



RED HAT SERVICES PATHWAY TO IT CONSOLIDATION

ROADMAP TO ACHIEVING A CONVERGED, SCALABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Are your systems underutilized in some areas but overutilized in others due to incompatible systems and applications? Are your systems management tools and processes inefficient due to datacenter complexity? Are you spending the majority of your IT budget on maintaining your complex, heterogeneous IT systems?

If you are experiencing any or all of these challenges, you know IT environment sprawl is having a measurable impact on your datacenter. To help you attack the costly server proliferation that impedes system performance and increases costs, Red Hat Services offers a set of strategic consulting engagements tailored to your environment – Red Hat Services Pathway to IT Consolidation.

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The Pathway to IT Consolidation leverages open source technologies, tools and standards, industry insight, and proven IT methodologies to provide you with the best approach to IT consolidation. The engagement provides recommendations on a process to increase hardware homogeneity, drive application and environment migration targets, and implement low-cost virtualization technologies—all which serve to reduce the overall sprawl common in many of today's heterogeneous datacenters.

The result: a converged, scalable infrastructure achieved quickly, cost-effectively, and with less risk.

EMBARKING ON YOUR PATH

Your pathway begins with an assessment of your company's business goals, the maturity of your IT infrastructure, an exploration of open standards, concepts and alternatives, and strategic recommendations for your organization to achieve its business goals. During this phase, a team Red Hat consultants will work with you to:

- Conduct an in-depth analysis of your existing IT infrastructure and make specific recommendations for consolidating systems and processes down to a more manageable portfolio.
- Analyze and make recommendations for migrating to industry-standard hardware platforms to increase hardware homogeneity and reduce future IT operating expenses.
- Make high-level recommendations for software, hardware, and process standardization and optimization to drive out operational inefficiencies.
- Explore the use of low-cost virtualization technologies to achieve industry-leading system consolidation ratios.

Upon completion of this phase, Red Hat will work closely with you to map out a comprehensive deployment plan for your Pathway to IT Consolidation.

DELIVERABLES

- Inventory of server hardware and open source and proprietary software portfolio
- Inventory of IT management process
- Detailed recommendations for environment consolidation, including how these recommendations impact your operating expenses
- High-level recommendations for software, hardware, and process standardization
- Draft project plan for the implementation of pathway recommendations
- High-level time estimate to complete the consolidation
- Knowledge transfer and documentation



ABOUT RED HAT CONSULTING

IT consulting is a wise investment for organizations addressing server proliferation.

With consultants who have the knowledge and expertise necessary to advise your datacenter capacity planning, Red Hat Consulting has a proven track record helping customers do more with less. Cumulatively, our consultants have decades of experience integrating Red Hat Enterprise Linux into unique and varying environments—always ensuring maximum performance and value.

REQUIREMENTS

To ensure a smooth delivery of service, the following people from your organization should be available to assist the consultant during the engagement:

- **Sponsor:** This person provides guidance and an escalation point, should one be necessary. The sponsor also serves as the ultimate sign-off authority for the consulting engagement.
- **Project manager:** This person 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:** These people are your IT and other professionals who provide Red Hat with the relevant and necessary information about your infrastructure.

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