



### Marathon Professional Services

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## Microsoft SQL Server Migration Planning Service

**Migrate SQL Server databases or instances to new and improved environments**

### Why is a SQL Server Migration important?

A SQL Server Migration is the process of moving a previous implementation of SQL Server to a different version or different platform due to strategic factors such as SQL Server Licensing considerations or extensibility planning.

### What are the benefits for the resellers?

**Virtualize and consolidate with Windows Server:** Scale up on-premises or via private cloud with Windows Server 2012 R2.

Reduce costs by consolidating more database workloads on fewer servers, and increase agility.

**Reduce TCO and increase availability with Microsoft Azure:** Azure Virtual Machines can help reduce the total cost of deployment, management, and maintenance of your enterprise database applications.

**Enable new business models in the cloud:** Help customers ensure their database—and their business—is up and running with a flexible platform to meet specific availability needs cost-effectively.

Help customers improve business continuity with increased HA and DR facilities in SQL Server 2014.

Improving, updating or migrating a database management system is not just a maintenance task, but an opportunity to derive new business value.



### What's Included?

When migrating SQL Server it is critical to consider the Migration Path. This includes the following:

- **Data Source:** Understand the SQL Server Version and the capabilities of the current SQL Implementation.
- **Data Destination:** Establish the intended SQL Server Version and environment that is desired or needed.
- **Supported Path:** Determine the steps and actions needed to achieve the migration. This can be a direct migration or more likely a staged migration.

Potential compatibility issues will be highlighted and then migration strategy and migration path defined.

This will be provided in the form of a comprehensive migration document.

### What's not Included?

The planning session does not include the actual migration but defines the processes need to support such an upgrade that will work for your organization

### Costs

- Single instance of SQL Server (non-clustered or two node cluster) - 2 days
- Multiple SQL Server instances (non-clustered or two node cluster) - 2 days plus 0.5 days per each additional instance

### What's Next?

By carrying out the SQL Server Migration service resellers are provided with an indicative costs, risk and impact analysis to provide to their client which will enable those clients to quickly move to the actual migration planning and deployment phases.

This service scales to thousands of servers and is design to accelerate projects to reach the point of migration as quickly as possible