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### Introduction

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#### How AWS QuickSight dashboards and Strategic Blue's FinOps expertise empowered the fintech Form3 to improve forecasting quality and uncover significant savings.

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Head of FinOps - Strategic Blue





# I moved to cloud to become a FinOps expert ... said no one, ever





### About Strategic Blue

Buying cloud with us means a better deal for you.

With over 10 years' experience, we help organisations to unlock the most value from the cloud to get (and stay) ahead and access a level of savings and innovation you wouldn't be able to experience without us.









### We use I, not AI

#### It is all about humans





### The CFO view

# The only source of financial information are invoices

#### **L**•• The Customer

# **FORM**<sup>5</sup>

#### https://www.form3.tech

#### Reduce capital expenditure

Remove the burden of managing costly, evolving, critical payments infrastructure.



Exploit technology innovation

Learn, adapt and deploy new products to market on demand without disruption or downtime.



Gain geographic reach

another and add payment schemes as required



"Strategic Blue fully understood our requirements and provided the level of flexibility and business agility we needed to scale as and when service demanded. We can count on our partner Strategic Blue."

Steve Cook, CTO, Form3

**Strategic Blue** 



# Enter: Amazon Quicksight

Summary

Consumer Products \$2,738K (7%)

Energy \$3.929K (11%)

Provide

Orders by State

\$2,794K (8%)

Sales by Industry

#### **Business Summary Dashboard**







### See the costs and the savings...

### Talking commitment recommendations, costs per teams and trends with the head of Engineering (+DevOps)





# A focus on maintenance is required





# Enter: CUDOS Dashboard

| Invoice Three Month Ago  | Invoice Two Month Ago                              | Invoice Previous Month   | Total Accounts Previous Month             | Most Popular Region by Spend Previous Month  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| \$3.77M  | \$3.17M  | \$2.72M  | 315                                       | eu-central-2<br>us-east-1-mia-1<br>us-east-1-bos-1 us-east-1-chi-1<br>ap-southeast-3 me-south-1 us-east-1-nyt-1  |
| Invoiced Spend Trend   |  | Invoiced Spend Trend<br>Feb 2023 Jan 2023<br>\$2.72M -14.44% ↓   | Total Services Previous Month             | us-east-1-wil ap-northeast-2 af-south-1-los-1<br>us-west-1 global ap-southeast-1 us-east-1-mp-1<br>eu-south-1 US-east-1 af-south-1<br>us-east-1-iah-1<br>us-east-1-iah-1<br>us-east-1-iah-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-mp-1<br>us-east-1-m |
| Insights:<br>• "Amortized Spend" may <i>slightly</i> differ from the "Invoice Spend" as it takes in to account upfront payments. |  |  |   |  |
| Discounts Previous Month: Credits, Refunds, Others   |  | Amortized Spend Trend<br>Feb 2023 Jan 2023<br>\$2.78M<br>-14.34% | Amortized Spend Previous Month<br>\$2.78M | us-east-1-dfw-1 eu-nomb-1 ca-central-1 me-central-1<br>us-west-2-las-1 ap-east-1 eu-central-1-ham-1<br>us-west-2-den-1 us-east-1-w(1-nyc1<br>us-west-2-pdx-1 us-west-2-phx-1   |
| Invoiced Spend   |  |  | Amortized Spend                           |  |
| BundledDiscount Gredit Biscountedbage Fee PrivateRateDiscount Refund RiFee SavingsPlanCoveredUbage SavingsPlanNegation           |  |  |   | 397778981772 • Cost_Amortized  |
| Seo.   |  |  |   |  |
| \$2.93M  | 24M \$2.03M<br>\$2.14M \$2.03M<br>\$2.14M \$52974K | 28M \$1.84M \$1.82M  | \$40_<br>\$3.42M<br>\$3.0_<br>\$3.0_      | 28M \$3.05M \$3.25M<br>\$3.01M \$3.05M \$2.78M   |
| \$972.73K \$921.15K \$<br>\$0.00 <b>\$571054 \$</b>  | 02M \$511.45K \$57.28K                             | 178K \$45825K \$520.72K<br>4761 \$52836 \$533.34<br>-5766.40K    | \$2.0<br>\$3.42M<br>\$2.53M               | 5835.82X 5807.33X 5984.73X<br>54356X 527.43K 550.31K 550.31K 534.52X<br>525M   |
| -12  |  |  | \$10                                      | \$2.15M \$2.21M \$2.35M \$1.31M \$1.35M  |
| -\$4<br>Aug 2022 Sep 2022 Oc   |  | 2023 Feb 2023 Mar 2023   | \$0.00 Aug 2022 Sep 2022 Oct              | 2022 Nev 2022 Dec 2022 Jan 2023 Feb 2025 Mar 2023  |
|  | Group By: billing_period (Month)                   |  |   | Group By: billing_period (Month)   |

Invoice Spend by Product (Refunds & Credits apply to each Product)

📕 Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud 📲 Amazon Keyspaces (for Apache Cassandra) 📑 Amazon OpenSearch Service 📑 Amazon Registrar

📕 Amazon Relational Database Service 📲 Amazon Simple Storage Service 📗 Amazon Virtual Private Cloud 📲 AmazonCloudWatch 📒 AWS Premium Support

#### Amortized Spend by Product (Refunds & Credits apply to each Product)

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📕 Amazon Relational Database Service 📲 Amazon Simple Storage Service 📗 Amazon Virtual Private Cloud 📑 AmazonCloudWatch 📒 AWS Config

📕 AWS Premium Support 📕 CircleCl - Cl/CD 📕 CrowdStrike Falcon Endpoint Protection 📕 Elastic Load Balancing





# Getting technical details, finding your own answers





# Focus on strategy and high-value discussions

# We talk about the future, forecasts, unit economics with CFO, HoE, DevOps





#### BLOG

How Strategic Blue uses Amazon QuickSight and AWS Cost and Usage Reports to help their customers save millions







# Thank you.

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