5. Common Cloud Use Cases

Migration of production services

Organization moving from on-premise to Cloud might adopt Hybrid model

Traffic Bursting

For example at Christmas, when a business knows they will have a spike in traffic. With the Cloud, they don't have to buy additional hardware or pay to run, cool or maintain it, only to terminate it after a short time.

Backup and Disaster Recovery



Cloud services have Data Management Lifecycle Policies. For example, with Amazon S3 you can archive data older than 30 days to AWS Glacier for low-cost long-term storage

Web Hosting



Benefits include:

- Load-balancing across multiple instances
- Automated scaling (Elasticity)

- Access to:
 - Content Delivery Network (CDN), which reduces latency by redirecting traffic to the closest caching server
 - Domain Name System (DNS), which directs incoming requests to a load balancer to be evenly distributed to multiple servers

Test and Development Environments

The ability to create temporary instances on-demand with no impact on existing production versions lends itself to testing and experimentation

Proof of Concept

Excellent for presenting prototypes and business cases to senior management and clients

Big Data and Data Manipulation



Some vendors offer managed Big Data solutions