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1. Technical Requirements

Performance and Scalability

- Global network coverage and data center locations
- Auto-scaling capabilities for microservices
- Performance metrics and SLAs
- Load balancing and traffic management capabilities
- Container orchestration services

Integration Capabilities

- API management services
- Integration with existing on-premises systems
- Support for hybrid cloud architectures
- Available middleware and integration tools
- Compatibility with current technology stack

Security and Compliance

- Data encryption (at rest and in transit)
- Identity and access management (IAM)
- Compliance certifications (ISO 27001, SOC 2, GDPR, etc.)
- Security features and tools
- Data residency options

2. Operational Considerations

Service Reliability

- Historical uptime statistics
- Disaster recovery capabilities
- Backup and restoration services
- Geographic redundancy options
- Incident response procedures

Support and Documentation

- Technical support levels and response times
- Documentation quality and completeness
- Training resources availability
- Community support and ecosystem
- Implementation partner network

Cost Structure

- Pricing models (pay-as-you-go vs. reserved instances)
- Data transfer costs
- Storage costs
- Support costs
- Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) calculator availability

3. Platform Services (PaaS)

Development Environment

- Available development tools and services
- CI/CD pipeline integration
- Monitoring and logging capabilities
- Testing environments
- DevOps tools integration

Microservices Support

- Container services
- Serverless computing options
- Service mesh capabilities
- API gateway services
- Microservices monitoring tools

Database Services

- Managed database options
- Database migration tools
- NoSQL and SQL support
- Caching services
- Data warehouse solutions

4. Strategic Factors

Vendor Lock-in Considerations

- Data portability
- Standard vs. proprietary services
- Exit strategy feasibility
- Multi-cloud support
- Open-source compatibility

Future Roadmap

- Provider's investment in new technologies
- Innovation track record
- Market position and stability
- Feature development pipeline
- Technology partnerships

Business Alignment

- Geographic presence matching business needs
- Industry-specific solutions
- Regulatory compliance matching requirements
- Support for business hours in relevant time zones
- Cost alignment with business model

5. Migration Support

Migration Tools

- Available migration services
- Data transfer solutions
- Application assessment tools
- Workload migration capabilities
- Testing and validation tools

Professional Services

- Migration consulting services
- Implementation support
- Training programs
- Change management assistance
- Post-migration support

Decision Matrix Considerations

- 1. Create a weighted scoring system based on your specific requirements
- 2. Evaluate each provider against these criteria
- 3. Consider proof of concept implementations for critical workloads
- 4. Assess total cost of ownership over 3-5 years
- 5. Evaluate vendor lock-in risks and mitigation strategies

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