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## HCL BigFix Cloud Lifecycle Management

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# 1 Preface

This section provides information about the HCL BigFix CLM Introduction Guide and includes the following topics.

- [Intended Audience](#)
- [Related Documents](#)
- [Conventions](#)

## 1.1 Intended Audience

This document is intended for users like developers, administrators, Business heads, Operations Manager, Delivery heads and many more, who will be responsible for the following:

- Developing service request forms.
- Using APIs to consume BigFix CLM services.
- Defining process workflows in the tool
- Configuring BigFix CLM
- Provisioning/decommissioning Infrastructure resources, Approving the service requests, Viewing reports.
- Sales and Presales discussion.

## 1.2 About This Guide

This guide provides an overview of HCL BigFix CLM that includes the following sections.

- BigFix CLM Features
- BigFix CLM Architecture
- BigFix CLM Roles
- BigFix CLM End-User View
- BigFix CLM Benefits

## 1.3 Related Documents

The following documents can be referenced in addition to this guide for further information on BigFix CLM.

- BigFix CLM User Guide
- BigFix CLM Installation Guide
- BigFix CLM Configuration Guide - Admin Module
- BigFix CLM Configuration Guide - Provider Module - Part 1
- BigFix CLM Configuration Guide - Provider Module - Part 2
- BigFix CLM Troubleshooting Guide
- BigFix CLM Developer Guide
- BigFix CLM API Guide

## 1.4 Conventions

The following typographic conventions are used in this document:

Table 1 - Conventions

Convention	Element
<b>Boldface</b>	Indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary
Numbered lists	Indicates steps in a procedure to be followed in a sequence
Bulleted lists	Indicates a list of items that is not necessarily meant to be followed in a sequence



## 2 BigFix CLM Overview

Today, many enterprises see cloud-based applications as an effective way to optimize IT-related costs, by leveraging pay-as-you-go model. Some organizations also realized the benefits that liberalization of IT deployment and management across departments brings on the table, agility being of prime importance.

At the same time, the approach of having a decentralized, unregulated, cloud-based IT ecosystem poses new challenges around managing costs, visibility, and others. There is a need to have a hybrid cloud management platform which gives them the flexibility to manage a complex and fast-changing cloud environment.

HCL BigFix CLM is a hybrid cloud management product that empowers organizations to optimally govern, provision, monitor, and manage cloud infrastructure. It combines data exploration and data visualization in an easy-to-use product that enables effective analysis and generates actionable insights for IaaS, PaaS resources and multi-machine blueprints. HCL BigFix CLM data-driven recommendations and advisories ensure continuous optimization of enterprise cloud environments across areas, including cost, performance, security, and utilization.

### 2.1 BigFix CLM Features

- **Self Service Catalog based Provisioning and Auto-decommissioning.**  
Self Service Catalog based Provisioning & Auto-decommissioning– Provisioning of IaaS, PaaS, and multi-machine blueprints in a multi-cloud environment, through an intuitive self-service catalog and auto-decommissioning post a defined interval to avoid cost leakages.
- **Metering & Showback:**  
Track utilization of resources across BUs, enabling transparency and visibility.
- **Advisory & Recommendation:**  
Proactive recommendations around Cost Optimization, Fault Tolerance, Performance and Security.
- **Dynamic User interface:**  
Flexibility to customize the service request form templates to capture configuration parameters while placing provisioning requests.
- **Dynamic Process Workflows:**  
Enables automation of generic & custom tasks like installing agents, machine cloning etc. with support for parallel execution.
- **Script Library:**  
Create new or leverage out-of-the-box scripts in process workflows across environments.
- **Forecasting & RI recommendation:**  
Enables cost optimization and resource utilization by analyzing the past usage patterns & recommending the most optimal resource types on **AWS** and **Azure**.
- **Role Based Access Control:**

Manage user privileges based on their roles, eligibility and policies.

- **Policy driven Orchestration:**

Be in control of your cloud orchestration ecosystem aligned to your organizational policies.

- **Rich Integration Ecosystem:**

Enables integration with industry leading third party tools through **REST APIs** and **CLI**.

- **Enterprise-Grade Security:**

Ensure security of end-to-end cloud management and orchestration ecosystem through various mechanisms.

## 2.2 BigFix CLM Architecture

The section below highlights the high-level architecture of BigFix CLM . To understand the architecture and deployment modes of BigFix CLM in detail, refer to the **Installation Guide**.

### 2.2.1 Functional Architecture of BigFix CLM

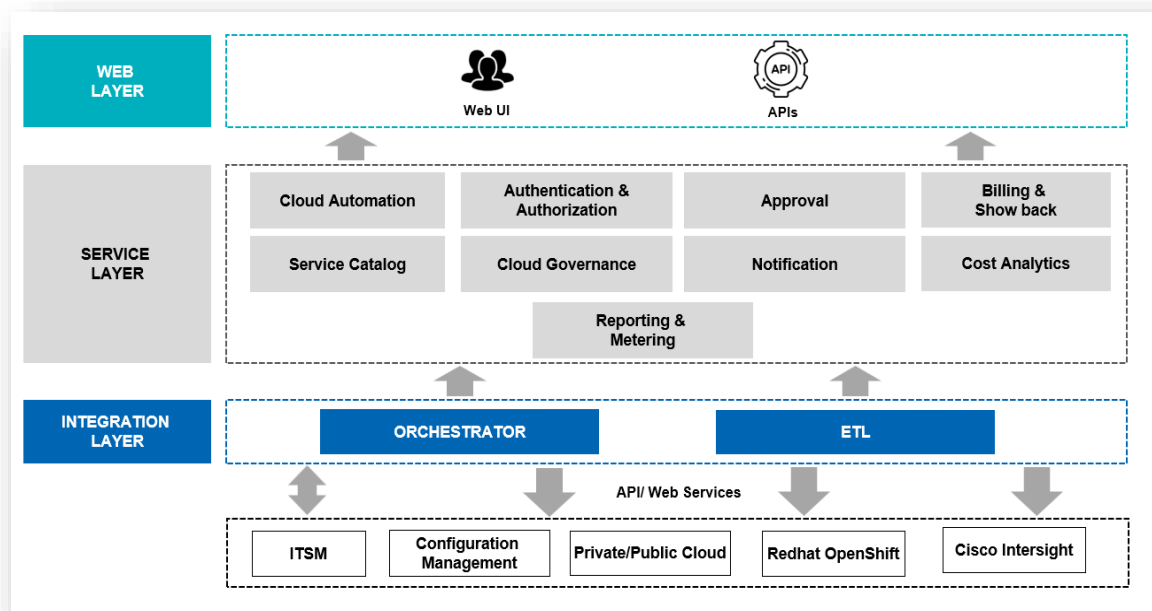


Figure 1 – Functional Architecture of BigFix CLM

## 2.2.2 Component Layered Architecture

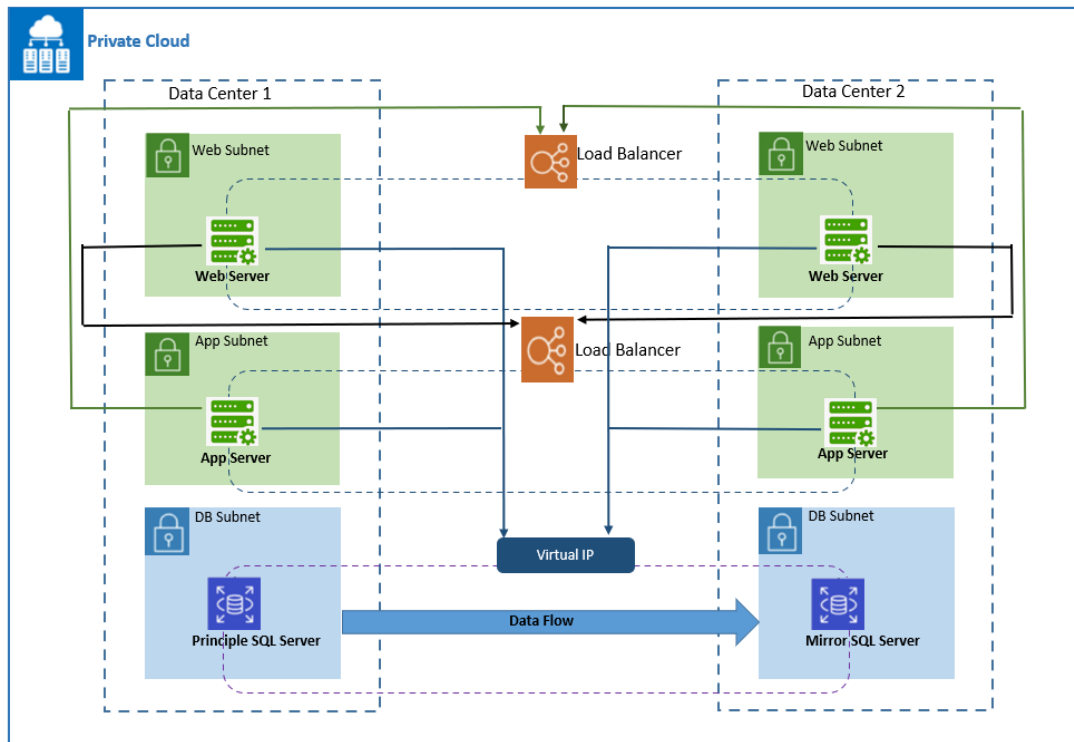


Figure 2 – Component Layered Architecture of BigFix CLM

## 2.2.3 Architecture of BigFix CLM

The following figure describes the architecture of BigFix CLM.

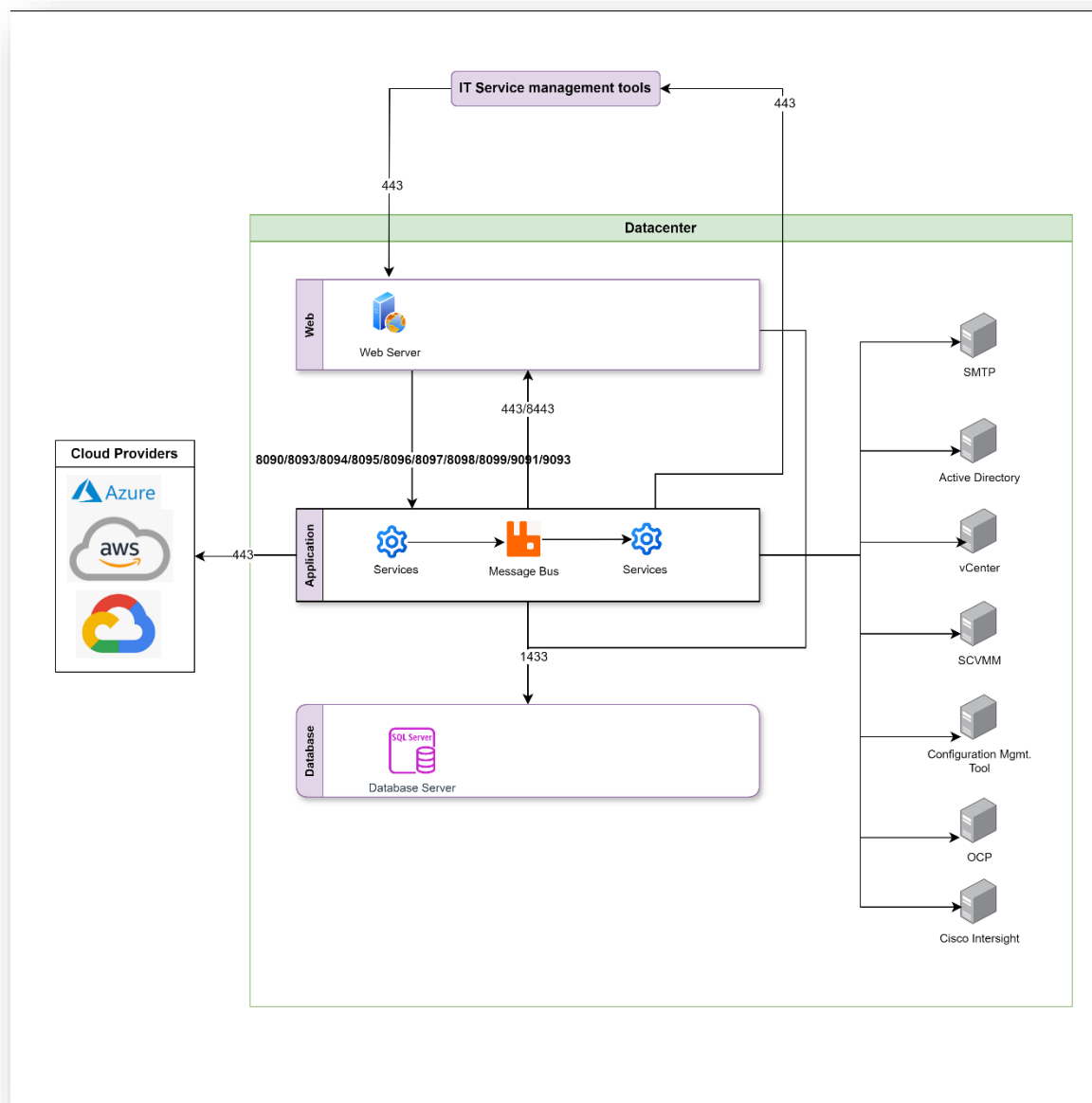


Figure 3 – Architecture of BigFix CLM

## 2.3 BigFix CLM Roles

The following table lists five fundamental built-in roles.

Table 2 – BigFix CLM Roles

Role	Description
<b>BigFix CLM Admin</b>	BigFix CLM Admin has the right to manage providers, admin level jobs and other component related configurations
<b>Provider Admin</b>	Provider Admin is a business manager or an IT administrator, responsible for configuring BigFix CLM as per the organization requirements. The primary responsibilities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manages and configures the Organization</li> <li>• Manages the users and groups (within the Organization)</li> <li>• Manages UI Template</li> <li>• Manages services catalogue</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates Approval groups and Workflows</li> <li>• Manage Organization Resources</li> <li>• Manage Domains/AD Users in Organizations</li> <li>• Request status tracking</li> </ul>
<b>Organization Admin</b>	Organization Admin has the right to manage the users, roles, and groups assigned to them (organization-specific)
<b>Requester</b>	Requester has the right to request for Infrastructure resources (IaaS & PaaS services) view or manage reports related to the resources
<b>Approver</b>	Approver has the rights to approve the requests raised by the requesters

For detailed information about roles, please refer to HCL BigFix CLM Configuration Guide and User guide.

## 2.4 BigFix CLM End-User View

### 2.4.1 Requester Module

This module describes how a service requester requests different types of services including **IaaS** and **PaaS**. A **Requester** is a business end-user who is consuming services of BigFix CLM. The following are the actions that are performed through this module:

- Request service catalog items that are entitled to the user
- Manage their provisioned resources
- View reports

For detailed information about roles and other modules, please refer to HCL BigFix CLM User guide.

## 2.5 BigFix CLM Benefits

- **Reduce Costs**
  - Higher cost savings through Process standardization & Automation
  - Provide visibility of usage of virtual assets & cost obligations to key custodians
  - Optimize virtual asset utilization to avoid cost leakages
- **Mitigate Risks**
  - Improve Performance and Fault Tolerance of systems and services through proactive advisories.
  - Transform the process from Human driven to Automation driven and eliminate human error from the equation.
  - Mitigate security related risks based on system driven suggestions
- **Drive Efficiency**
  - Reduce VM provisioning cycle by up to 85%
  - Achieve up to 50% faster deployment of services through Automation

### 3 Support

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