CHECKLIST

Considerations for optimizing hybrid cloud workload placement

FACTORS DETERMINING WORKLOAD PLACEMENT

Adopting a consistent hybrid cloud allows your business and application requirements to determine the environment in which a workload runs. As you evaluate each unique workload for placement, what characteristics should affect your decisions? In a recent IDC survey, respondents deemed these aspects to be most critical for workload placement:

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PUBLIC OR PRIVATE?

Use the following checklist to determine whether a public or private environment is optimal for your workload.

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- MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS
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Choose the best environment for your workloads with Dell Technologies

The security, performance, management capabilities, availability, and cost of public and private environments affect each unique workload in different ways. By understanding these factors, you can strategically place workloads and craft a successful cloud strategy.

Dell Technologies, Intel, and VMware can help you better align your workloads across public, private, and edge environments by delivering a consistent hybrid cloud.

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