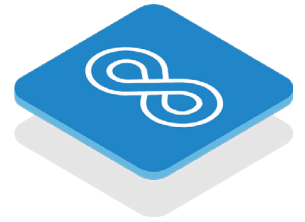


Manage: DevOps Managed Service

Our tailored DevOps (SRE) Managed Service



N4Stack's DevOps Managed Service is designed for customers who require a modern operational model for cloud native applications.

Customer development teams invest considerable time and money to build fault tolerant, cloud-native applications using modern development techniques. To deliver effective support the operational model needs to be in-line with the development teams modernised approach supporting automated deployment pipelines, Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC) and an open DevOps approach.

The N4Stack DevOps Managed Service provides a modern approach for modern applications, backed by robust SLA's.

Adopting an SRE model

N4Stack have adopted the Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) model that was first used by Google to support customers modern application architectures. N4Stack have pioneered the use of SRE in conventional Managed Service Providers (MSPs) to deliver against a customer's DevOps agenda, whilst maintaining operational excellence.

The reasons for the promotion of the SRE model is twofold:

- Traditional managed service models are too rigid to support customers agile development processes especially around automated change. Customer Azure applications are also using platforms heavily reliant on PaaS services whereby the MSP is a service consumer vs. an owner
- Splitting the responsibilities of the Development team and Operational teams to support a DevOps approach is extremely difficult to deliver effectively whereby operationally a third-party MSP is responsible vs. the two teams working together in the same office

The SRE model is the perfect solution as it provides clear responsibility boundaries for the SRE team that allow for Cloud Ops to be part provided by Microsoft (Azure) and Development by the customer or chosen partner. This model is the ideal way to execute a DevOps aligned strategy with the use of a specialist Azure SRE team.

DevOps Managed Service features

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| ✓ | 24x7 Service Hours - Our DevOps experts are here to help 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. |
| ✓ | SRE On-Boarding - A comprehensive concierge service to ensure your application gets the red-carpet treatment for service go-live. |
| ✓ | SRE Incident Management - A mature Event and Incident Management methodology to sustain our solutions, enabling detection and management of issues. |
| ✓ | Priority Escalation to Microsoft - Issues can be escalated to the premier support team at Microsoft 24x7. |
| ✓ | Service Monitoring (Azure Native) - We will deploy shared dashboards, alerting and triage runbooks to ensure effective monitoring of all solution components and agreed SLO's. |
| ✓ | Metrics & Logging (Azure Native) - We will keep track of SLI's transparently using Log Analytics and Insights that both teams can use as a single source of metrics. |
| ✓ | Release Management Support - Ensuring all releases use agreed Azure DevOps deployment pipelines to provide a consistent and effective release management approach. |
| ✓ | IaC Change Management - Ongoing change management that both N4Stack and the customer have access to and can contribute to. |
| ✓ | Operability Improvement - On a monthly basis we will work on a backlog tasks to improve the service, making it more resilient, faster and secure. |
| ✓ | System-Based SLA's - We'll agree contractual SLA's at the outset of the agreement to clearly define success. |

For more information on our DevOps (SRE) Managed Service or other products and services we offer please call our team today on 0115 933 8474 or email us at hello@n4stack.co.uk