

Module 4

1 What is cloud computing? Explain the characteristics and benefits of cloud computing?

Cloud computing is a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction.

Characteristics of Cloud Computing

Cloud infrastructure should have five essential characteristics:

○ **On-demand self-service:** A consumer can unilaterally provision computing capabilities, such as server time and network storage, as needed, automatically without requiring human interaction with each service provider.

A cloud service provider publishes a service catalogue, which contains information about all cloud services available to consumers. The service catalogue includes information about service attributes, prices, and request processes. Consumers view the service catalogue via a web-based user interface and use it to request for a service. Consumers can either leverage the “ready-to-use” services or change a few service parameters to customize the services.

○ **Broad network access:** Capabilities are available over the network and accessed through standard mechanisms that promote use by heterogeneous thin or thick client platforms (for example, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, and workstations).

○ **Resource pooling:** The provider’s computing resources are pooled to serve multiple consumers using a multitenant model, with different physical and virtual resources dynamically assigned and reassigned according to consumer demand. There is a sense of location independence in that the customer generally has no control or knowledge over the exact location of the provided resources but may be able to specify location at a higher level of abstraction (for example, country, state, or data center). Examples of resources include storage, processing, memory, and network bandwidth.

○ **Rapid elasticity:** Capabilities can be elastically provisioned and released, in some cases automatically, to scale rapidly outward and inward commensurate with demand. To the consumer, the capabilities available for provisioning

○ **Measured service:** Cloud systems automatically control and optimize resource use by leveraging a metering capability at some level of abstraction appropriate to the type of service (for example, storage, processing, bandwidth, and active user accounts). Resource usage can be monitored, controlled, and reported, providing transparency for both the provider and consumer of the utilized service.

Benefits of cloud computing

Benefits	Description
Reduced IT cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces the up-front capital expenditure (CAPEX)
Business agility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides the ability to deploy new resources quickly• Enables businesses to reduce time-to-market
Flexible scaling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enables consumers to scale up, scale down, scale out, or scale in the demand for computing resources easily• Consumers can unilaterally and automatically scale computing resources
High availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures resource availability at varying levels, depending on consumer's policy and priority

2 Explain the various cloud service models available.

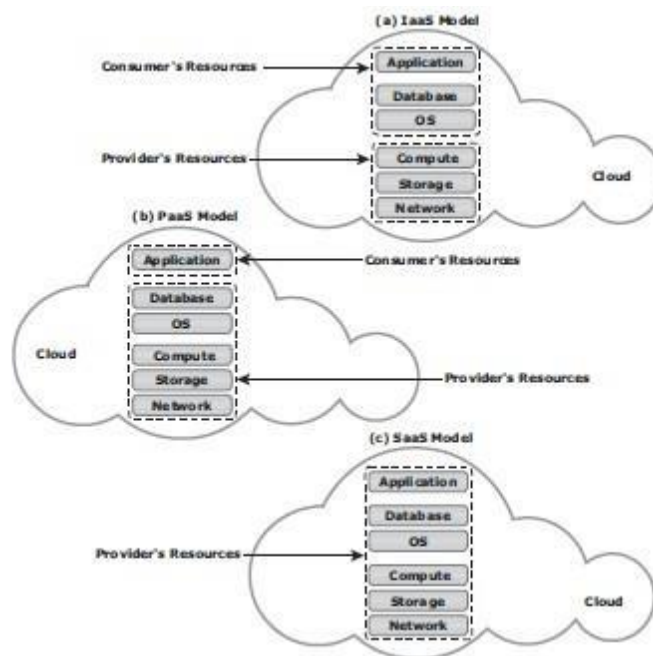
Cloud Service Models

Cloud service offerings are classified primarily into three models:

- Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS),
- Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS),
- Software-as-a-Service (SaaS).

Infrastructure-as-a-Service

- The capability provided to the consumer is to provision processing, storage, networks, and other fundamental computing resources where the consumer is able to deploy and run arbitrary software, which can include operating systems and applications.
- The consumer does not manage or control the underlying cloud infrastructure but has control over operating systems and deployed applications; and possibly limited control of select networking components (for example, host firewalls).
- IaaS is the base layer of the cloud services stack (see Fig 4.3[a]). It serves as the foundation for both the SaaS and PaaS layers.
- Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) is an example of IaaS that provides scalable compute capacity, on-demand, in the cloud. It enables consumers to leverage Amazon's massive computing infrastructure with no up-front capital investment.



Platform-as-a-Service

- The capability provided to the consumer is to deploy onto the cloud infrastructure consumer-created or acquired applications created using programming languages, libraries, services, and tools supported by the provider.

- The consumer does not manage or control the underlying cloud infrastructure including network, servers, operating systems, or storage, but has control over the deployed applications and possibly configuration settings for the application-hosting environment. (See Fig 4.3 [b]).
- PaaS is also used as an application development environment, offered as a service by the cloud service provider.
- The consumer may use these platforms to code their applications and then deploy the applications on the cloud.
- Because the workload to the deployed applications varies, the scalability of computing resources is usually guaranteed by the computing platform, transparently.

Software-as-a-Service

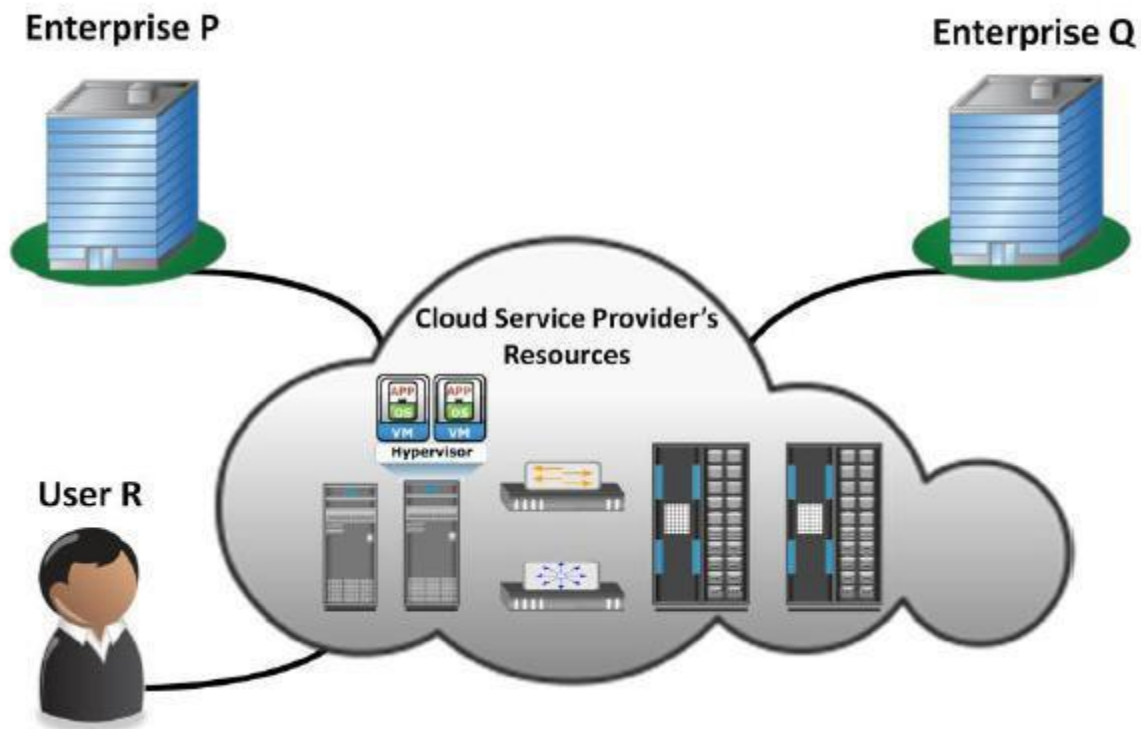
- The capability provided to the consumer is to use the provider's applications running on a cloud infrastructure.
- The applications are accessible from various client devices through either a thin client interface, such as a web browser (for example, web-based e-mail), or a program interface.
- The consumer does not manage or control the underlying cloud infrastructure including network, servers, operating systems, storage, or even individual application capabilities, with the possible exception of limited user-specific application configuration settings. (Fig 4.3[c]).
- In a SaaS model, applications, such as customer relationship management (CRM), e- mail, and instant messaging (IM), are offered as a service by the cloud service providers.
- The cloud service providers exclusively manage the required computing infrastructure and software to support these services
- . The consumers may be allowed to change a few application configuration settings to customize the applications.
- EMC Mozy is an example of SaaS. Consumers can leverage the Mozy console to perform automatic, secured, online backup and recovery of their data with ease. Salesforce.com is a provider of SaaS-based CRM applications, such as Sales Cloud and Service Cloud. Google App Engine and Microsoft Windows Azure Platform are examples of PaaS.

3 Explain the public cloud and private cloud deployment models in cloud computing.

Cloud computing is classified into four deployment models : public, private, community, and hybrid – which provide the basis for how cloud infrastructures are constructed and consumed.

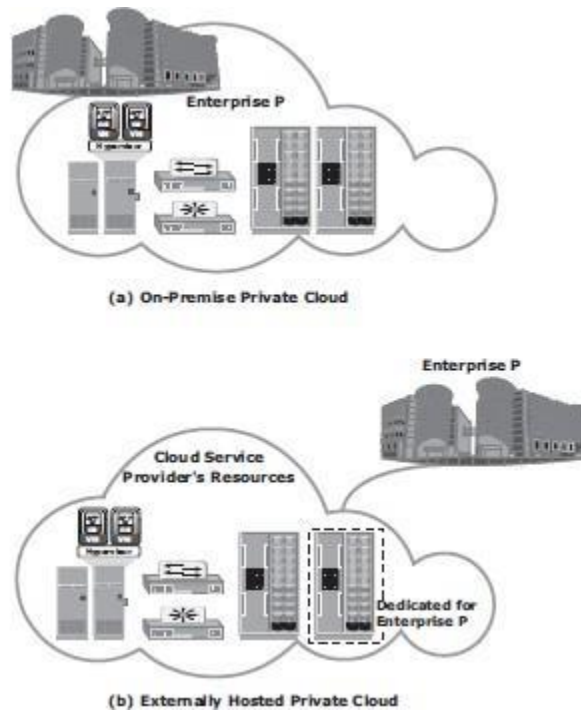
Public Cloud

- In a public cloud model, the cloud infrastructure is provisioned for open use by the general public. It may be owned, managed, and operated by a business, academic, or government organization, or some combination of them.
- It exists on the premises of the cloud provider.
- Consumers use the cloud services offered by the providers via the Internet and pay metered usage charges or subscription fees.
- An advantage of the public cloud is its low capital cost with enormous scalability. However, for consumers, these benefits come with certain risks: no control over the resources in the cloud, the security of confidential data, network performance, and interoperability issues.
- Popular public cloud service providers are Amazon, Google, and Salesforce.com.
- Fig 4.2 shows a public cloud that provides cloud services to organizations and individuals.



Private Cloud

- In a private cloud model, the cloud infrastructure is provisioned for exclusive use by a single organization comprising multiple consumers (for example, business units).
- It may be owned, managed, and operated by the organization, a third party, or some combination of them, and it may exist on or off premises.
- Following are two variations to the private cloud model:
 1. On-premise private cloud: The on-premise private cloud, also known as internal cloud, is hosted by an organization within its own data centers (see Fig 4.5[a]). This model enables organizations to standardize their cloud service management processes and security, although this model has limitations in terms of size and resource scalability.
 2. Externally hosted private cloud: This type of private cloud is hosted external to an organization (see Fig 4.4[b]) and is managed by a third party organization. The third-party organization facilitates an exclusive cloud environment for a specific organization with full guarantee of privacy and confidentiality.



4 Explain the cloud computing infrastructure in detail.

Cloud Computing Infrastructure

A cloud computing infrastructure is the collection of hardware and software that enables the five essential characteristics of cloud computing. Cloud computing infrastructure usually consists of the following layers:

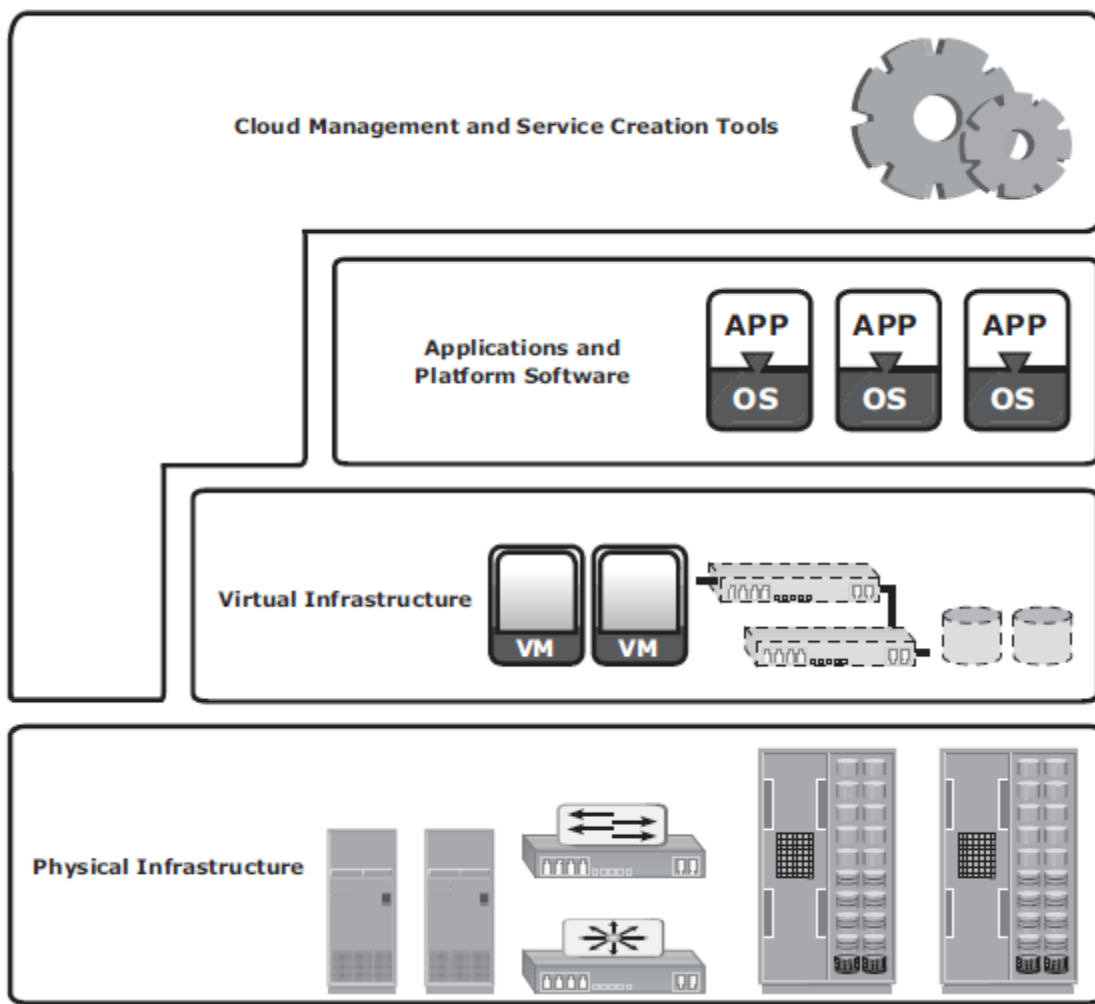
- ✓ Physical infrastructure
- ✓ Virtual infrastructure
- ✓ Applications and platform software
- ✓ Cloud management and service creation tools

The resources of these layers are aggregated and coordinated to provide cloud services to the consumers (see Fig 4.6).

Physical infrastructure

- The physical infrastructure consists of physical computing resources, which include physical servers, storage systems, and networks.

- Physical servers are connected to each other, to the storage systems, and to the clients via networks, such as IP, FC SAN, IP SAN, or FCoE networks.
- Cloud service providers may use physical computing resources from one or more data centers to provide services.
- If the computing resources are distributed across multiple data centers, connectivity must be established among them.
- The connectivity enables the data centers in different locations to work as a single large data center.
- This enables migration of business applications and data across data centers and provisioning cloud services using the resources from multiple data centers.



Virtual Infrastructure

- Cloud service providers employ virtualization technologies to build a virtual infrastructure layer on the top of the physical infrastructure.
- Virtualization enables fulfilling some of the cloud characteristics, such as resource pooling and rapid elasticity.
- It also helps reduce the cost of providing the cloud services.
- Some cloud service providers may not have completely virtualized their physical infrastructure yet, but they are adopting virtualization for better efficiency and optimization.
- Virtualization abstracts physical computing resources and provides a consolidated view of the resource capacity.
- The consolidated resources are managed as a single entity called a resource pool.
- For example, a resource pool might group CPUs of physical servers within a cluster.
- The capacity of the resource pool is the sum of the power of all CPUs (for example, 10,000 megahertz) available in the cluster.
- In addition to the CPU pool, the virtual infrastructure includes other types of resource pools, such as memory pool, network pool, and storage pool.
- Apart from resource pools, the virtual infrastructure also includes identity pools, such as VLAN ID pools and VSAN ID pools.
- The number of each type of pool and the pool capacity depend on the cloud service provider's requirement to create different cloud services.
- Virtual infrastructure also includes virtual computing resources, such as virtual machines, virtual storage volumes, and virtual networks.
- These resources obtain capacities, such as CPU power, memory, network bandwidth, and storage space from the resource pools.
- Virtual networks are created using network identifiers, such as VLAN IDs and VSAN IDs from the respective identity pools.
- Virtual computing resources are used for creating cloud infrastructure services.

Applications and Platform Software

- This layer includes a suite of business applications and platform software, such as the OS and database.
- Platform software provides the environment on which business applications run.
- Applications and platform software are hosted on virtual machines to create SaaS and PaaS. For SaaS, both the application and platform software are provided by cloud service providers.
- In the case of PaaS, only the platform software is provided by cloud service providers; consumers export their applications to the cloud.

- 5 Explain in detail in band and out of band virtualization appliances with a neat diagram.
- 6 Discuss the steps involved in transitioning from classic data center to cloud computing Environment service.
- 7 Write a short note on the following: i) Business drives for cloud computing ii) Cloud migration considerations.