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What to consider before adopting multi-cloud

Multi-cloud – using different cloud service providers for different areas of your business – offers enhanced flexibility, cost efficiencies and access to a wider range of innovative features.

However, it can get complicated without a carefully planned implementation strategy. Here's what you need to consider before adopting multi-cloud.

01: Assess your current set-up

Start by determining what your current cloud provision is missing. For example, it might have great security features but be difficult to use, which puts user-friendliness at the top of the agenda for your new infrastructure.

02: Look at priorities for each business area

Multi-cloud provides the flexibility to match different areas of your business to the best cloud solution. Analyse the capabilities you'll need from cloud services for specific workloads.

03: Review your business goals

Consider your startup's goals and growth plans, and how multi-cloud can support your success. Think about how your business will change and what your needs might look like in two or three years.

04: Set a budget

Decide on a budget and what return on investment you're expecting. Many providers offer discounts or deals based on usage, so do your research before you buy.

05: Get your staff ready

Like with any business change, you have to make sure everyone in your business is on board and prepared. Multi-cloud can result in more complex data security policies, so plan how you will train your workforce and what processes need to be in place.

06: Remember it's a journey

An effective multi-cloud infrastructure isn't built overnight. Be prepared to embark on a journey with it, and keep in mind that a strong tech set-up will improve innovation and agility as you move forward.

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