

# WHAT IS A CLOUD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Coined by AWS' Stephen Orban, a Cloud Centre of Excellence is a cloud strategy that is executed across an entire organization.

It involves aligning technology around cloud and defining an opinion on how cloud technologies can be responsibly implemented at scale. In this way, a cloud centre of excellence can become a fulcrum for transforming the way technology serves business.



## Tools

Strike a balance between open source and proprietary tools.

Know when to take the time and effort required to build value from scratch, and when to leverage existing resources.



## Vendor-Neutral

Build a cloud-neutral technology stack that will outlast all the vendors.

Avoiding vendor lock-in today will give you freedom and optionality tomorrow.



## Multi-Cloud

Embrace a multi-cloud strategy, but don't just the same workload on multiple clouds.

Run different apps and workloads on different clouds, depending on which cloud is fit for which purpose.



## Cloud Native

Find cloud native equivalents for legacy tools and operational processes.

The cloud will exaggerate any weaknesses in outdated systems and require more resources from them.



## Plan

Define your goals of what you wish to take from the cloud, so you can identify what value you must create for yourself with open source tools.



## Outsource

Outsource operations your technical teams don't excel in, whose differentiation doesn't matter to the business.

You'll give yourself the freedom to focus on what truly counts for your business, your customers, and your team.

When an organization's tools and operational processes are made efficient and aligned around cloud, the cloud multiplies the value an infrastructure gives a business.

How can you create a Cloud Centre of Excellence?  
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