A Cloud Journey for Manufacturing
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR MANUFACTURING

Market Trends

“If you build it, they will come” is no longer a viable business strategy. Today’s marketplace is driven by digital transformation. Customers purchase what they want, when they want. At any time, locally or abroad, a customer can purchase any number of products online and their order can arrive within 24 hrs or pick-up in store same day with Amazon and Walmart leading the way.

These trends have had an impact on they way products are manufactured as the demands are no longer cyclical, but dynamic. Meaning manufacturers must have enough product in the supply chain to meet the consumer’s demands or risk losing brand loyalty and profits.

In addition, the industry is experiencing a revolution with the benefits of Cloud Computing. Most of the US and Europe is leveraging cloud technology to create Smart Manufacturing, which leverages elastic compute capabilities to enhance CAD, CAE and CAM in real-time. Companies also sees benefits in ERP, financial management, analytics and workforce training systems. The emergence of new technologies such as IOT, 5G and AI contribute to the reach, speed and intuitiveness redefining the competitive marketplace landscape.

Challenge Overview

Speed to market and costs of production can make or break a manufacturing company. Ensuring that you have a supply chain and logistics strategy in place guarantees product is always available.

Organizations without an integrated Just-In-Time(JIT)/Lean Manufacturing Software, risk reducing flow times within production systems as well as response times to and from suppliers and customers.

Keeping costs down within the supply chain, the manufacturing process and the logistics/distribution are, needless to say, key to maintaining revenue and remaining competitive.

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OVER 90% of global enterprises have reported using cloud computing in some part of their business\(^{01}\). Gartner estimates that the ‘cloud shift’, which refers to the transition from traditional spending on IT offering to cloud services, will be worth $111 billion in 2016 and grow to $216 billion in 2020\(^{02}\).
HOW CLOUD COMPUTING CAN BENEFIT YOU

**Business Continuity**

The aim is to prevent major interruptions to mission-critical services, then re-establish full function to the organization smoothly and in a timely manner. Cloud Computing enables a high level of redundancy and back-up at a lower cost than traditional managed services.

**Cost Savings**

The cloud model reduces CAPEX and OPEX costs, as the need to buy more servers, software, equipment and associated utilities are no longer required. Operations can allocate resources as required based on the business needs for increased speed to market.

**Agility & Focus**

This provides shorter development cycles for new products increasing your speed to market. During the early phases of the journey, only move non-critical workloads to the cloud.

**Green IT**

Virtualized environments have benefits; reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint that is associated with setting up a physical infrastructure.

THE DIGITAL MIGRATION

Cloud-based services are expected to account for nearly half of all organizational level software usage among manufactures by 2023\(^{(03)}\).

The cloud platform connects and reconfigures virtualized resources to meet business goals. It eliminates the constraints surrounding physical IT and accelerates the traditional pace of experimentation and development, resulting in **increased speed to market at a lower cost**.
**Infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS)** - This cloud model allows businesses to buy infrastructure resources and relevant managed services to engage their employees with high value activities to support business outcomes, rather than purchase servers, software, data centre space and/or network equipment. Resources can be brought up for testing or development and then taken down at a lower cost.

**Cloud Deployments**

Digital transformation to the cloud presents many options and not all workloads need to move to the cloud at the same time. This allows for ample planning within the organization. First an assessment is required to help determine which workloads should be moved to the cloud and which type of cloud deployment best suits your business needs.

**Connectivity**

Equally as important is understanding the connectivity requirements to support the cloud transformation. Wireless services build a high availability connection into offices. With more applications and services being deployed into the cloud, reliable connectivity has become critical to business operations. By combining business grade wireless with fibre or broadband connectivity, businesses can deploy cost effective, high availability connections into their offices.

Wireless connectivity offers true access diversity. Wireless connections are serviced from the roof of buildings, meaning the last mile access does not share a common access point or common telco room with fibre or broadband connectivity.

Private connections to cloud service providers improve performance and security. Typically, businesses start out connecting to cloud service providers through the Internet. Businesses with large or critical cloud service deployments may significantly benefit from private connections to cloud service providers.

**Private Cloud Benefits**

1. **Performance**
   - Private connectivity offers better data throughput and latency to cloud services than an internet based connection company.

2. **Reliability & Control**
   - Businesses can manage their own cloud service connections, traffic shaping, prioritizing applications, and users on their network. Redundant private internet connections to cloud service providers can increase uptime through failover and load sharing configurations.

3. **Security**
   - Private connectivity reduces exposure to public networks and allows businesses to implement and manage their own network security policies.
Today, the cloud is no longer about just simplifying infrastructure but about providing faster applications, better IT performance, faster development & deployment of new applications, services & features, as well as accelerating ‘go to market’ strategies.

Internal capabilities to support a successful cloud deployment are a typical gap within organizations. Professional and managed services are required to create and drive digital transformation.

**Stages**

TeraGo’s focus is on ensuring synergy between technology and business outcomes.

1. **Assess**
   - The outcome of the assessment guides the design framework of a sound technical solution that supports the business vision and meets industry standards and compliance.

2. **Design**
   - Upon customer agreement the solution is transferred to an experienced Project Management team for delivery.

3. **Deploy**
   - Upon deployment, TeraGo’s Managed Services and Operations team will ensure optimal performance and SLA adherence of the solution. TeraGo follows ITIL v3.

4. **Operate**
   - Over the duration of the customer lifecycle, TeraGo recommends solutions and supports our customers throughout their growing business needs.

5. **Optimize**

**Conclusion**

Cloud Computing provides an organization with the responsiveness to meet dynamic customer demands and to deliver on new user experiences by bridging the leap to using emerging technologies such as IOT, 5G and AI. The benefits also include reduced infrastructure spend and increased speed to market, domestically and globally.

The cloud also allows manufacturers the flexibility to move workloads between private and public cloud deployments in order to tailor a solution that takes into consideration security, scalability and cost. A Cloud Assessment is the first step in defining an IT strategy that will deliver on the power and promise of the cloud.
ABOUT TERAGO

At a Glance

150 EMPLOYEES  3000 CUSTOMERS  NATIONAL WIRELESS AND FIBRE NETWORK  5G 97% OF ISSUED 24 & 38GHz LICENSES  5 DATA CENTRES

TeraGo owns a national spectrum portfolio of exclusive 24GHz and 38GHz wide-area spectrum licenses. The company serves customers in major markets across Canada including Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Vancouver and Winnipeg. TeraGo Networks is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) and was recognized by IDC as a major player in MarketScape Cloud Vendor Assessment.

Industry Specific Compliance Standards

Our facilities are audited annually on the Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security & Availability (AICPA) and Security & Availability principles (TSP 100). TeraGo has AT 101 SOC 2 Type 2 reports available. Existing clients and qualified opportunities can be provided these reports upon request. Internally we are PIPEDA compliant. We provide our customers the ability to be compliant with many certification standards and PIPEDA, PHIPA and GDPR are among those certifications. There is still a responsibility of the client to ensure that components under their control also meet or exceed the compliance standards in order for compliance to be maintained. Please note, data centres themselves are generally not PCI / HIPAA / PIPA / FIPPA complaint. The onus is typically on the customer to ensure application compliance to these standards. TeraGo welcomes the opportunity to work with our clients to assist in this area. This generally will consist of creating a shared responsibility document that outlines responsibility for each of the controls of a specific certification.

TeraGo Compliance and Industry Standards

SOC 2 compliance: TeraGo Cloud Data Centres have AT 101 SOC 2 Type 2 reports available in continuity since 2013

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