

DIGITAL INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION | COURSE BROCHURE

Cloud Cost Management and FinOps

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Cloud spending can grow rapidly without effective financial management. FinOps brings finance, technology and business teams together to manage cloud costs and value. This course covers cloud pricing models, cost visibility and allocation, optimisation techniques, budgeting and forecasting, governance and building a FinOps practice.

Many organisations overspend on cloud by a significant margin. This course helps you control cloud costs while supporting innovation.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

• Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
• Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
• Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

The course uses cost analysis exercises, optimisation case studies, tagging and allocation workshops, and FinOps practice design.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Explain cloud pricing models and cost drivers
• Gain visibility of cloud spend and allocate costs
• Identify and implement cost optimisation opportunities
• Budget and forecast cloud spending
• Establish FinOps governance and roles
• Measure cloud unit economics and value

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• IT finance and FinOps professionals
• Cloud architects and engineers
• IT managers
• Finance business partners
• Procurement professionals managing cloud contracts



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Cloud pricing
- Cost allocation
- Cost optimisation
- Cloud forecasting
- FinOps governance
- Unit economics

Course outline

Day 1: Cloud Economics

09:00–09:54	Cloud pricing models
09:54–10:48	Cost drivers
10:48–11:00	Common sources of waste
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Common sources of waste (continued)
12:12–13:06	FinOps principles
13:06–14:00	Exercise: Cloud bill review

Day 2: Visibility and Allocation

09:00–09:54	Tagging strategies
09:54–10:48	Showback and chargeback
10:48–11:00	Cost reporting tools
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Cost reporting tools (continued)
12:12–13:06	Shared costs
13:06–14:00	Workshop: Tagging policy



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Day 3: Optimisation

09:00–09:54	Rightsizing
09:54–10:48	Commitments and discounts
10:48–11:00	Storage and data transfer
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Storage and data transfer (continued)
12:12–13:06	Scheduling and automation
13:06–14:00	Case study: Optimisation programme

Day 4: Budgeting and Forecasting

09:00–09:54	Cloud budgets
09:54–10:48	Forecasting methods
10:48–11:00	Anomaly detection
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Anomaly detection (continued)
12:12–13:06	Unit economics
13:06–14:00	Lab: Cloud forecast

Day 5: FinOps Practice

09:00–09:54	Roles and team model
09:54–10:48	Governance and policies
10:48–11:00	Culture and accountability
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Culture and accountability (continued)
12:12–13:06	Maturity roadmap
13:06–14:00	Capstone: FinOps plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the



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sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**



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Dates, venues and fees (continued)

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Amsterdam Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	15 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	**£1,890.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	15 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Rome Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£3,150.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Istanbul Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£2,450.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Paris Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£1,250.–**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,540.–**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£1,250.–**



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