

## Second Peer Review: Migration of Servers

### TOPIC :

The topic of cloud computing and the need for a manual to assist users is an interesting and timely idea. This research paper clearly states a valid thesis on a very useful topic. The argument is clearly stated on page four of the paper. The writer takes a strong stand on the subject and proposes a logical approach that appears to be well supported by research.

While the thesis is realistic, it is questionable if the project can be achieved in the time remaining in this semester because several areas have not been included in the rough draft.

### Length:

The length does not meet the page requirement for the rough draft. Although the writer has included headings for future work, there are several sections that need expanding. Perhaps more could be added to the "risk" section, and I think more research and explanation of the process would be helpful. For example, documenting problems encountered during the process will make the "project reflections" paper simpler and more meaningful.

### Tables & Figures:

Based on the research thus far, it does not appear that the writer needs to include any tables or figures in their final report. However, if there are any comparisons of existing data storage to the cloud system that includes percentages or other computations, charts might be helpful.

### Format:

The timeline portion of the rough draft is very brief and does not sufficiently have the steps laid out. This may be because it does not appear all of the research has been completed. I would suggest the writer re-read the assignment rubric very closely now that the research is underway and consider the paper's organization and format. For example, the sections the writer has listed in the Table of Contents as Migration of Server to Cloud  
Hardware and Software  
Steps for the Migration  
might better fit under the single heading of **Project Details**.

Faculty Advisor: In this section, the writer indicates that Dr. Diane Murphy is the faculty advisor. However, no biographical background is provided or reasons why she was chosen for this project.

### Writing:

In general the writing style is solid and cohesive. However, there are significant grammatical errors that take away from the overall strong argument of the paper. For example, there are a multitude of errors involving comma placement. At times there are too many commas or comma splices, while at other times there are missing commas.

For example:

Pg. 2 "For this reason (,) companies such as ...." (**Add** comma after introductory clause.)

Pg. 2 "Connecting all of these servers...to the internet [,] creates a cloud." (**No** comma is needed here.)

I would suggest that the writer may want to seek some online guidance as to how to use commas. Perhaps the writer could consult with the Writing Center at Marymount University.

There are problems with subject verb agreement or with not using the proper verb tense.

For example:

Pg. 2 "The cloud works...with group of servers that..." (Either insert "a group" or use plural "groups of servers")

Pg. 4 "As population is keep growing" (subject-verb agreement: "As **the** population **keeps** growing.")

Again, I suggest that the writer have a consultation with the writing center about the grammar issues so as to not make mistakes that detract from the integrity of the paper.

One additional recommendation I would offer the writer regarding the style is to try to adopt a more formal, scholarly tone. Please note the following examples and suggestions of perhaps better wording:

Pg. 3 "The second option...cheaper and less of a hassle..."  
"The second option promises to be both more cost effective and more efficient."

Pg. 5 "hopefully, by the end of this month I will have a full report to have my manual up and ready."  
"My intent is to have the full report and manual completed by the end of November."  
(Name the month, and sound more confident)

In general, I would recommend that the writer consider such phrases as, (Page 5) "a couple of classes", and, "At the end of the day", to see if more specific and formal terms could be used that would increase the accuracy of the comments and improve the overall tone of the paper.

The writer needs to check to ensure that all terms or abbreviations have been defined. On page four the abbreviation "IDC" is not explained.

Despite these problems, the writing style is clear and I was able to understand the points made by the writer.

#### **References:**

Only seven sources are included in the reference section. Of those seven references, only the first three are cited in the paper. This may be because the writer is not finished with the research or writing. Additionally, there is a citation on page three, "(Haishi, 2014)", that is not included in the reference section.

#### **Intellectual Content:**

The writer is clearly well informed and passionate about the subject of cloud storage. Despite some time issues and syntax problems, the thesis, argument, and intent of the research is clear. While it appears as if the writer is on the right path, the writer is just a bit behind in compiling the research and producing the final product.

However, the writer's grasp of the content seems strong and I do not anticipate that there will be any problems with the quality of the final research paper. As I have stated in several instances throughout this peer review, the writer might benefit from meeting with a writing tutor at the resource center at Marymount University. It is my opinion, and hopefully a helpful one, that the project would benefit from a more formal and academic tone. Good luck to the writer, and I look forward to seeing the manual.