

Oracle Cloud embedded assurance

Confidence in your business transformation programme



“Many organisations are on the brink of making one of the biggest decisions for their IT landscape and in particular their ERP strategy: when and how to adopt Oracle Cloud. PwC is not just advising its clients on how to embark on the Cloud journey but we are also standing by them through every stage of the project lifecycle by providing Embedded Cloud Assurance. Having a trusted assurance partner alongside the programme ensures a holistic and embedded approach which can eliminate expensive design and build rework”

Jonathan Boulton
Partner, PwC

What's on your mind?

Cloud computing has been one of the most disruptive changes for the IT industry in recent times. With Oracle moving the majority of its offerings into the cloud, businesses are being compelled to assess their IT landscape and explore their options with regards to cloud solutions. Other challenges for businesses include accelerating technology changes, the impact of social media, digitalising assets, improving efficiencies and a need for greater connectivity.

Details

There hasn't been a more exciting and challenging time for businesses than today. Cloud computing is not just changing the entire IT landscape but also making organisations think how they can leverage cloud solutions to offer their customers better, faster and cheaper products and services. Your enterprise systems and applications are enabling your business to progress on this quest, however moving to a cloud based solution is not a straightforward switch.

To move to Oracle Cloud solutions you will need to initiate an enterprise wide business transformation exercise. This will include pervasive business process changes, a new security and controls framework, empowering your workforce with new skills and developing strategies to manage stronger vendor relations so as to achieve this transition with minimal business disruption.

Different challenges:

Solution design fit

Has the solution design and business fit always been the Achilles heel for your previous IT enabled transformation programmes? Have many of your business users felt the systems do not meet their requirements? Ever wondered how best practices and solutions are deployed by competitors and other industries? Always wanted a trusted and reliable intermediary between the system implementation team and the business?

Risks, security and controls

With Oracle Cloud comes a host of new challenges. Interface and Application Program Interface (API) security, security implications associated with the usage, management, orchestration, and monitoring of cloud services, segregation of duties and regulatory compliance are just a few of them.

Our point of view

While traditional project assurance methodologies have worked well for extended ERP implementations, a cloud implementation has shorter timelines and needs continuous real-time feedback to be taken into consideration. Legacy major IT enabled business transformation programmes saw these reports being produced too late in the process, and almost parallel to the Go live dates or post go live during the audit exercise. A new unique approach taken by our highly experienced professionals to work along your project

implementation enables you to achieve more from the transformation exercise, improve efficiencies and controls and finally maximise the ROI on your project.

We leverage PwC tools and methodologies, Oracle Cloud implementation experience, our deep expertise of security and controls gained over thousands of cross-industry projects worldwide to provide you with real-time feedback and ideas to ensure not only compliant controls but to contribute towards holistic success of your transformation programme.

PwC's Oracle Cloud Embedded Assurance is our commitment to working alongside you on your transformation journey. We will help with your controls work stream; review your security and controls; review your solution design and its effectiveness, review and suggest controls for different stages of your project lifecycle; assess your change management efforts and finally support you to reach an efficient and effective business as usual position.

When to act

Some of the trigger points for taking action:

- You are undertaking a transformation programme to move to Oracle Cloud (SaaS, PaaS or IaaS).
- You are exploring various finance application options and considering moving to Oracle Cloud.
- You are concerned about the new applications/architecture and a whole new way of handling and managing your business systems, applications and data.
- Your experience with previous ERP implementations has encountered some challenges and you want to avoid a repeat of the same issues.
- You are wondering if there is anyone you could go to for trusted advice about Oracle Cloud solutions.
- You need to provide comfort over your Oracle Cloud implementation programme to the project board, project sponsors and Audit committee.

What good looks like?

If your organisation has decided to embark on an Oracle Cloud based business transformation programme it should show the following characteristics:

- You fully understand the risks involved with your Oracle Cloud transformation programme and have peace of mind that they will be managed appropriately.
- You are confident of understanding your business processes in light of industry best practices and of getting the desired efficiencies and process effectiveness from leveraging these practices.
- An external, independent party is providing you with assurance over the success and challenges in your transformation programme.
- You know that your transformation programme caters to your business requirements and that the Cloud solution is fit for purpose.
- You have confidence in the wider programme governance and are confident that potential issues will be called out and dealt with appropriately.
- You have someone by your side to help shoulder the responsibility of crucial exercises that underpin the success of your organisation.
- You have someone to challenge and scrutinise the work done by the vendor and the system implementers.
- You have the confidence in your transformation programme achieving its expected benefits.
- You know that your concerns about security of data is addressed and relevant controls are in place to ensure data security.
- Finally, the programme is staying on track to deliver on time and to budget.

What you gain from Oracle Cloud embedded assurance



Confidence

- Confidence that the solution design meets your business requirements.
- Best business practices are integrated into your cloud solution.
- Appropriate testing has been conducted on your solution before go-live.
- The integration of legacy and on-premise systems with cloud based applications works.



Achieve project objectives

- Ensure project success with on-time, on-schedule and in-budget delivery.
- Effective change management leading to successful realisation of project benefits.
- Increased business efficiencies and better control of business resources.



Compliance

- Relevant controls are built into the business processes and IT systems.
- Authorised user access and segregation of duty controls are in place.



Risk minimisation

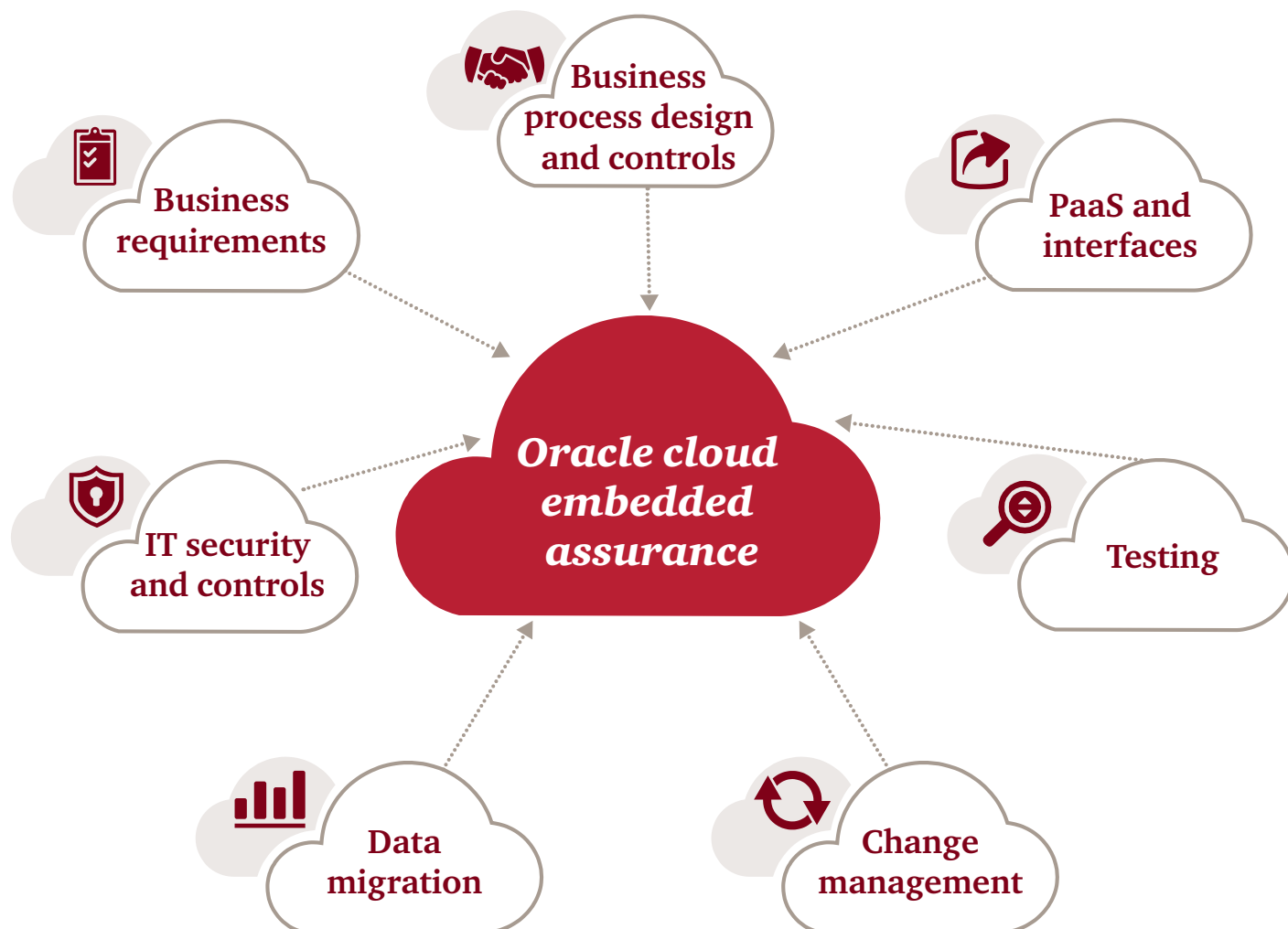
- Solution gaps identified early on for the implementation team to fix promptly.
- Costly solution redesign is avoided.
- A secure IT system architecture including application security design and controls.

How can we help?

Using our embedded assurance approach, PwC is in the right position to help you during the entire lifecycle of your Cloud implementation project.

This starts from a detailed business requirement review and design review of the end-to-end solution, through to system build and configuration

assurance, data migration reviews, and on to test script analysis, system validation and finally acceptance and a go-live assessment review.



Why PwC



Experience

PwC has the largest and most mature Oracle Risk Assurance practice in Europe, where our consultants and Partners pool a wide industry knowledge, experience from hundreds of Oracle programmes worldwide and most recent experience from some of the largest Oracle Cloud Implementations.



Resource

Our highly proficient team are chosen very carefully, they have both the industry and technical experience that is imperative for complex Oracle Cloud programmes. This helps us to work alongside your project and provide you with insights often unnoticed or ignored. Nationally we have a team of over 20 Oracle security certified consultants with each of them over 10+ years of experience of Oracle programmes.



Partner approach

Our clients think us as their partners and trusted advisors, where we bring the requisite product, system, technical and business expertise to their projects thus enabling them get more value out of their investments and contribute to their business growth and sustainability.



Data security

We provide our clients with the assurance that their projects, business data and information should remain safe and confidential. Our infrastructure, security systems and stringent internal controls over all the work procedures we undertake provides comfort over confidentiality and security.



Quality controls

For every project that we undertake, we ensure that it is of the highest quality; something our clients expect from the PwC brand. All our deliverables are reviewed by senior members of the team to conform to our strict standards and quality guidelines, thus ensuring our clients receive a world class service and quality deliverables.

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