Strategic perspectives on ERP to IaaS
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Q: Why did you decide to move to the cloud, how did you come to that decision and how did you make it happen?
Why Move?

Aging datacenter and infrastructure

Agility, resiliency & scalability

Alignment to our strategy

Pay only for what you use, when you use it

This is the future
Making the Decision

POC
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Applications
ND mobile app

Platforms
ND’s CMS for 400+ departmental websites

Core Infrastructure
AAA and backups

Strategy
“Cloud First”
Making it Happen

1. Establish a sense of urgency
2. Form a powerful guiding coalition
3. Create a vision
4. Communicate the vision
5. Empower others to act on the vision
6. Plan for and create short term wins
7. Consolidate improvements and produce more change
8. Institutionalize new approaches

Becoming a Data Center Empty Nester: How to Move Your ERP from On-Site to the Cloud

Friday, November 3
8:00 AM–8:50 AM

Location: Meeting Room 111A/B, 100 Level
Q: How would you describe your experience, during the effort?
Critical Moments

1

Resource Conflicts & Competing Priorities
Critical Moments

2

Life Happens
THE END IS NEAR.

Critical Moments

3
The Sky is Falling
Critical Moments

4
A very Brady Bunch
Q: How would you describe the sentiment amongst the team during the effort?
THE EMPEROR HAS NO CLOTHES
Could be worse. Not sure how, but it could be.
“There is no evidence of intelligent life on Earth”
Buzz Lightyear

“Cloud Champion”

“To the Cloud and beyond!”
Q: If you were to do it all over again, what would you do differently?
As the CIO, if we did it again I would ...

1. Spend more time talking with staff.
2. Tell more stories.
3. Consider timing much more.
4. Explain prioritization to everyone, more loudly.
5. Understand personalities better.
As a Senior Director, if we did it again I would ...

1. Pin down infrastructure early.
2. Build in operational stabilization and operational handoffs as part of the effort.
3. Understand risk and impact much better.
As a Manager, if we did it again I would ...

1. Adopt the mantra: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."
   - Arthur Ashe

2. Rinse and repeat.

Fred Nwanganga
Top 3 things the team said

“Actually test everything.”

“Baristas make everything better.”

“Make decisions on technology that exists, not technology we expect to exist.”
Q: So, is your experience repeatable and what advice would you give others who are considering making the move to the cloud?
“Congratulations! Banner Is In The Cloud!”