

Cloud Computing

A Network Application Analysis



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01 Introduction to Cloud Computing

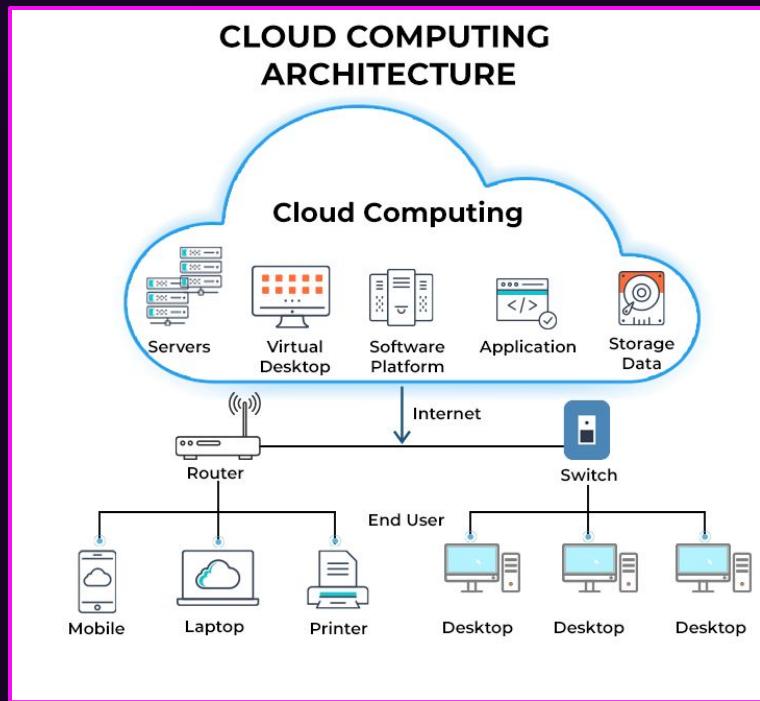
Understanding the Basics and Service Models
+ History

What is Cloud Computing?

Cloud computing is the *delivery of computing services* - servers, storage, databases, networking, software - over the internet (or “**the cloud**”) in order to offer faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale.

Some **key characteristics** include:

- On-demand availability
- Scalability
- Resource pooling



Service Models of Cloud Computing

The **primary service models** of Cloud Computing are:

- IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service)
 - Provides virtualized computing resources over the internet
- PaaS (Platform as a Service)
 - Supplies environment for developers to build/deploy applications
- SaaS (Software as a Service)
 - Delivers software applications over internet, usually on subscription basis.



**Some example providers include: Google Cloud Platform, Microsoft Azure, etc.

History of Cloud Computing

1960s

Time-sharing concepts emerged for remote computing resources

1999

Salesforce launched one of the first major SaaS platforms

2010s

Widespread business adoption; Azure and Google Cloud introduced

1970s & 80s

ARPANET and distributed computing developed.

2006

AWS launched, transforming cloud infrastructure

Present

Essential for data storage, AI, and machine learning

02 How Cloud Computing Works

Application, Architecture, Virtualization,
and Network Infrastructure

Applications of Cloud Computing

Video Streaming: Netflix, Youtube

It Works by: Using cloud-based servers to store and deliver content globally.

Some key issues are: Buffering and latency.

Solutions: Adaptive bitrate streaming (like DASH) manages quality based on network conditions.

Online Gaming

How It Works: Cloud servers run games and stream them to users.

Challenges: Requires very low latency to maintain gameplay experience.

Solutions: Uses distributed data centers close to users, reduces latency with efficient compression and high-speed connections.

Cloud Networking challenges

Network Delay



Distance between user and server affects response times.

Solution: Placing servers closer to the user (edge computing)

Jitter



Variability in packet delivery times affects real-time applications.

Solution: Buffering and prioritized traffic management help stabilize delivery.

Packet Loss



Causes interruptions in streaming and gaming.

Solution: Retransmission protocols and error correction are often used.

Adaptive Solutions in Cloud Applications

Buffering

Used in streaming to preload video data, smoothing playback despite network inconsistencies.

Load Balancing

Distributes traffic across multiple servers, ensuring no single server is overloaded and maintaining performance.

Auto-scaling

Cloud services automatically allocate more resources when demand is high and scale down during low-demand periods.

The future of cloud computing

Edge Computing: Reduced latency and faster speeds, enabling better performance for applications like gaming and IoT.

AI and Machine Learning: Optimize resource allocation and adapt to changing network conditions.

Hybrid Cloud Solutions: Combining public and private clouds for improved security, control, and performance, especially in enterprise contexts.



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