

5 Tips For A Successful Splunk & Public Cloud Integration

1

Get Buy-in From Key Stakeholders Business Users & End Users

Cloud services impact your entire institution, they are not the responsibility of a single team. It's critical to get multiple teams on board to ensure the success of your Splunk and Azure integration.

You will also need support from your end users. They likely have preferred technology and may not want to bring in something new.

2

Prioritize Based On Your Business Needs Come To A Consensus On Goals

Start by conducting a cloud assessment to get clear on your challenges and gaps. Hold a workshop with your key stakeholders, such as your security and operations teams.

Questions that you can ask during a workshop:

- What key metrics do you lack visibility into?
- What are your security and compliance requirements?
- What are your top challenges when managing your cloud services?

3

Start Small And Plan Big Achieve Quick Wins With Out-Of-The-Box Features

Build confidence amongst stakeholders by starting with what Splunk offers out-of-the-box, such as support for both your Windows and Linux virtual machines. You can use Splunk's dashboards to see all of the VMs deployed across your clouds.

Splunk also gives you on-demand insights into your cloud costs. Your service management team can see how each business unit is using cloud services, which makes it easy to apply the correct chargebacks.

After you achieve some quick wins, you can move to customization.

4

Measure Your Success Share Progress & Demonstrate Value

Analyzing your metrics will show you how quickly you're achieving value from Splunk.

Here are some items that you can measure:

- How fast can you ingest the data and provide useful dashboards?
- What is the price of the solution vs. the value you get from it?
- What are the costs from a consulting perspective? Are these investments driving value?

Communicate your wins to stakeholders and keep them updated on your progress. The more you demonstrate your project's value, the more you will increase buy-in and boost user adoption.

5

Choose The Right Partner Gain Speed & Agility

When you work with a partner, you can obtain all of the vital skills that you are missing in-house. They can handle your cloud strategy, implementation, training, and ongoing maintenance. You can free your internal teams to focus on other projects. Meanwhile, you will gain the speed and agility that is needed to increase your revenue in today's digital market.

Here's what to look for in a cloud partner:

- Expertise with Azure, Splunk, Google, and other cloud platforms
- The ability to scale your Splunk architecture to meet your business demands
- Knowledge of how to manage chargebacks
- Ability to support your service execution, service management, and telecommunications
- A process to train your internal teams and end users

Next Steps

Splunk can help your organization realize more value from your cloud investments, so you can be more agile while you reduce your risks.

Solsys bundles professional services with Splunk licenses, so you can gain deeper insights into your cloud services while you minimize the burden on your in-house team. We can help you plan and design your multi-cloud operations, using Splunk design patterns and best practices.

Request a **FREE** assessment of your multi-cloud environment where we will help you identify your risks and prioritize your goals.

sales@solsys.ca