

Cloud Center of Excellence



Firms across the globe are modernizing their information technology by leveraging the cloud. However, without the proper foundation to support a successful transition, the growing pains of cloud adoption may affect performance, security, and business value. In a recent report on the future of cloud usage, Forrester discovered that enterprises are seeking advantageous changes that meet their application demands while regaining negotiation and price power.

In short, companies want to do more with the cloud without sacrificing time, cost, or security.

A Cloud Center of Excellence is one path to this goal. With a CCoE, not only can you successfully migrate more workloads to the cloud, you can more efficiently manage current cloud operations. While you may already know the “why” of transitioning to the cloud, a CCoE will help you find the “how” when it comes to operating your cloud more effectively and keeping the focus on business drivers.

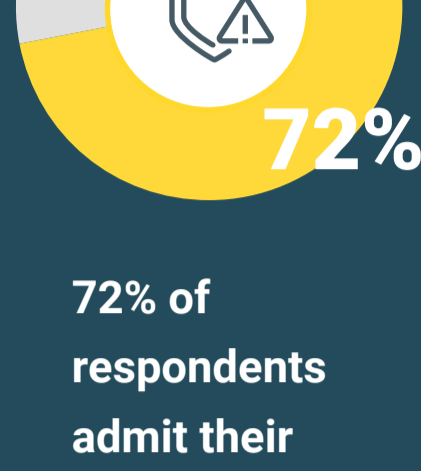
Defining CCoE

A CCoE is a multi-disciplinary

team within your organization that is assembled to implement best practices, choose the right solutions, and ensure governance while maintaining business agility. CCoEs are often part of central IT, but you can also bring in members from other business units such as Finance.

Primary objectives of a Cloud Center of Excellence:

- ✓ **Outline and execute cloud strategy** in alignment with business initiatives.
- ✓ **Build a modern IT organization** by using Agile approaches.
- ✓ **Maintain a functional and secure cloud platform** in alignment with operational procedures.
- ✓ **Standardize and automate** components and solutions over time.¹

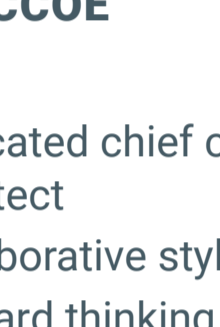


72% of respondents admit their companies moved to the cloud without a proper understanding of adoption.²

Creating Your CCoE

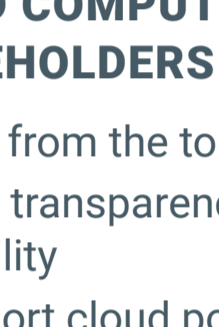


According to Gartner, there are four steps that bring the most success when establishing a CCoE:



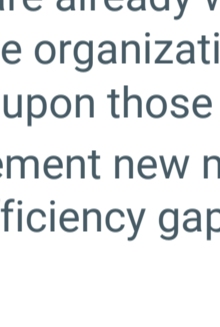
CHOOSE A LEADER FOR YOUR CCOE

- Dedicated chief cloud architect
- Collaborative style
- Forward thinking
- Strong understanding of the business



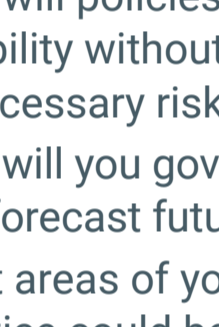
COLLABORATE WITH CLOUD COMPUTING STAKEHOLDERS

- Start from the top down
- Build transparency and visibility
- Support cloud policies through executive sponsorship
- Obtain real-world feedback from users, managers, and diverse business units



PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR CLOUD GOVERNANCE

- Establish governance policies and standards
- Gather good practices that are already working for the organization and build upon those
- Implement new methods for efficiency gaps



ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS TO BUILD YOUR CCOE FRAMEWORK

- What could be documented or operationalized today?
- How will policies allow flexibility without unnecessary risk?
- How will you govern costs and forecast future costs?
- What areas of your cloud practice could be templated or automated?

Benefits of a CCoE

This model transitions away from a traditional view of IT. With a CCoE, IT serves as a broker, partner, or representative of the business. Instead of IT acting like stoplights at an intersection, causing roadblocks and unnecessary red tape, a CCoE resembles a roundabout at an intersection with a focus on delegated responsibility that allows more autonomy for your teams.³

By building a CCoE to manage your cloud efforts, your organization can avoid common pain points:



Time

Achieve greater operational efficiency when new resources are deployed or new employees are onboarded through documented cloud policies, templates, and automation.



Cost

Enable greater cost controls and avoid sprawl through transparency, reporting, and governance policies.



Security

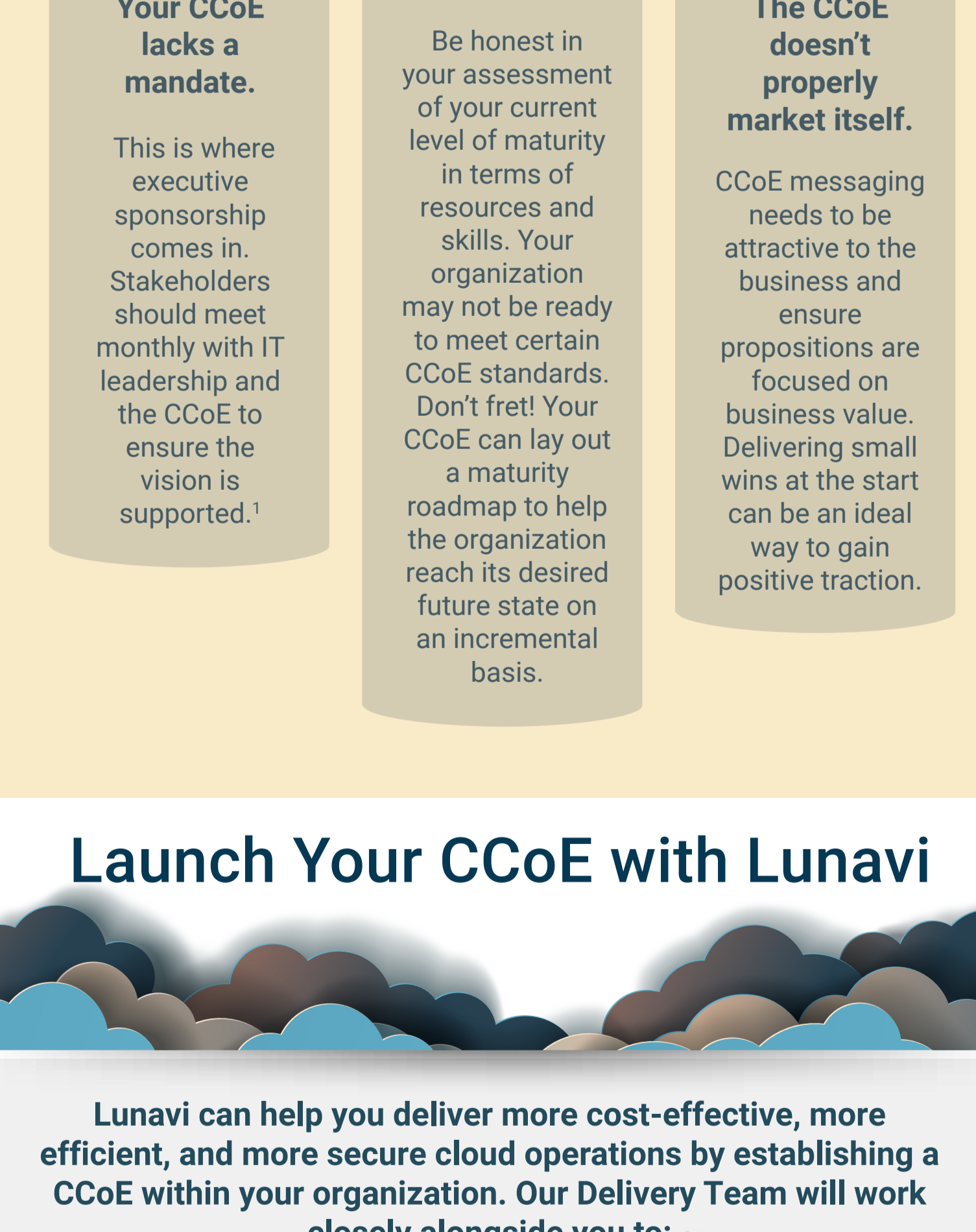
Maintaining security posture by outlining mandatory security and compliance guardrails for specific use cases in tandem monitoring and visibility efforts.



60% of respondents say migrating more work to the cloud is their top initiative in the coming year despite challenges in controlling cloud costs.⁴

Potential Pitfalls of a CCoE

As reported by Gartner, there are three common pain points firms have experienced when creating their Cloud Center of Excellence:



1. Your CCoE lacks a mandate.

This is where executive sponsorship comes in. Stakeholders should meet monthly with IT leadership and the CCoE to ensure the vision is supported.¹

2. The CCoE sets unrealistic standards and guidelines.

Be honest in your assessment of your current level of maturity in terms of resources and skills. Your organization may not be ready to meet certain CCoE standards. Don't fret! Your CCoE can lay out a maturity roadmap to help the organization reach its desired future state on an incremental basis.

3. The CCoE doesn't properly market itself.

CCoE messaging needs to be attractive to the business and ensure provisions are focused on business value. Delivering small wins at the start can be an ideal way to gain positive traction.

Launch Your CCoE with Lunavi

Lunavi can help you deliver more cost-effective, more efficient, and more secure cloud operations by establishing a CCoE within your organization. Our Delivery Team will work closely alongside you to:

- 1 Establish a CCoE Charter with Year 1 and Quarterly Goals
- 2 Assemble a cross functional team in your organization assisted by our team members to help ensure success
- 3 Identify organizational cloud challenges to form a prioritized backlog of actionable work
- 4 Deliver ongoing business value to showcase and highlight successes of CCoE

By working with Lunavi your organization will gain expert guidance, optimized strategy, streamlined processes, and continuous improvement. Contact us today to get started.

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Gartner predicts that by 2026, 75% of organizations will adopt a digital transformation model predicated on cloud as the fundamental underlying platform. Will you be ahead of the curve with an already successful cloud platform governed by a powerhouse CCoE team?

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