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Architect Workshop

Architectural Considerations for modernizing Data and Applications to the Cloud

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Topic – Architectural Considerations for modernizing to the Cloud





Agenda

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Modernizing your analytics

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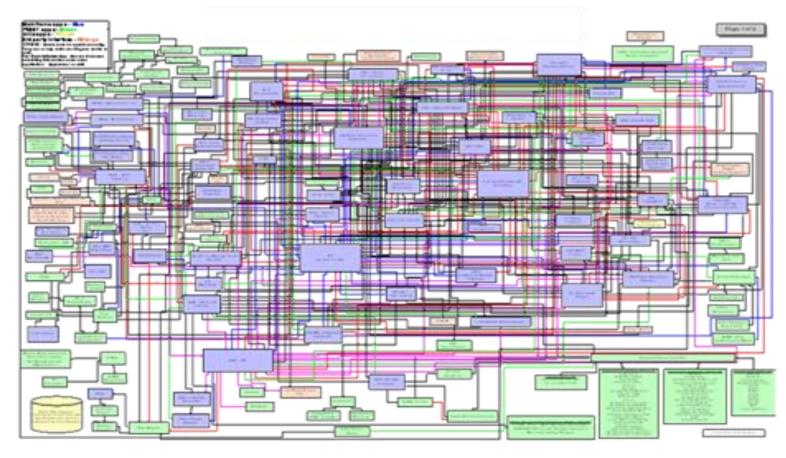
What to consider Modernizing towards the Cloud



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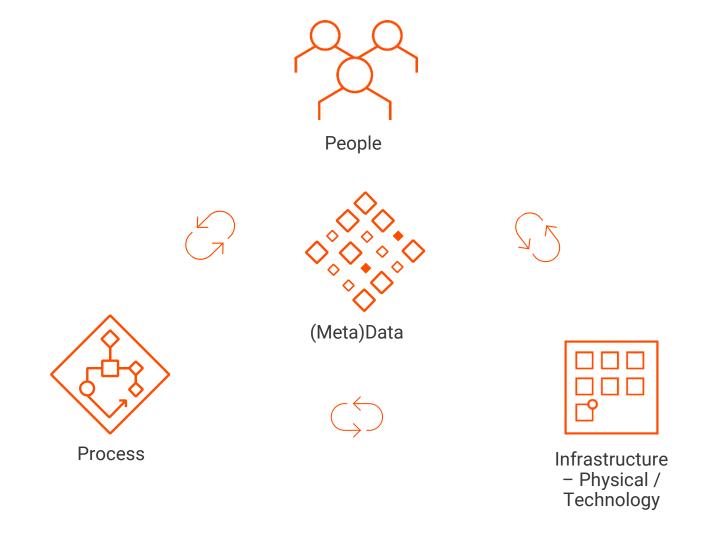
Looks familiar as your starting point?



Data integration architecture from an actual customer



How to make sure this doesn't happen again



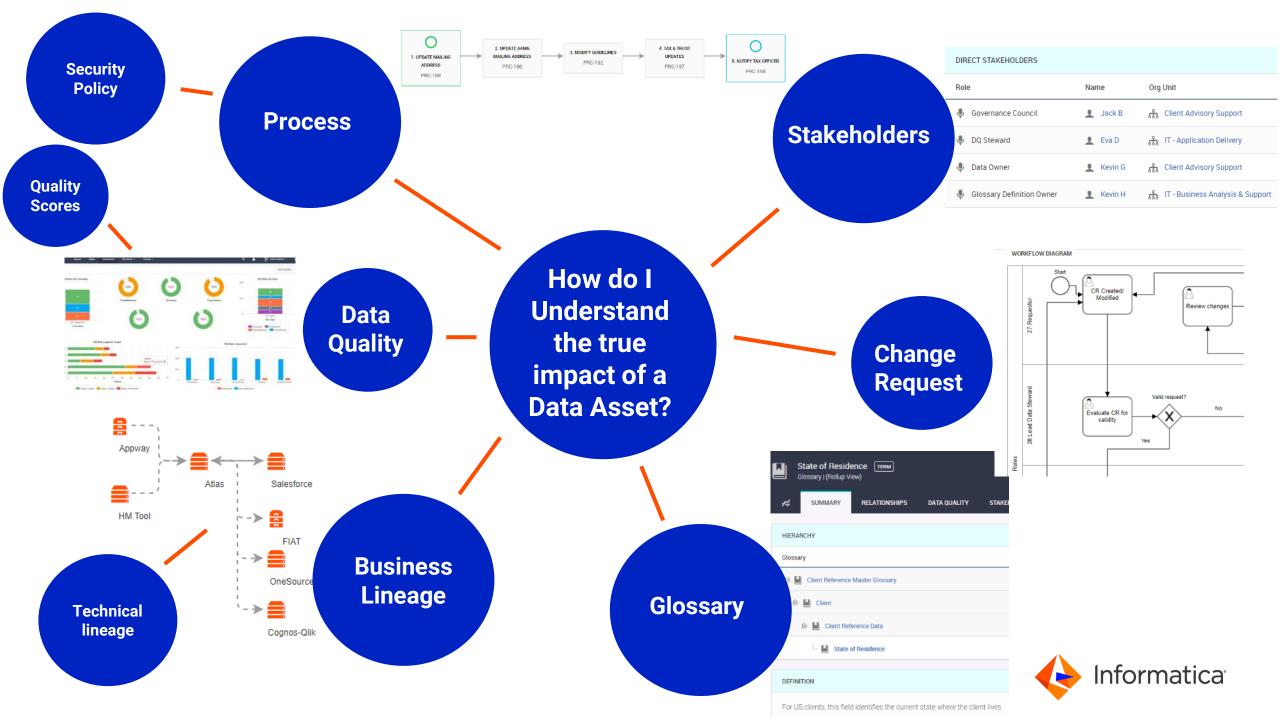


Key information elements to capture for modernization

- Involved Systems
- Critical data elements & definitions
- Data lineage & traceability
- Business process details
- Business rules & quality validation
- + Stakeholders for these assets
- + Collaboration between stakeholders

Need to eliminate gaps between People, Processes and Data







Business value opportunities

- Capture knowledge in central repository instead of project artifacts
 - Reuse, collaborate, improve data literacy
 - Build and maintain data catalog
- Eliminate waste
 - Remove legacy systems and "shadow-IT"
 - Standardize technology choices
 - Replace Point2Point integrations by Hub&Spoke architecture
- Address data quality issues
- Optimize to benefit from cloud-native technologies and cost models



Experiences Modernizing towards the Cloud



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Topics

- How to approach a Cloud modernization project
- What not to do
- The Cloud native mindset
- Further scope for modernizations
- Practical considerations



How to approach a Cloud modernization project

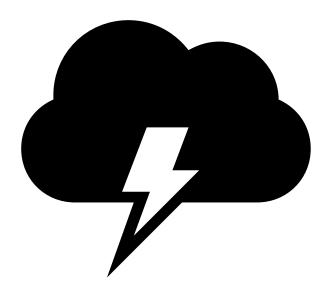
- The most important: Have a clear goal. What do you want to get out of a move to the Cloud?
 - Think both of what benefits you intend to get from the Cloud and what improvements you could make generally.
- Try to find a relatively isolated part of your data landscape that is representative and that can serve as a pilot
- As much as possible, plan to migrate coherent pieces to avoid too much data movement back and forth between Cloud and on-premise
- Try to move the metadata together with the data itself





What not to do

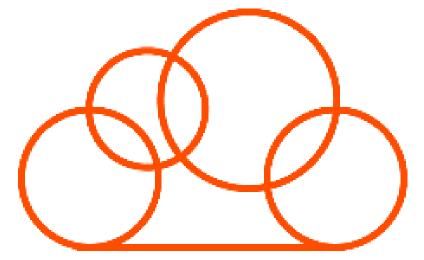
- Avoid lift & shift projects
- Don't try to do a big bang; work in (fairly short) sprints
 - Think of an MVP that demonstrates the benefits of moving to the Cloud in the short term and whets people's appetite for further migration/modernization
 - Don't try to design everything all at once, but verify that your design can be expanded into something bigger.
 - Don't assume that everything needs to be converted you will probably have some developments that are obsolete
- Try not to make a maze between Cloud and on-premise systems





The Cloud native mindset

- Don't worry too much where applications or data are physically located
 - Of course, you still need to mind the GDPR!
 - With bigger data streams you would need to consider performance implications
- Resources are dynamic
 - Don't spend too much effort sizing systems adding resources is easy
 - Don't think of systems as static
 - Big data clusters (CDI-E, DataBricks, etc.) are easy and (relatively) cheap in the Cloud – consider them even where you would not have done so on-premise
- Think serverless abstract the service away from the machine it runs on





Further scope for modernizations

Moving to the Cloud is often a major reengineering effort; think of what else you might want to improve at the same time



Migrating to different (native Cloud) applications and databases

ETL to ELT – see the next part of this presentation

Checking the quality of data to be moved and correcting it

Governance/cataloging

Moving to less or no coding

Real-time processing

API-based interfacing
From flat files to XML/JSON



Practical considerations

- Performance between Cloud and on-premise (latency)
- Security is often a major topic (User-level, system-level)
- Network/internet access should not become a single point of failure
- Operating Costs inefficiency can be hidden for longer onpremise but will incur immediate costs with SaaS
- Be pragmatic. It's all about your requirements in the end, but make sure to distinguish what you need from what you think you need





Modernizing your analytics And the impact on your DI landscape



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Topics

- What to consider when moving DI to the cloud?
 - Deployment options: from ETL to ELT to distributed processing...
 Why is a different approach needed and which one to choose?
 - If data model changes, how useful are your data pipelines? (re-architect versus re-platform)
 - Optimizations due to newer DI tool capabilities. Maybe replace some simple data pipelines by pattern driven pipelines
- Approach to moving DI to cloud. Aka What does it take?
- Informatica's Migration Factory approach, how does that work and how does it benefit.



Main trends in analytics drive cloud modernization

Scale

- More analytics projects are needed to supply business with the right info for decision making
- More data needs to be collected and processed, existing on-prem solutions are not scalable and cost effective enough

Agility & elasticity

- Business needs answers fast and can't wait months for a new datamart to be created
- On-premise architectures simply not suited for agile development
- Processing demands vary across time so elastic solution that can scale up and down is needed

Cost control

- In on-premise world, infrastructure is scaled based on largest workloads so most of time capacity is unused, can't benefit from economies of scale.
- On-premise storage is expensive, cloud storage much cheaper at scale

This drives modernization to the cloud

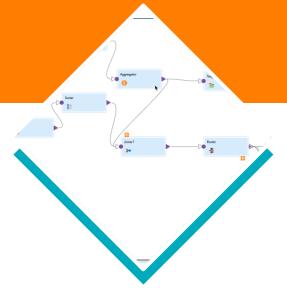


Analytics modernization is more than migrate to CDW



DB migration

Modernize your on-premise Data warehouse to modern cloud datawarehouse



ETL migration

Modernize your ETL data pipelines into modern ELT/ETL/Spark data pipelines



Analytics migration

Modernize your reports and dashboards to cloud native analytics solution



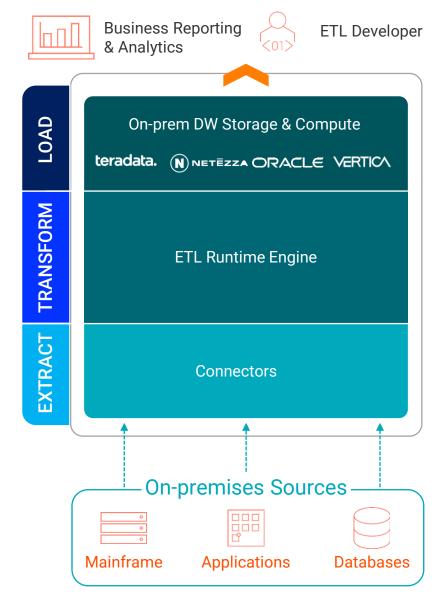
Hardware migration

Modernize your hardware and storage to cloud managed virtual machines and storage



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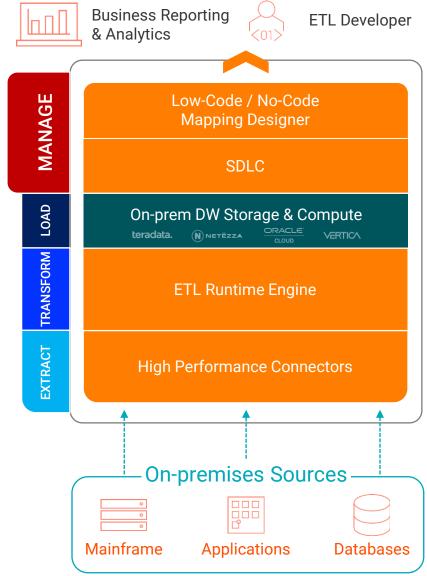
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Why do we need a different way of integrating data?

Old World traditional ETL for star schema – Informatica's approach





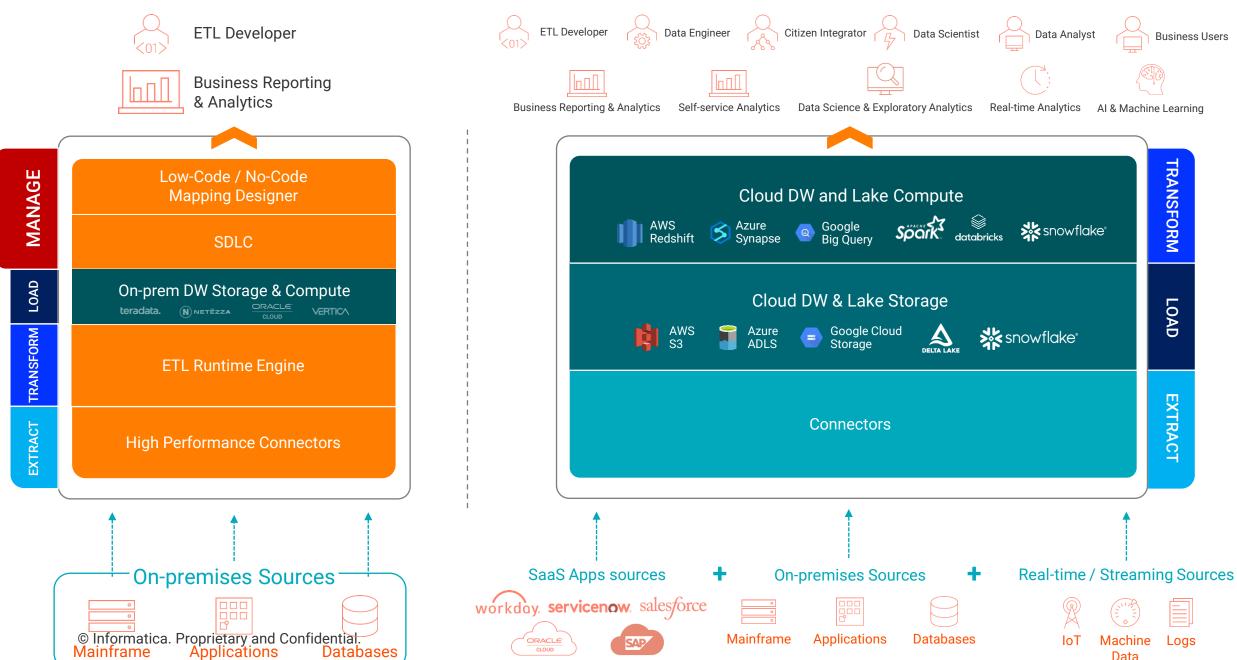
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Databases

Mainframe

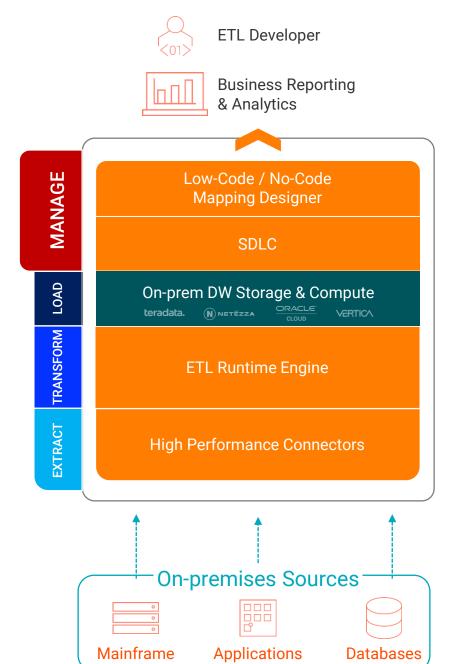
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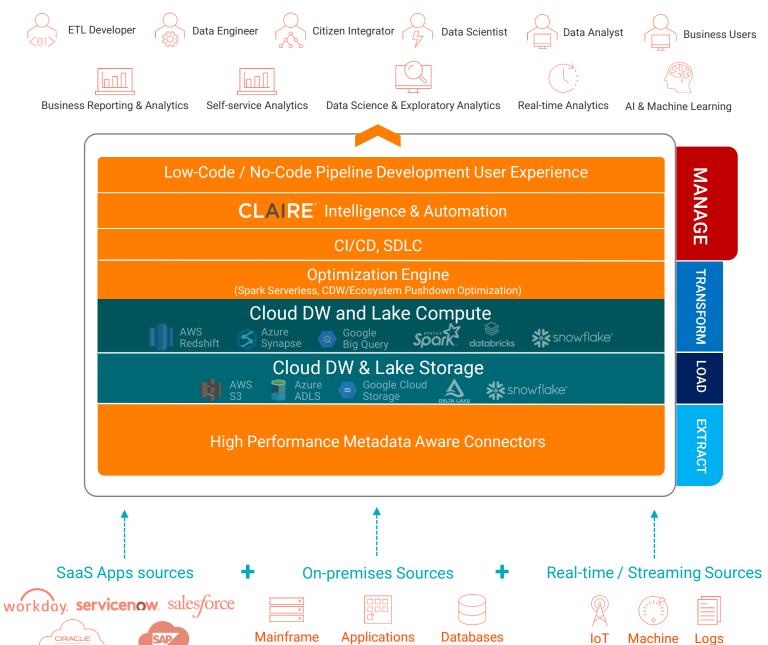
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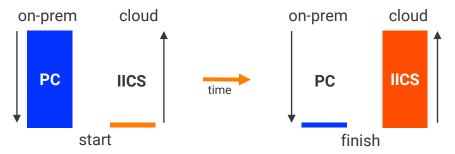




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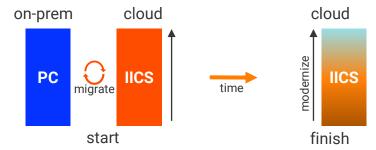
Modernization options

Start from scratch or re-use what was already built?



Re-architect

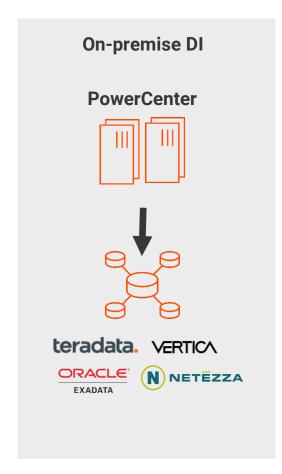
- Pro
 - Start fresh, fix modeling issues
- Con
 - Very time consuming (consider how long it took to build current architecture)
 - High cost
 - New tools = new challenges
 - Double cost during development of new solution

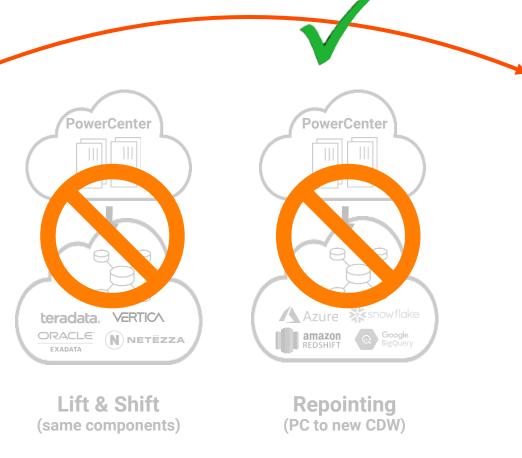


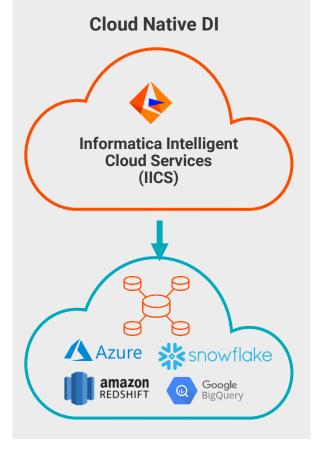
Re-platform

- Pro
 - Get rid of current infrastructure fast, avoid double cost
 - Impact to business low since reports/dashboards don't change, only underlying technology changes
 - Build experience with new tech before modernize
 - Prioritize modernization without double cost
- Con
 - Migration cost might be unexpected
 - Takes a bit longer to modernize (because you migrate first)

Journey to the Cloud







Current State

Future State



The myth of repointing PowerCenter to the cloud for Cloud Data Warehouse Modernization

What customers say/expect

Getting off the EDW is my priority, I can't focus on anything else right now

I don't

want to

take any

risk

CIO

I want the easiest and fastest path

I don't want to spend a lot of money

I just want to repoint because it's the simplest thing to do

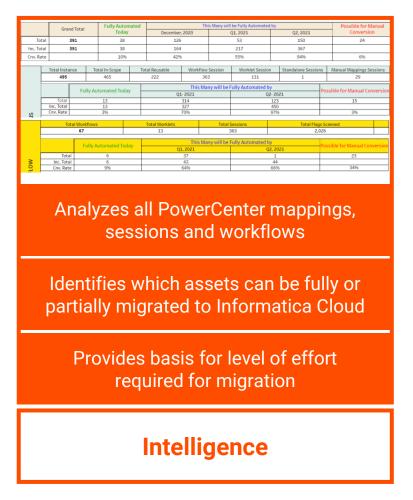
The **reality**

- It's much more costly to run than Cloud Native
- Lots of manual work to change mappings
- It's an interim step you are effectively migrating twice
- No data lake or advanced modernization support
- The time to value is slower when repointing



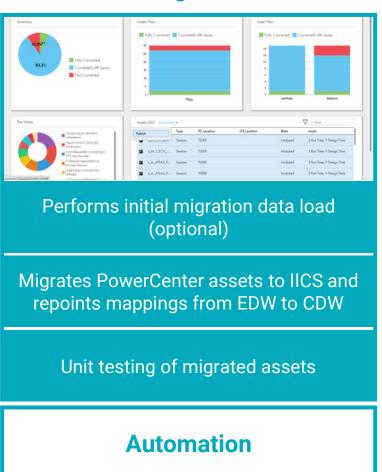
Informatica's approach to PowerCenter migration

Assess





Migrate





Benefits of our Informatica Migration Factory approach



Reduced Migration Time

- Automated Migration utilities
- Migration Factory approach
 - Reduced Time-To-Market

Reduced Migration Cost

- Reduced time = less cost
- Higher quality code = less rework
 - Less development resources

Reduced Migration Risk

- Code generation = less errors
- Predefined scope = less scope creep
- Shorter duration = less scheduling challenges



Summary

Metadata Driven

Identify dependencies to plan your Cloud Modernization Journey

1

Performance

Design to truly enable the scalability & elasticity in the cloud

2

Design before execution

Data Quality and Security as Key Design Principles

3

Smart Automation

Automated Conversion of Pipelines

4



Thank You!

