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Google Workspace

1. Introduction

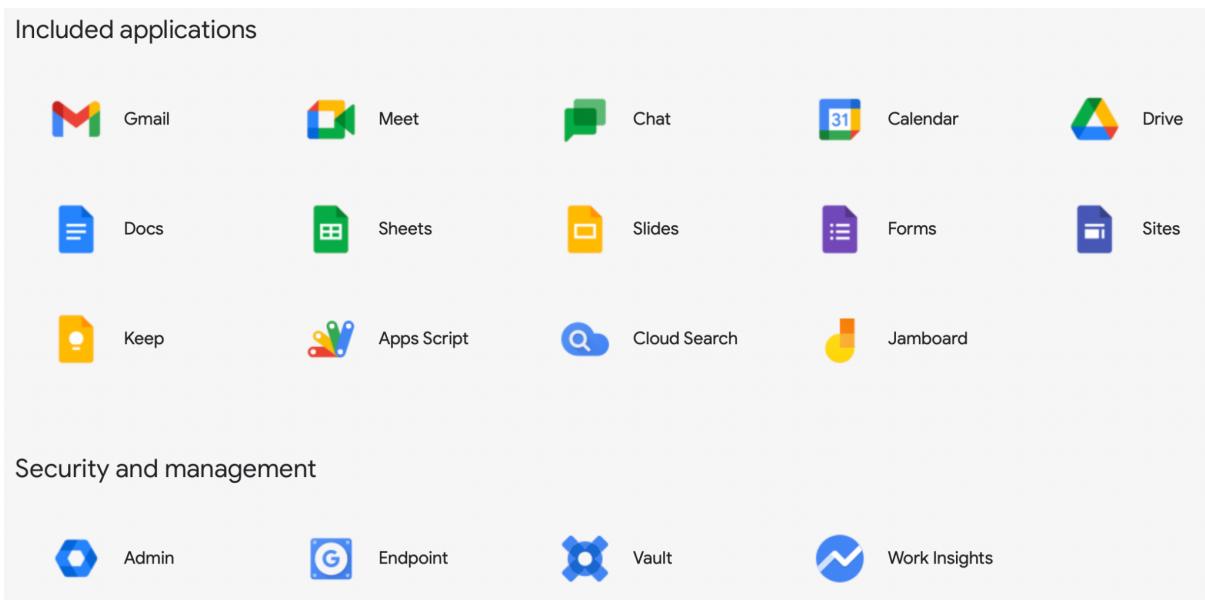
Google Workspace (formerly known as **Google Apps** and later **G Suite**) is a collection of cloud computing, productivity and collaboration tools, software and products as a service (**SaaS**) developed and marketed by Google. It was first launched in 2006 as Google Apps for “Your Domain” and rebranded as G Suite in 2016.

2. Included services

Google Workspace consists of the following:

- Gmail, Contacts, Calendar, Meet and Chat for communication
- Currents for employee engagement
- Drive for storage
- Google Docs suite for content creation

An Admin Panel is provided for managing users and services. Depending on edition Google Workspace may also include the digital interactive whiteboard **Jamboard** and an option to purchase such add-ons as the telephony service Voice. The education edition adds a learning platform **Google Classroom** and today has the name Workspace for Education.

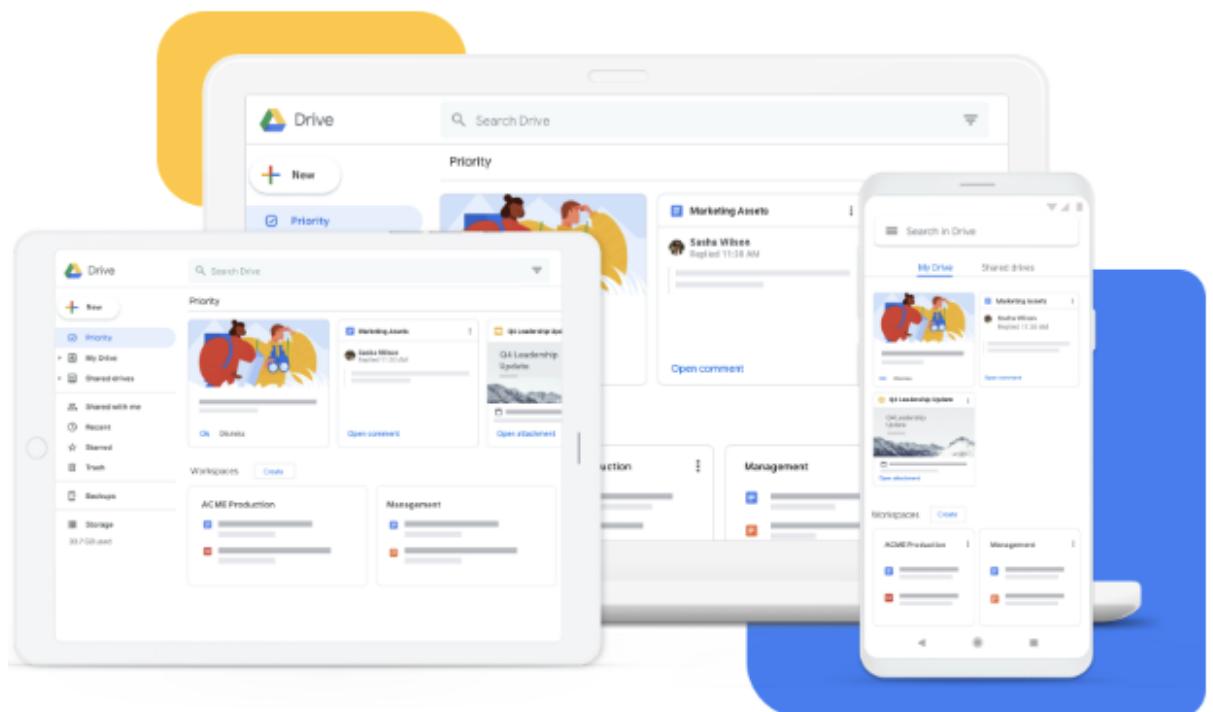
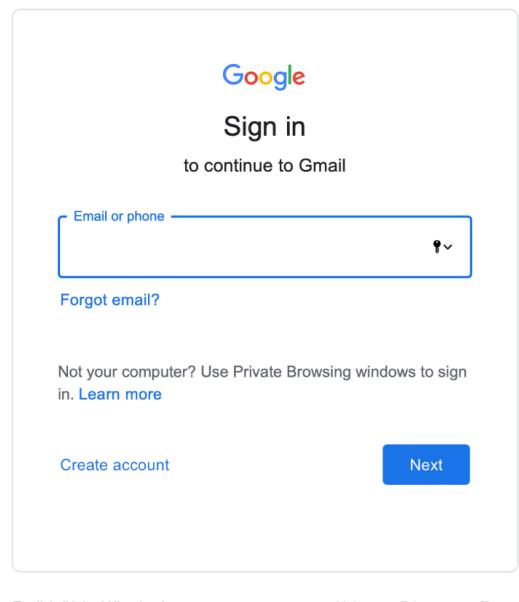


While most of these services are individually available at no cost to consumers who use their free Google (Gmail) accounts, **Google Workspace adds enterprise features** such as custom email addresses at a domain (e.g. @yourcompany.com), an option for unlimited

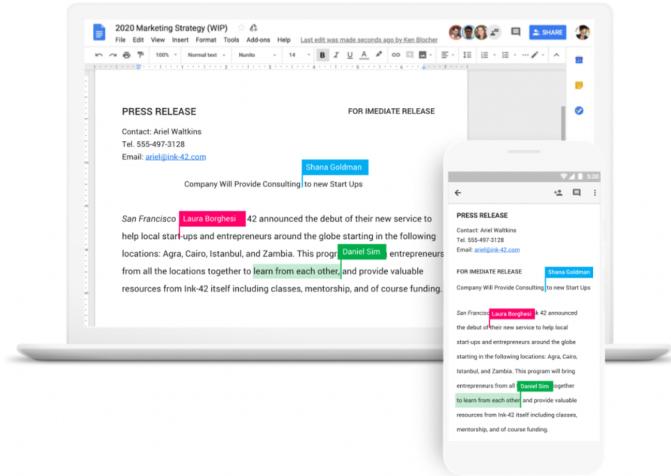
Drive storage, additional administrative tools and advanced settings, as well as 24/7 phone and email support.

Being **based in Google's data centers**, data and information are saved directly and then synchronized to other data centers for backup purposes. Unlike the free, consumer-facing services, Google Workspace users do not see advertisements while using the services, and information and data in Google Workspace accounts do not get used for advertisement purposes. Furthermore, **Google Workspace administrators can fine-tune security and privacy settings**.

In June 2021, Google announced that Workspace would be available "for everyone" with a Google Account, giving consumers access to the upgraded Gmail experience previously only available to paying subscribers. As of April 2020, G Suite had 6 million paying businesses, and 120 million G Suite for Education users.

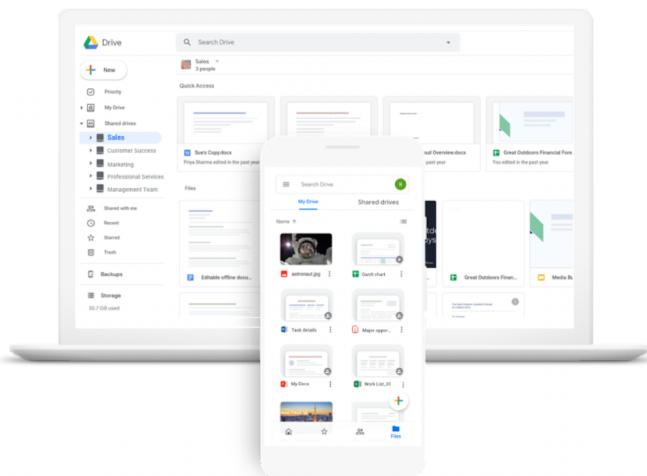


Google Meet is a video-communication **software as a service (SaaS)** developed by Google. It is one of two apps that constitute the replacement for Google Hangouts, the other being Google Chat.

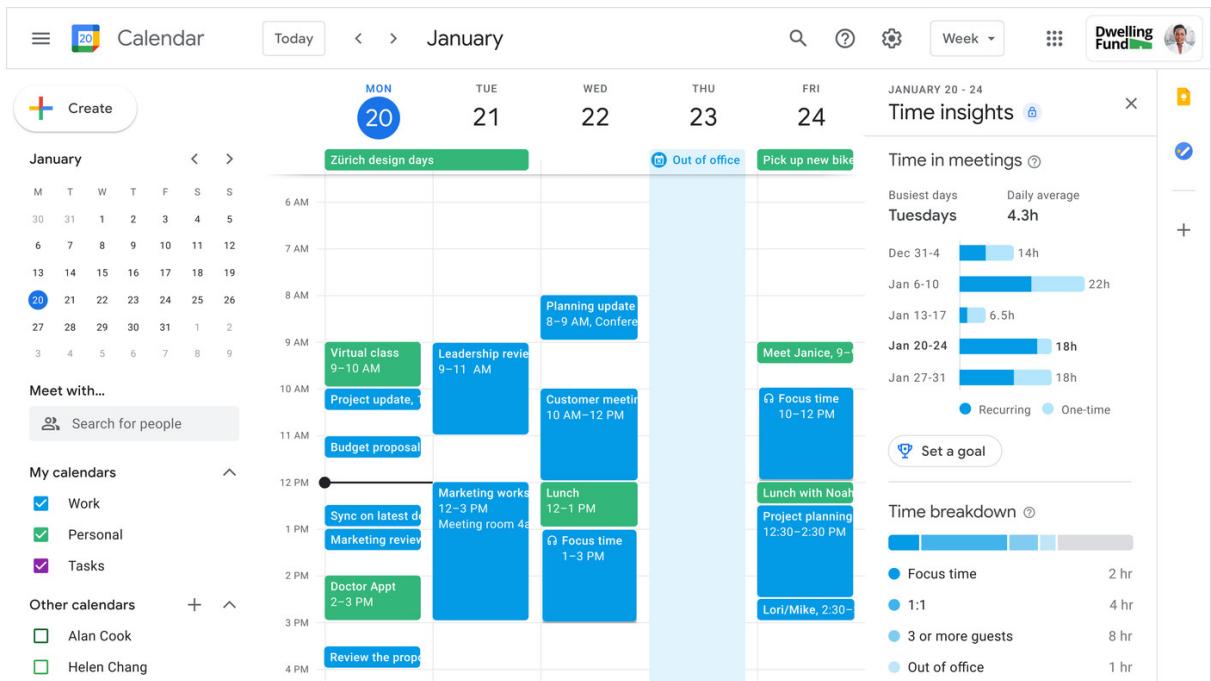


Google Docs is an online **word processor software as a service (SaaS)** included as part of the free, web-based Google Docs Editors suite offered by Google, which also includes Google Sheets, Google Slides, Google Drawings, Google Forms, Google Sites, and Google Keep.

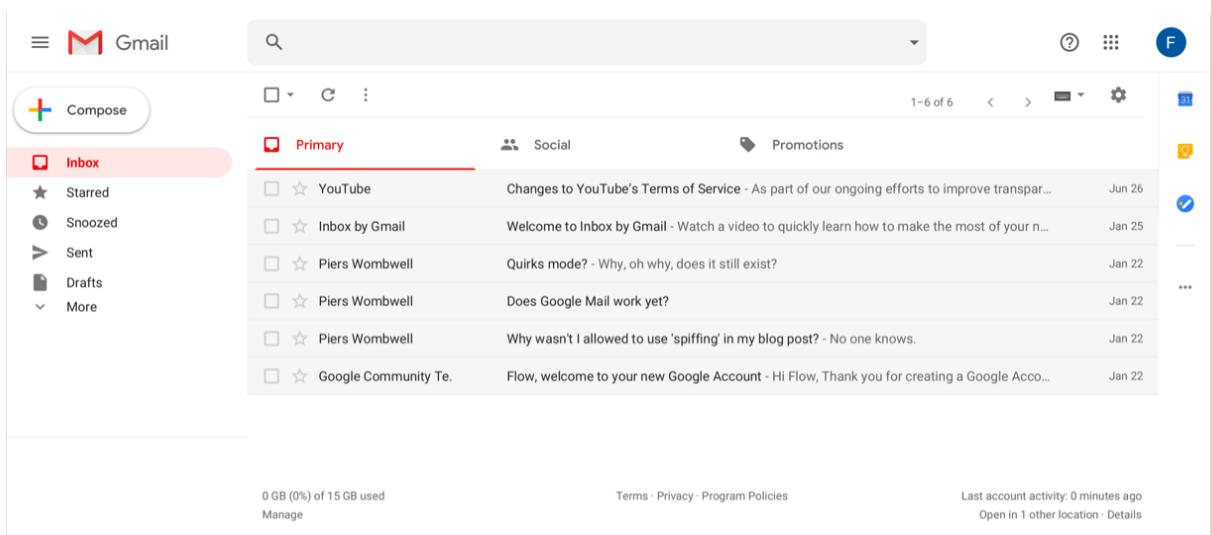
Google Drive is a **file storage and synchronization service** developed by Google. Launched on April 24, 2012, Google Drive allows users to store files in the cloud, synchronize files across devices, and share files.



Google Calendar is a **time-management and scheduling calendar service** developed by Google. It became available in beta release April 13, 2006, and in general release in July 2009, on the web and as mobile apps for the Android and iOS platforms. Google Calendar allows users to create and edit events.



Gmail is a **free email service** provided by Google. As of 2019, it had 1.5 billion active users worldwide. A user typically accesses Gmail in a web browser or the official mobile app. Google also supports the use of email clients via the POP and IMAP protocols.



3. Security and Privacy

Google states that "we do not collect, scan or use your G Suite data for advertising purposes and do not display ads in G Suite, Education, or Government core services". Furthermore, it states that "the data that companies, schools and government agencies put into our G Suite services does not belong to Google. Whether it's corporate intellectual property, personal information or a homework assignment, **Google does not own that data and Google does not sell that data to third parties**".

Data is stored in Google's data centers, which are "built with custom-designed servers that run our own operating system for security and performance", with "more than 550 full-time security and privacy professionals". In a blog post, Google stated that benefits of using G Suite included "**disaster recovery**", with data and information "simultaneously replicated in two data centers at once, so that if one data center fails, we nearly instantly transfer your data over to the other one that's also been reflecting your actions." Though acknowledging that "no backup solution from us or anyone else is absolutely perfect", Google states that it has "invested a lot of effort to help make it second to none".

4. Pricing

The screenshot shows the Google G Suite pricing page. At the top, there are icons for Gmail, Drive, Meet, Calendar, Chat, Jamboard, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Keep, Sites, and Forms. Below this, the "MOST POPULAR" section displays four plans:

- Business Starter**: ₹125 INR (₹210*/user/month). Includes Custom and secure business email, 100 participant video meetings, 30 GB cloud storage per user, Security and management controls, and Standard support. [Get started](#)
- Business Standard**: ₹672 INR (₹840*/user/month). Includes Custom and secure business email, 150 participant video meetings + recording, 2 TB cloud storage per user, Security and management controls, and Standard support (paid upgrade to enhanced support). [Get started](#)
- Business Plus**: ₹1260 INR (/user/month). Includes Custom and secure business email + eDiscovery, retention, 250 participant video meetings + recording, attendance tracking, 5 TB cloud storage per user, Enhanced security and management controls, including Vault and advanced endpoint management, and Standard support (paid upgrade to enhanced support). [Get started](#)
- Enterprise**: Contact sales for pricing. Includes Custom and secure business email + eDiscovery, retention, S/MIME encryption, 250 participant video meetings + recording, attendance tracking, noise cancellation, in-domain live streaming, As much storage as you need, Advanced security, management and compliance controls, including Vault, DLP, data regions and enterprise endpoint management, and Enhanced support (paid upgrade to Premium Support). [Contact sales](#)

VMWARE Cloud

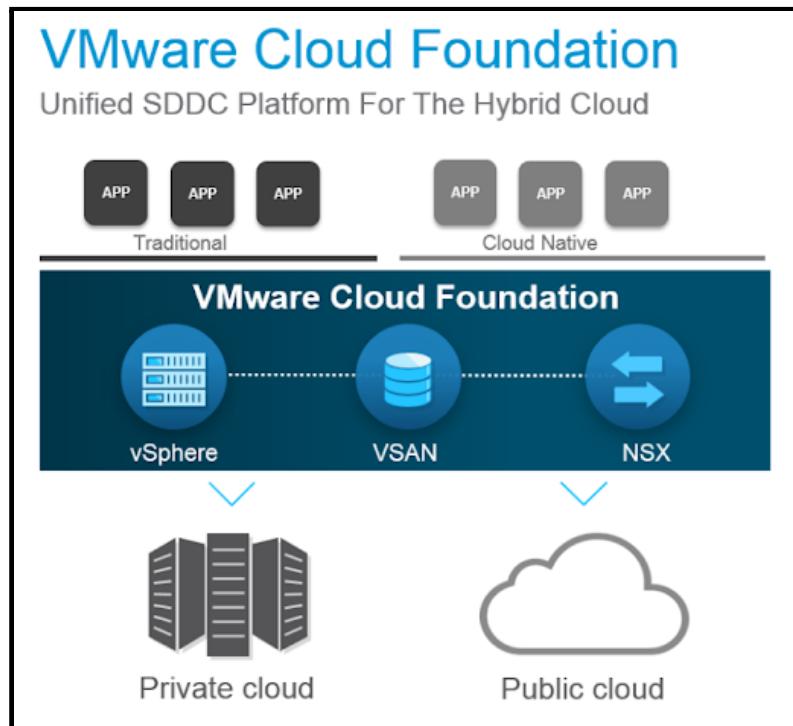
1. Introduction

VMware, Inc. is an American cloud computing and virtualization technology company headquartered in California. VMware was the first commercially successful company to virtualize the x86 architecture.

VMware's desktop software runs on Microsoft Windows, Linux, and macOS, while its enterprise software hypervisor for servers, VMware ESXi, is a bare-metal hypervisor that runs directly on server hardware without requiring an additional underlying operating system.

VMware operated in stealth mode, with roughly 20 employees by the end of 1998. The company was launched officially early in the second year, in February 1999, at the DEMO Conference organized by Chris Shipley. The first product, VMware Workstation, was delivered in May 1999, and the company entered the server market in 2001 with VMware GSX Server (hosted) and VMware ESX Server (hostless).

In 2003, VMware launched VMware Virtual Center, vMotion, and Virtual SMP technology. 64-bit support was introduced in 2004.



On September 16, 2008, VMware announced a collaboration with Cisco Systems. One result was the Cisco Nexus 1000V, a distributed virtual software switch, an integrated option in the VMware infrastructure.

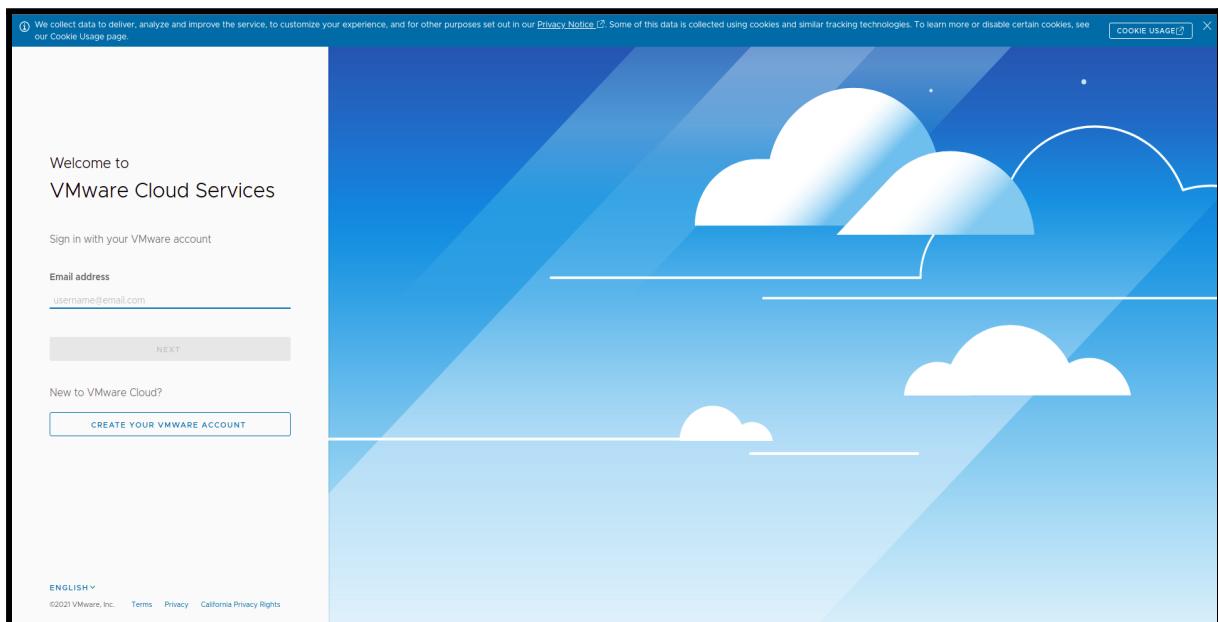
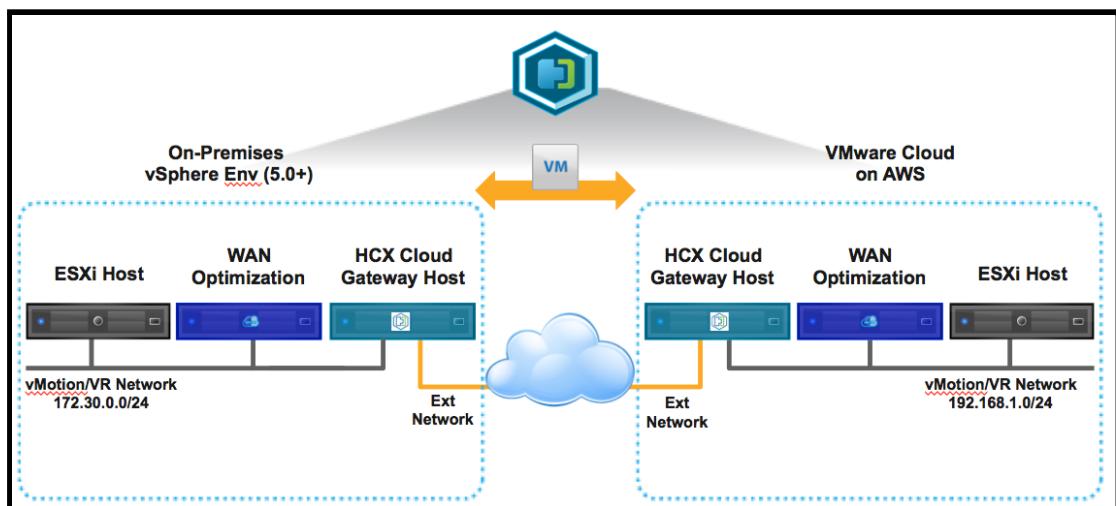
In April 2011, EMC transferred control of the Mozy backup service to VMware.

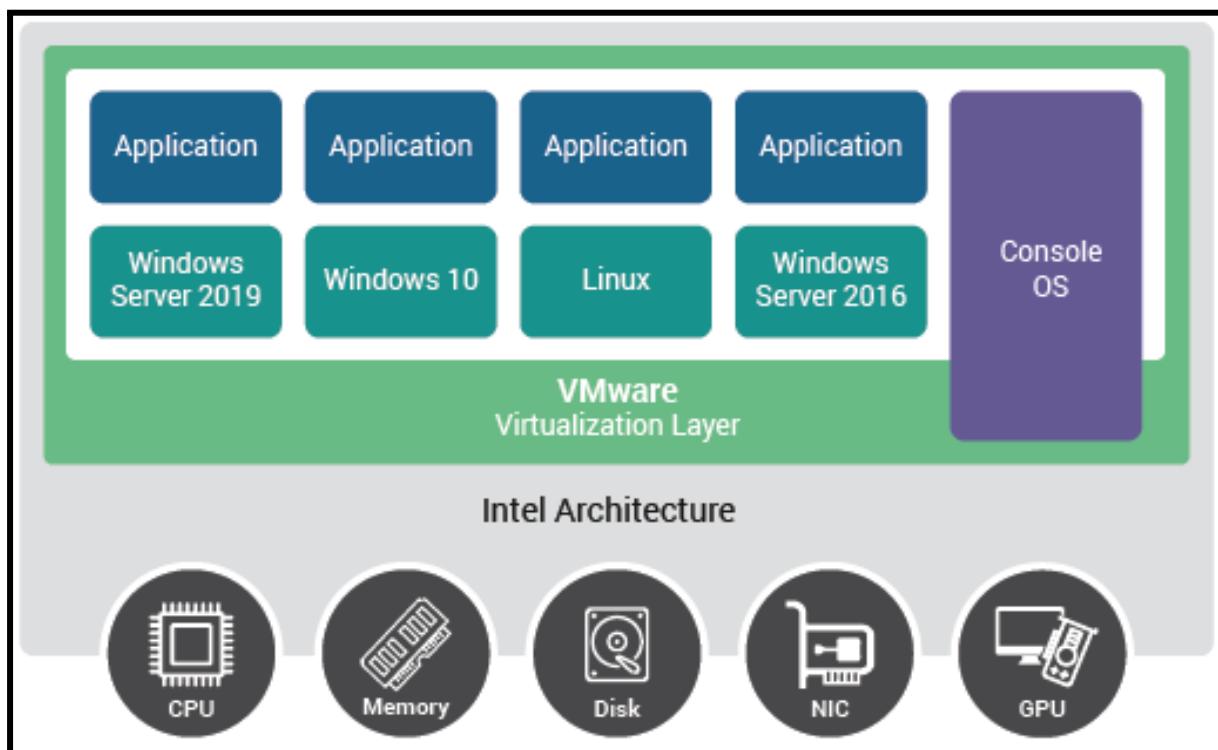
On April 12, 2011, VMware released an open-source platform-as-a-service system called Cloud Foundry, as well as a hosted version of the service. This supported application deployment for Java, Ruby on Rails, Sinatra, Node.js, and Scala, as well as database support for MySQL, MongoDB, Redis, Postgres, RabbitMQ.

In May 2013, VMware launched its own IaaS service, vCloud Hybrid Service, at its new Palo Alto headquarters (vCloud Hybrid Service was rebranded vCloud Air and subsequently sold to cloud provider OVH), announcing an early access program in a Las Vegas data center. The service is designed to function as an extension of its customer's existing vSphere installations, with full compatibility with existing virtual machines virtualized with VMware software and tightly integrated networking.

In August 2016 VMware introduced the VMware Cloud Provider website. New branch role is funneling cloud-related information as the central source of cloud provider technology content.

In August 2017, VMware and Amazon Web Services jointly announced the launch of VMware Cloud on AWS, a SaaS service delivering a vSphere compatible cloud in an AWS datacenter. VMware has since returned to the “hybrid cloud” naming convention to describe this use of a consistent platform across on-prem and public clouds.

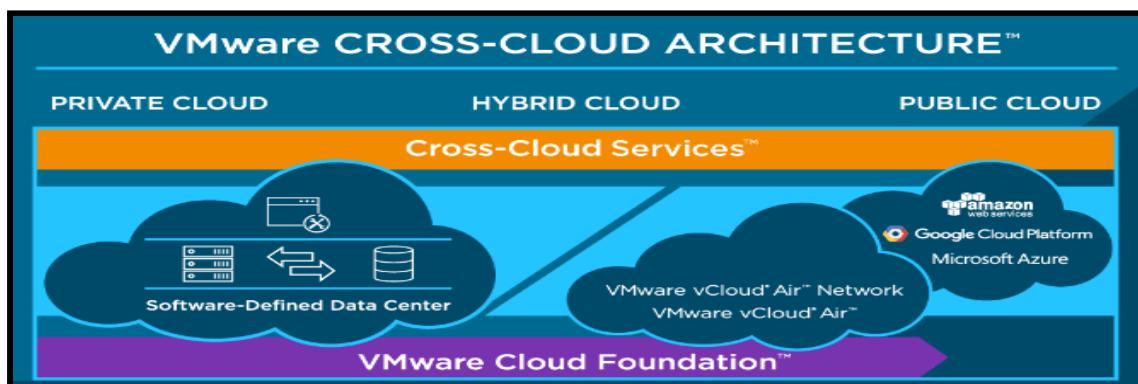


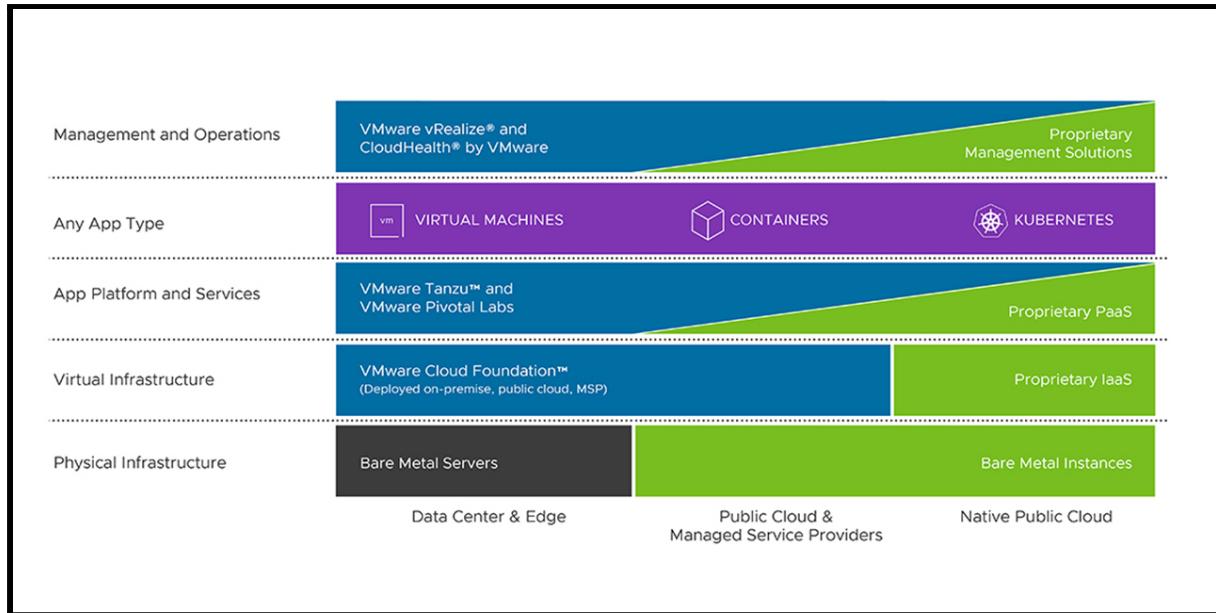


2. Cloud Architecture

The VMware vCloud Architecture Toolkit for Service Providers (vCAT-SP) is a set of reference documents for VMware Cloud Providers. It is designed to help IT managers and architects construct cloud platforms and service offerings using current technologies, recommended practices, and innovative tools.

vCAT-SP provides attested, validated, and optimized design and support solutions with the most efficient examples to help you make the right choices for your business. vCAT-SP is aligned to the most common cloud service models that VMware Cloud Providers are deploying for their customers – hosting, private cloud, and public cloud.





3. Virtualization

Virtualization can increase IT agility, flexibility and scalability while creating significant cost savings. Greater workload mobility, increased performance and availability of resources, automated operations – they're all benefits of virtualization that make IT simpler to manage and less costly to own and operate.

Virtualization relies on software to simulate hardware functionality and create a virtual computer system. This enables IT organizations to run more than one virtual system – and multiple operating systems and applications – on a single server. The resulting benefits include economies of scale and greater efficiency.

Benefits of Virtualization

Reduced capital and operating costs.	Minimized or eliminated downtime.	Increased IT productivity, efficiency, agility and responsiveness.	Faster provisioning of applications and resources.
Greater business continuity and disaster recovery.	Simplified data center management.	Availability of a true Software-Defined Data Center.	

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is the world's most comprehensive and broadly adopted cloud platform, offering over **200 fully featured services from data centers globally**. Millions of customers—including the fastest-growing startups, largest enterprises, and leading government agencies—are using AWS to lower costs, become more agile, and innovate faster.

1. Highlights

1.1 Most functionality

AWS has significantly more services, and more features within those services, than any other cloud provider—from infrastructure technologies like **compute, storage, and databases**—to emerging technologies, such as **machine learning and artificial intelligence, data lakes and analytics**, and Internet of Things. This makes it faster, easier, and more cost effective to move your existing applications to the cloud and build nearly anything you can imagine.

AWS also has the deepest functionality within those services. For example, AWS offers the widest variety of databases that are purpose-built for different types of applications so you can **choose the right tool for the job to get the best cost and performance**.

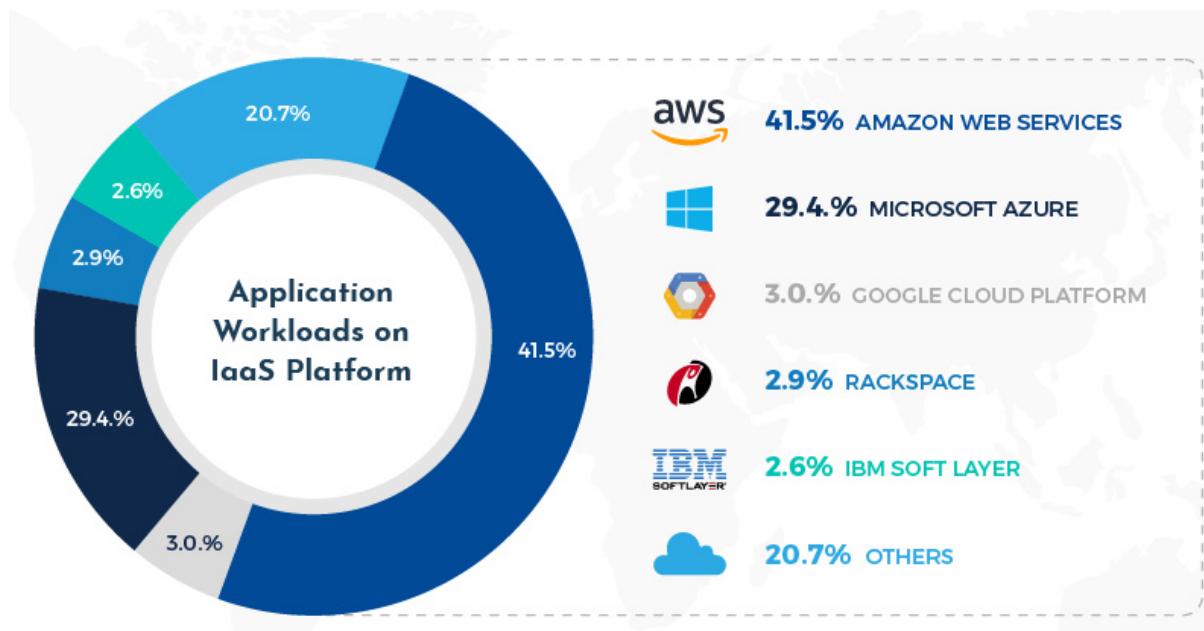
Build a solution
Get started with simple wizards and automated workflows.

Launch a virtual machine With EC2 2-3 minutes 	Build a web app With Elastic Beanstalk 6 minutes 	Build using virtual servers With Lightsail 1-2 minutes 
Register a domain With Route 53 3 minutes 	Connect an IoT device With AWS IoT 5 minutes 	Start migrating to AWS With AWS MGN 1-2 minutes 
Start a development project With CodeStar 5 minutes 	Deploy a serverless microservice With Lambda, API Gateway 2 minutes 	Host a static web app With AWS Amplify Console 5 minutes 

▼ See less

1.2 Largest community of customers and partners

AWS has the **largest and most dynamic community**, with **millions of active customers and tens of thousands of partners globally**. Customers across virtually every industry and of every size, including startups, enterprises, and public sector organizations, are running every imaginable use case on AWS. The AWS Partner Network (APN) includes thousands of systems integrators who specialize in AWS services and tens of thousands of independent software vendors (ISVs) who adapt their technology to work on AWS.



2. AWS Use Cases

Millions of customers — including the fastest-growing startups, largest enterprises, and leading government agencies — are using AWS to lower costs, become more agile, and innovate faster.

The company offers a complete range of **IaaS and PaaS services**. Among the best known are its **Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)**, **Elastic Beanstalk**, **Simple Storage Service (S3)**, **Elastic Block Store (EBS)**, **Glacier storage**, **Relational Database Service (RDS)**, and **DynamoDB NoSQL database**. It also offers cloud services related to networking, analytics and machine learning, the **Internet of Things (IoT)**, **mobile services**, **development**, cloud management, cloud security and more.

In every field, the AWS service is used. Below are some areas and some top companies use AWS.

- **Aerospace** (NASA, Maxar, ESA etc.)
- **Gaming** (MPL, FanFight, Gammation etc.)
- **Education** (Coursera, BYJU's etc.)
- **Telecommunication** (Pinterest, Vodafone, Aircel etc.)
- **Entertainment** (Netflix, Hotstar etc.)
- **Media** (BBC, The Hindu, Punjab Kesri etc.)
- **Software** (Share chat, Slack etc.)

3. Login and Management Console

First, to avail all the services of AWS, we need to create a **free account**. While creating an account, billing information may also be asked, but no cost will be incurred. These details will just be used further in time, whenever we avail any paid services.

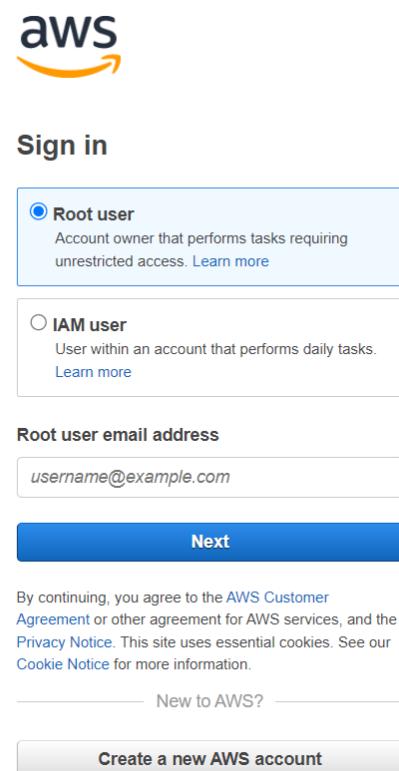
The **AWS Management Console** is a web application that comprises and refers to a broad collection of service consoles for managing Amazon Web Services. On signing in, the console home page can be seen. The home page provides access to each service console as well as an intuitive user interface for exploring AWS and getting helpful tips.

The individual service consoles, on the other hand, offer a wide range of tools for cloud computing, as well as information about your account and about your billing.

The **AWS Management Console** has been designed to work on tablets as well as other kinds of devices:

- Horizontal and vertical space is maximized to show more on your screen.
- Buttons and selectors are larger for a better touch experience.

The AWS Management Console is also available as an app for **Android and iOS**. This app provides mobile-relevant tasks that are a good companion to the full web experience. **For**



The screenshot shows the AWS sign-in page. At the top is the AWS logo. Below it is a "Sign in" section with two radio button options: "Root user" (selected) and "IAM user". The "Root user" option is described as "Account owner that performs tasks requiring unrestricted access." Below this is a "Root user email address" input field containing "username@example.com". At the bottom are a "Next" button and a link to "Create a new AWS account". A small note at the bottom states: "By continuing, you agree to the [AWS Customer Agreement](#) or other agreement for AWS services, and the [Privacy Notice](#). This site uses essential cookies. See our [Cookie Notice](#) for more information."

example, you can easily view and manage your existing Amazon EC2 instances and Amazon CloudWatch alarms from your phone.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console homepage. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation links for services, regions, and user profile. Below the header, the main content area includes sections for "AWS services", "Build a solution", and "Explore AWS". The "AWS services" section has a link to "Recently visited services". The "Build a solution" section features three quick-launch options: "Launch a virtual machine" (With EC2, 2-3 minutes), "Build a web app" (With Elastic Beanstalk, 6 minutes), and "Build using virtual servers" (With Lightsail, 1-2 minutes). The "Explore AWS" section includes links for "Free AWS Training" (Cloud Practitioner Essentials) and the "First Annual AWS BugBust re:Invent Challenge". At the bottom, there are footer links for feedback, privacy, terms, and cookie preferences.

4. Billing

The AWS Billing console contains features to organize and report your **AWS cost and usage based on user-defined methods, and manage your billing and control costs**. The Billing console works closely with the **AWS Cost Management** console so you can holistically manage your costs. The Billing console contains resources to manage your **ongoing payments, while the AWS Cost Management console resources are designed to help you optimize your future costs**.

All Free Tier services by usage					
Service	Free Tier usage limit	Current usage	Forecasted usage	Month-to-date actual usage	Month-end forecasted usage
Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud	30 GB of Amazon Elastic Block Storage in any combination of General Purpose (SSD) or Magnetic	30 GB-Mo	50 GB-Mo	100.00%	166.67%
Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud	750 hours of Amazon EC2 Linux t2.micro instance usage	750 Hrs	1,250 Hrs	100.00%	166.67%
Amazon Simple Storage Service	2,000 Put, Copy, Post or List Requests of Amazon S3	2,000 Requests	3,158 Requests	100.00%	157.89%
Amazon Simple Storage Service	5 GB of Amazon S3 standard storage	2 GB-Mo	3 GB-Mo	35.69%	56.36%
Amazon Simple Storage Service	20,000 Get Requests of Amazon S3	5,039 Requests	7,956 Requests	25.20%	39.78%
AmazonCloudWatch	5 GB of Log Data Ingestion for Amazon Cloudwatch	1 GB	2 GB	22.30%	35.21%
Amazon EC2 Container Registry (ECR)	500 MB-month of Amazon EC2 Container Registry storage for new customers	0 GB-Mo	0 GB-Mo	10.70%	16.89%
AmazonCloudWatch	5 GB of Log Data Archive for Amazon Cloudwatch	0 GB-Mo	0 GB-Mo	3.87%	6.11%
AWS Key Management Service	20,000 free requests per month for AWS Key Management Service	757 Requests	1,195 Requests	3.79%	5.98%
AmazonCloudWatch	1,000,000 API requests for Amazon Cloudwatch	26,139 Requests	41,272 Requests	2.61%	4.13%

Example of Billing and Usage screen

4.1 Related services

4.1.1 IAM

The Billing service and AWS Cost Management service is tightly integrated with **AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)**. You can use IAM with Billing to ensure that other people who work in your account have as much access as they need to get their jobs done.

4.1.2 AWS Organizations (Consolidated Billing)

AWS products and services are designed to accommodate every size of company, from small start-ups to enterprises. You can have an account for the entire company, accounts for each department or team within the company, and accounts for each employee.

If you create multiple accounts, you can use the **consolidated billing feature of AWS Organizations to combine all member accounts under a management account, and receive a single bill.**

5. Extensive Documentation

The AWS Documentation is one of the most extensive documentations, and has easy-to-surf through content, ranging from account management, to satellite operations, every topic related to AWS can be found here and referred to.

Also, it is open source on github for any contributions.

The screenshot shows the AWS Documentation homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, a search bar, and links for Documentation, Support, and Sign In. Below the navigation bar, the title "AWS Documentation" is displayed, followed by a subtitle "Find user guides, developer guides, API references, tutorials, and more." The main content area is titled "Guides and API References" and contains four sections: "Compute" (with links to EC2, App Runner, Batch, Elastic Beanstalk, Image Builder, End-of-Support Migration Program (EMP) for Windows Server, Lambda, Lightsail, Outposts, and ParallelCluster), "Containers" (with links to ECR, ECS, EKS, App2Container, and App Runner), "Storage" (with links to S3, Backup, EBS, EFS, Elastic Disaster Recovery, FSS, S3 Glacier, Snow Family, and Storage Gateway), and "Database" (with links to Aurora, DocumentDB, DynamoDB, ElastiCache, Keyspaces (for Apache Cassandra), MemoryDB for Redis, Neptune, QLDB, RDS, Redshift, and Timestream).

Microsoft Azure

1. Introduction

Microsoft Azure, often referred to as **Azure** is a cloud computing service operated by Microsoft for application management via Microsoft-managed data centers. It provides **software as a service (SaaS)**, **platform as a service (PaaS)** and **infrastructure as a service (IaaS)** and supports many different programming languages, tools, and frameworks, including both Microsoft-specific and third-party software and systems.

1.1 Services

Azure offers a large amount of services (more than 600), using large-scale virtualization at Microsoft data centres worldwide.

These services include -

- Virtual machines, infrastructure as a service (IaaS) allowing users to launch general-purpose Microsoft Windows and Linux virtual machines, as well as preconfigured machine images for popular software packages,
- App services, platform as a service (PaaS) environment letting developers easily publish and manage websites,
- Azure Active Directory, used to synchronize on-premises directories and enable SSO (Single Sign On),
- Mobile Engagement, which collects real-time analytics that highlight users' behavior and also provides push notifications to mobile devices,
- Storage Services providing REST and SDK APIs for storing and accessing data on the cloud,
- Azure Communication Services, which offers an SDK for creating web and mobile communications applications that include SMS, video calling, VOIP and PSTN calling, and web based chat,
- Azure Data Explorer providing big data analytics and data-exploration capabilities,
- Microsoft Azure Machine Learning (Azure ML) providing tools and ML frameworks for developers to create their own machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) services,
- Azure Orbital, a ground station service to help customers move satellite data to the cloud and to provide global cloud connectivity.

Here is just some of what you can do with Azure

The image displays three separate cards, each representing a different aspect of Azure's capabilities:

- Create cross-platform mobile experiences:** Shows a smartphone icon. Description: "Build cloud-connected mobile experiences based on customer interests and behaviors using AI and cognitive services." TRY FREE: Azure App Service, Azure Cognitive Services, Azure Machine Learning.
- Drive innovation for existing and future apps:** Shows a server and database icon. Description: "Deploy Windows and Linux virtual machines, modernise applications and develop apps across cloud and hybrid environments." TRY FREE: Azure Virtual Machines, Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS), Azure Synapse Analytics.
- Build scalable websites and web workloads:** Shows a website icon. Description: "Create workloads in Azure that scale with your business, host domains and deploy faster with DevOps tools." TRY FREE: Azure Functions, Azure Logic Apps, Azure DevOps.

2. Login and Portal

Login is handled through **Microsoft accounts**, allowing you to utilize the same account you may use for Windows, or OneDrive. However, as an added security measure, Two step verification using OTPs is conducted during registration. Billing information is also required, however only a minimal amount is deducted (one-time payment), and no further deductions are conducted unless the user activates the required settings.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal dashboard. At the top, there is a header bar with the Microsoft Azure logo, an 'Upgrade' button, a search bar, and a user profile. Below the header, the main dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Azure services:** A row of icons for various Azure services: Create a resource, Quickstart Center, Virtual machines, App Services, Storage accounts, SQL databases, Azure Cosmos DB, Kubernetes services, Function App, and More services.
- Navigate:** A row of navigation links: Subscriptions, Resource groups, All resources, and Dashboard.
- Tools:** A row of tool links: Microsoft Learn, Azure Monitor, Security Center, and Cost Management.
- Useful links:** A row of useful links: Technical Documentation, Azure Services, Recent Azure Updates, and Azure mobile app (links to App Store and Google Play).

Once logged in, the user is brought to the **Azure Portal**, which acts as the dashboard for Microsoft Azure, and provides quick access to multiple offerings.

3. Design and Deployment Model

Azure uses a specialized operating system, called Microsoft Azure, to run its "**fabric layer**": a cluster hosted at Microsoft's data centers that manage computing and storage resources of the computers and provisions the resources (or a subset of them) to applications running on top of Microsoft Azure. Microsoft Azure has been described as a "**cloud layer**" on top of a number of Windows Server systems, which use **Windows Server 2008** and a customized version of **Hyper-V**, known as the Microsoft Azure Hypervisor to provide virtualization of services.

Scaling and reliability are controlled by the **Microsoft Azure Fabric Controller**, which ensures the services and environment do not fail if one or more of the servers fails within the Microsoft data center, and which also provides the management of the user's Web application such as memory allocation and load balancing.

Microsoft Azure offers two deployment models for cloud resources: the "**classic deployment model**" and the **Azure Resource Manager**. In the classic model, each Azure resource (virtual machine, SQL database, etc.) was managed individually. The Azure Resource Manager, introduced in 2014, enables users to create groups of related services so that closely coupled resources can be deployed, managed, and monitored together.

4. Services

Below is an in-depth look at some important Services offered by Microsoft Azure, namely, the QuickStart Centre, Virtual Machines, App Services and AI and Machine Learning Services

4.1 QuickStart Centre

The QuickStart Centre allows users to rapidly set up certain popular services, and learn how to engage with each service individually. It allows users to rapidly setup WebApps, Container-Based Apps, Databases, Data Analytics, Machine Learning, and even deploy Virtual Machines at the click of a button.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Quickstart Center. It features a grid of eight cards, each representing a different Azure service or feature:

- Create a web app**: Build and deploy web apps that can scale. [Start >](#)
- Deploy a virtual machine**: Run your workloads in the cloud and reduce the redundancy and maintenance of physical hardware. [Start >](#)
- Deploy and run a container-based app**: Build and run your container-based applications. [Start >](#)
- Set up a database**: Explore options for managing relational or nonrelational databases in the cloud. [Start >](#)
- Get started with data analytics, machine learning, and intelligence**: Put machine learning and artificial intelligence to work on your apps. [Start >](#)
- Store, back up, or archive data**: Extend data storage to the cloud and leverage it for disaster recovery. [Start >](#)
- Build, deploy, and operate a serverless app**: Focus on coding within an event-driven architecture, while Azure handles infrastructure-related tasks. [Start >](#)

4.2 Virtual Machines

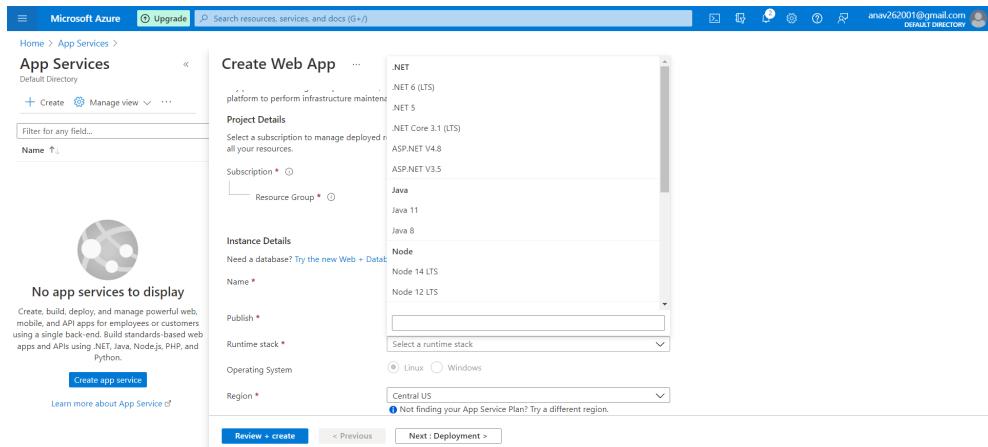
Azure allows users to quickly create and manage multiple virtual machines, which can be individually customized. Customization options include Disk type (SSDs premium or standard, and HDDs) and encryption, Network Security, IP, and inbound ports, VM applications and extensions, and a myriad of Operating Systems (including Windows 10, Windows Server and multiple distros of Linux including Debian, RedHat and Ubuntu Server) to choose from.

The screenshot shows the 'Create a virtual machine' wizard in the Microsoft Azure portal. The steps are as follows:

- Step 1: Basic settings**
 - Region: (US) East US
 - Availability zone: Availability zone 1
 - Security type: Standard
 - Image: Ubuntu Server 20.04 LTS - Gen2 (selected)
 - Marketplace images to get started: A list of available images including Ubuntu Server 20.04 LTS - Gen2, Ubuntu Server 18.04 LTS - Gen2, SUSE Enterprise Linux 15 SP3 + Patching - Gen2, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.2 (LVM) - Gen2, Oracle Linux 8.4 (LVM) - Gen2, Debian 11 'Bullseye' - Gen2, and CentOS-based 7.9 - Gen2.
- Step 2: Administrator account**
 - Authentication type: (dropdown menu)
- Step 3: Review + create**

4.3 App Services

Users can rapidly deploy web applications using Azure App Services. App Services allows users to deploy both Code Based and Docker Container Apps, using multiple runtime stacks including .NET, Java, Node, Python and Ruby. Certain runtime stacks also support continuous deployment through GitHub which can be configured using GitHub Actions. App Services also includes Azure Monitor application insights, which is an Application Performance Management (APM) service for developers and DevOps professionals. It detects performance anomalies, and includes powerful analytics tools to help diagnose issues and to understand what users actually do with the app.



4.4 AI and Machine Learning

Azure offers 26 AI and Machine Learning Services which range from Computer Vision, Form Recognizers, NLP, Machine Learning Workspaces, Face APIs, Speech Services and Translators.

Each Service is incredibly easy to set up and is highly customizable to suit the needs of the user. Azure also offers Data Analytics as a separate suite of 15 services.

AI + machine learning (26)

Azure Synapse Analytics	Bot Services
Cognitive Services	Applied AI services
Anomaly detectors	Cognitive services multi-service account
Computer vision	Content moderators
Custom vision	Face APIs
Form recognizers	Immersive readers
Language understanding	Metrics advisors
Personalizers	QnA makers
Cognitive Search	Speech services
Language	Translators
Machine learning	Machine Learning Studio (classic) web services
Machine Learning Studio (classic) workspaces	Genomics accounts
Machine Learning Studio (classic) web service plans	Bonsai

5. Pricing

Azure offers a robust pricing system where you can customize your pricing model to cover only the applications which you need, with individual pricing for each service provided separately. For example, with respect to Virtual Machines, pricing varies based on the number of Cores, amount of RAM, and amount of Temporary Storage. Given the highly customizable nature of the pricing model, Azure offers a dedicated Pricing Calculator, which users can use to easily figure out the pricing model that suits their individual needs.

[Virtual Machines](#) 1 D2 v3 (2 vCPUs, 8 GB RAM) x 730 Hours (Pay as you go) Upfront: \$0.00 Monthly: \$152.62

Virtual Machines

REGION: West US OPERATING SYSTEM: Windows TYPE: (OS Only) TIER: Standard

CATEGORY: All INSTANCE SERIES: All INSTANCE: D2 v3: 2 vCPUs, 8 GB RAM, 50 GB Temporary storage, \$0.209/hour

VIRTUAL MACHINES 1 × 730 Hours

Savings Options

Save up to 72% on pay-as-you-go prices with 1-year or 3-year Reserved Virtual Machine Instances. Reserved Instances are great for applications with steady-state usage and applications that require reserved capacity. [Learn more about Reserved VM Instances pricing.](#)

Compute (D2 v3)

Pay as you go

OS (Windows)

License included

Meghraj

1. Introduction

Meghraj is the cloud service provided by the Government of India through **National Informatics Centre Services (NICS)** under its GI cloud (Government of India Cloud) initiative. It was developed with the aim of providing cloud services through a common platform to all the government officials and departments at every level of government, from the central to the local level, so that the push towards e-governance under Digital India initiative is facilitated. A common cloud platform can enable local governments and its instrumentalities to adopt e-Governance for rendering better citizen

services, without requiring the setting up of significant IT infrastructure.



MeghRaj India's Cloud Initiative

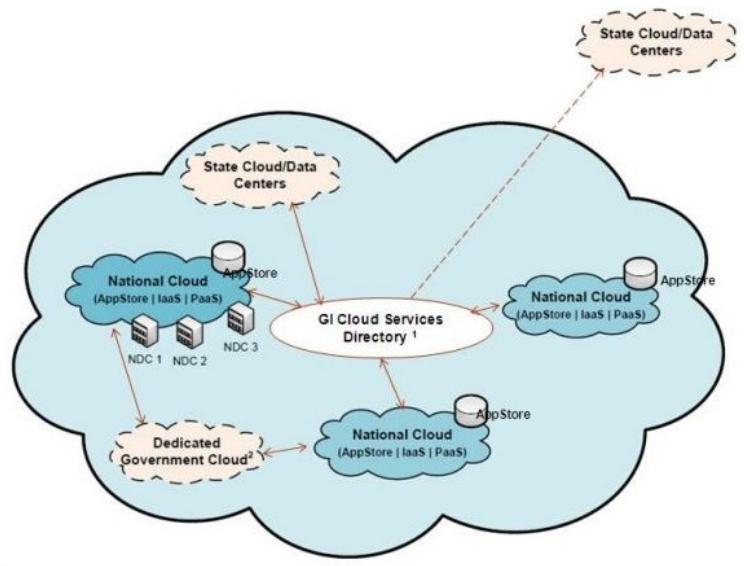
Software as a Service (SaaS) based application services, providing remote testing and prototyping services in addition to remote application hosting services such as Platform as a Service (PaaS) and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS).

Since it was researched upon about its cost benefits, challenges and feasibility by TRAI in 2012, envisioned in 2013 through two papers by the GOI (GI Cloud (Meghraj) Strategic Direction Paper and GI Cloud (Meghraj) Adoption and Implementation Roadmap) and launched in 2014, it is still growing and being worked upon actively under the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY). So far, NIC has set up Data Centres at Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune and is in the process of setting up a National Data Centre at Bhubaneswar. Besides this, mini Data Centres are operational in all NIC State Centres to cater to the e-Governance requirements at the state level. These Data Centres provide round-the-clock operations and management of systems with onsite skilled personnel. Currently, there are 11 CSPs empanelled with the GoI for providing cloud computing services to government departments which include Microsoft Corporation, Hewlett Packard, IBM India, Tata Communications, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Net

Magic IT Services, Sify Technologies and CtrlS Data Centers. As of December 16, 2017, Amazon Web Services (AWS) has already been empanelled, while Microsoft and IBM were added by the third week of December (2017). Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio — the other two companies are in the process of getting empanelled with the government as CSPs.

2. Deployment Model

Meghraj is primarily a community cloud deployment with the resources in the data centers on premises owned either by NICS - the cloud service provider - or some other 3rd party whose existing infrastructure has been incorporated into the program to be used for provisioning through the cloud. Access to the cloud resources is available through a secured Virtual Private Network and multi-location cloud based on nodes setup all across India. All the cloud service users (CSUs) - government entities - broadly share a common security policy and guidelines for operation and work towards a shared objective following a set of common protocols and standards.



While new (augmented) infrastructure is being added, primarily, the GI cloud is envisioned to consist of multiple National and State Clouds.

3. Services Offered

Platform as a Service (PaaS) :

PaaS provides pre-installed web and database servers so that users can publish and run web applications without worrying about server setup. The servers are pre-configured ready with basic security hardening. PaaS services quickly deploy servers and publishing web applications. The OS & Application Software licenses are provided by the cloud service provider (CSP) as part of offering.

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) :

IaaS provides users with basic virtual compute infrastructure resources like CPU, Memory, Disk Storage attached to blank VMs allowing installations of OS, using ISOs, from scratch and customizations. However users have to use their own licenses for OS and Application software (if any).

Software as a Service (SaaS) :

This provides on demand software service. SaaS is a software delivery model where users are not responsible for supporting the application or any of the components. The server infrastructure, OS and software is being managed by cloud services. If clients have a web application and want to distribute it to users, using this cloud service allows them to deliver it through Software as a Service.

Storage as a Service (STaaS):

This provides clients with on demand storage of various types including file storage and block storage etc. File and Block storage are methods to store data on NAS and SAN storage systems. Each storage volume can be treated as an independent disk drive and it can be controlled by an external server operating system.

Load Balancer as a Service :

Load balancing Service allows clients to efficiently get incoming network traffic requests distributed across a group of back-end servers (e.g. server farm / server pool). This service is available on demand for critical applications requiring high availability and easy workload manageability.

Resource Monitoring as a Service :

This service helps users monitor the cloud resources utilization and its availability by allowing the analysis of the utilization trends for critical server resources like CPU, Memory, Network I/O etc. This helps them for better capacity planning and providing a better end-user experience.



Backup & Storage as a Service

Backup Service :

This service allows clients to backup the data and application code lying inside the cloud

servers based on various parameters like frequency, retention period etc.

Data Analytics (DA) as a Service :

Data Analytics as a service (DA-SaaS) refers to the provision of analytics software and operations through web-delivered technologies. These types of solutions offer businesses an alternative to developing internal hardware setups just to perform business analytics.

Agile as a Service :

Agile development is a combination of frameworks, tools and software practices adopted by self-organizing teams for delivering fast paced user centric software solutions. Practices and frameworks touch upon all the aspects of software development from planning (Scrum) to deployment and monitoring (DevOps).

Load Testing as a Service :

Load Testing helps in validating the application design and server infrastructure for expected concurrent user load wherein the system's response is tested under varying load conditions simulating concurrent virtual users accessing the application under test.

Artificial Intelligence as a Service :

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human cognitive processes by machines. For this machine learns from data, both structured and unstructured. AI models can be built using supervised learning, or semi-supervised learning, where the system can be used to search for patterns in the data and cluster them, and in the next stage use such classes for further model training. However, usually users don't have the necessary resources to harness AI because data crunching is a computationally intensive job. This service aims to ease this burden by running these costly computations on the cloud infrastructure.



S3WaaS: Website as a Service :

Website as a Service (WaaS) provides website design, development, hosting, maintenance and updates services through S3WaaS. S3WaaS – Secure, Scalable and Suganya Website as a Service is aimed at providing GIGW compliant, intuitive, user friendly, high quality, and customizable websites to Government entities. The SaaS model has been developed to Create, Deploy, Configure and Manage Accessible websites without much effort and technical knowhow. The S3WaaS framework has been deployed on the infrastructure provided by the NIC Cloud.

4. Recently Hosted e-Gov Applications on NIC Cloud

- PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi (Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare)
- Sakhi Dashboard (Ministry of Women and Child Development)
- eHRMS (Human Resources Management System, GOI)
- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Website
- Armed Forces Medical Services Website
- Department of Science and Technology Website

5. Hands-On Experience

The screenshot shows the NIC Cloud homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for About, Services, What's New, Gallery, FAQ, Contact, Get Cloud Services, My Cloud Dashboard, and Help Line (1800 111 555). The main heading is "Infrastructure & Platform as a Service". Below it, there is a graphic of a person working at a desk with multiple screens and clouds of data. A call-to-action button says "Get NIC Cloud Services".

This screenshot displays the NIC Cloud services page. It features a grid of service icons and descriptions:

- PaaS (Platform as a Service)**: Provides pre-installed web and database servers. [More](#)
- IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service)**: Provides basic virtual compute infrastructure resources like CPU, Memory, Disk Storage attached to blank VMs. [More](#)
- SaaS (Software as a Service)**: A software delivery model where users are not responsible for supporting the application or any of the components. [More](#)
- Storage as a Service**: On-demand storage of various types including file storage and block storage etc. File and Block storage are methods to store... [More](#)
- Load Balancer as a Service**: Allows you to efficiently get incoming network traffic requests distributed across a group of back-end servers (e.g., ...). [More](#)
- RM (Resource Monitoring as a Service)**: Helps you to monitor the cloud resources utilization and its availability with allowing you to analyse the utilization trends... [More](#)
- VA (Vulnerability Assessment Service)**: Helps you to assess your Servers and networks for identifying the security vulnerabilities i.e., threats and risks they pose. A... [More](#)
- Backup Service**: Allows you to backup the data and application code lying inside the Cloud Servers based on various parameters like frequency, retention peri... [More](#)
- APM (Application Performance Management)**: Provides the monitoring and management of performance, availability and user experience ... [More](#)
- DA (Agile Service)**: [More](#)
- Load Testing**: [More](#)

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Sign Up for My Cloud Dashboard: STEP - I

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