

# What to Look for in a Cloud Enablement Solution



Cloud enablement combines all the key elements of your cloud footprint — compliance and security, orchestration, automation, and financial management into one simple solution.

A complete cloud enablement solution brings everything together so you can get the full value of your cloud environment.

If you're finding discrepancies, like resources out of compliance; if you're worrying about compliance and security issues; or if you're spending a lot of time and effort managing your cloud, it's time to look for a reliable cloud enablement solution.

As you start to dig, you'll notice that there are many cloud governance and management options out there. **But, by choosing a solution that actually combines both**, you'll oversee, secure, and scale your cloud with one solution.

Kion put together a list of important considerations to help you find a complete cloud enablement leader that transcends cloud management and cloud governance by offering all the pillars necessary for total cloud control.

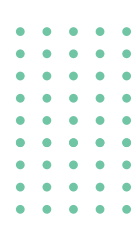


## Here are the 5 things you absolutely must consider when choosing a cloud enablement solution:

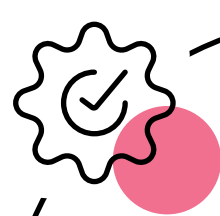
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### Org-wide visibility and simplicity

Your cloud enablement tool should allow you to see your cloud access policies, financial data, spend, and compliance across your entire organization. And, if you're operating in a multi-cloud environment, you'll want a solution that provides these capabilities across cloud providers.



Ultimately, all of your accounts and projects should align to the way your enterprise does business — so you're enabled by the cloud, not dependent on the cloud.



### One complete solution

There are several solutions that deliver elements of cloud governance or management. For example, solutions that deliver cost reporting or security reporting. Ideally, you want to identify a solution that can meet all of your needs across cloud governance and management. A single solution allows your teams to have a common access point to the cloud (including across cloud providers); delivers a consolidated view of permissions, spend, and compliance; and makes it easy for developers and engineers to focus on creating and innovating in the cloud—not using multiple tools.

Your cloud enablement solution should simplify your life. It should never require extensive training and a long onboarding process — its features should be easy to configure, learn and understand, so you can hit the ground running very quickly.

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### Self-hosted and private

Many externally hosted tools require access to your data, credentials, and financials. A self-hosted architecture means your data remains 100% private and under your control—and your integration options with your existing IT are limitless.



When comparing cloud enablement tools, look for one with a single, direct deployment that allows you to see information from the major cloud providers: AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud.



### Flexibility for full cloud control

Multi-cloud is an increasing reality for many organizations. When you're operating across cloud providers, you need a solution that provides control across all of these cloud platforms, delivering a holistic picture of your policies, spend, and compliance. Other tools (especially cloud-native tools) do not offer this level of flexibility and can further lock you into their platform.

Some solutions also rely on proprietary languages to automate your cloud. Find a tool that works with languages that are familiar to your cloud ops team so the work they've already done transfers over easily.

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### Proactive not just reactive

Don't settle for an email alert that tells you your budget is already blown. Look for a solution that controls costs, identifies rightsizing opportunities, and proactively prevents blown budgets from happening in the first place.



Along with proactive enforcements, look for real-time spend reports. Some tools on the market provide reports that are a day old. Only the most up-to-date information enables you to make accurate decisions.

Similarly, identify a solution that is proactive from a compliance perspective too, one that can enforce compliance frameworks in an existing environment or even as an account is being spun up.



## Find the solution for you

**Now you know what to look for:** a solution that goes beyond cloud management and cloud governance to deliver complete cloud enablement.

Kion offers the only single platform approach to cloud enablement. Kion combines automation & orchestration, financial management, and continuous compliance for total cloud control.

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