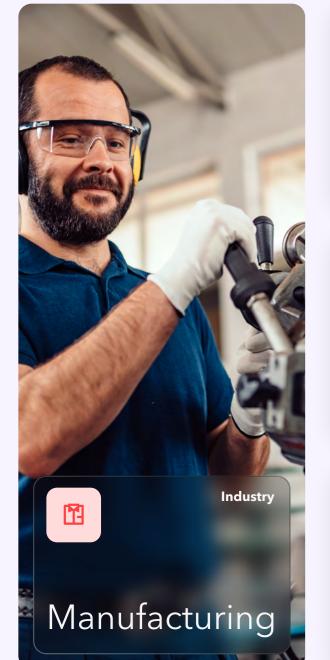
reliability by delivering:

by offering:

## Sports & Entertainment

- Injuries reduction
- Business continuity
- Security features

Optimize team performance by analyzing player data and track metrics while safeguarding fan data with robust encryption and threat detection to minimize downtime and mitigate service interruptions.



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#### Drive innovation and gain business agility by providing:

- Production planning
- Production analysis

- Remote monitoring
- Demand prediction

#### Optimize **costs**

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by offering:

#### Enhance security and reliability by delivering:

- Regulatory reporting
- Quality control
- Equipment maintenance

Empower your production process by enabling realtime monitoring of status, quality control, equipment performance, and resource utilization, while also analyzing production data to identify trends and gain actionable insights for informed decision-making.

Optimize operations by remotely monitoring and managing production processes, equipment, and facilities. Enable accurate demand prediction, inventory optimization, production planning, and resource allocation for enhanced efficiency and productivity.

Streamline operations with automated compliance checks, documentation tracking, and regulatory reporting while proactively identifying defects to minimize rework, scrap, and warranty claims. Additionally, optimize maintenance schedules by predicting equipment failures for enhanced efficiency.

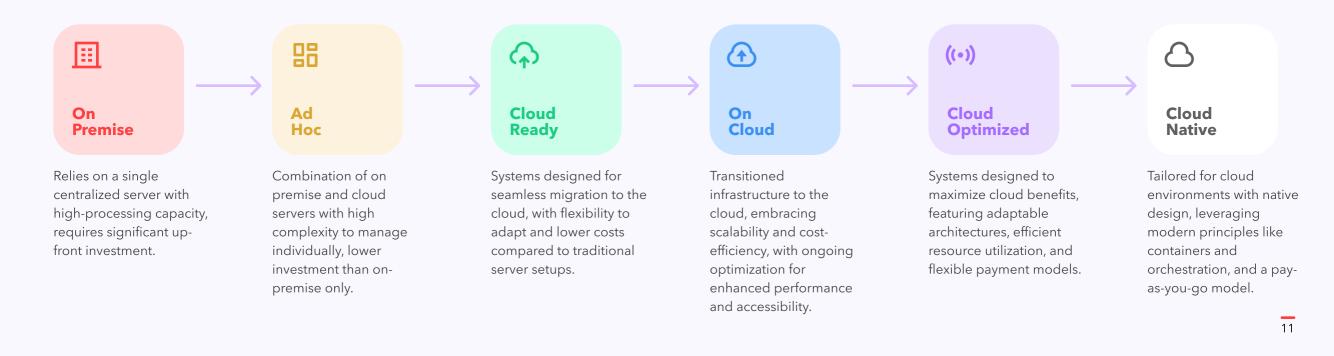
## Having gathered invaluable insights and tips,

we're now ready to embark on our journey towards crafting effective Cloud solutions.

It all begins with a solid foundation, rooted in clear business objectives and a deep understanding of the problems we aim to solve.

Our Cloud journey unfolds through various stages: from the traditional reliance on on-premise centralized servers onto the seamless migration to the Cloud with systems designed for adaptability, reduced costs, and improved performance. As we transition infrastructure to the Cloud, embracing scalability and ongoing optimization for enhanced performance and accessibility, we'll unlock the full potential of Cloud.

By tailoring systems to maximize benefits and leveraging modern principles like containers and orchestration for efficient, pay-as-you-go operation, we'll drive innovation, efficiency, and success in our endeavors.



## Client Success Stories



#### OVERVIEW

The largest real estate franchise in the US known for its extensive network of real estate agents and a focus on agent training and development. They partnered with Applaudo to migrate its data from its legacy systems to a modern cloud-based architecture using a serverless approach, with a strong focus on efficient data extraction, data pipeline creation, and microservices management. They have been very responsive to our needs, moved with great urgency, and in challenging times they stepped up and shared the pain with us. They are an amazing partner and I'm looking forward to our continued mutual success. VP of Engineering

#### CHALLENGE -

Legacy systems: High-costs and inefficiencies associated with the use of legacy systems in a growing business.

Disconnected subsystems: Managing different systems and data sources across markets as a result of M&A efforts.

Security compliance: Ensuring robust data security and compliance across growing business and operations.

#### How we solved it $\longrightarrow$ results

- Improved application
  performance and scalability.
- Improved data protection and compliance through data governance and security.
- Cost optimization through strategies such as autoscaling management.

**Serverless code:** Applaudo deployed a team of GCP DevOps experts, and Data Engineers with deep expertise in data migration and cloud architecture, to develop serverless codes with a strong focus on efficient data extraction, pipeline creation, and effective microservice management.

**Infrastructure modernization:** The team leveraged the power of Google Cloud Platform (GCP) and microservices like Cloud Functions, Cloud Run, Cloud Composer, Compute Engine, Apache Beam, amongst others, to establish a scalable, secure, and efficient infrastructure.

**Continuous improvement:** A key component of our approach involved implementing Spinnaker as a continuous integration / continuous deployment (CI/CD) add-on, ensuring smooth and reliable delivery processes.

## Cloud fuels the pulse of innovation:

By unleashing the power of Cloud, we can unlock innovation and efficiency as we can gain business agility, optimize costs, enhance security and reliability, and overall drive growth. From streamlining processes to enhancing customer experiences, Cloud solutions provide the agility and scalability needed to thrive in today's dynamic landscape.

With a clear understanding of our objectives and a commitment to continuous improvement, we can harness the full potential of Cloud technology to propel our businesses forward into a brighter future.



## Gain your competitive edge with Applaudo

Applaudo is dedicated to assisting organizations across various industries in delivering exceptional and seamless experiences on a large scale. With our extensive expertise, we comprehend the distinctive challenges and opportunities inherent in engaging audiences, optimizing operations, and maximizing revenue streams.

Partner with us to cultivate unforgettable experiences for your stakeholders, streamline your workflows, and achieve success in the ever-evolving business landscape. Explore the potential of Cloud solutions with Applaudo to drive innovation, gain business agility and cost savings.

Leverage our expertise today

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Sebastián brings 8+ years of experience in the tech industry with solutions ranging from classic services and sites to data pipelines. He specializes in software engineering and micro services, with strong background in backend services, data systems, data models, and integrations for enterprises. He combines an agile mindset designing and defining implementations that meet customer's unique needs.



