Generating business value with the AWS serverless platform

How organizations increase agility and innovate faster with AWS

As organizations look to accelerate delivery of high quality applications, many are taking advantage of the serverless operating model as part of their digital transformation efforts. Serverless applications require no infrastructure to scale or manage, scale automatically, and have high availability. IDC spoke with these organizations, and found that serverless helps them drive business value in four fundamental areas: cost savings, staff productivity, operational resilience, and business agility.

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2. Staff productivity

IT and developer teams gained significant productivity because they need less time to deliver an increased number of new applications and features.

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3. Operational resilience

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4. Business agility

AWS customers accelerated time to market, sped deployment of new features and applications, and improved scalability.

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Average annual benefits:

- Improvement in time to deploy new compute 89%
- Improvement in time to deploy new storage 96%
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ABOUT THE STUDY: IDC interviewed 11 large organizations with more than 10,000 employees and an average of $7 billion in annual revenue. The companies were primarily based in the United States, with Japan and the United Kingdom also represented. The vertical industries included communications, data analytics, financial services, manufacturing, online media, real estate, retail, technology, transportation, and travel.