

Introduction to Distributed and Parallel Computing

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Cloud Computing

Simply put, cloud computing is the delivery of computing services—including servers, storage, databases, networking, software, analytics, and intelligence—over the Internet (“the cloud”) to offer faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale.



Types of cloud computing

Public cloud

- Public clouds are owned and operated by third-party cloud service providers, which deliver computing resources like servers and storage over the internet.
- Microsoft Azure is an example of a public cloud.
- With a public cloud, the cloud provider owns and manages all hardware, software, and other supporting infrastructure.
- You access these services and manage your account using a web browser.

Private cloud

- A private cloud refers to cloud computing resources used exclusively by a single business or organization.
- A private cloud can be physically located on the company's onsite data center.
- Some companies also pay third-party service providers to host their private cloud.
- A private cloud is one in which the services and infrastructure are maintained on a private network.

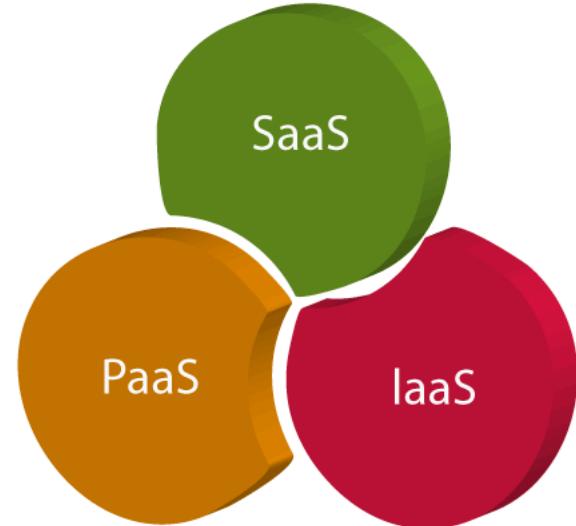
Hybrid cloud

- Hybrid clouds combine public and private clouds, bound together by technology that allows data and applications to be shared between them.
- By allowing data and applications to move between private and public clouds, a hybrid cloud gives your business greater flexibility and more deployment options and helps optimize your existing infrastructure, security, and compliance.

Types of cloud services: IaaS, PaaS, serverless, and SaaS

Software as a Service (SaaS)

SaaS is also known as "**on-demand software**". It is a software in which the applications are hosted by a cloud service provider. Users can access these applications with the help of internet connection and web browser.



Platform as a Service (PaaS)

PaaS cloud computing platform is created for the programmer to develop, test, run, and manage the applications.

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

IaaS is also known as **Hardware as a Service (HaaS)**. It is a computing infrastructure managed over the internet. The main advantage of using IaaS is that it helps users to avoid the cost and complexity of purchasing and managing the physical servers.

Characteristics of SaaS

- Managed from a central location
- Hosted on a remote server
- Accessible over the internet
- Users are not responsible for hardware and software updates. Updates are applied automatically.
- The services are purchased on a pay-as-per-use basis

Example: BigCommerce, Google Apps, Salesforce, Dropbox, ZenDesk, Cisco WebEx, Slack, and GoToMeeting.

Characteristics of PaaS

- Accessible to various users via the same development application.
- Integrates with web services and databases.
- Builds on virtualization technology, so resources can easily be scaled up or down as per the organization's need.
- Support multiple languages and frameworks.
- Provides an ability to "**Auto-scale**".

Example: AWS Elastic Beanstalk, Windows Azure, Heroku, Force.com, Google App Engine, Apache Stratos, Magento Commerce Cloud, and OpenShift.

Characteristics of IaaS

- Resources are available as a service
- Services are highly scalable
- Dynamic and flexible
- GUI and API-based access
- Automated administrative tasks

Example: DigitalOcean, Linode, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, Google Compute Engine (GCE), Rackspace, and Cisco Metacloud.

IaaS	PaaS	SaaS
It provides a virtual data center to store information and create platforms for app development, testing, and deployment.	It provides virtual platforms and tools to create, test, and deploy apps.	It provides web software and apps to complete business tasks.
It provides access to resources such as virtual machines, virtual storage, etc.	It provides runtime environments and deployment tools for applications.	It provides software as a service to the end-users.
It is used by network architects.	It is used by developers.	It is used by end users.
IaaS provides only Infrastructure.	PaaS provides Infrastructure+Platform.	SaaS provides Infrastructure+Platform +Software.

Infrastructure as a Service | IaaS

- **Compute:** Computing as a Service includes virtual central processing units and virtual main memory for the Vms that is provisioned to the end- users.
- **Storage:** IaaS provider provides back-end storage for storing files.
- **Network:** Network as a Service (NaaS) provides networking components such as routers, switches, and bridges for the Vms.
- **Load balancers:** It provides load balancing capability at the infrastructure layer.



Advantages of IaaS cloud computing layer

There are the following advantages of IaaS computing layer -

1. Shared infrastructure

IaaS allows multiple users to share the same physical infrastructure.

2. Web access to the resources

IaaS allows IT users to access resources over the internet.

3. Pay-as-per-use model

IaaS providers provide services based on the pay-as-per-use basis. The users are required to pay for what they have used.

4. Focus on the core business

IaaS providers focus on the organization's core business rather than on IT infrastructure.

5. On-demand scalability

On-demand scalability is one of the biggest advantages of IaaS. Using IaaS, users do not worry about upgrading software and troubleshoot the issues related to hardware components.

Disadvantages of IaaS cloud computing layer

1. Security

Security is one of the biggest issues in IaaS. Most of the IaaS providers are not able to provide 100% security.

2. Maintenance & Upgrade

Although IaaS service providers maintain the software, but they do not upgrade the software for some organizations.

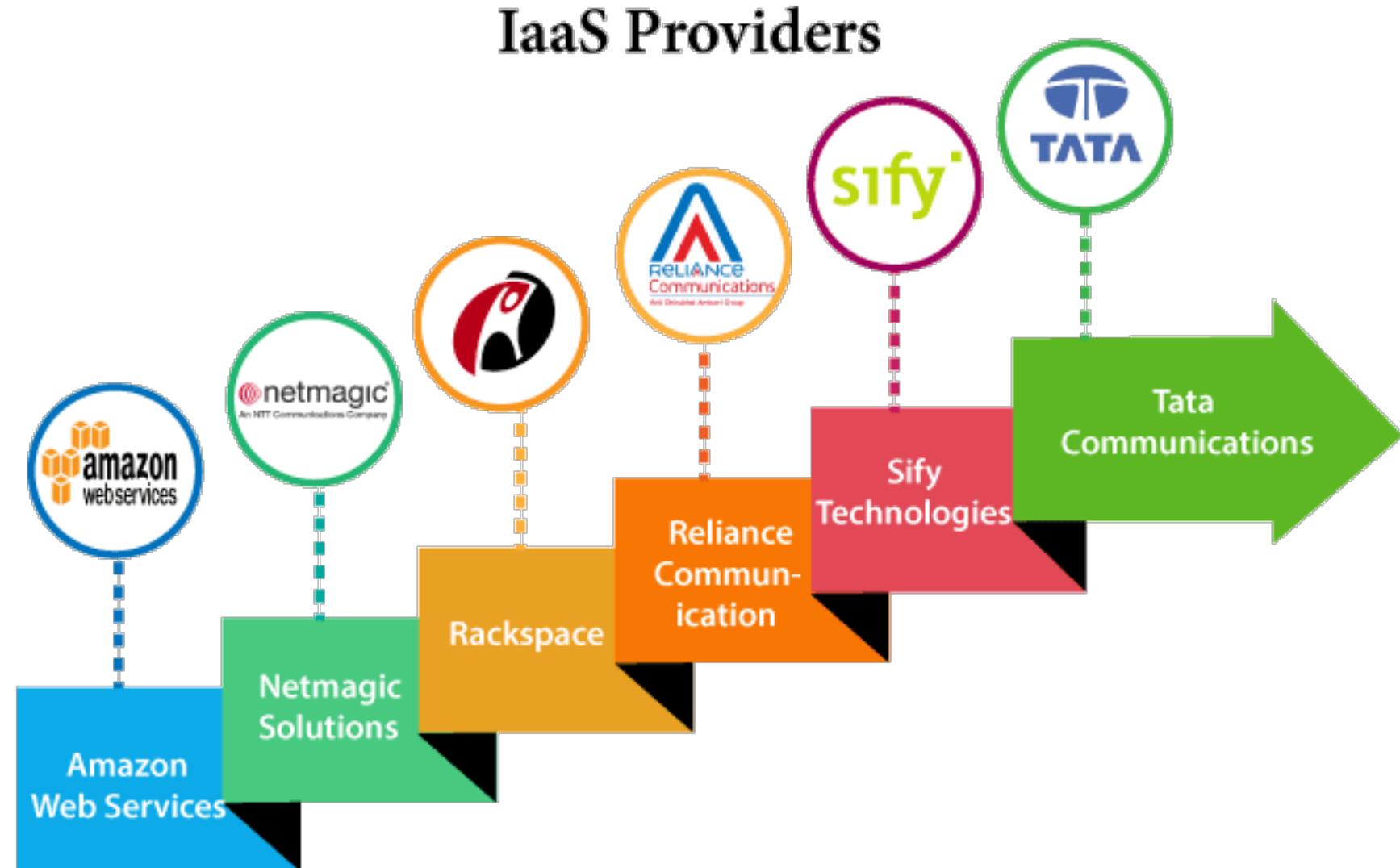
3. Interoperability issues

It is difficult to migrate VM from one IaaS provider to the other, so the customers might face problem related to vendor lock-in.

Some important point about IaaS cloud computing layer

- IaaS cloud computing platform cannot replace the traditional hosting method, but it provides more than that, and each resource which are used are predictable as per the usage.
- IaaS cloud computing platform may not eliminate the need for an in-house IT department. It will be needed to monitor or control the IaaS setup. IT salary expenditure might not reduce significantly, but other IT expenses can be reduced.
- Breakdowns at the IaaS cloud computing platform vendor's can bring your business to the halt stage. Assess the IaaS cloud computing platform vendor's stability and finances. Make sure that SLAs (i.e., Service Level Agreement) provide backups for data, hardware, network, and application failures. Image portability and third-party support is a plus point.
- The IaaS cloud computing platform vendor can get access to your sensitive data. So, engage with credible companies or organizations. Study their security policies and precautions.

Top IaaS Providers who are providing IaaS cloud computing platform



IaaS Vendor	IaaS Solution	Details
Amazon Web Services	Elastic, Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) MapReduce, Route 53, Virtual Private Cloud, etc.	The cloud computing platform pioneer, Amazon offers auto scaling, cloud monitoring, and load balancing features as part of its portfolio.
Netmagic Solutions	Netmagic IaaS Cloud	Netmagic runs from data centers in Mumbai, Chennai, and Bangalore, and a virtual data center in the United States. Plans are underway to extend services to West Asia.
Rackspace	Cloud servers, cloud files, cloud sites, etc.	The cloud computing platform vendor focuses primarily on enterprise-level hosting services.
Reliance Communications	Reliance Internet Data Center	RIDC supports both traditional hosting and cloud services, with data centers in Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Chennai. The cloud services offered by RIDC include IaaS and SaaS.
Sify Technologies	Sify IaaS	Sify's cloud computing platform is powered by HP's converged infrastructure. The vendor offers all three types of cloud services: IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS.
Tata Communications	InstaCompute	InstaCompute is Tata Communications' IaaS offering. InstaCompute data centers are located in Hyderabad and Singapore, with operations in both countries.

Platform as a Service | PaaS

1. Programming languages

PaaS providers provide various programming languages for the developers to develop the applications. Some popular programming languages provided by PaaS providers are Java, PHP, Ruby, Perl, and Go.

2. Application frameworks

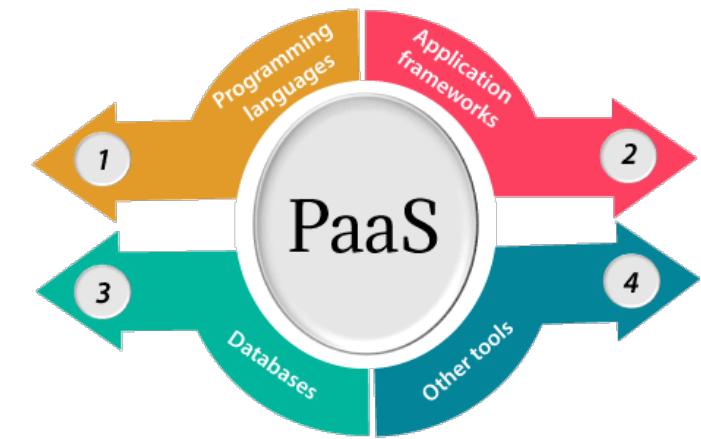
PaaS providers provide application frameworks to easily understand the application development. Some popular application frameworks provided by PaaS providers are Node.js, Drupal, Joomla, WordPress, Spring, Play, Rack, and Zend.

3. Databases

PaaS providers provide various databases such as ClearDB, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, and Redis to communicate with the applications.

4. Other tools

PaaS providers provide various other tools that are required to develop, test, and deploy the applications.



Advantages of PaaS

There are the following advantages of PaaS -

1) Simplified Development

PaaS allows developers to focus on development and innovation without worrying about infrastructure management.

2) Lower risk

No need for up-front investment in hardware and software. Developers only need a PC and an internet connection to start building applications.

3) Prebuilt business functionality

Some PaaS vendors also provide already defined business functionality so that users can avoid building everything from scratch and hence can directly start the projects only.

4) Instant community

PaaS vendors frequently provide online communities where the developer can get the ideas to share experiences and seek advice from others.

5) Scalability

Applications deployed can scale from one to thousands of users without any changes to the applications.

Disadvantages of PaaS cloud computing layer

1) Vendor lock-in

One has to write the applications according to the platform provided by the PaaS vendor, so the migration of an application to another PaaS vendor would be a problem.

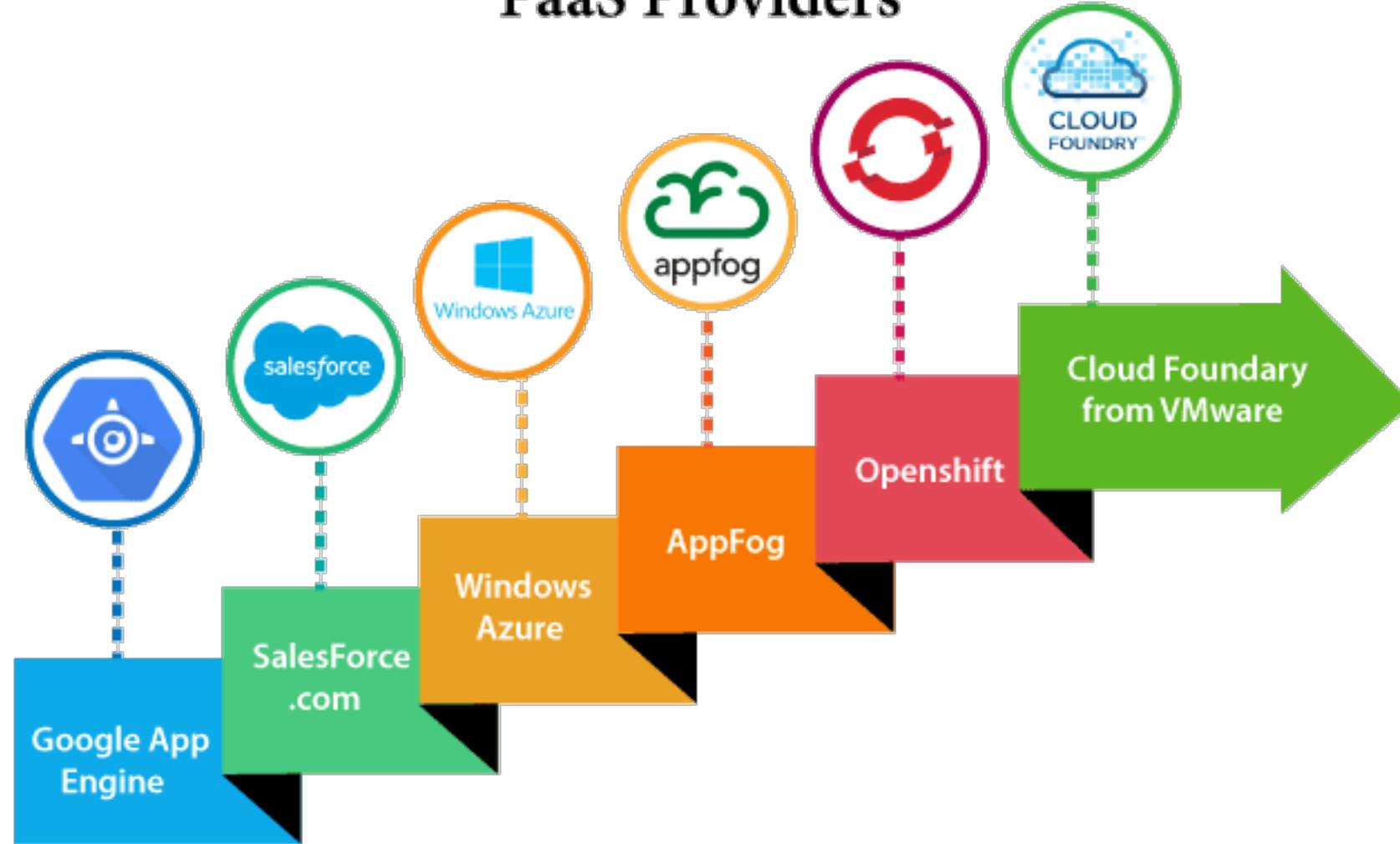
2) Data Privacy

Corporate data, whether it can be critical or not, will be private, so if it is not located within the walls of the company, there can be a risk in terms of privacy of data.

3) Integration with the rest of the systems applications

It may happen that some applications are local, and some are in the cloud. So there will be chances of increased complexity when we want to use data which in the cloud with the local data.

PaaS Providers



Providers	Services
Google App Engine (GAE)	App Identity, URL Fetch, Cloud storage client library, Logservice
Salesforce.com	Faster implementation, Rapid scalability, CRM Services, Sales cloud, Mobile connectivity, Chatter.
Windows Azure	Compute, security, IoT, Data Storage.
AppFog	Justcloud.com, SkyDrive, GoogleDocs
Openshift	RedHat, Microsoft Azure.
Cloud Foundry from VMware	Data, Messaging, and other services.

Software as a Service | SaaS

SaaS is also known as "**On-Demand Software**". It is a software distribution model in which services are hosted by a cloud service provider. These services are available to end-users over the internet so, the end-users do not need to install any software on their devices to access these services.

There are the following services provided by SaaS providers -

Business Services - SaaS Provider provides various business services to start-up the business. The SaaS business services include **ERP** (Enterprise Resource Planning), **CRM** (Customer Relationship Management), **billing**, and **sales**.

Document Management - SaaS document management is a software application offered by a third party (SaaS providers) to create, manage, and track electronic documents.

Example: Slack, Samepage, Box, and Zoho Forms.

Social Networks - As we all know, social networking sites are used by the general public, so social networking service providers use SaaS for their convenience and handle the general public's information.

Mail Services - To handle the unpredictable number of users and load on e-mail services, many e-mail providers offering their services using SaaS.



Advantages of SaaS cloud computing layer

1. SaaS is easy to buy

SaaS pricing is based on a monthly fee or annual fee subscription, so it allows organizations to access business functionality at a low cost, which is less than licensed applications.

2. One to Many

SaaS services are offered as a one-to-many model means a single instance of the application is shared by multiple users.

3. Less hardware required for SaaS

The software is hosted remotely, so organizations do not need to invest in additional hardware.

4. Low maintenance required for SaaS

Software as a service removes the need for installation, set-up, and daily maintenance for the organizations. The initial set-up cost for SaaS is typically less than the enterprise software. SaaS vendors are pricing their applications based on some usage parameters, such as a number of users using the application. So SaaS does easy to monitor and automatic updates.

5. No special software or hardware versions required

Disadvantages of SaaS cloud computing layer

1) Security

Actually, data is stored in the cloud, so security may be an issue for some users. However, cloud computing is not more secure than in-house deployment.

2) Latency issue

Since data and applications are stored in the cloud at a variable distance from the end-user, there is a possibility that there may be greater latency when interacting with the application compared to local deployment. Therefore, the SaaS model is not suitable for applications whose demand response time is in milliseconds.

3) Total Dependency on Internet

Without an internet connection, most SaaS applications are not usable.

4) Switching between SaaS vendors is difficult

Switching SaaS vendors involves the difficult and slow task of transferring the very large data files over the internet and then converting and importing them into another SaaS also.



Provider	Services
Salseforce.com	On-demand CRM solutions
Microsoft Office 365	Online office suite
Google Apps	Gmail, Google Calendar, Docs, and sites
NetSuite	ERP, accounting, order management, CRM, Professionals Services Automation (PSA), and e-commerce applications.
GoToMeeting	Online meeting and video-conferencing software
Constant Contact	E-mail marketing, online survey, and event marketing
Oracle CRM	CRM applications
Workday, Inc	Human capital management, payroll, and financial management.

Virtualization in Cloud Computing

- **Virtualization** is the "creation of a virtual (rather than actual) version of something, such as a server, a desktop, a storage device, an operating system or network resources".
- In other words, Virtualization is a technique, which allows to share a single physical instance of a resource or an application among multiple customers and organizations. It does by assigning a logical name to a physical storage and providing a pointer to that physical resource when demanded.

What is the concept behind the Virtualization?

Creation of a virtual machine over existing operating system and hardware is known as Hardware Virtualization. A Virtual machine provides an environment that is logically separated from the underlying hardware.

The machine on which the virtual machine is going to create is known as **Host Machine** and that virtual machine is referred as a **Guest Machine**

Types of Virtualization

1) Hardware Virtualization:

When the virtual machine software or virtual machine manager (*VMM*) is directly installed on the hardware system is known as hardware virtualization.

After virtualization of hardware system we can install different operating system on it and run different applications on those OS.

Usage:

Hardware virtualization is mainly done for the server platforms, because controlling virtual machines is much easier than controlling a physical server.

2) Operating System Virtualization:

When the virtual machine software or virtual machine manager (*VMM*) is installed on the Host operating system instead of directly on the hardware system is known as operating system virtualization.

Usage:

Operating System Virtualization is mainly used for testing the applications on different platforms of OS.

3) Server Virtualization:

When the virtual machine software or virtual machine manager (*VMM*) is directly installed on the Server system is known as server virtualization.

Usage:

Server virtualization is done because a single physical server can be divided into multiple servers on the demand basis and for balancing the load.

4) Storage Virtualization:

Storage virtualization is the *process of grouping the physical storage from multiple network storage devices so that it looks like a single storage device.*

Storage virtualization is also implemented by using software applications.

How does virtualization work in cloud computing?

Virtualization plays a very important role in the cloud computing technology, normally in the cloud computing, users share the data present in the clouds like application etc, but actually with the help of virtualization users shares the Infrastructure.

- The **main usage of Virtualization Technology** is to provide the applications with the standard versions to their cloud users, suppose if the next version of that application is released, then cloud provider has to provide the latest version to their cloud users and practically it is possible because it is more expensive.
- To overcome this problem we use basically virtualization technology, By using virtualization, all servers and the software application which are required by other cloud providers are maintained by the third party people, and the cloud providers has to pay the money on monthly or annual basis.

Thanks & Cheers!!

Small aim is a crime; have great aim.

Bharat-Ratan A. P. J. Abdul Kalam