Strategies for Cloud-based Analytics



Summary Results | December 2017



Survey Summary

- Between October and November 2017, Gatepoint Research invited selected IT executives to participate in a survey themed Strategies for Cloud-based Analytics.
- Candidates were invited via email and 75 executives have participated to date.
- Management levels represented are predominantly senior decision makers: 4% hold the title CxO, 11% are VPs, 71% are Directors, and 14% are Managers.
- Survey participants represent firms from a wide variety of industries including manufacturing (general, primary and high tech); financial services; wholesale and retail trade; business and consumer services; healthcare, media, mining, utilities, and telecom services.
- Responders work for firms with a wide range of revenue levels:
 - 88% work in Fortune 1000 companies with revenues over \$1.5 billion;
 - 7% work in Large firms with \$500 million to \$1.5 billion in revenues;
 - 5% work in Mid-Market companies with \$250- \$500 million in revenues.
- 100% of responders participated voluntarily; none were engaged using telemarketing.



Executive Overview

Sure, migrating to the cloud can generate significant financial advantages over maintaining inhouse facilities...but that's not the most enticing aspect of cloud-based data. Far more important is the organizational agility to be gained when data and applications can be stored, used, and analyzed within such a dynamic and almost limitlessly definable ecosystem.

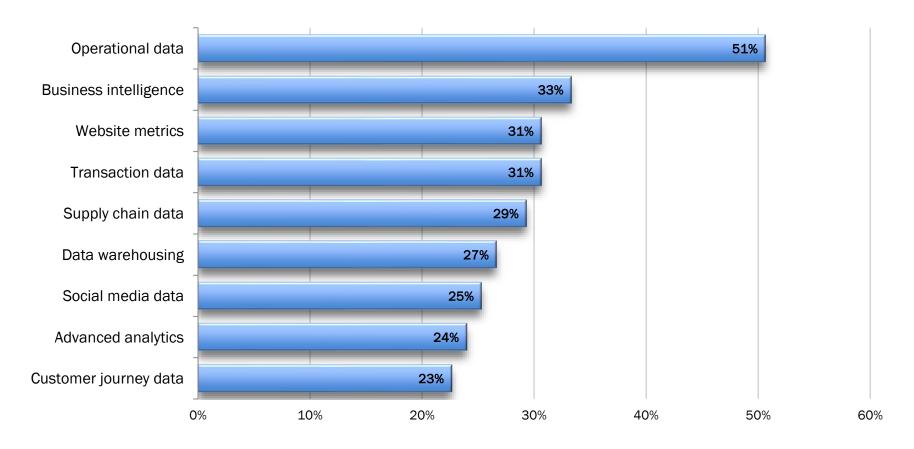
In the real world are organizations seeing and reaping these possibilities?

This survey asks respondents to report:

- How far along is their organization in migrating data and applications to the cloud and why are they moving?
- What varieties of data sets and applications are being migrated?
- What obstacles or concerns hinder their adoption of the cloud?
- What public platform(s) do they use?
- How much data do they need to analyze?
- Are they using a cloud-based advanced analytics solution? How much importance do they attach to having advanced analytical capability within the cloud?



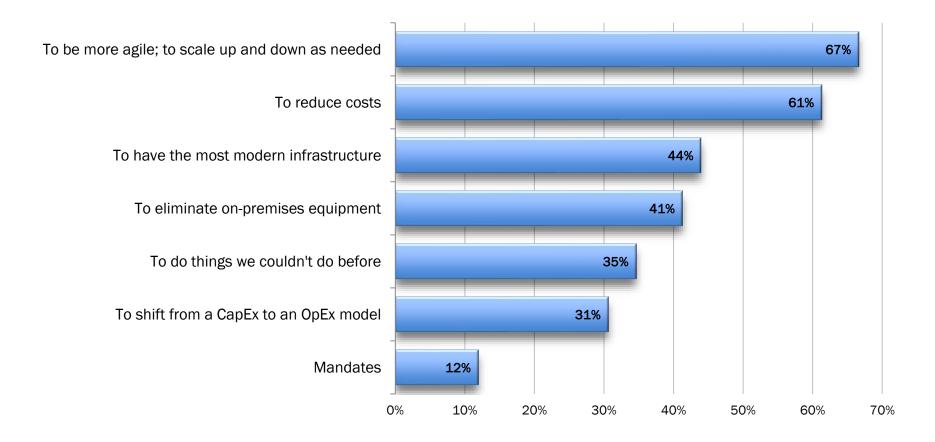
Which of these applications or data sets are already cloud-based in your organization?



Not too surprisingly, respondents report that within their organizations operational data is a frontrunner in migrating to the cloud (51%). Low priority is given advanced analytics (24%) or customer journey data sets (23%).

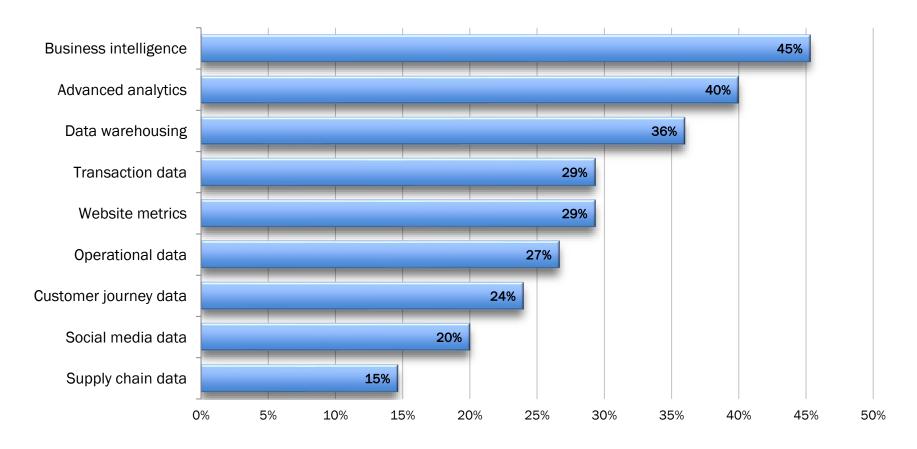


What are the reasons your organization has moved (or is considering moving) to the cloud?



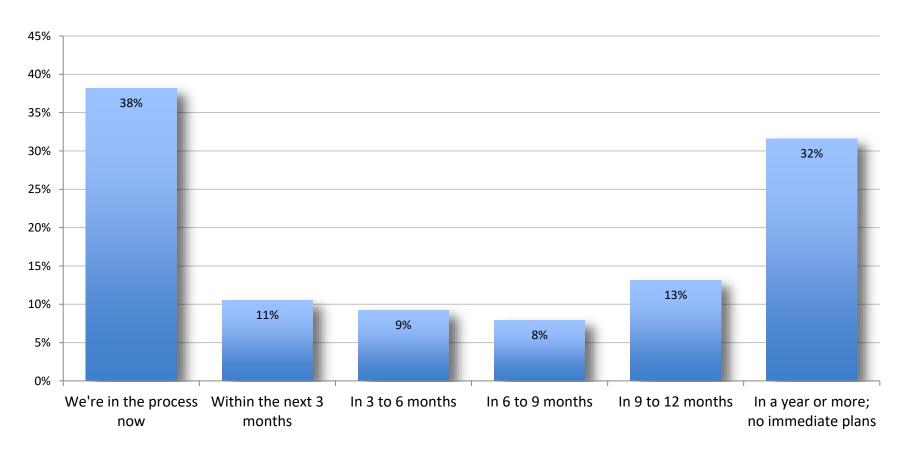
Respondents reveal their top two motives for moving to the cloud are greater agility 67%) and cost considerations (61%).

Is your organization planning to move any of these applications or data sets to the cloud?



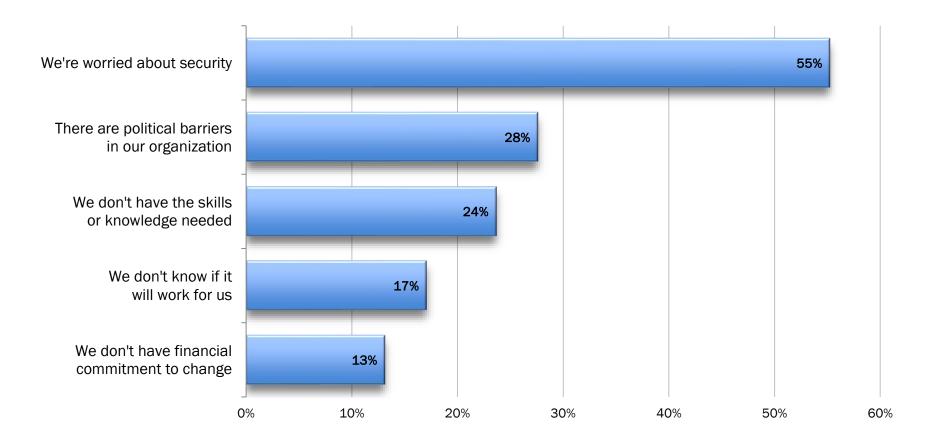
In the near future, top contenders for migration to the cloud are business intelligence (45%), advanced analytics (40%), and data warehousing (36%).

When will your organization begin moving additional data sets or applications to the cloud?



Among those surveyed, over two thirds report they are already engaged in or actively planning the process of moving data or applications to the cloud within a year.

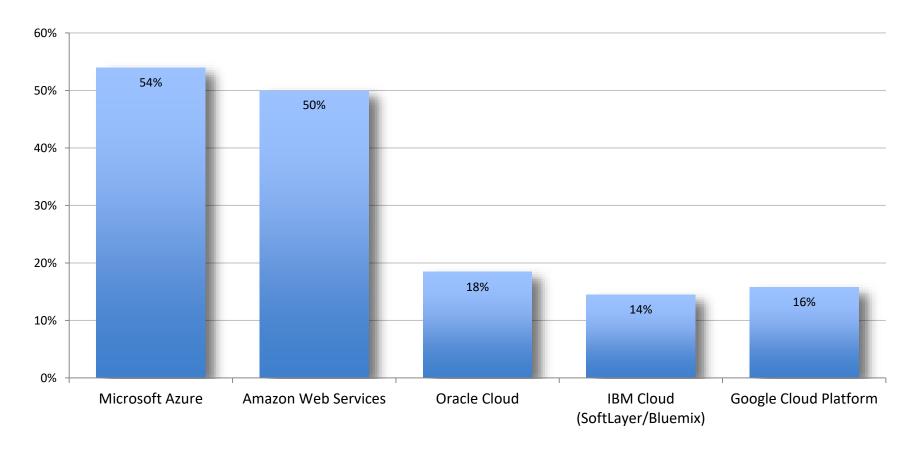
Does your organization have any concerns about moving to the cloud?



Asked what concerns they have with moving to the cloud, more than half of all respondents cited security worries. Almost a third also saw political barriers within their organizations as a hindrance to transitioning to the cloud.

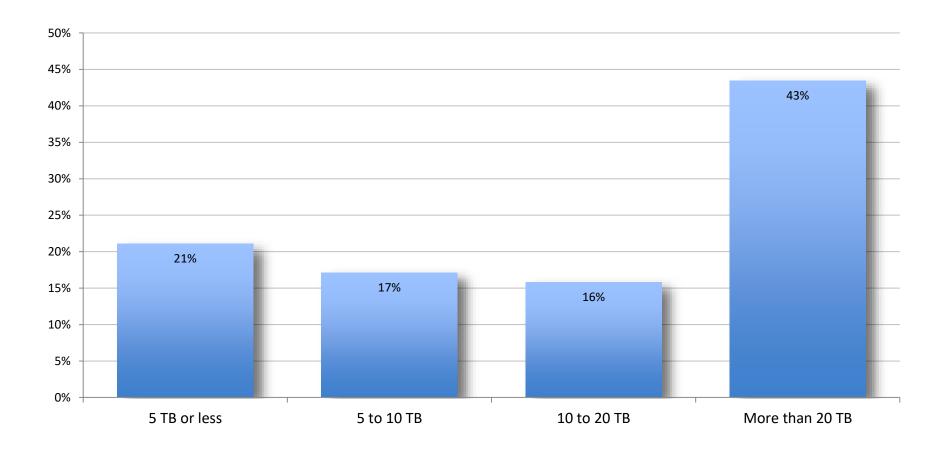


What is your organization's current or planned public cloud platform?



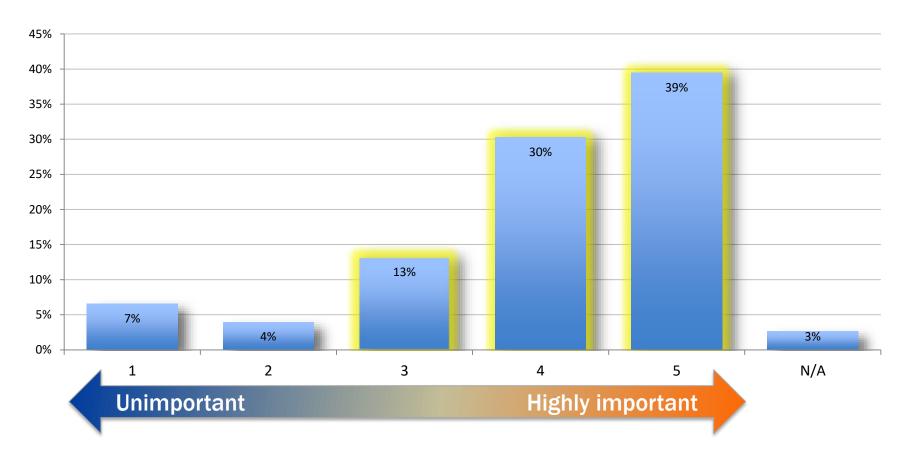
Among organizations involved in the survey, the two most-used public cloud platforms – by wide margins – are Microsoft Azure (54%) and Amazon Web Services (50%).

How much data does your organization need to analyze?



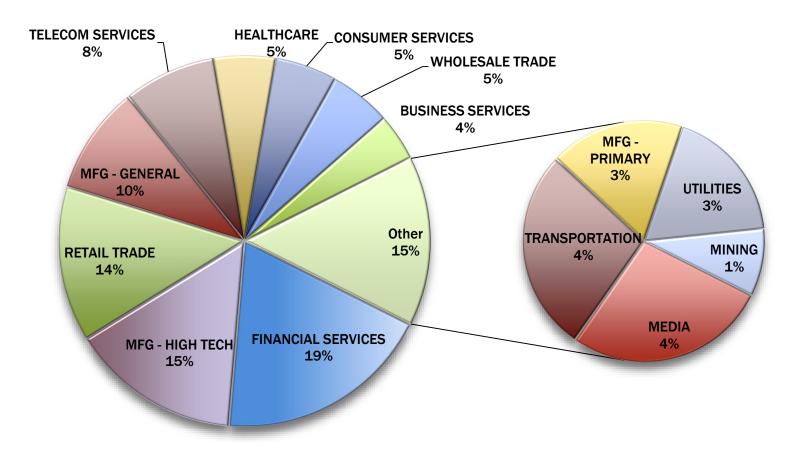
Nearly half of respondents report their organization needs to analyze *in excess* of 20 TB of data.

How important is it to your organization to have high performance or advanced analytics in the cloud? (Rate 1 to 5, 1 = unimportant, 5 = highly important)



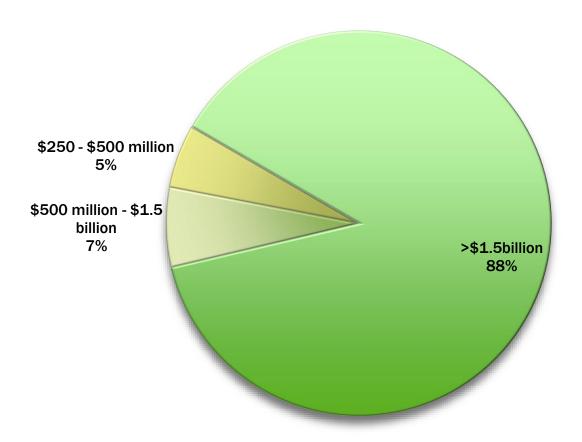
82% of respondents characterize advanced analytics in the cloud as "important" to "highly important" to their organizations.

Profile of Responders: Industry Sectors



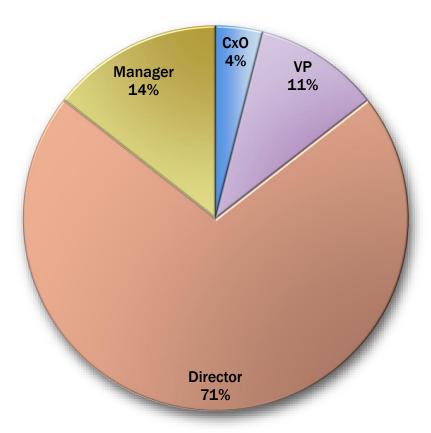
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Profile of Responders: Revenue



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Profile of Responders: Job Level



86% of those surveyed hold executive level positions in their organizations.



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