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We design and build AI-ready Data Platforms which enable you to link, enrich and explore your data. As a Microsoft Solutions Partner for Data & AI and an AWS Partner, we will give your data the platform it deserves and your users an experience they'll love.

What is the Service

We build data platforms that ensures your users can maximise the value your organisation can extract from your data assets.

We'll bring together your disparate data sets, provide a workbench that is optimised for data science, and help you rationalise your legacy systems to save costs.

Cloud-native, secure and optimised for the public sector, we'll deliver the platform your organisation needs to power your data-enabled, AI-assisted future.

What can it do for you

Our team understand your context, your use cases and crucially your constraints, so we focus on building only what you really need and building it efficiently.

We have the practical experience to work through the complexity of your legacy data estate, the nuance of your user requirements and a deep understanding of the specialist governance considerations for particularly sensitive data.

Taking you from design through to development, migration through to deployment, our collaborative approach will give your team practical experience to get the most out your data platform from the start.

Service Features

1. Platform modernisation strategy to harness the cloud
2. Catalogue systems, entities & flows with information asset owners
3. Discover impactful use cases through user research
4. User-centred design underpinned by needs of analysts, publishers, and consumers
5. Recommend Azure and AWS reference architectures for your use cases
6. Design loosely coupled, scalable data capabilities, ETL, and extensible interfaces
7. Infrastructure-as-code, underpinned by rigorous test automation
8. Comprehensive migration service and legacy estate rationalisation
9. Knowledge transfer for ongoing maintenance, enhancement and feature development

Service Benefits

1. Realises benefits from modernising to cloud services
2. Maps complete picture of your data estate, journeys & lineage
3. Engages and energises your teams with relatable use cases
4. Solutions that solve a clear problem and meet user needs
5. Maximises the benefit of proven best practices and architecture
6. Future-proofs your scaling and ingestion requirements
7. Delivers best-of-breed data platform technology into your environments
8. Rapidly deployable platform ready for bug-free feature development in future
9. Ensures successful migration from legacy to cloud
10. Reduces long-term spend on external support through internal delivery capability

Contact details

End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

Applying our skills in innovation and collaboration from across the Methods Group, to deliver end-to-end business and technical solutions that are people-centred, safe, and designed for the future.

Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

With a focus on driving interoperability and innovation in UK Central Government, we have helped multiple organisations in the sector modernise their IT architecture, systems, strategy, and operating models to improve organisational resilience and service delivery.

Methods deliver wide-ranging services and thought leadership to support delivery including:



Onboarding and offboarding process



Ordering and Invoicing

Once we have agreed a Statement of Work(s) we will sign the appropriate agreement and complete a Call Off contract with an attached Statement of Work(s), and submission of a Purchase Order. We will then set up a mutually acceptable start date and commence work.

Payment terms are 30 days or less as may be agreed.

Please note - we are unable to accept Government Procurement Card (GPC) payments.



Customer Responsibilities

For any given requirement, we will identify any dependencies on the customer (e.g. access to key stakeholders, facilities, documentation, etc.) and agree these at the start of the work.

Making a difference

The work we do each day is focused on delivering a positive difference for the public sector for the benefit of society as a whole.



Customer stories



Cloud Hosting & Service Modernisation

Modernised digital services using secure cloud hosting, streamlined legacy workflows, and improved data insights. Delivered faster decisions, reduced manual effort, and a more transparent, **user-friendly experience** for internal teams and external users.



Cloud-Based ITSM Consolidation

Unified multiple service desks onto a cloud-based ITSM platform, standardising processes and automating workflows. Improved incident, change, and problem management, **boosting overall service reliability, efficiency, and organisational visibility.**



Large-Scale Cloud Migration (100+ Apps / 120TB)

Delivered cloud migration of **100+ legacy applications** and **120TB of data** with **100% availability.** Strengthened compliance, improved transparency, and significantly enhanced operational resilience across critical digital services.



Azure Migration & Modern Workplace Enablement

Migrated data centres to Azure and deployed modern workplace cloud services, delivering secure, scalable infrastructure. Achieved improved user experience, strengthened security posture, and **£1m savings** - all with zero service disruption.



Cloud ITSM Migration (ServiceNow SaaS)

Successfully migrated from a legacy ITSM tool to a modern, cloud-based ServiceNow platform. Delivered scalable, robust service operations, strengthened governance, and enabled faster, more consistent digital service delivery across the organisation.



Cloud-Native Data Pipelines (Azure Integration)

Built automated Azure Data Factory pipelines into a Lakehouse architecture, using Bronze/Silver/Gold layers and Delta with CI/CD. Delivered secure daily refreshes, improved data quality, lower manual effort, and more efficient reporting.

