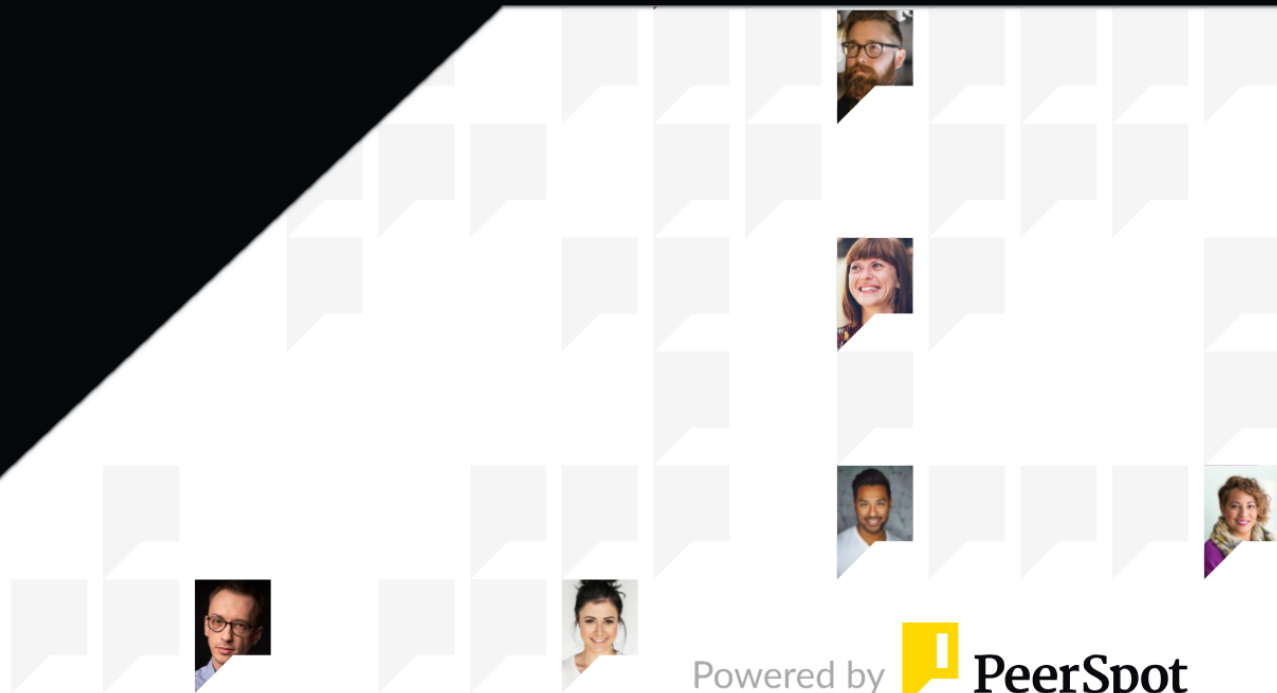




CloudBolt

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Product Recap



CloudBolt

CloudBolt Recap

CloudBolt provides ease of use, flexibility, and expandability through custom scripts and integration with platforms like AWS and Azure. It offers governance, deployment, and resource control, along with a self-service catalog and role-based access control, enhancing automated efficiency.

CloudBolt stands out for its automation, integration capabilities, and cost management while improving efficiency, reducing service delivery times, and offering dashboard flexibility. It utilizes predefined hooks and customization to optimize processes. Self-service options boost user autonomy in hybrid and multi-cloud environments, supporting policy-driven governance and infrastructure automation for ITSM platforms. Users employ it for cost visibility, role-based access control, and template creation, benefiting financial and government sectors.

What features make CloudBolt stand out?

- **Ease of Use:** Simplifies deployment and management.
- **Flexibility:** Customizable scripts and integrations.
- **Governance:** Streamlines policy-driven controls.
- **Resource Control:** Enhances allocation and management.
- **Automation:** Utilizes predefined hooks for efficiency.
- **Integration:** Broad compatibility with platforms like AWS, Azure.
- **Cost Management:** Chargebacks and showbacks for visibility.

What benefits should organizations consider?

- **Efficiency Improvements:** Boosts operational productivity.
- **Reduced Service Delivery Times:** Speeds up task completion.
- **Comprehensive Reporting:** Custom reports and dashboard flexibility.
- **Strong ROI:** Enhances value with actionable insights.

In industries like finance and government, CloudBolt facilitates centralized provisioning and orchestration across AWS, Azure, and GCP. Users leverage its policy-driven governance and role-based access control to optimize cost and automate substantial IaaS infrastructure, supporting scheduling and blueprint templates for efficiency.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“Since using CloudBolt, I have seen a 25 to 30 percent reduction in service delivery time and an improvement in efficiency of almost 20 to 25 percent within a timeframe of approximately 8 to 10 months.”



AbhishekGupta2

Sr PreSales Cloud Architect at a outsourcing company with 10,001+ employees



“Making the lifecycle management automated has made life easier.”



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Infrastructure Engineering Senior Advisor at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees



“CloudBolt has positively impacted my organization by reducing the manual provisioning effort, enabling faster environment delivery, and improving governance, standardization, and visibility.”



PrinceKumar7

Cloud Engineer at a computer software company with 501-1,000 employees

- ✓ “The best features CloudBolt offers are its speed, which is very fast in terms of provisioning compared to traditional ISO-based methods, and this speed has helped my team and organization; we completed a new site setup in under a few days, which would take about a few weeks using traditional methods.”



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IT Systems Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

- ✓ “I find the self-service features valuable.”



AdeolaEkunola

Director at NIGERCUBES LTD

- ✓ “The solution's biggest advantage is flexibility”



Verified user

Manager- Automation Engineering at a computer software company with 11-50 employees

- ✓ “The initial deployment was super easy.”



Adalberto Barbosa Da Costa Lobato

Cloud Solutions Architect at gwcloud.company

What users had to say about valuable features:

“Cost management is a valuable feature, but the solution's biggest advantage is flexibility. There is a standard framework that CloudBolt provides, but if I'm good with Python, I can tweak it and make it better. I can customize it easily..”

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“I find the self-service features valuable. In a virtual environment, you don't get that cloud experience. When creating something close to a cloud experience, you need a cloud platform like CloudBolt. Another benefit of using CloudBolt is how it helps with resource control. It helps with resource control, such as with network storage in any infrastructure. Another valuable feature is in the application deployment and customization..”

AdeolaEkunola

Director at NIGERCUBES LTD

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CloudBolt has positively impacted my organization. We have a fairly big catalog on top, so overall my organization really benefits from CloudBolt.

The types of benefits I have seen from CloudBolt include saving time, reducing costs, and improving efficiency in many specific ways..”

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IT Systems Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

“We are able to do a lot of customization in CloudBolt specific to our use case. That is one of the main things that we considered when we were deciding what vendor to go with. The customization is easy, workflow management is really nice, and the support team is also really helpful in case we need a new feature or anything.

All of the workflows that we have are automated. When we are using CloudBolt, the user just goes and requests, and the entire workflow automation happens in CloudBolt. Some of those come out of the box, and some of them are defined specific to our use case.

Making the lifecycle management automated has made life easier. If it is automated, we do not need to manually go and provision every server request that comes from the user. We have defined everything in the workflow, and the end-to-end provisioning is using the automated workflow, which saves time. .”

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Infrastructure Engineering Senior Advisor at a healthcare company with 10,001+ employees

“The best features CloudBolt offers include self-service provisioning, which is probably the most valuable feature, governance built into provisioning as the second, and centralized orchestration and day two automation.

“Regarding the governance built into provisioning, I particularly appreciate that instead of discovering the problem afterward, CloudBolt can enforce the rule during provisioning itself. Governance can happen before infrastructure is created.

“CloudBolt has positively impacted my organization by reducing the manual provisioning effort, enabling faster environment delivery, and improving governance, standardization, and visibility.

“The time saved and improvement in delivery speed have been noticeable since using CloudBolt..”

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“The best features CloudBolt offers include governance and policy control, allowing security teams to set up their specific guardrails with governance at scale. Multi or hybrid cloud abstraction provides a single pane of glass for different types of environments, and self-service catalogs enable technical or business users to request services without multiple tickets. CloudBolt also offers strong integration capabilities that work well with existing tools without disrupting the current environment.

“From an integration standpoint, CloudBolt works well with various public and private cloud providers, including AWS, Azure, GCP, VMware, and Nutanix, as well as different virtualization software, infrastructure as code templates such as Ansible and Terraform, ITSM tools such as ServiceNow, and CMDB platforms.

“CloudBolt has positively impacted my organization by managing multiple cloud environments for thousands of users with a complex enterprise workflow that has helped reduce man-hours required for provisioning resources. We have achieved faster delivery through standardized operating procedures and reduced reworks due to automation. The chargeback and showback mechanisms allow us to charge different business units according to their consumption, providing better governance, lower risk, and lower cost, resulting in a good return on investment.

“Since using CloudBolt, I have seen a 25 to 30 percent reduction in service delivery time and an improvement in efficiency of almost 20 to 25 percent within a timeframe of approximately 8 to 10 months..”

AbhishekGupta2

Sr PreSales Cloud Architect at a outsourcing company with 10,001+ employees

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Other Solutions Considered

“We checked other solutions that worked on multiple clouds, though I can't remember the names. Out of the box, we found CloudBolt to be the top platform..”

Sameer Gusain

Technical Lead at Sopra Steria

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“We have used vRA for the last year and a half for all of our orchestration. Delivery time, upgrade time and complexity is reduced by 95% and required zero PSO dollars to get setup and to get integrated with all major providers and configuration managers. Finally vRA doesn't support Google, which was the keystone technology for the project..”

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Technical Advisor at a hospitality company with 10,001+ employees

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“Yes, we previously used another cloud management system. This product offered excellent governance, but supporting of the all the components that are not seamlessly integrated required a lot of expertise and time to understand. On one occasion I remember spending 3-4 hours with support just looking for the right logs..”

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Product Manager at a media company with 5,001-10,000 employees

“We were analyzing a couple of solutions and switched to CloudBolt. The features and capability of CloudBolt were one of the major reason for switching. We looked at VMware vRealize, and Cisco CloudCenter was another potential option. Those are the major ones. We were looking for different possibilities for our customers and I wanted to get into the features and understand how both of the tools works so we could complete a comparative analysis. .”

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Solutions Specialist | Product Manager - Cloud & Data Center Services at
Hexaware Technologies Limited

ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“Over a 3 year span, cost savings is projected to be is almost 60% at current scale. From a delivery standpoint, over 50% faster delivery and 95% less touch points..”

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“We were able to save enough from reduced support cost associated with maintaining and operating our previous cloud management platform within \months to pay for CloudBolt..”

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“We have seen a return on investment after using CloudBolt. We wanted it as an alternate solution and picked it up with pressure from the admin team and the engineers. We wanted something useful for self-service, and it was a good option. The solution serves as the primary object in going for it..”

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Director at NIGERCUBES LTD

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“I have not completed anything big or successful with the solution, but I see its advantages. There will be an ROI depending on how people work today. If people have the tool, they also have automation built in. They get a request, then click a button and do it. For them, it's not a big ROI. But there is a lot of ROI for people who do a lot of manual stuff..”

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Manager- Automation Engineering at a computer software company with 11-50 employees

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“Very high, but not constrained to just CloudBolt. We implemented puppet and Infoblox at the same time, and the combination of self-service, automatic IPAM, and config mgmt has delivered environments full of VMs ready for applications that are infinitely more consistent and provisioned in 30 minutes or less where it took several JIRA tickets, inter-team handoffs, and a few weeks to deliver manually. .”

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Sr. Infrastructure Architect at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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Use Case

“We used the solution to manage a pretty substantial financial institution’s IaaS infrastructure. We were also using it to manage the infrastructure as a service of a government area. It was pretty good..”

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Cloud Solutions Architect at gwcloud.company

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“One use case for CloudBold is creating blueprint templates for multiple clouds. Another is cost management or optimization. There is a piece that comes along with CloudBolt called Kumolus, and there is a lot of interest in that side of cost management..”

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Manager- Automation Engineering at a computer software company with 11-50 employees

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“My main use case for CloudBolt is provisioning servers. We have a VM environment, so we would use a CloudBolt template and then map it to CloudBolt environment and provision the server for our production..”

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IT Systems Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

“I have been using CloudBolt for nearly one year.

“My main use case for CloudBolt is as a centralized cloud management and orchestration layer for provisioning and managing infrastructure across different environments.

“One of my main use cases for CloudBolt in my day-to-day work is allowing teams to request infrastructure without requiring the infra team to manually perform every provisioning task. For example, a developer requests an environment, selects a proof blueprint, conducts approval policy checks, and CloudBolt orchestrates the infrastructure provisioning on AWS. This flow reduces the number of repetitive infra tickets, and CloudBolt's blueprint can encode the large environment's configuration, approval requirements, cost control, tagging policies, security requirements, and post-deployment actions..”

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Cloud Engineer at a computer software company with 501-1,000 employees

“We have a platform called Unity that is a private cloud infrastructure for which we are using CloudBolt as a vendor.

On CloudBolt side, we have a tool called Unity, which is the cloud platform. In our day-to-day operations, if a user or a team needs infrastructure, such as a Windows server or Postgres database, they will use CloudBolt platform to provision the infrastructure that will actually run the workflow that we have defined in Unity. In the background, CloudBolt is running, but at the front of it, we name it as Unity. Unity and CloudBolt are basically the same thing; it is just that the name of the platform internally is named as Unity.

The main use case is the provisioning and the lifecycle management of the infrastructure that we provision through CloudBolt. Starting from provisioning and following with day-two actions that include increasing RAM, CPU, and power, and getting these details, among other things, the entire lifecycle management of the infrastructure that we have is managed through CloudBolt. .”

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Infrastructure Engineering Senior Advisor at a healthcare company with
10,001+ employees

“My main use case for CloudBolt includes having a centralized self-service provisioning and orchestration, allowing me to manage hybrid and multi-cloud provisioning across AWS, Azure, GCP, VMware, and other cloud providers. I also leverage the platform for policy-driven cloud governance to enforce cost and compliance guardrails to our end customers, cost and usage visibility through chargebacks and showbacks reports, and infrastructure automation where CloudBolt integrates with various infrastructure as a code platforms, ITSM platforms, and workflows.

“One specific example of how my team uses CloudBolt for self-service provisioning is that we have customers with footprints spread across public and private cloud environments, and we provide a centralized self-service platform where predefined blueprints or templates are available for them to provision resources. They can select the target cloud environment and provision resources using these templates. Another real-world example includes chargeback or showback, where we create different groups in the organization and use the platform to provide reports based on their resource consumption.

“My main use cases for CloudBolt are self-service provisioning, governance and cloud guardrails, cost and usage visibility, and infrastructure automation..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“The initial setup is not difficult in the sense that you need a very highly skilled person to do it. The initial setup is a long process with many steps to do it. It's time-consuming to set up and build the solution. By contrast, deploying the solution doesn't take much time, and it's simple..”

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Manager- Automation Engineering at a computer software company with 11-50 employees

“Initial setup was straightforward. Deployment took about two hours and required one person to implement. We have about four or five people dealing with maintenance. I carried out the deployment and there are about 15 people in the company using the solution. .”

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“The CloudBolt ova was deployed in under 30 minutes, including importing all virtual servers from previous deployments. Within 3 days we had our production instance of CloudBolt achieve feature parity with our previous cloud management solution of 1.5 years..”

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Product Manager at a media company with 5,001-10,000 employees

“It was a straightforward setup. As mentioned above, we did some custom scripts for integrations to Puppet, modified their Infoblox scripts to suit our needs, as well as implemented Microsoft DNS integration for some environments. These were a bit more complex, but well within the ability of our Python scripters given the supplied examples and answers from CB on some of the finer points..”

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Sr. Infrastructure Architect at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

“Extremely simple. From soup to nuts it took 30 minutes to setup. About a day to get everything configured and documented, 2 minutes to do an upgrade and about another 2 weeks to have everything integrated with full stack provisioning in all our current offerings plus 2 additional clouds. We have been spending a great deal of the extra time we saved on the project working on more features and refactoring our Chef builds to deploy even quicker..”

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Technical Advisor at a hospitality company with 10,001+ employees

“The deployment process is straightforward, and we have proper documentation online. After deploying the solution, we tailor it to our taste. After deployment, if we want to integrate it with virtualized on-premises infrastructure and our multi-cloud infrastructures, we create sections or different groups of users and give them access to the resources we want them to be limited to.

We took a week to deploy the solution, but the greenlight took a month or two. After deployment, we went to the test phases. Then, after the test phases, the solution went for generic users and the organization..”

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Director at NIGERCUBES LTD

Customer Service and Support

“I have not raised any support ticket with CloudBolt, but during the initial phase, we had some concerns, so CloudBolt assigned a solution architect for us, and he has cleared our concerns..”

Sameer Gusain

Technical Lead at Sopra Steria

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Customer Service:

Very good. They have been very responsive and are very open and quick to implement product improvements.

Technical Support:

Very good. They have been very responsive and are very open and quick to implement product improvements. .”

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Sr. Infrastructure Architect at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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Customer Service:

You can tell the CloudBolt staff loves what they do. Customer service is just amazing.

Technical Support:

Blazing fast responses, usually within hours, and if the problem persisted they were readily available to jump on call or Webex to resolve the issue.

The Documentation is excellent and very short. You can read every bit in about an hour..”

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Product Manager at a media company with 5,001-10,000 employees

Customer Service:

World class. I have personally opened over 1000+ Tickets since November (90+% were RFE's which have been ADDED into current releases since 5.2) and every single one was met with a helpful attitude and usually resolution on the first reply and if it wasn't a WebEx soon followed. Always received a reply same day within a couple of hours for the minor and low priority tickets.

Update: Excellent as always.

Technical Support:

Hands down, best out of every vendor we use across any vertical in our business. They are extremely helpful and quick to respond as well as help with suggestions and workarounds for anything that can't be fixed that moment.

Update: Nothing but the best..”

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Other Advice

“My advice for others looking into using CloudBolt is that if you are a server admin, it is very useful. I would advise you that CloudBolt will be very useful for your needs. .”

Verified user

IT Systems Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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“The platform works as it's supposed to. It's really fast. I would recommend the solution to others. I used three other cloud management tools. Overall, I can confidently rate the product a ten out of ten..”

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Cloud Solutions Architect at gwcloud.company

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“Customization, cost, and feature request were all main reasons why we chose CloudBolt. It is easy to use and understandable. Before committing to CloudBolt, see what it offers, how you can customize it to your needs, and the cost aspect of it. It is not a big company as of now, so you will be able to get more value out of your money and more personalization than mature products that are already in the market. I would rate this product a nine out of ten..”

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“Any user considering CloudBolt should consider what they need in the long run, not just the structure. It's a good solution, but they must ensure it's what they want. We're looking at doing [OpenStack](#) after so many years with CloudBolt. Users must check if CloudBolt is what they want in the long run, but the short term might be good. For users who have a multi-cloud and want to manage the entire infrastructure from one pane of glass, CloudBolt is a go-to solution. I rate CloudBolt a seven out of ten..”

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“I would rate CloudBolt nine out of ten.

“I gave it a 9 out of 10 because of the three areas of improvement I mentioned.

“Regarding CloudBolt's AI capabilities, governance and security are not my use case. Additionally, the accuracy and reliability of output are not my use case.

“For others looking into using CloudBolt, I would recommend it for a DevOps cloud infrastructure team when the organization has reached the point where simply using [Terraform](#) and a cloud console is no longer enough to manage infrastructure consistently at scale..”

PrinceKumar7

Cloud Engineer at a computer software company with 501-1,000 employees

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“For others looking into using CloudBolt, I advise defining governance policies early, focusing on building modular automation, and planning integrations in advance, such as [IAM](#), [CMDB](#), or security aspects. It is critical to not overlook the cost models associated with deploying workloads in public cloud and to ensure governance and guardrails are in place when leveraging the platform. Establishing strong policies around resource provisioning and implementing tags when different teams are deploying resources is essential to track costs effectively.

“CloudBolt is a truly good platform with strong capabilities, especially considering recent acquisitions such as StormForge for [Kubernetes](#) optimization and Kumulus and SovLabs in the past, positioning it well for the future as a single pane of glass for managing different public and private cloud providers. I would rate this platform an 8 out of 10..”

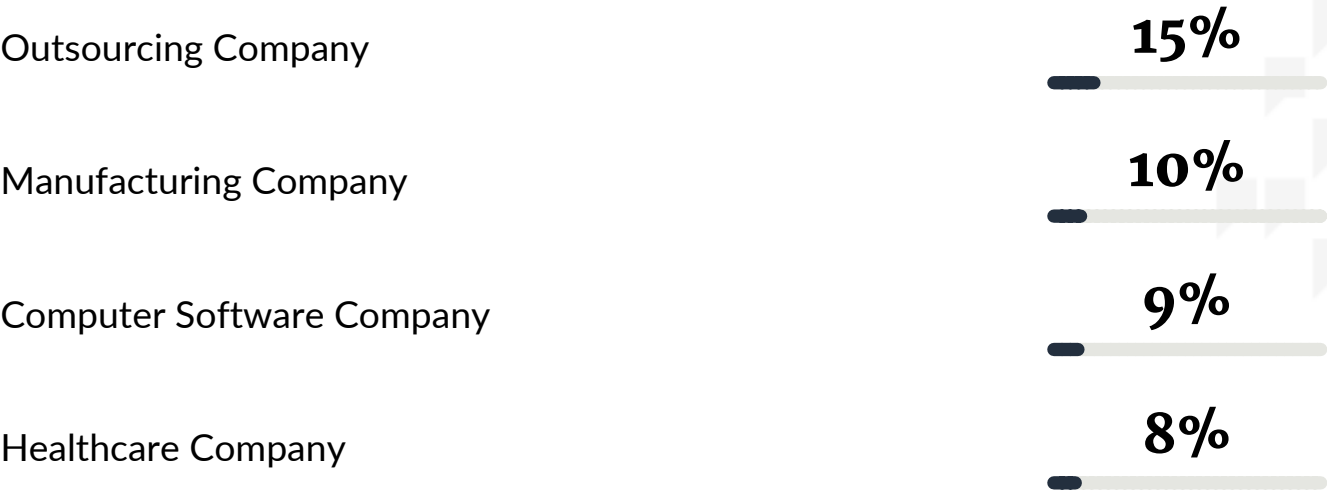
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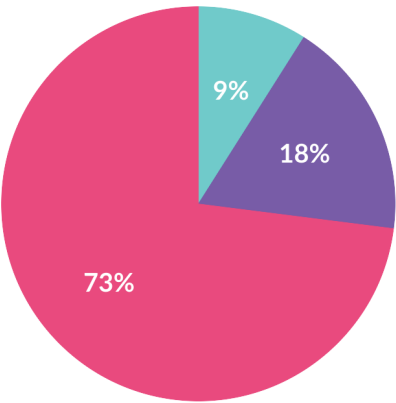
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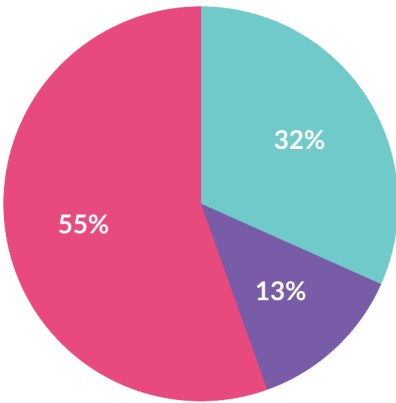
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