

Migrated 2000 Virtual Servers to Azure and Decommissioned On-Premise VMware

A large enterprise faced urgent VMware price rises and ageing on-premise infrastructure spread across three racks of physical hosts, switches, and routers. We migrated 2000 virtual servers to Microsoft Azure, consolidated the remaining office footprint to two WatchGuard firewalls, a core switch and a Metro Ethernet router, and completed the entire server migration within three months.

KEY RESULTS

2000

virtual servers migrated to Azure

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racks of on-premise gear decommissioned

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month migration window completed

BEFORE

- 2000 virtual servers running on ageing VMware hardware facing a sharp licence cost increase
- Three racks of physical servers, networking gear and storage nearing end of life
- Urgent timeline driven by VMware pricing changes and unsupported infrastructure risk
- Complex application dependencies across workloads with limited documentation

AFTER

- 2000 - virtual servers migrated to Azure
- 3 - racks of on-premise gear decommissioned
- 3 - month migration window completed
- Discovered and catalogued every VM, dependency, owner and recovery requirement before migration

"We turned a licence crisis into a clean cloud exit. The datacentre is quieter, the bills are predictable, and the charity donation meant nothing went to waste."

- Infrastructure director, enterprise organisation