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Dir. of Solution Architecture, AWS

Allot of great questions in there. You know I would say this has become the new normal. It used to be in full disclosure, dev test, training type workloads in the early days. Over the course of the years, we've taken a lot of learnings with partners like Accenture and customers like Del Monte, and we've taken those learnings and put them back in the platform. So, what you see today is a platform that a partner like Accenture has built a lot of automation tooling to reduce timeframe from 7 months down to 3.5. And I think it was around 200 servers, 50 of them were SAP related, and 25 terabytes of data that were moved in a short amount of time.

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We go end to end. So, we start out with strategy, start out with migration. the migration takes planning and execution. but we really focus in the run area as well using our Accenture Cloud Platform and tooling that we have built to really focus on how do you continue to optimize? How do you continue to improve performance? How do you govern? How do you do things like quota and security management and that type of stuff. I do think a lot of our customers start like cloud and think hey I can spin this stuff up, I can run it.

Chad Anderson
IT Director of Operations, Del Monte Foods

So, I oversaw the project for us to migrate everything to AWS. And we started off with just needing to understand if we are missing something here. Shouldn’t we be moving to the cloud? And that ended up in a study where we went through the numbers, looked at what the benefits would be and it kind of just turned into an obvious choice for us to do it.

Chris Wegman
Managing Director, Accenture

The challenge was getting Del Monte, getting the heart of their organization SAP to AWS quickly. There is a short timeframe. I learned a lot about fruit packing during the process. It was about how quickly can we get there. So, when we actually started we started looking at it taking 7 months to do the migration of their environment. We really got into it and got focused on what needed to be done, looked at a lot of automation, put a lot of automation around the process, a very diligent approach. And we were able to do it - we thought we could do it in 4 months and we wound up doing it in 3.5 months. So very rapid.

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I can run it just like I ran my on-premise data center and it is not the same. You go from a capacity planning person to a cost management person. You need to have a cloud architect understanding how you build your applications to be cloud ready and AWS ready. You know lots of great services, but if you aren’t taking advantage of those services you can’t auto scale you can’t do that stuff.

We help our clients go through that entire process to ensure they are getting the most value from AWS all the way through the run after they’ve done the migration.

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I think Accenture has been an amazing partner. I think a lot of people were skeptical about running their entire enterprise across the network and once you bring them in, and let them look under the cover at what you have, one of the reasons we went with them was the trust and the confidence that they had that we could do this.