Confluent Cloud Starter Performance Services

Engagement Objectives
Confluent Cloud delivers a resilient, scalable streaming service deployable in minutes, managed, and maintained by Confluent. The Confluent Cloud Starter Performance Services workshop is designed to help you configure your systems and applications to work with Confluent Cloud. By having a Confluent expert working directly with your development team, you can accelerate your adoption of the cloud platform and accelerate time to value.

This engagement provides new Confluent Cloud customers assistance configuring each aspect of Confluent Cloud and self-managed components. A Confluent Professional Services expert will review your use case, walk through your desired end state, and assist with the connection of your application to Confluent Cloud.

Benefits
• Validate the architecture and use case mapping against Confluent
• Knowledge transfer specific to your team's level of understanding
• Targeted recommendations specific to your business and use case

Prerequisites
This engagement is targeted to customers with an active Confluent Cloud project. A base level of knowledge is required to get the most out of the engagement. It is highly encouraged for the key members of the team to complete the training beforehand to ensure familiarity with the relevant concepts.
• Completed Confluent Cloud Technical Onboarding
• Completion of Confluent Fundamentals for Apache Kafka® training
• Recommended: One or more members of the team having completed the Confluent Developer Skills for Building Apache Kafka® training

Who should attend?
• Product/project owner
• Architects
• Software developers working with Apache Kafka®
• Operations team members responsible for managing Kafka/Confluent components

Engagement Location & Timing
1. Engagement provides up to 4 days of Customer interaction
2. The sessions may be conducted on-site at the customer's premises, or via remote sessions
Engagement Activities

Pre-engagement alignment and kick-off call
- Align on the engagement expectations and goals
- Confirm logistics

Engagement workshop (sample agenda):
- Discuss and review your Use Case
- Discuss and review Architecture
- Assist with connectivity and deployment of Confluent Cloud clients
- Configure Confluent Cloud security features (service accounts, ACLs, Role-Based Access Control, SSO)
- Configure VPC/VNet peering or AWS Transit Gateway.
- Discuss Confluent Replicator and hybrid cloud deployment model
- Discuss monitoring best practices for Confluent Cloud

Discussion of considerations & recommendations, including the following:
- Guidance through and validation of connecting initial Kafka producers and consumers or Kafka Streams applications
- Guidance and validation for the setup of end-to-end topic monitoring
- Validation of access to and initial usage of Kafka Connect, Confluent Replicator, REST Proxy, Confluent Schema Registry
- Hands-on walkthrough of initial Kafka Streams and ksqlDB use case(s)

Knowledge Transfer and Documentation
Post-workshop, the Confluent expert will provide a summary of the engagement notes by email, which may include:
1. A reference architecture design
2. Findings and best-practice recommendations
3. Design patterns for integrations, delivery, and processing
4. Scalability and high availability recommendations
5. Potential testing recommendations

Outcomes
- Agenda specific to your requirements
- Interactive workshop
- Summary of recommendations

Out of Scope
- Self-managed cloud discussion (self-managed Confluent Platform architecture workshop can be purchased separately, we also offer consulting modules covering cloud migration and hybrid cloud deployments)
- Deep dive of topics outside this description. Additional workshops/engagements are available for any specific topics that need to be covered in depth
- A consulting report in any form/format

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