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6 Pillars of FinOps Enablement

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Collaboration

Collaboration between teams is fundamental to the successful adoption of FinOps practices. Due to the dynamic nature of cloud, teams need to be enabled to make near real-time decisions.

Effective collaboration helps to ensure that all stakeholders are working towards common goals and that financial decisions are made in the context of the overall business strategy. It also helps to ensure that financial resources are allocated in a way that supports the achievement of business objectives.

In addition, collaboration helps to foster transparency and open communication about financial matters, which can lead to better decision making and improved financial performance. It also allows for the sharing of ideas and best practices, which can help organizations identify opportunities for improvement and optimize their financial processes.

Ownership

**“You build it, you
account for it”**

Taking ownership of cloud usage can help to foster a culture of accountability and responsibility within the organization, which can lead to better decision making and improved financial performance. It also allows individuals to take more control over their own workflows and processes, which can improve productivity and efficiency.

When everyone takes ownership of their cloud usage, it helps to ensure that resources are being used in line with business needs and that waste is minimized. This can help to reduce cloud costs and improve the overall financial performance of the organization. Cost efficiency becomes a key performance metric for engineering teams.

Visibility

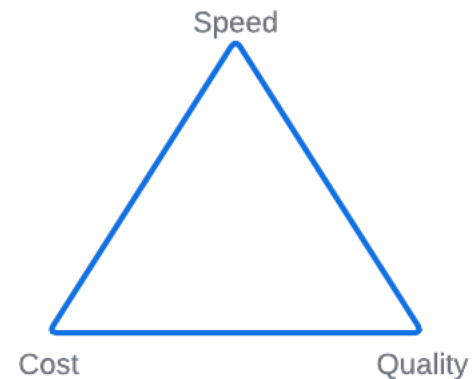
Timely access to FinOps reports and dashboards allows decision makers to quickly identify trends, patterns, and opportunities for improvement, and to take action accordingly. It also allows for more accurate forecasting and budgeting, which can help to ensure that financial resources are being used effectively.

In addition, near real-time visibility of FinOps dashboards helps to ensure transparency and open communication about financial matters throughout the organization. This can foster a culture of trust and accountability, and can help to build confidence in financial decision making.

Value Based Decision Making

View cost holistically, seeing it through the lenses of value-based metrics and unit economics vs simply aggregate spend. Cloud is an enabler of innovation and rapid change to drive business value opposed to a flat cost of IT.

The FinOps Framework prescribes that organisations make deliberate trade-offs between cost, quality, and speed, referred to as the “Iron Triangle”



Central Governance

Having a centralized team dedicated to FinOps allows for a more coordinated and cohesive approach to financial management, as it ensures that all stakeholders are working towards common goals and that financial decisions are made in the context of the overall business strategy. It also allows for the sharing of ideas and best practices, which can help organizations identify opportunities for improvement and optimize their financial processes.

Having a central function take care of reserved instance purchases, committed usage, volume discounts etc means that teams can be free to focus on where they can make the greatest impact - engineering for efficiency, usage optimization etc

Leverage Variable Pricing

Leveraging the variable cost model of cloud can help you optimize your cloud costs and better align your resources with the needs of your workload, in a way that you only pay for the resources that you use, rather than a fixed amount regardless of usage. This means that you can scale your resources with just-in-time compute to meet the demands of your workload, without incurring additional costs.

The variable cost model allows for greater agility over longer term contracts or upfront commitments.

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