

# Technology Overview

# Cloud Concepts & Technologies

- Variety of technologies that make Cloud computing possible
- Virtualization
  - Key technology enabling Cloud Computing
  - Abstraction of an execution environment
  - Partitions physical resources into virtual resources
- Load Balancing
  - Help distribute workload across multiple machines to meet
- SDN
  - Separates control plane from the data plane
  - Creates agile network that are easier and cheaper to maintain.



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- Scalability
  - Difficult to scale traditional IT infrastructure
    - Scale Up — Upgrade existing hardware (CPU, Memory, etc.)
    - Scale Out — Add more hardware
    - Not elastic
  - Cloud provide elasticity to accommodate for variability in workload.
    - Add or shrink resources based upon demand.



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- Replication
  - Replication of data is important for business continuity
  - Cloud provides cheaper option to replicate data and application
    - Minimize capital expenditure
- Array-based replication
  - Automatically replicate data at the disk subsystem level
  - Independent of host and type of data being accessed.
  - Requires similar arrays at local and remote locations.



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- Host-based replication
  - Runs on commodity servers
  - Agents installed on hosts communicate with each other
  - Replication can be block or file based.
  - Entire Virtual machine can be replicated in real-time.
- Network-based replication
  - An appliance sits on the network to transfer data (local to remote hosts)
  - Supports heterogeneous environment
  - Requires capital expenditure (hardware and software)

