

Cloud Services

Use the cloud to own way less and do way more



The future's cloudy

With cloud power you outsource, consume and deliver IT like a utility. You don't need your own infrastructure. You simply access what you need from a third party provider over the internet. It enables users to get what they need, when they need it; from advanced analytics and business apps to infrastructure and platform services, including virtual servers and storage.

Cost – Pay only for what you actually use. Buying hardware and capital expenditure is history.

Agile – Basic cloud services work out-of-the-box. Long purchasing and deployment cycles are also history!

Scaleable – Ramp up or scale down. Perfect for fast growing organisations with seasonal spikes.

Mobile – Today's mobile workforces demand anytime, anywhere access.

Reliable – Omnipresent and enterprise-class.

Cloud computing offers economies of scale and massive business agility; no wonder so many organizations are racing to embrace it! Just how much power and agility you get from the cloud depends on the current state of your IT infrastructure.

If your identity information is not well organized, deploying cloud apps with appropriate access can be troublesome. Organizations with difficulties managing entitlements or with a complex IT infrastructure such as a multi-forest Active Directory (AD), could find cloud preparation tricky. There may be security problems or difficulty in meeting governance, risk and compliance (GRC) reporting requirements.

You can prepare yourself for the cloud by having clean, reliable and valid user identity data. This can be achieved with a solid, future-proofed identity management platform. It will make moving to the cloud simpler, faster and smoother, reduce administration, enhance security, make GRC reporting easier and increase business agility.

Full-power cloud services

OCG is a Microsoft Gold Partner in Identity and Access Management. We help organizations with Microsoft infrastructures to prepare and manage their cloud deployment and get the best from new on premise applications. We'll get your users access to the services they need accurately and swiftly. Our flexible and creative approach to cloud deployments has, so far, helped more than 100 organizations get into the cloud with secure access for over one million users. We use:

- Microsoft Forefront Identity Manager (FIM) 2010, a powerful platform which works seamlessly across diverse environments. It has self-service capabilities, rich administrative tools and enhanced automation.
- Active Directory Federation Services (AD FS) 2.0, which supports claims-based identity, single sign-on and ultimately federation. It offers organizations already using Active Directory an out-of-the-box, standards-based technology for collaborating with other organizations or with applications and resources outside of their control such as the cloud.

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Hybrid IT

On-premises, off-premises, private cloud, public cloud, bring your own device: the modern IT landscape is typically a hybrid and constantly evolving. We can help you embrace modern IT and exploit its many benefits.

We offer a huge range of cloud services:

- Strategy, ROI and business planning
- Platform testing
- Cloud identity management and provisioning
- Cloud access and authorization
- Entitlements management
- Governance risk and compliance support and reporting
- Training (classroom and online)
- Post-implementation support and maintenance

With added power tools

We inject extra power to Microsoft Office 365 and other cloud apps with our purpose-built management agents. These powerful tools allow you to flexibly provision and manage cloud identities using FIM.

OCG's cloud management agents (MA) for FIM speeds up deployments if the environment is too complex for a simple DirSync approach. DirSync may be suitable for many customers, but there is a need for an agent with greater flexibility and control for managing identity and access. Our MA user details and entitlements from one or more on-premise directories, usually AD and provisions them into cloud apps. We currently have connectors for Office 365 and Google Apps.

If your existing environment, directory structure, or identity data is holding back your cloud deployment, we can use existing identity stores and data to provision cloud users in a controlled, selective way. With the 'all-in' approach provided by DirSync, all users in AD are provisioned. With our MA, you can be more selective and remove the need for AD cleansing. Our solution is elastic; it will work with both your existing infrastructure and your business needs.

Simple and secure

You want your users to enjoy seamless and secure access to your new cloud application. Entitlements and credentials can be managed with FIM, but access will require some level of authentication and authorization. We do this with AD FS 2.0 to enable your on-premises AD authentication to be federated with your cloud application, providing secure single sign-on.

Call us right now to find out how you can get ahead in the cloud