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Turbocharging SAP Migrations: Bell's journey to the cloud with AWS

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Problem statement

- In 2023 Q1, Bell had 5-year roadmap to migrate and modernize SAP Retail and eCommerce landscape
- Need support for Oracle databases on cloud
- Need flexible infrastructure to scale up and down for key marquee events
- Modernize eCommerce monolithic application to light weight container based
- Limited AWS skills





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Original plan : On premises – modernization and hardware refresh roadmap



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Revised plan : AWS – Migration and modernization roadmap







Benefits for migrating SAP to the cloud



Modernized Deployment

Deployment: frequent and faster deployment with near-zero downtime (NZT), with pre-built security controls



Improve agility and scalability

Scalability: Kubernetes (K8s) design allows application scaling across multiple AZs within minutes



Improve availability

Reliability: A three-Availability Zone (AZ) architecture improved reliability to 99.99% uptime after migration



Automation

Automation: approx. 20% operational cost savings

Automated patching and security updates



Performance improvements

Performance: Avg. dialog response time decreased by 25%– 40%.



Challenges encountered during our migration

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Additional security requirement on landing zone at the start of the project caused rework & delays at critical stage



Resolution

Engaged AWS Security specialists to fast-track the requirements baselining and resolution

Longer deployment window – conversion AND a migration needed to happen in a single deployment



Created a data replica in AWS (instance #2) for extra capacity to complete the conversion and migrate faster

Commerce apps on-premises architecture was not cloud native



Redesigned on-premises architecture into cloud-native architecture through app refactoring on Kubernetes using AWS managed services like Amazon RDS and Amazon EKS

Lessons learned

- Onboard AWS ProServe team before starting the project to get guidance on IAM and resolve access issues
- Conduct detailed landing zone readiness check prior to vendor engagement
- Understand security guidelines and controls for data privacy and encryption policy to run our application on AWS
- Validate availability of all required AWS managed services needed on the tenant account
- Implement continuous improvement process to optimize the instance sizing and application performance as per workload requirements
- Flexible project plan and keep working the plan

Why Bell chose AWS Professional Services



Proven track record of delivering successful enterprise migration/ transformation



Deep AWS and SAP expertise



Specialized SAP migration tools

SAP has trusted AWS for over 16 years in the cloud

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Partnership

SAP leverages AWS Cloud infrastructure to run it's AI assistant, Joule

SAP plans to use **AWS Graviton** to support solutions such as SAP BTP, SAP Datasphere, SAP Analytics Cloud, and SAP Cloud ALM

SAP plans to use **AWS Trainium** and AWS Inferentia for training and deploying future SAP **Business AI offerings**

The advantages of running SAP on AWS

Reliability

58%

less productivity losses from unplanned outages with S/4HANA on AWS vs. on-premises¹

Security



reduction in security incidents for enterprise applications vs. on-premises²

Performance

Up to

30%

better compute performance for analytical SAP workloads with AWS Graviton processors³

Extensibility

100%

of SAP BTP services available on public cloud providers are available on AWS⁴

Innovation

200+

AWS services available from AWS SDK for SAP ABAP covering gen AI, IoT, analytics, automations **Generative Al**

providers of foundation models (FMs) in Amazon Bedrock⁵

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