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Platform Migration & Cloud-Native Architecture Playbook

Actually redesigning for the cloud, not just moving the same architecture onto someone else's servers

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Overview

A framework for platform migration that pursues genuine cloud-native architecture — redesigning applications to leverage cloud elasticity, managed services, and distributed resilience — rather than a lift-and-shift approach that moves existing architecture onto cloud infrastructure without capturing cloud-native benefits.

What's wrong with lift-and-shift migration if it gets us to the

cloud faster? Lift-and-shift is sometimes a reasonable interim step, but it typically captures only a fraction of cloud value (some infrastructure flexibility) while missing the larger benefits (elastic scaling, managed services, resilience patterns) that require genuine architectural redesign — and it can leave the organization paying cloud costs without cloud-native efficiency.

How is this different from the general Legacy to Cloud Modernization

Playbook already in this series? That playbook covers the broader migration and architecture decision space. This one focuses specifically on what makes an architecture genuinely cloud-native — the specific patterns and redesign choices that distinguish cloud-native from merely cloud-hosted.

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