FinOps diagnostic vs cloud cost tools (one-pager)

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Buyers comparing AWS Cost Explorer, Azure Cost Management, vendor dashboards and a fixed-scope ownership diagnostic. This page is planning guidance — not a savings guarantee, not a product endorsement, and not measured customer results.

The problem these options try to solve

Cloud bills rise while ownership stays unclear. Teams buy another dashboard or accept a savings-share vendor before anyone can name who owns each material line of spend.

Side-by-side

Native cloud consoles (Cost Explorer / Cost Management)

- Strength: free, authoritative billing views inside the account.
- Limit: visibility without an owned decision register; shared services stay contested.
- Best when: you already have owners and need drill-down.

FinOps / cloud cost platforms

- Strength: allocation, anomaly and rightsizing signals at scale.
- Limit: recommendations without accountable owners become unused tickets.
- Best when: ownership and tagging already exist and you need operating cadence.

Savings-share optimization vendors

- Strength: strong incentive to find cuts.
- Limit: over-claim risk; production blast radius can be underweighted.
- Best when: you have clear idle waste with signed owners and rollback paths.

Fixed-scope ownership diagnostic (DigiScience)

- Strength: owned vs shared vs unclear map; act / investigate / hold; 30/60/90 plan you keep.
- Limit: you still own implementation; tooling comes after ownership exists.
- Best when: spend is material, ownership is unclear, and leadership needs a decision package before more tooling.

What to demand from any option

1. One estate boundary and one decision question.
2. Explicit owned / shared / unclear classification.
3. Evidence and blast-radius notes before production cuts.
4. A written next-step plan with named owners — not a percentage promise.

DigiScience next step

Run the free cloud waste triage (result before contact): https://digisciencetechsol.com/cloud-waste-triage

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