SAP on Azure
Proof of Concept

You recognise the benefits of Azure, but feel the need to complete a little more due diligence before committing to a full production workload migration. Or perhaps you are convinced you have a workload that fits Azure, but you want to demonstrate to the non-believers that it can be done!

A Centiq Proof of Concept (POC) will provide assurance that the Azure platform will provide the security, performance and resiliency that your Business demands.

Making the Business Case

Whether deploying greenfield projects or migrating existing solutions, your first SAP on Azure project will be daunting. You may have concerns around performance, security or both. If running HANA for the first time, Linux may also be a new edition to your SAP Enterprise.
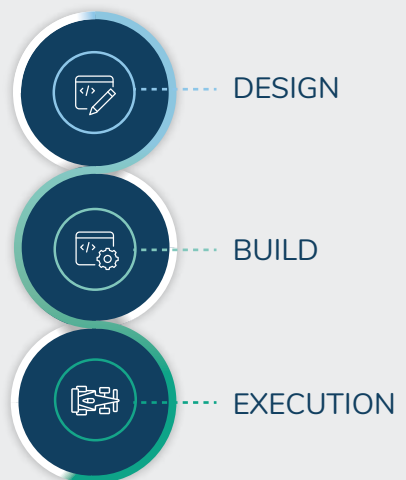
Your business may understand the benefits of migrating to Azure, but you may not know where to start or even if your workload is suitable for the platform.

As an SAP specialist and Microsoft partner, Centiq is uniquely positioned to run and manage a "proof of concept" project with your business. A POC on Azure is also risk-free. There is no hardware to buy and no long term obligations or contracts.

The POC will give you the opportunity to challenge theoretical capacity and performance sizing and network need assessment with real tests to prevent overspend from poor assumptions.

Centiq SAP on Azure POC consists of three distinct phases:

- DESIGN
- BUILD
- EXECUTION

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DESIGN

Designing the POC starts with deciding the right product. Most SAP customers use multiple SAP products and although it is possible to run a POC for the entire landscape, it is not the preferred approach and rarely (if ever) necessary. Centiq will also work with your business to define the test and success criteria of the the the entire POC.

Once the product and POC scope are decided, Centiq will create a lean, cloud-focused architecture based on the current workload, leveraging the power and flexibility of the Azure platform. This architecture allows Centiq to codify the platform so it can be rapidly deployed on demand.

BUILD

The build process will include the automated deployment of infrastructure assets as well as the installation and configuration of the SAP application along with suitable test data. In most cases, it is preferred to hook up other systems to the POC to simulate a production-like environment.

These systems may be existing On-Prem applications or automated testing tools. Either way, Centiq can accommodate the integration of these components.

EXECUTION

Once the POC is built, acceptance testing can begin. Centiq works alongside your test team to ensure the POC is available and operating as expected. Depending upon the terms of engagement, there may also be the opportunity for reworking and tuning the configuration to achieve the best possible outcomes.

In order to reduce the Azure cost of the POC, Centiq will orchestrate the startup and shutdown of the solution, ensuring that the system is available when testing is needed but is not attracting unnecessary costs when it is idle. Following the testing phase, the POC system will be destroyed, ensuring that billing of Azure resources is kept to a minimum. Centiq and the test team will work together to compile the POC report.

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Get in touch

Reduce the risk of deploying SAP in Azure by running a proof of concept project with Centiq. Enquire today to start your Business Case - **marketing@centiq.co.uk**

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