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CHECKLIST · CLOUD FINOPS

The Cloud FinOps **Assessment** **Checklist**

The 40-point discipline our consultants use to find 30% savings in enterprise cloud bills — without cutting capability.

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— HOW TO USE THIS

Score yourself honestly — every unchecked box is money

Work through each section with your last two monthly bills open. Anything unchecked goes on the action list with an owner and a date. Most enterprises find 25–40% of spend is addressable; the median disciplined reset recovers ~30%.

— 1 · VISIBILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

- ☐ Every resource carries owner, environment and cost-center tags — enforced, not optional
- ☐ Monthly showback per team/product reaches the people who create the spend
- ☐ Anomaly alerts fire on unusual daily spend within 24 hours
- ☐ Untagged-resource report reviewed and driven to zero monthly

— 2 · COMPUTE RIGHTSIZING (typical recovery: 15–20%)

- ☐ Instances reviewed against actual CPU/memory utilization (30-day window)
- ☐ Oversized instances downsized or scheduled for it — with owner sign-off
- ☐ Autoscaling configured on variable workloads instead of peak-sized fixed fleets
- ☐ Orphaned instances, unattached disks and idle load balancers deleted

— 3 · SCHEDULING (typical recovery: 5–10%)

- ☐ Non-production environments stop outside business hours automatically
- ☐ Dev/test environments expire by default and require renewal to persist
- ☐ Weekend and holiday schedules applied to batch and analytics clusters

— 4 · STORAGE & DATA

- ☐ Lifecycle policies tier cold data to infrequent-access / archive classes
- ☐ Old snapshots and AMIs/images pruned on a schedule
- ☐ Premium storage justified by measured IOPS need, not defaults
- ☐ Cross-region data transfer reviewed — the silent budget killer

— 5 · COMMITMENTS (typical recovery: 10–20% on steady state)

- ☐ Steady-state workloads covered by reserved instances / savings plans
- ☐ Commitment coverage reviewed quarterly against actual usage
- ☐ Spot/preemptible capacity used for fault-tolerant batch workloads

— 6 · ARCHITECTURE & OPERATING RHYTHM

- ☐ Serverless evaluated for spiky, low-duty-cycle services
- ☐ Managed services replace self-run infrastructure where cheaper in total
- ☐ A monthly 60-minute FinOps review exists — with decisions, not just charts
- ☐ Savings are re-invested visibly, keeping teams motivated to optimize

The discipline that sticks: optimization is not a project — it is an operating rhythm. One hour a month, tagged resources, per-team showback and anomaly alerts sustain what a one-off cleanup cannot.

— DIGIWARE FINOPS ASSESSMENT

Our cloud practice runs this checklist against your actual AWS, Azure or Google Cloud estate — quantified findings, a ranked action plan and a projected savings figure, typically inside two weeks. Cost governance is then baked into every landing zone we build.

Ready to move?

Request a FinOps assessment — two weeks to a quantified savings plan.

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