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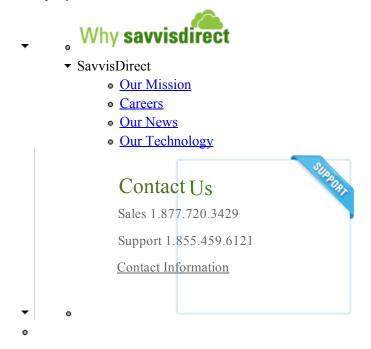Shop the Cloud Application Marketplace Today!   **GET STARTED**

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[Cloud computing solutions](#) are rapidly changing the face of IT departments worldwide. But cloud computing is not the downfall of the IT industry although some IT professionals may think otherwise. As demand for cloud computing solutions for multiple business units in startups, mid-sized business, and major corporations increases, so does the need for cloud computing specialists. The current challenge for IT departments is finding qualified candidates to fill critical vacancies either with new hires or by re-training in-house IT professionals. This post will discuss how companies can respond the new demands of cloud technology cost-effectively within their companies.

Cloud Training

It's very shortsighted for a company to lay off IT professionals with intimate knowledge of its business operations. The technology background of most IT professionals enables them to take advantage of new, cloud computing certifications that augment their skills and experience.

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IT professionals looking to make the [transition into cloud computing](#) first need to understand the scope of demand for companywide cloud solutions, mobile development, and business intelligence in their industry. There are various training and specialized certifications in cloud computing disciplines, including cloud computing fundamentals, architecture, security, governance, and virtualization, among others. There are also opportunities for CTOs and IT Directors and Managers to transition into training current and next generation cloud computing specialists, within their departments and outside MOOC programs.

Cloud Education On-the-Job

Browsing the IT opportunities presented by cloud computing training, traditional IT professionals will notice similarities between cloud and current, on-site infrastructures. This signifies the ability for IT experts to learn and apply cloud computing principles quickly and easily. There are many aspects to cloud computing that make it intuitive, and self-training through knowledge base articles, forums, and mentoring has become an option for many IT professionals.

Some things change, and some things stay the same

Contrary to the overriding concerns expressed through the IT industry, the expertise and experience IT professionals possess is still required to develop and execute the architecture and construction of every company's [computing infrastructure](#). If you're a CIO, CTO, or IT professional, your responsibilities continue to include creating infrastructure strategies and developing security protocols and reporting standards. You're also tasked with the integration of often-complex hardware and software components from business unit-specific vendors.

The main difference is that experts now require the ability to perform these functions in the cloud while providing systems support, service management, security, resource management, monitoring, reporting, and more. Luckily, there are several options for onboarding your current IT department to a new method of doing things.

The cloud isn't a replacement for old ways of doing business. It's a new opportunity for expertise, capability and ultimately, business-building. And its intuitive nature makse for easy adoption, understanding, and transition.

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