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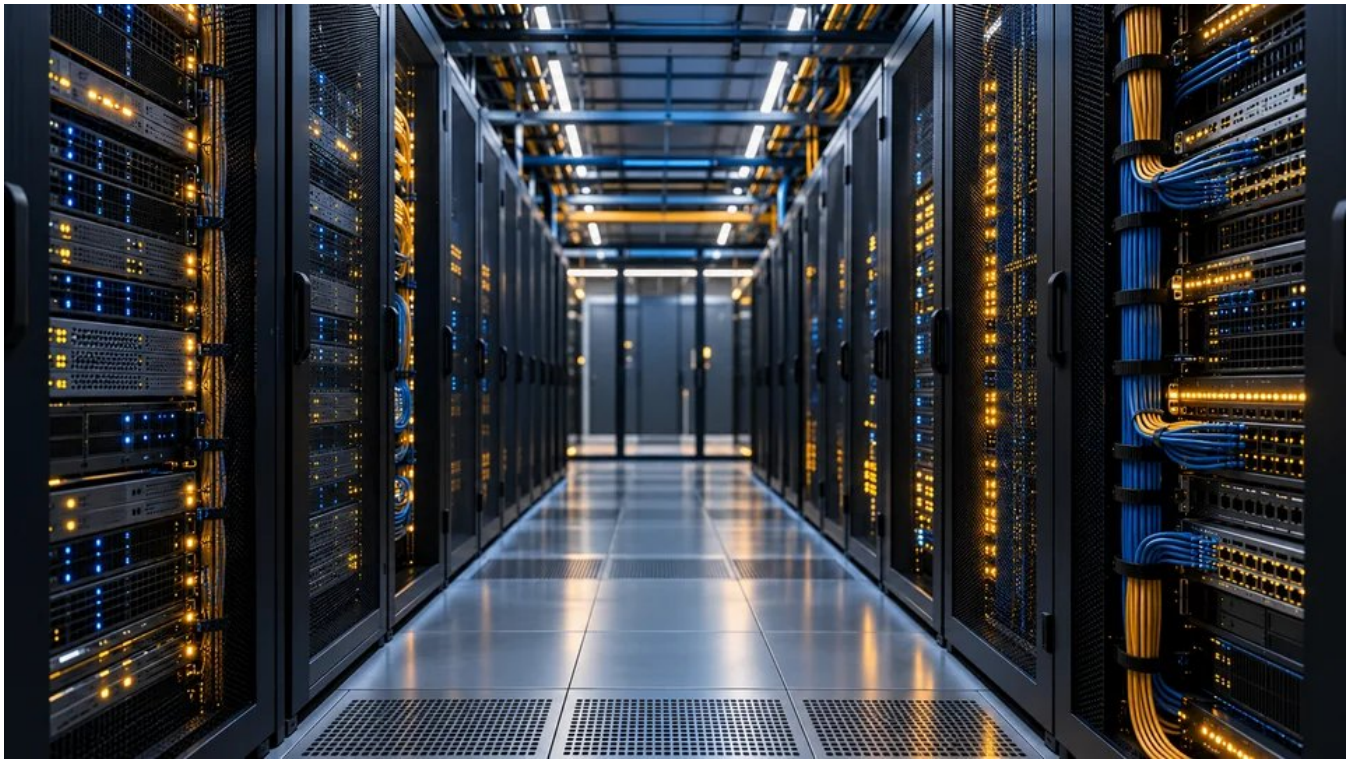

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Illustrative guidance. Scope and deliverables are agreed for each engagement.

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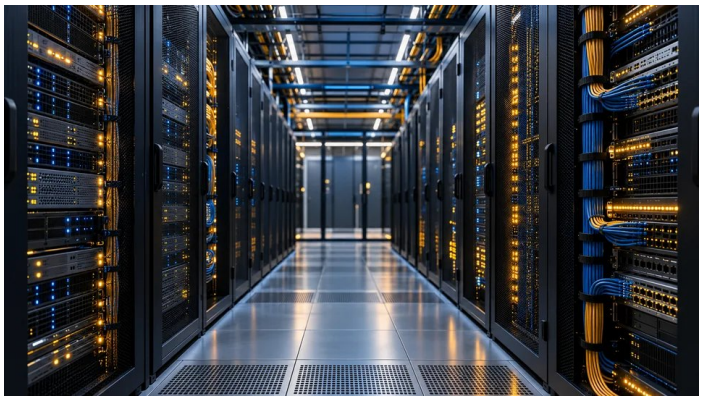

DECISION TO FRAME

Which infrastructure decision would benefit from a better signal, and who acts when that signal is wrong?

The image is illustrative. The example below is a proposed decision design, not a completed client project.

WHY THESE CONNECT

Triage a correlated alert before changing a production workload. We will map when the signal reaches service owner or incident commander, then define the last useful point to answer: Investigate, execute an approved runbook, or hold for incident review?

An operating decision, not another alert

This lens concerns workload placement, reliability, and production operations, not the business-product adoption covered under Enterprise Technology. ADC will design and validate decisions with the service owner; client teams authorize and execute changes.

EARLIER SIGNAL	DECISION	ACCOUNTABLE ACTION	PROOF
Several service alerts point to one dependency and pass a reviewed confidence rule.	Investigate, execute an approved runbook, or hold for incident review?	Service owner or incident commander. Review evidence, choose an approved action, and preserve rollback readiness.	Time to useful diagnosis, false actions, service impact, and recovery time

CONTROL BOUNDARY

No autonomous production change without an approved control and rollback path.

02 / DIAGNOSTIC

Where the work gets stuck

We will test three operating friction points against the action each could change.

OPERATING FRICTION	EVIDENCE WE WILL EXAMINE	DECISION TEST WE WILL RUN
Alert correlation produces many suggestions but few approved actions.	Incident, change, and service-level history for the target workload.	We will compare correlated suggestions with incidents where operators actually took action.
A migration plan omits identity, backup, or support handoffs.	Dependencies, access model, backup and restore evidence, and support coverage.	We will verify identity, backup, restore, and support handoffs before migration decisions.
A cost optimization conflicts with resilience or performance expectations.	Baseline cost and performance with explicit non-negotiable controls.	We will test savings against resilience and performance floors, not cost alone.

What our pilot will establish

WORKSTREAM	WHAT ADC WILL DO	DECISION-READY OUTPUT
Dependency	Discover application, identity, network, and data dependencies.	Workload dependency map.
Recoverability	Review recovery objectives and witness restore evidence.	RTO/RPO and restore test record.
Cutover	Rehearse change, rollback, and support handoffs with owners.	Migration acceptance gate.
Economics	Compare run and support cost against service and failure floors.	TCO and reliability decision table.

DECISION GATE We will recommend whether to proceed, redesign, or stop using this test: Proceed only when incident handling improves without weakening recovery or service control.

Design-ready checks we will deliver

CHECK	WHAT ADC WILL VERIFY	DESIGN OUTPUT
Identity	Test privileged access, logging, and offboarding.	Access and operations control map.
Degraded mode	Test telemetry loss, provider outage, and manual recovery.	Incident and fallback runbook.

03 / SECTOR EXECUTIVE AGENDA

What sector leaders will ask

A service owner will demand recoverability, identity control, observable dependencies, and a safe action path before using AI in production operations.

PRIORITY	SPONSOR QUESTION	EVIDENCE TO BRING
Incident response	Does alert correlation shorten diagnosis or only produce more plausible suggestions?	Incident timeline, approved runbooks, false actions, and human escalation.
Dependency and migration	Can the team name every application, identity, network, and data dependency before moving a workload?	Dependency map, change window, rollback, backup and restore test.
Resilience and security	What happens when telemetry, cloud access, or the model is unavailable or compromised?	Recovery objectives, identity scope, logging, restoration evidence, and manual path.
Cost and performance	Does proposed optimization preserve service and recovery targets?	Baseline spend, performance, utilization, SLOs, and failure-domain exposure.

Three opportunities we will compare

CANDIDATE	VALUE HYPOTHESIS	PROOF BEFORE INVESTMENT
Incident correlation	Shorten diagnosis	Verify action against past incident records
Migration dependency review	Avoid failed cutovers	Test identity, backup, restore, and rollback
Workload optimization	Control spend without service loss	Compare cost with SLO and recovery floors

Measures we will put on the scorecard

MEASURE	WHAT A DECISION MAKER SHOULD SEE
Service	Time to useful diagnosis and restoration, not alert count.
Control	Approved versus reversed changes and successful restore tests.
Economics	Total workload cost measured with reliability and support effort.

Risks we will surface early

- A production action is proposed without a tested rollback or restore path.
- A cloud migration plan omits identity and support handoffs.
- Cost savings depend on weakening a recovery or performance target.

04 / ADVISORY APPLICATION

How we will turn evidence into a decision

ADC will lead the work; exact outputs are agreed before kickoff.

SERVICE	WHAT ADC WILL DO
AI Strategy & Roadmap	ADC will prioritize operational decisions where the signal, action, and service outcome can be connected.
AI Adoption & Integration Advisory	ADC will define approval, rollback, and incident escalation before automated recommendations affect production.
Cloud Transformation	ADC will compare migration and modernization paths on cost, resilience, security, and team capacity together.

The sequence leading to your decision

STAGE	WHAT ADC WILL DO	WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE
Frame	We will define one workload decision and service owner.	Recovery and service acceptance criteria.
Examine	We will map dependencies, identity, cost, and failure domains.	Workload boundary and TCO baseline.
Test	We will design a client-run restore and rollback rehearsal.	Recovery evidence and unresolved risks.
Recommend	We will propose a migration, modernization, or hold decision.	Cutover gate and operating handoff.

What you will receive

- Workload decision matrix
- Service ownership and rollback map
- Operational metric and alert-action baseline

A focused first engagement

We will trace one recurring alert cluster through incident response and deliver a dependency, approved-action, and rollback decision record.

Independent sector reading

NIST cloud computing publications

NIST: Contingency planning for information systems

NIST: Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

Sources inform context; ADC is not affiliated with their publishers. Examples are illustrative, not completed client work. Scope and deliverables are agreed before kickoff.

05 / ILLUSTRATIVE ENGAGEMENT

A first engagement in practical terms

This is an example work package, not a completed client assignment. The actual scope, data access, and acceptance criteria would be agreed with the sponsor.

WORKFLOW IN SCOPE	One repeated service-alert cluster, from monitoring event to incident review or approved runbook action.

The evidence we will request

- Alert chronology, dependency map, incident notes, and known duplicate signals
- Service-level objective, change window, rollback plan, and restore evidence
- Identity permissions, runbook approvals, operator overrides, and customer impact

Work products and the decisions they support

WORK PRODUCT	WHAT ADC WILL PRODUCE	HOW THE CLIENT USES IT
Incident decision map	Trace which alerts reveal a shared dependency and when an operator can still act.	Distinguish correlation that shortens diagnosis from noise suppression that hides impact.
Runbook safety case	Specify permitted suggestions, authorization, prechecks, rollback, and escalation.	Prevent AI advice from becoming an unreviewed production change.
Service trial scorecard	Measure time to useful diagnosis, wrong correlations, overrides, restore success, and SLO impact.	Decide whether a bounded pilot improves recovery without raising change risk.

SPONSOR GATE	Service and incident owners choose pilot, restrict to advisory use, or stop after testing recovery and authorization under failure conditions.

How the gate changes the next step

DIRECTION	EVIDENCE-BASED NEXT STEP
PROCEED	Pilot advisory correlation if it shortens diagnosis without hiding customer impact.
REVISE	Restrict to read-only advice if runbook authorization or rollback evidence is incomplete.
STOP	Stop if the assistant could initiate an unapproved production change.

The example describes a proposed diagnostic and pilot design. It does not claim access to a named client's data, a completed engagement, or a guaranteed result.