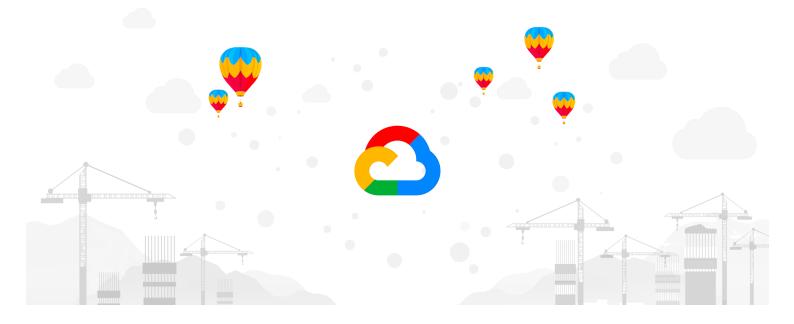


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## Take time for discovery and assessment—and consider a partner—for a successful cloud migration



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In many cases, an organization might spend more time on their assessment and subsequent planning than they do on the **actual migration!** If you've laid the proper foundation up front, it will make your migration go that much more smoothly. For example, a big part of migration is understanding the dependencies between systems you wish to migrate. By understanding those dependencies, you can create a more precise migration plan, which includes the groups of systems you move and the order you move them in.

The inverse is true, too: if you don't spend enough time on discovery, assessment, and planning, then you're likely to hit unforeseen challenges and obstacles during your migration that can result in time and cost overruns, or sometimes outright failure. Following our example above, if you try to migrate a system that has dependencies that you weren't aware of, it's possible to inadvertently break the functionality that those systems were providing. That's not a situation any business wants to be in. Thankfully, those situations are entirely avoidable with the right up-front planning.

## Planning for success with discovery and assessment

Given how important discovery, assessment, and planning is to a successful cloud migration, what are the steps organizations can take to do those tasks well? From our perspective, we want to make sure these crucial phases get done right, so we've handpicked a few technology partners who have purpose-built solutions for these exact use cases. We work with these partners to make sure their solutions are thorough and accurate, and can deliver the intelligence our customers need for their existing

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