# STRATEGIC MIGRATION PLANNING SERVICES

## ENABLING OPEN SOURCE FOR THE ENTERPRISE

In light of recent acquisitions and vendor consolidation in the IT industry, many organizations are concerned that they're at risk of becoming too dependent on a single vendor. Faced with the reality that decisions made today will limit future options, many of these organizations have chosen to migrate from proprietary technologies to alternatives based on open standards like Red Hat® Enterprise Linux®.

To simplify these migrations, Red Hat Consulting has developed a Strategic Migration Planning service designed to successfully guide you through the migration process. Developed by Red Hat's global team of consultants, this offering provides the tools, insights, and proven processes needed to proactively plan and execute a migration to Red Hat Enterprise Linux. The result? Faster time to production and maximum knowledge-transfer with minimal disruption to your applications and IT infrastructure.

## STRATEGIC MIGRATION PLANNING PROCESS

Red Hat Consulting Strategic Migration Planning services combine product expertise with proven methodology based on years of experience to achieve a safe and efficient migrations to Red Hat Enterprise Linux. The duration of the engagement is based on your specific business requirements, with most spanning two to six months. During the engagement, a Red Hat architect with deep product expertise will work with you to define a streamlined migration strategy that encompasses your complete stack.

The five-phase process addresses high-risk migration factors that are frequently encountered by customers. These will be identified, addressed, and mitigated prior to your investment of time and resources on the actual migration.

## THE VALUE OF A TRUSTED ADVISOR ON YOUR SIDE

Partnering with Red Hat Consulting ensures success by combining proven best practices and methodologies with the experience and expertise of Red Hat consultants. Risks are identified and mitigated, implementation time is reduced, and as a result, open source solutions are integrated with minimal disruption to your business and IT operations. A Red Hat consultant will also ensure your migration team has the knowledge and support it needs to manage and scale your deployment over time.

Red Hat Consulting has a proven track record helping customers do more with less by fully utilizing the value of their subscriptions. Our global team of consultants is comprised of architects and engineers who are uniquely qualified to advise, plan, and implement UNIX to Linux migrations. Cumulatively, they hold decades of robust experience integrating Red Hat Enterprise Linux into unique, complex, and varying environments — ensuring maximum performance and value every time.

## SCOPE

A Red Hat architect will work with you to:

- Map your existing ecosystem to a functionally equivalent Red Hat Enterprise Linux ecosystem.

- Create a Standard Operating Environment upon which to base your migration.

- Analyze the portability of your existing business applications.

- Examine the risks associated with various migration scenarios and create a holistic risk mitigation plan.

- Develop a comprehensive migration roadmap tailored to your specific environment.

## WHAT DO I GET?

- Report outlining functionality and topology of a comparable Red Hat Enterprise Linux ecosystem to your existing environment.

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux Standard Operating Environment to use as a baseline for your migration activities.

- Organizational readiness analysis and risk mitigation strategy.

- Strategic Migration Roadmap including a detailed project plan, overall migration cost estimate, training plan, and a recommended deployment architecture.

## REQUIREMENTS

To ensure the best experience, the following individuals from your organization should be available to work with the consultant during the engagement:

- Sponsor. Provides guidance, acts as an escalation point should one be necessary, and is your ultimate sign-off authority for consulting engagements.

- Project manager. Manages the day-to-day activities related to this engagement, and ensures the timely delivery of information required for the project.

- IT and other staff. Provides Red Hat with relevant and necessary information about your IT infrastructure.

## GET STARTED

Migrations are multi-faceted. And since no two migrations are ever the same, understanding your organization's readiness and current assets is critical. To help determine your readiness to support a migration to Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Red Hat Consulting offers a free Migration Assessment tool, available at **www.redhat.com/consulting**.

Using the results of your assessment as a guide, your Red Hat Account team will advise you on migration options, discuss technical requirements, and answer any questions you might have.

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