

Cloud Computing (cloud)

Module Overview and Administration

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CV in a nutshell

- Dr.-Ing. Universität Konstanz
- Sev. startups as Software Engineer
- 8 years at SBB
 - Softwareengineer, -architect
 - Product Owner, DevOps-Werkzeuge
 - Product Manager, Cloud and Tools
- Some Freelancing Jobs
- Part of several CAS / MSE



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CV in a nutshell

- MSc Information Technology, ETH Zurich
- MAS Management, Technology, and Economics, ETH Zurich
- 2019-2024: SIX Group
 - (Cloud) Software Engineer
 - Product Owner
 - Head Managed Container Platforms
- Since 2024: Airlock (Ergon Informatik)
 - Cloud Software Engineer
- Since 2025: Member of the kubernetes-sigs







Experiences with Cloud Technologies?



What do you expect?

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Learning Target

- You have a technical knowledge about the different cloud services
- You have an understanding of the concepts of underlaying technology
- You are aware about the technical challenges cloud infrastructure have, regarding operating as well as using
- You know basically what it takes to build up a cloud.

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WHAT IF SOMEONE TRIPS ON IT?

UH. SOMETIMES PEOPLE

DO STUFF BY ACCIDENT.

WHO WOULD WANT TO DO THAT?

IT SOUNDS UNPLEASANT.

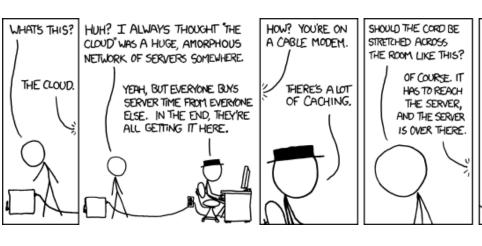
I DON'T THINK

I KNOW ANYBODY

How to get there...

Clouds are basically **platforms**... so we learn concepts and build platforms

- laaS:
 - Virtualization, Hypervisor, Virtual Machines, etc.
 - Lab: Proxmox
- PaaS:
 - Container, Paravirtualization, Scalability
 - Labs: Container, Docker Swarm, Kubernetes
- SaaS:
 - Storage
 - Lab: Ceph Storage





What we not cover...

- We will not use any public cloud services (neither will we take a deeper look into it)
 - →refer to Public Cloud Services (pcls) instead
- We will not bridge between platform and application by deploying more than basic example applications into any cloud
 - → refer to *Developer Operations (devops)* instead
- We will not cover Linux Basics / Network Basics / Operating System Basics. It is needed that students feel confident with the following technologies:
 - SSH
 - Linux / Debian
 - Git
 - →refer to sysad, bsys, dnet1

You really have to know how to use Linux. If not, please let us know: We give you resources for filling your gaps



Lectures (on-site)

Normal Lecture

- No recording of the lecture itself
- However: if there are single, temporary valid reasons, exception might be applied
 No guarantee about the quality will be given
- If there are interactive sessions with sourcecode, I will share/record to give you the ability to recapitulate in «your speed» and that you might focus on the presentation itself

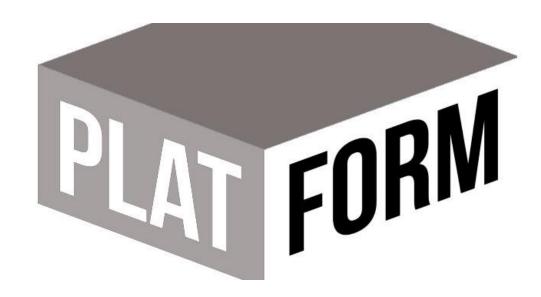
BSS: «Lab»-Sessions

- You will built cloud-platforms. In 4 sessions, there will be no active content but in the ability to work on the project while I am present (to answer questions, assist where necessary, etc.)
- However, if no one will attend in these session, I will leave as well. You might find me in my office afterwards in case of later questions.



Assessment: Building Platforms

- There will be no weekly homework
 (If I find some suitable tutorials, I will refer you to them but up to now, I do not plan to do so)
- Instead, you will build 4 Cloud Platforms.
 The success/failure of building these platforms will generate the «Erfahrungsnote»
 - You will have at least 2 weeks time to build one platform.
 - For each platform, a short (individual) screencast needs to be recorded (see next slide for details)
 - Each platform count 25% towards the «Erfahrungsnote»
 - There will be a dedicated BSS/Lab-Slot instead of an active lecture where you ask me for support
 - Besides, you might me almost any time virtually (but expect partially longer latencies because of workload)





Assessment: Building Platforms

- It is expected that you build the platforms together with equal shares (no carrying please)
- Additionally to each platform, there will be the demand of an individual screencast (5min) related to the topic of the platform to ensure that every person has in-depth knowledge about the platform built





Which platforms to build?

Proxmox (laaS)

Duration: 26.9. - 9.10.

BSS: 3.10.

Container, Docker Swarm (PaaS)

Duration: 17.10. - 30.10.

BSS: 24.10.

Container, Kubernetes (PaaS)

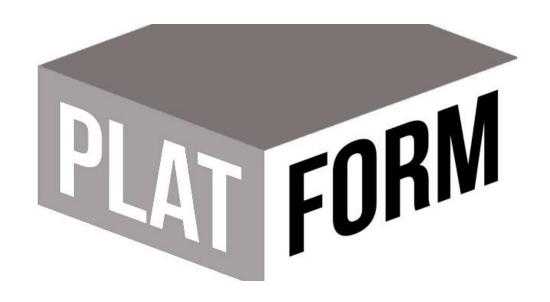
Duration: 7.11. – 20.11.

BSS: 14.11.

• Storage, Ceph (SaaS)

Duration: 28.11. – 11.12.

BSS: 5.12.





- Done by groups of 1-3 people (preferable 2)
- Implemented on SwitchEngines
 - Please fill you xls on teams if not done yet
 - Please use only the location defined (ZH/LS) (and do not use the other location)
- Evaluation is done via Ansible and SSH
 - Please add the pub-key to all of your machines with a user «eval» and root-access / sudo-rights:
 https://gitlab.fhnw.ch/spd/module/cloud/platforms
 to_build/ /blob/main/access/id_ed25519.pub?ref_type=hea_ds





MSP

The following resources are relevant for the MSP:

- Presentations from the lectures (theory)
- Practical experience from the platforms
- Literature provided and directly linked in the lecture

MSP will be closed book and announced as soon as we got more information



Administative Guideline ("Drehbuch")

- Of course, a Link is on the share...
- ...however refer to
 https://sgi.pages.fhnw.ch/moduluebersicht/cloud/drehbuch.html
 for updates relate to schedule, etc.
- Changes (especially to the schedule) might apply!



What we provide to you...

- https://sgi.pages.fhnw.ch/moduluebersicht/cloud/drehbuch.html : recent schedule
- Switch Engines
 - Projects should be large enough
 - Engines will shut down at night to reduce costs
- Support and indivdual help
 (Asking Google, ChatGPT, whatever first is highly appreciated...)
- Literature: https://learning.oreilly.com/playlists/43827098-7a87-435e-823e-736586b5694c

Software and Tools

What you need...

- SSH
- Web browser
- PDF Reader
- Any kind of IDE / Texteditor
- Internet Connection

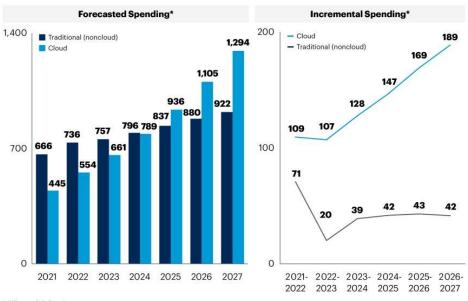
Motivation

"Cloud Services are one (if not the) main driver of the digitalization"

Impacts on IT Infrasturcture

- The Cloud Market grows linear (while the on prem-part remains constant)
- Software eats Infrastructure
 More and more infrastructure will be virtualized
- IaC (Infrastructure as Code) Tools become usable
- Shift left
 Infrastructure becomes managable with the help of software development techniques, responsibilities shift left to product teams

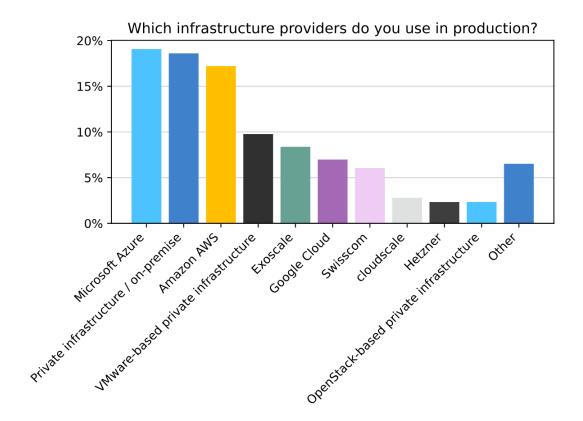
Size of Cloud Shift, Worldwide, 2021-2027

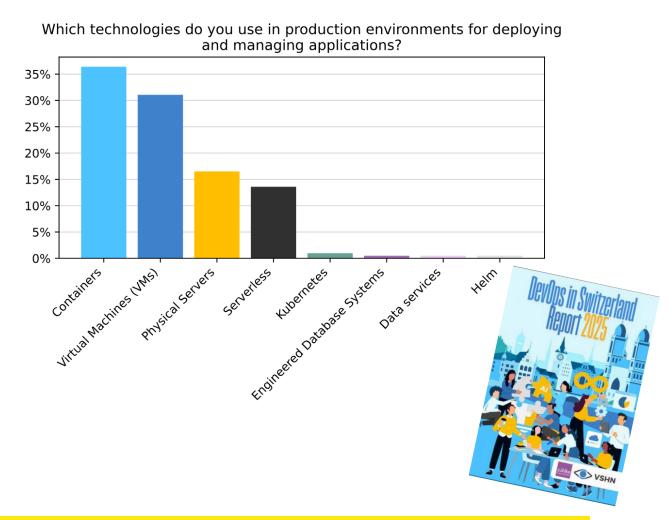


Billions of dollars in constant currency Source: Gartner Market Forecasts, 2Q23 782159 C

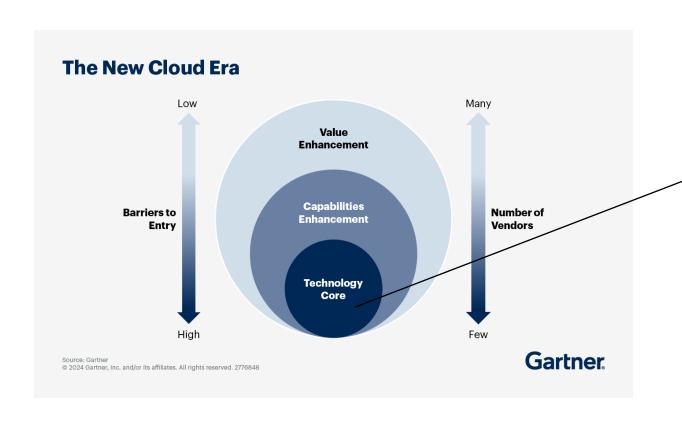
Gartner.

Cloud is Everywhere





Impacts on the IT Hardware Industry



Hyperscalers



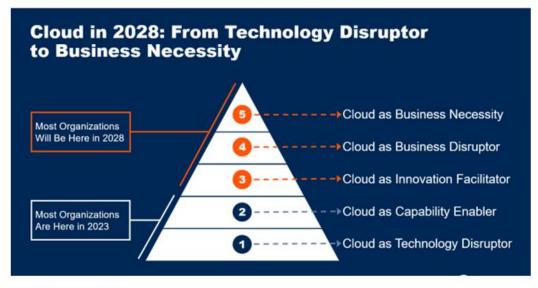
They are really big!

- Dominate the server market
- Build their own hardware
- \rightarrow Less emphasis on standards and compatibility

Impacts on Organizations

- Without Cloud, it is hard to automate.
- Without automation, it is hard to scale regarding operation
- Without scaling operations, it is impossible foster devops
- Without devops, agility is hampered

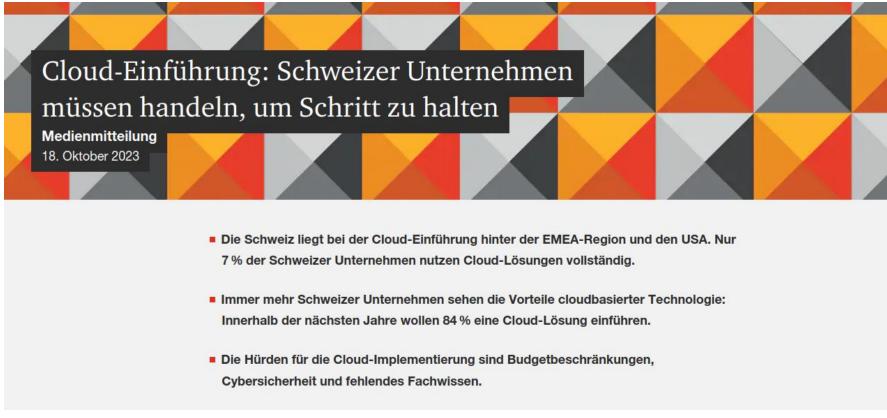
Figure 1. The Future of Cloud Computing Through 2028



Source: Gartner (November 2023)



Swiss cloud gap



PwC, Cloud Business Survey - Behind the curve: An analysis of cloud technology adoption in Switzerland (2023)