Transformation so seamless, it should be a crime

Witness the smooth cloud migration of the UK police without it breaking the bank.

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Overview

Policing is changing, starting with UK forces moving their computing and storage capabilities to the cloud. Why? Firstly, to take advantage of the added responsiveness it offers. And secondly, to deliver scaled efficiencies—at a capacity and storage cost level—when dealing with the rapid increase in data production and management.

This shift will create a more modular and flexible IT ecosystem, which allows the secure transmission of data between connected applications and technologies. It'll also lay the foundations for innovation to scale across the entire service. Nice.

Challenge

74%

UK police forces that still manage big parts of their data and applications on prem

Source: Government Computing, 2021

13%

The proportion of all UK forces that don't store any data in the cloud

Source: Government Computing, 2021

Right now, several critical police force applications and business as usual programmes—including the crime management system—live on prem. These systems are vast and drive mammoth workloads, with the amount of data they produce growing all the time. As a result, IT teams are coming up against issues like running out of on-prem capacity, causing data costs to spiral.

It's not always easy to see how much is being spent on data either, with costs spread across multiple applications. The million-pound question: do we keep these on prem or send them to the cloud? But maybe it doesn't have to be one or the other. A hybrid model would help address these challenges too.

However, we also understand that for many when it comes to cloud migration it's not a case of if, but how. What IT functions within the UK police force need is the right strategy, tools, and functionalities to carry out the migration process while making it as easy as possible. Did someone say NetApp?

Solution

Confidently transform with the support of a hybrid cloud leader

From the creation or acquisition of data, we give you the tools to make it available and usable wherever and whenever it's needed. We accelerate your cloud migration by simplifying the integration and orchestration of data and applications across any location so you can plan a data centre refresh or cloud migration effectively.

Our built-in data replication and synchronisation tools make it easier and faster to move data to the cloud, ensuring minimal disruption with minimal effort. We're also cloud agnostic—partnering with AWS, Azure, and GCP—meaning we can offer more choice, flexibility, consistency, capacity, and connectivity to enable a true hybrid cloud infrastructure throughout the police force.

Manage your cloud, maximise your investment

Police data retention policy mandates (what a mouthful) can be anything from two to 100 years, making it the ideal candidate for a cheaper, long-term offsite solution. Implementing our tiered storage architecture for seamless and automated storage tiering between AWS, Azure, and GCP will help reduce spending and eliminate timely and costly errors when moving data between tiers.

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