

## Cloud Sherpas: Companies Lack Cloud Strategy

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According to the Cloud Sherpas 2015 Enterprise Cloud Report 70% of surveyed global mid-size companies see enterprise cloud software as central to their success, but only half have a formal cloud strategy or plan.



The report covers over 200 respondents across EMEA, N. America and Asia-Pacific within manufacturing, professional services, media, retail, real estate, utilities, transportation and healthcare organizations.

Respondents rate "provide agility for IT to keep up with the organization" as the most important driver for a move to the cloud, but just 50% have a detailed plan on how to do exactly that. This highlights an opportunity for solution providers in helping with not only the building of clouds, but also aspects such as software-defined datacentres and IT department agility.

Legacy systems are the top challenge organisations need help with when moving to the cloud, together with security, privacy, compliance and privacy.

"A transition to the cloud requires that companies consider multiple factors beyond price and vendor, including a thorough analysis of the existing application stack and proper alignment with business needs," Cloud Sherpas says. "When stakeholders across the business, including executives, come together on a strategy and execution, companies will get the most benefit from moving to the cloud."

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