

Valcon G-Cloud Lot 3 Service Definition

AI Audit

[Set Up and Migration | Data auditing and organising]

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1. About Us

Valcon is a leading European consultancy specialising in AI and data-driven business transformation, with a growing and established presence in the UK. A trusted partner to major organisations including multiple UK Government departments and public sector agencies. Valcon connects strategy and operations, helping organisations create value in their transformation programmes.

With over 1,750 consultants across Europe, Valcon brings deep expertise across data, AI, technology and consulting. In the UK, Valcon works with clients across financial services, public sector, retail, industrials and infrastructure. Valcon is backed by private equity firm Rivean Capital.

2. Service Description

Proofs-of-concept (POCs) play a critical role in the release of new AI-powered government services, however many organisations often struggle to move beyond that stage. Valcon's decades-long experience with AI and Data Science uniquely positions us to help organisations assess the delta between their POCs (Alpha) and a private Beta release.

Features

- Confirm POC's objectives, business case, user needs and non-functional requirements
- Review POC's architecture, codebase and model metrics (e.g. confusion matrix/F1-score)
- Test usability, evaluate accessibility and review overall fitness-for-purpose
- Define to-be architecture and model performance against best practice
- MLOps / LLMOps-aligned gap analysis
- First-pass productisation effort, cost and timeline estimates
- Revised value-cost benefits evaluation and go/no-go decision
- Productisation phase scoped out
- Delivery roadmap and itemised backlog developed
- To be architecture (model, MLOps/LLMOps, application) defined

Benefits

- Agreed go/no-go decision on whether to proceed to private beta
- Validated scope, trusted revised estimates and requirements for productisation
- Revised and validated input for next phase's business case
- Clear actionable delivery roadmap and itemised backlog of activities
- Clarity for hosting costs and FinOps addressed by design
- Confidence in best practice aligned approach
- AI model will be maintainable and observable through MLOps/LLMOps principles
- Technical debt addressed before it mounts up through productised POC

- Avoided wasted resources on unviable options through fact-based assessment
- Engaged stakeholders through shared understanding and partnership-based approach

3. Approach

Delivery Overview

Valcon's AI audits range from 2-6 weeks based on scope and complexity. Valcon gather information through a combination of workshops, interviews, documentation review, code review and application testing. Our audits are tailored and collaborative to ensure that they yield the most appropriate outcome which is either a clear path to production or confidence to move on to another use case.

4. Effort and Cost

Effort will be determined collaboratively between the Valcon and the client based on the skills mix and scope required.

Please refer to the Pricing Document for current rates.

- Rate card prices are exclusive of VAT.
- Expenses are recharged at cost and supported by receipts.
- Expenses may include reasonable travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs.
- The payment schedule will follow milestone completions as agreed in the Statement of Work.

5. Assumptions

The successful delivery of the engagement depends on assumptions and dependencies jointly agreed between Valcon and the client. These may include (but are not limited to):

- Access to required stakeholders, code, technology and documentation,
- Timely decisions and approvals
- Availability of resources
- Defined governance and communication processes

All assumptions and dependencies will be recorded and validated as part of the Statement of Work (SoW).