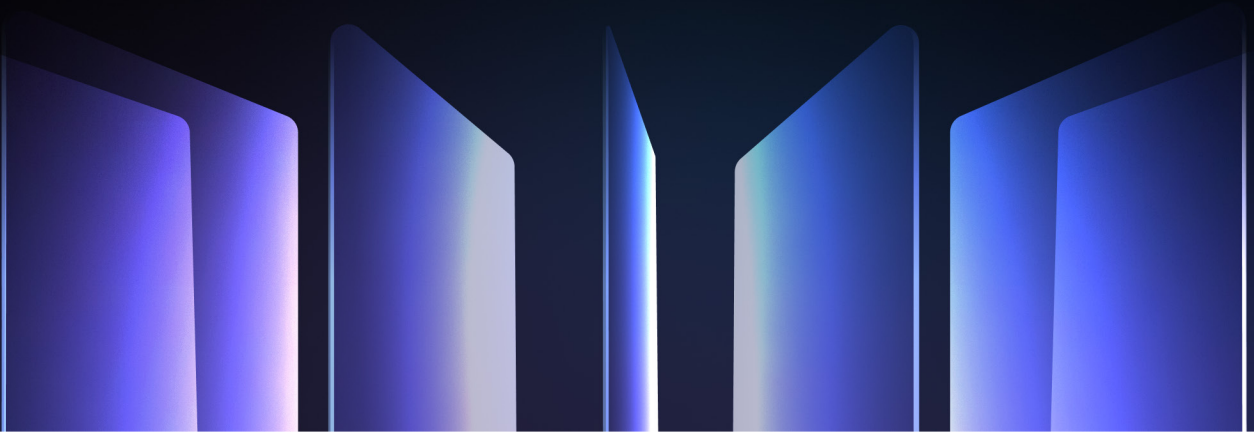




CASE STUDY

The great migration

Helvetia Insurance Group used HashiCorp Terraform to migrate 200 applications in one year with automation and standardization.



About Helvetia

Founded in 1858 and headquartered in St. Gallen, Switzerland, Helvetia Insurance Group is a major player in the European insurance market. It serves businesses and private customers across five European countries, tailoring innovative insurance solutions to their needs.

A few years ago, the cloud enablement team started a complete migration from on-premises data centers to the public cloud. The ambitious goal: move 200 applications to AWS and Azure within one year. This required a streamlined, automated approach to infrastructure provisioning and application migration.

Using HashiCorp Terraform, Helvetia's cloud enablement team created landing zones — fully configured cloud accounts with connectivity and policies — for its internal product teams. They then collaborated with a partner to build modules for hardened virtual machines and other critical resources allowing them to follow a lift-and-shift approach, expediting the migration without sacrificing security or governance.

Before, when a product team needed an account, the process took several days to deliver it. Now, they simply fill out a form and Terraform provides a landing zone for them within minutes.

Initially, Terraform was used exclusively within the cloud enablement team. Over time, its adoption spread to other teams within Helvetia and its European subsidiaries.

Business Outcomes



Successfully migrated approximately 200 applications to the cloud within one year



Reduced cloud account provisioning times from days to minutes



Increased compliance and auditability through infrastructure versioning and codification



Enabled global scalability by standardizing infrastructure in a multi-cloud environment



Enhanced user satisfaction by simplifying resource requests and minimizing delays

Partner



Matthias Mertens is a Cloud Solution Architect at Helvetia Insurance, leading the automation chapter within the platform team. He drives the strategy for cloud service adoption, enabling internal product teams to seamlessly integrate and manage cloud solutions. His work focuses on streamlining automation, enhancing operational efficiency, and ensuring alignment with enterprise cloud initiatives.

Matthias Mertens

Cloud Solution Architect

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Terraform was instrumental in achieving our migration goals. Without it, moving 200 applications in about a year would have been impossible. Our teams now have the tools to work faster and with greater confidence.”

Matthias Mertens

Cloud Solution Architect

Helvetia Insurance

About HashiCorp

HashiCorp is The Infrastructure Cloud™ Company, helping organizations automate multi-cloud and hybrid environments with Infrastructure Lifecycle Management (ILM) and Security Lifecycle Management (SLM). HashiCorp offers The Infrastructure Cloud on the HashiCorp Cloud Platform (HCP) for managed cloud services, as well as self-hosted enterprise offerings and community source-available products. The company is headquartered in San Francisco, California.

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