# Cloud Management Platform

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### **Subscription Economy**







By now you're probably convinced of the wisdom of joining the club.



#### **Dollar Shave Club**

- In March 2012, the company launched a YouTube video entitled "Our Blades Are F\*\*\*ing Great" featuring CEO Michael Dubin.
- The video prompted 12,000 orders in a two-day span after it was released, and has received over 17 million views as of January 2015.

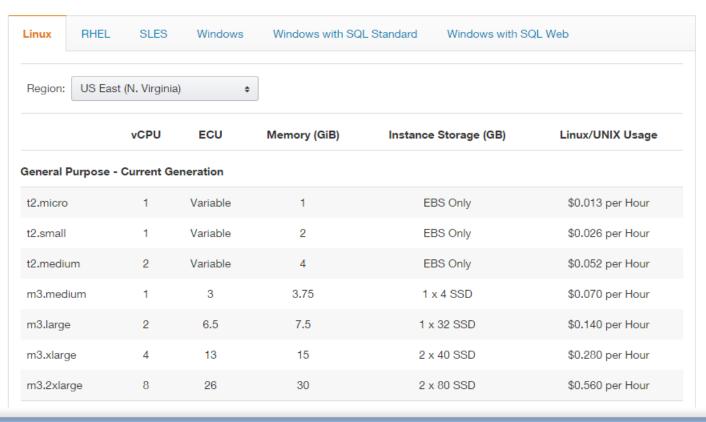
### **Subscription Pricing**

- Customer/Market segmentation
- Packaging
  - Features and functionality
  - Enterprise vs. personal.
- Regional pricing
  - US pricing vs. Asia pricing
- Loyalty discounts
  - Historical spend
- Volume discounts
  - Quantity purchased
- Payment and credit adjustments
  - Quarterly, monthly.
- Usage type adjustments
  - Subscription vs. pay-per-use
- Promotions
  - Limited time in a region
- Upgrade/Cross-grades discounts
- Channel discounts
  - Partners

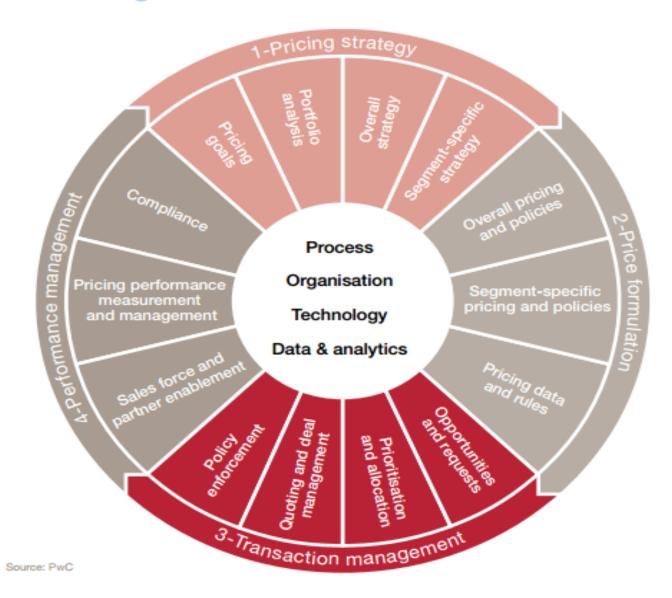
### Amazon EC2 Pricing



#### On-Demand Instance Prices

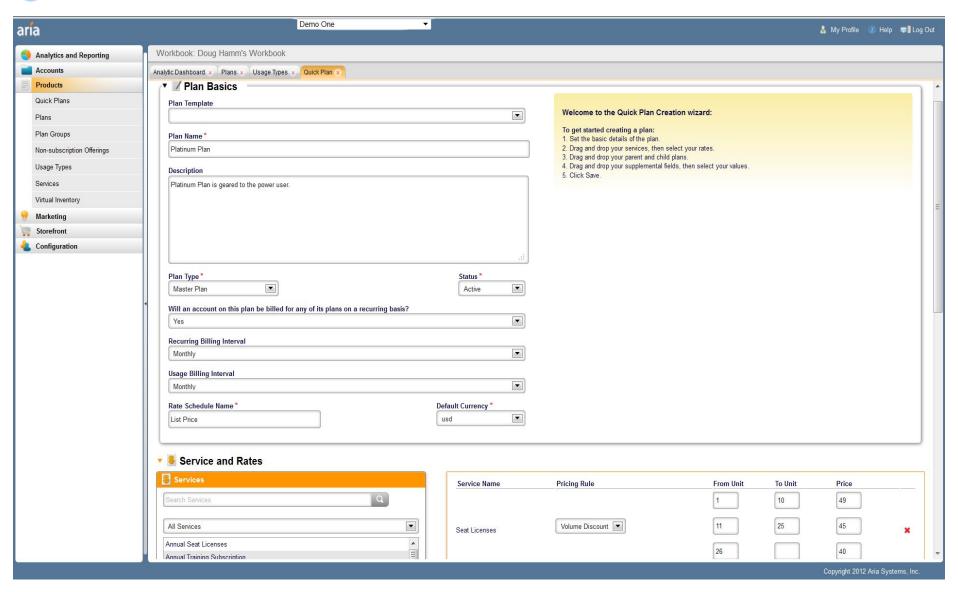


### SaaS Pricing Management

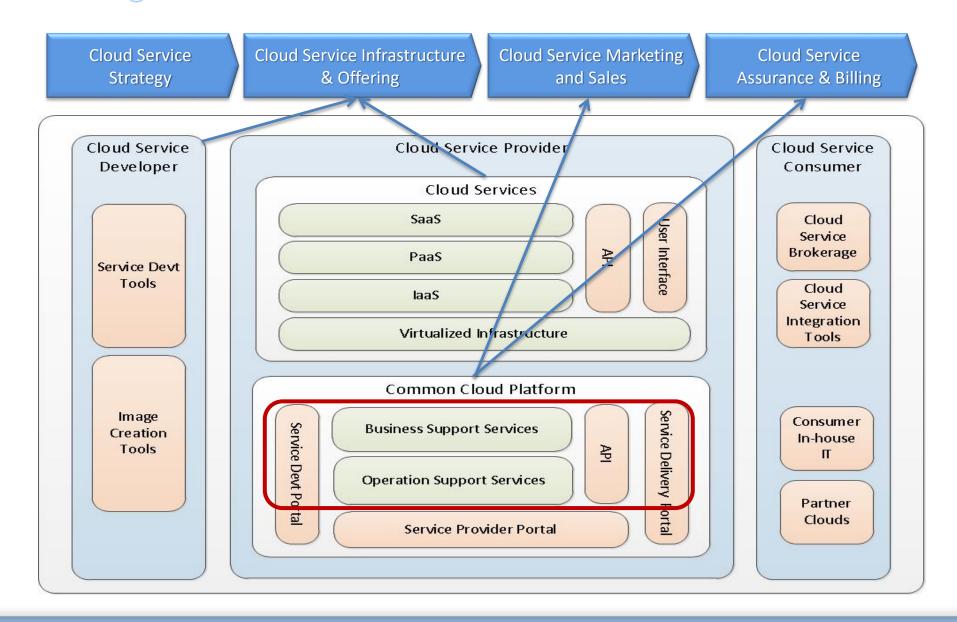


# SaaS Billing Services

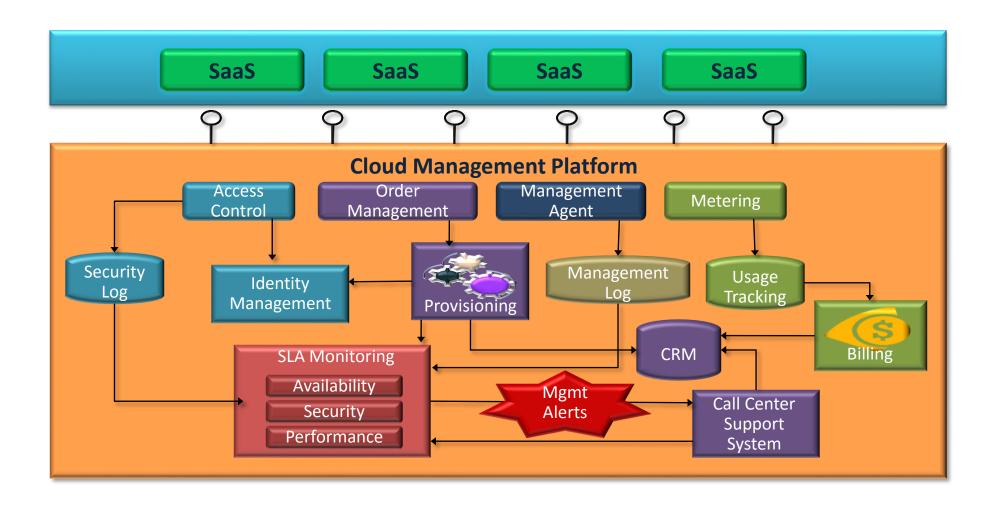
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- Aria Systems
- Hiveage
- Chargify ...



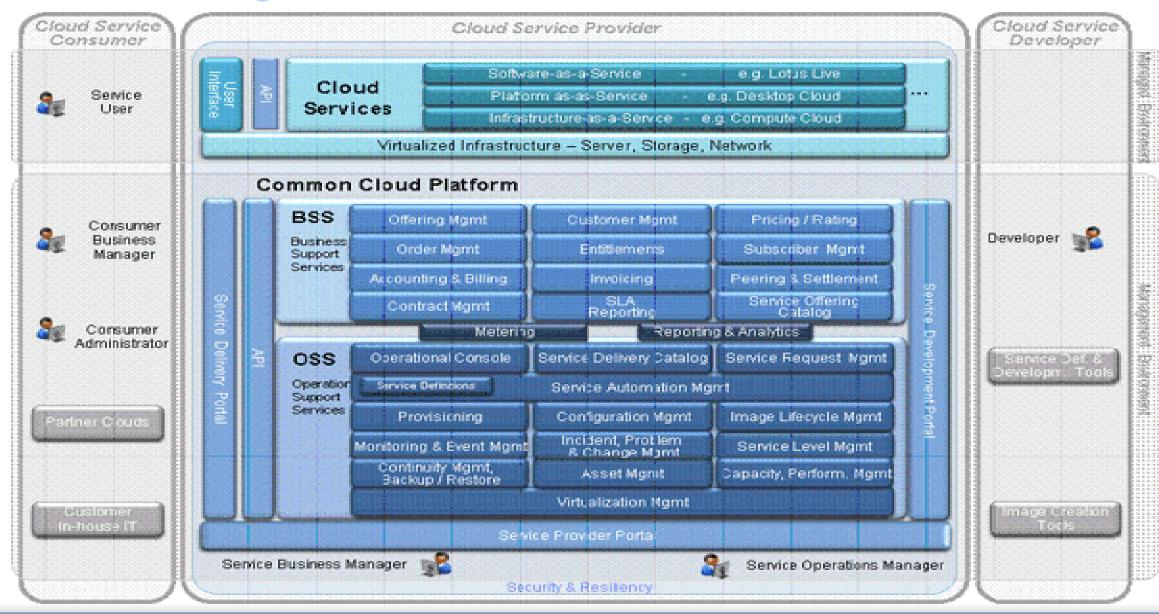
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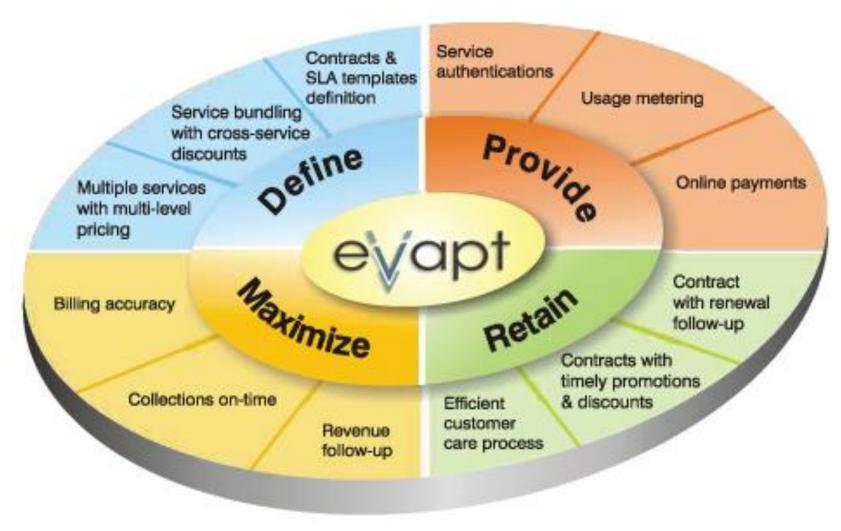
### **Cloud Management Platform**



# Cloud Management Platform - IBM

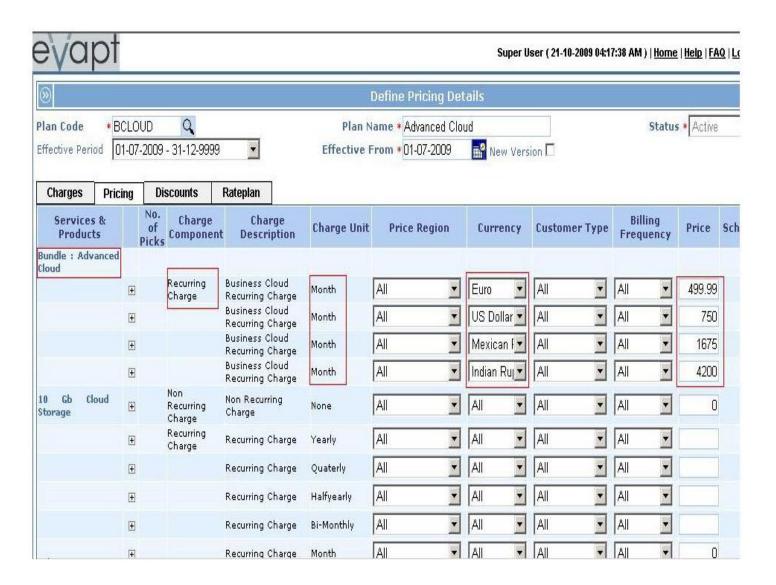


# **Business Support Services**

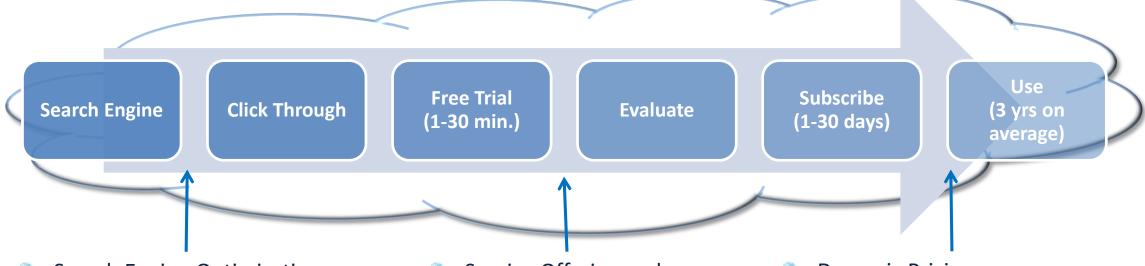


### Service Definition Services

- Defining various types of services and products and associated price tags
- Define a service based on geography, customer type, etc
- Adding a package / plan to selected group of customers based on the business model
- Assigning rate plans to a package / plan or individual service / products within a package



### Marketing and Sales Services



- Search Engine Optimization
- Web / Social Marketing (email marketing, webinars, Wikipedia, blogs, videos, SMS, social sites)
- Web Analytics
- Lead Tracking
- Personalized Promotion

- Service Offering and Package Definition
- Service Catalog
- Service Level Agreement
- Online Demos
- Downloads

- Dynamic Pricing
- Subscriber Mgmt
- Order Mgmt
- Provisioning
- Accounting
- Billing and E-Payment
- Customer Polls/Feedback
- Churn Mgmt

### Marketing and Sales Services















Advertise your

to write your ad

your ad locally.

Take five minutes

and select a couple keywords-even target

business on Google

#### People click on your ad

When people search on Google, your ad is displayed and traffic is driven to your site.

#### Capture leads from your Web site

Prospects fill out a Web form, which creates a lead in Salesforce that is routed to your sales team.

#### Manage the follow-up process

Log calls, send emails, and update the status of your leads so that you never miss an opportunity.

#### Convert leads into customers

Update deal information, track opportunity milestones, and record all opportunity-related interactions

#### Manage customer relationships

Acquire deep knowledge of every account. facilitate collaboration. and build and maintain strong, lasting customer relationships.





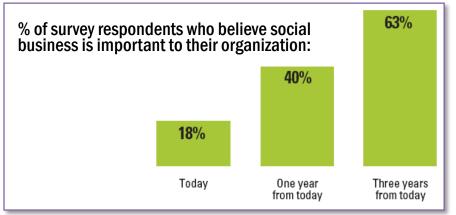


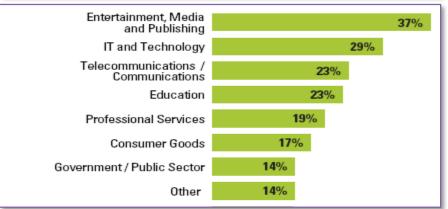
#### Measure what's working

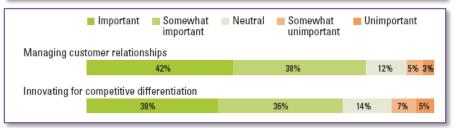
- · A single solution for insight
- Customizable reports

### Marketing and Sales Services

- The importance of social business (defined as business activities that use social software) to enterprises is growing, and the line between real business and social business is diminishing.
- Media and IT industries tend to see the most value from social business today.
- Marketing and innovation are top uses of social business so far.
- Companies have increasingly turned to social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, to generate and increase revenue via social commerce, which facilitates:
  - Real-time interaction, conversation and engagement with customers, and
  - Social sharing and recommendations among customers





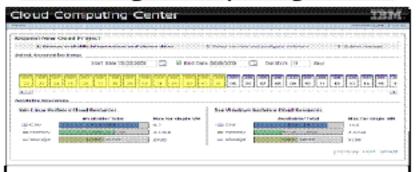


# Billing and Payment Services

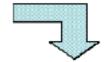
- For cloud service vendors a robust billing and payment system is critical, because pricing for services is more complicated than pricing for products, especially when a time dimension is introduced.
  - Companies need to experiment different pricing models before arriving at the optimal plans.
  - Companies need to provide a wide variety of plans to target different market segments, customer locations, payment methods, etc.
  - Pricing is a tool for subscription-based companies to compete with effectively through stratagems like temporary promotions, customer specific discounts or penalties for missing or late payments, etc.
  - The pricing and billing system has to be flexible, customizable and scalable.
- Of the SaaS deployments in 2009, 90% are not pay for use, but pay per subscribed user per month.
- Worldwide cloud billing investments will grow from \$15M in 2008 to \$350M in 2013. (IDC)
- Cloud service billing and payment solutions built by cloud service providers include:
  - Amazon Web Services DevPay (online billing and account management service), Amazon Web Services FPS (flexible payment service), Force.com Checkout (online billing solution for Force.com-based services), Microsoft Azure, Google App Engine

### **Operation Support Services**

#### For Locating and Requesting Services



Secure User Centric Self-Service Portal, Automation engine and Catalog



Managing Cloud Services



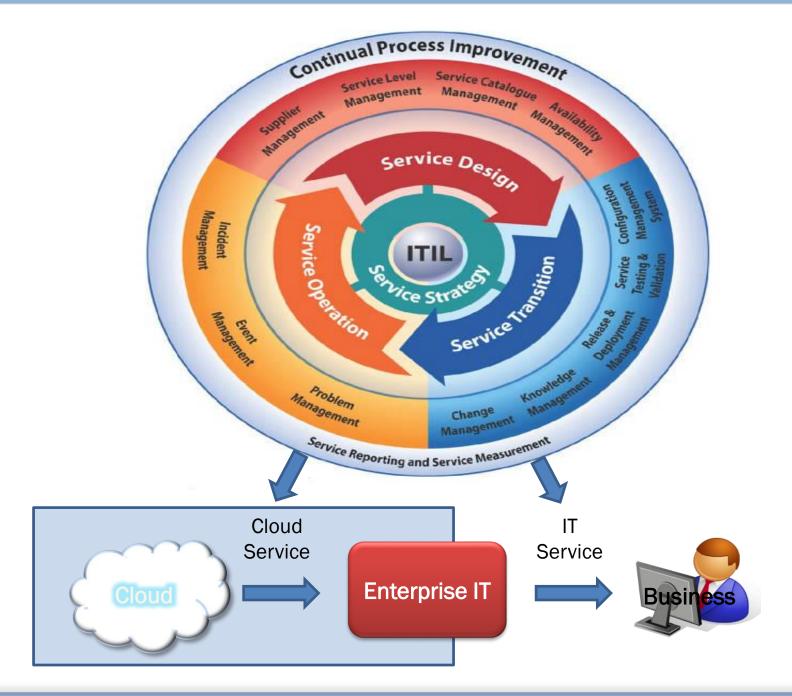
Monitoring, Security and Metering





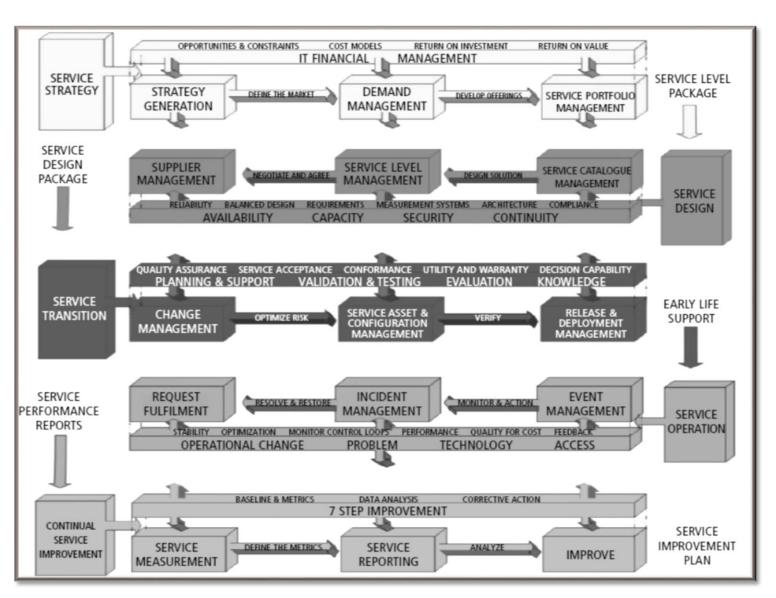
Automated Provisioning and Image Management

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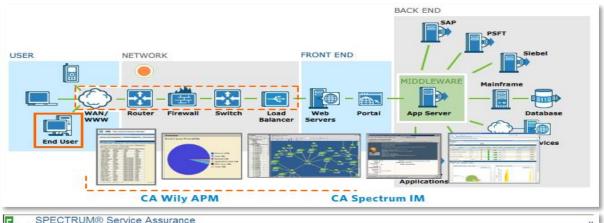
### **Operation Support Services**

- SLA Management
- Identity and Access Management
- Self Service Interface
- Automated Provisioning
- Incident Management
- Change Management
- Configuration Management
- Performance Monitoring and Management
- Business Continuity and Availability Management
- Service Process Automation



# **Application Performance Management**

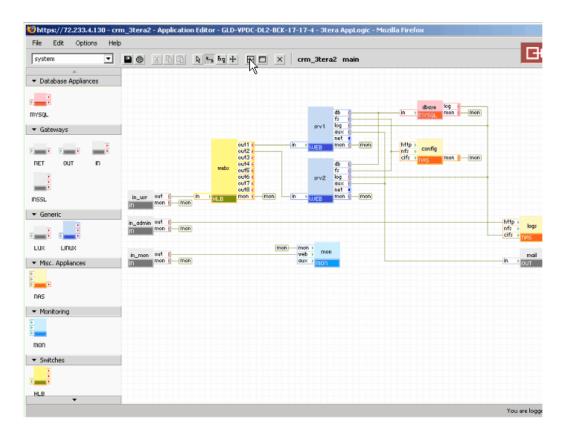
- Monitor, analyze and report on transactions, response times and end- user experience to ensure optimal application delivery.
  - Gain end-to end transaction visibility
  - Monitor true end user experience
  - Proactively manage performance
- Proactively manage the performance and availability of the infrastructure including physical, virtual and cloud systems, networks, databases and applications.
  - Discover infrastructure and relationships
  - Preempt performance and availability issues
  - Analyze network behavior





### Real-Time Service Assurance

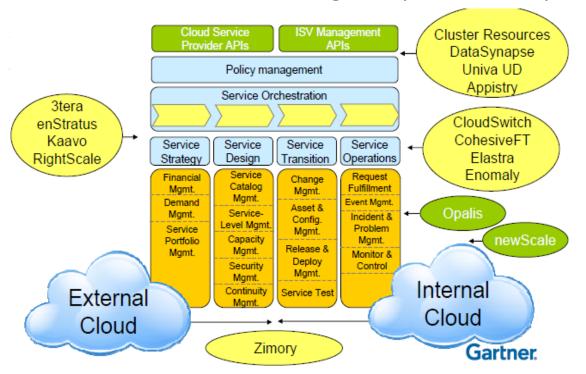
- Service assurance links end-user experience, transactions and applications with the underlying systems and network infrastructure supporting them
- So one can understand the real-time performance, risk and quality of business services across physical, virtual and cloud environments.

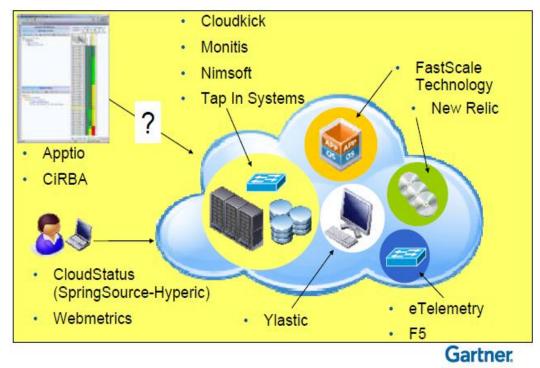




### **OSS Vendors**

- Big Four offer SaaS-based cloud service management solutions; e.g., BMC Remedy as a SaaS, HP Cloud Assure SaaS, IBM Tivoli-based Service Management Center for Cloud Computing.
- New comers such as Rightscale, Elastra, DataSynapse, Platform Computing offer management services with a singular focus on cloud computing.
- In addition a spectrum of vendors such as SpringSource, Webmetrics, CiRBA, Nimsoft. New Relic, Ylastic, etc. offer solutions for monitoring and optimization of public cloud services.





# Cloud Service Management Standards

- Standards for cloud service management are emerging including DMTF Open Cloud Standards Incubator.
- The Open Cloud Standards Incubator addresses the following aspects of the lifecycle of a cloud service:
  - description of the cloud service in a template
  - deployment of the cloud service into a cloud
  - offering of the service to consumers
  - consumer entrance into contracts for the offering
  - provider operation and management of instances of the service
  - removal of the service offering

