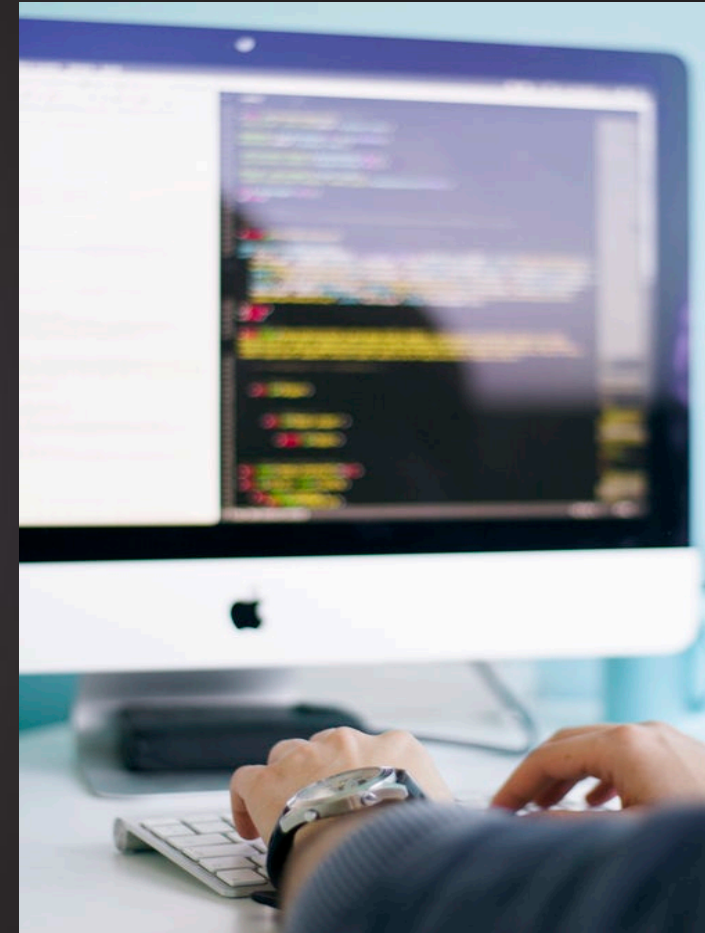


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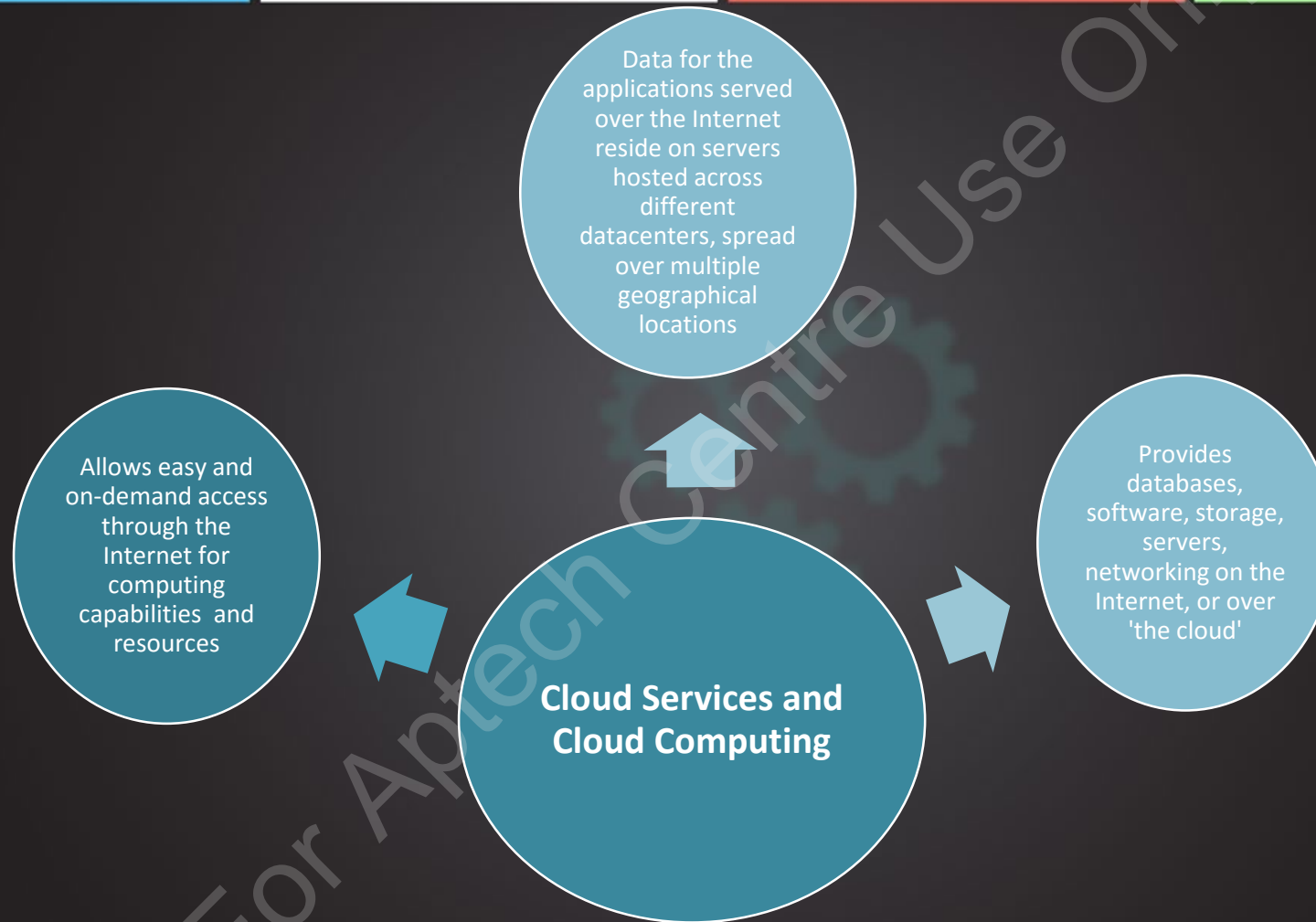
Introduction to Azure Cloud Computing

Objectives

- Describe Azure cloud computing
- Explain distributed applications
- Explain Microsoft Azure cloud services



Overview of Cloud Services and Cloud Computing



Why Use Cloud Computing?

Three primary reasons to use cloud computing:

Economical

Scalability

Deployment

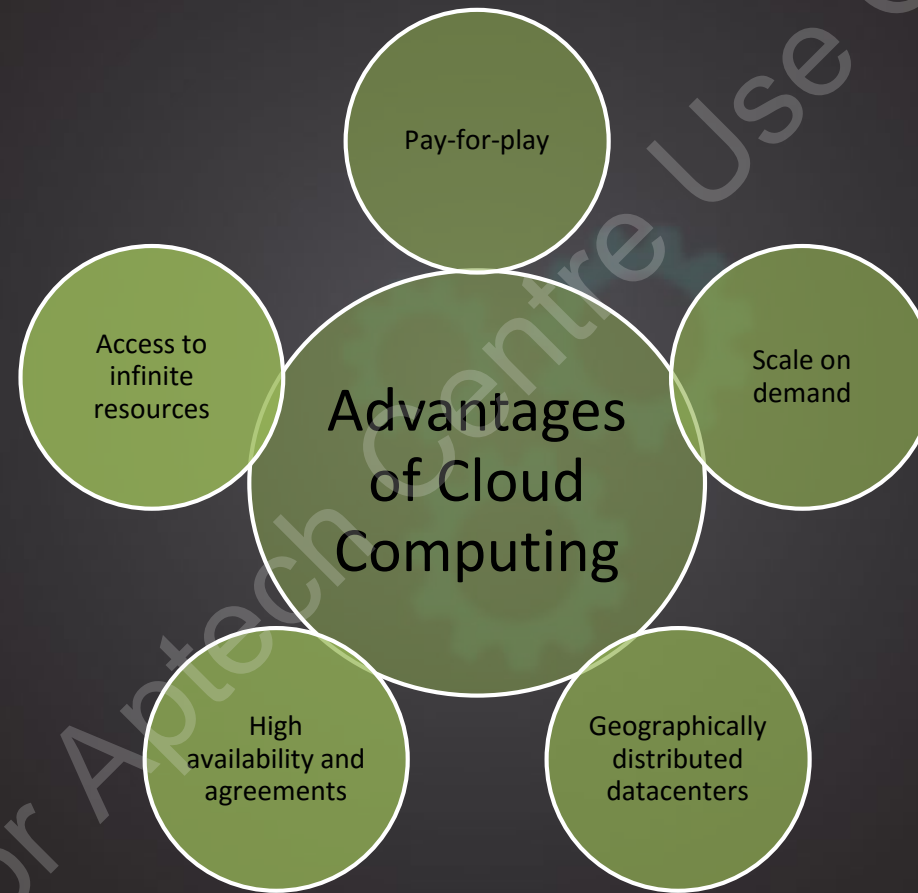
Cloud Service Models

Cloud computing platforms can be categorized into:

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



Benefits of Cloud Computing



Distributed Applications

General

- General applications used on systems. Consider an application that enables a user to login at the local machine and get authenticated through the remote domain controller.

Collaboration

- Enable users to work on particular portions of an application at the same time. An example is a project management system in which each user plays a key role.

Real-time

- Applications in which real-time information exchange takes place. An example is an online chat application.

Computational

- Applications in which processing of code takes place on the server. Example is a central code repository.

Concept of Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)

SOA is an architecture used to build or extend modular systems in a flexible and reusable manner. SOA defines three service roles mainly:

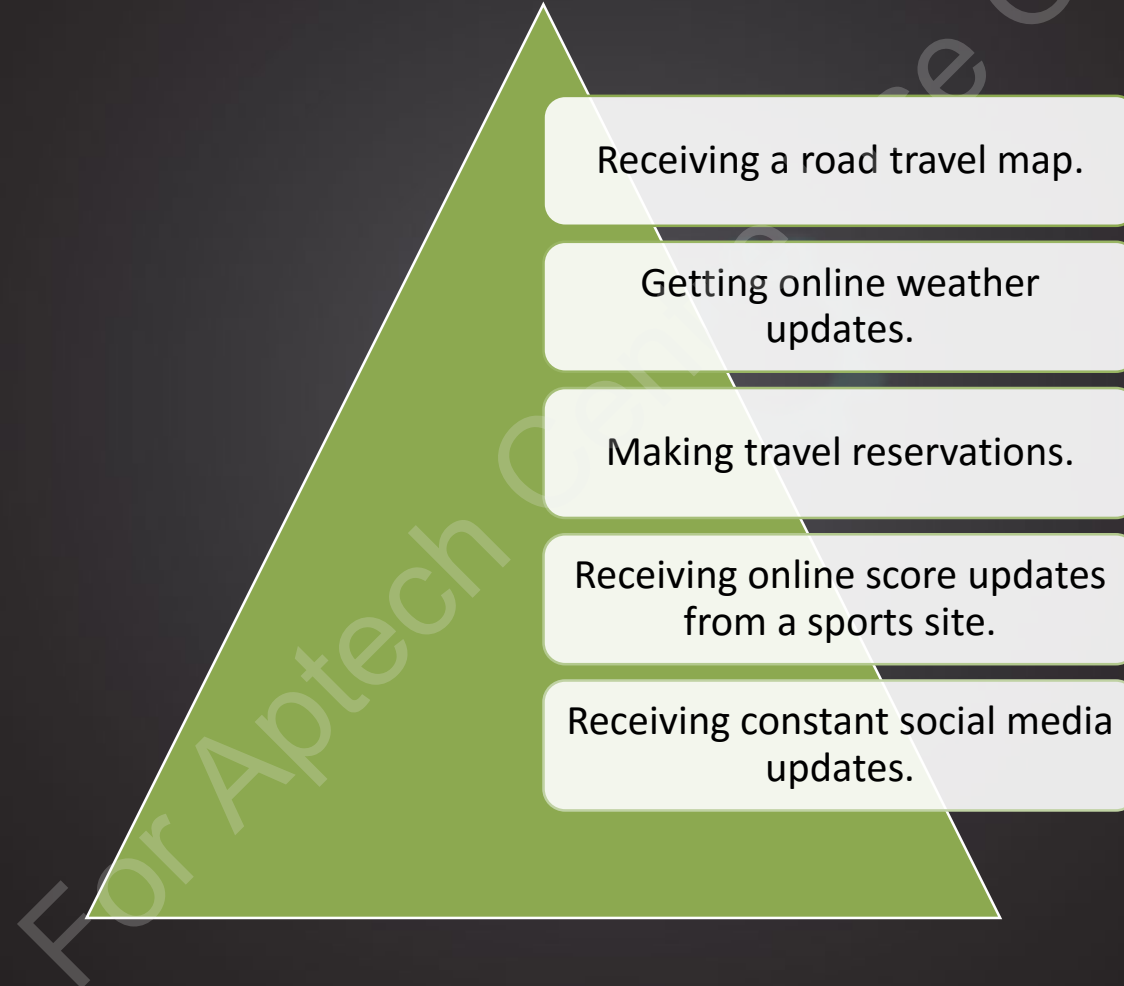
- Service provider (server)
- Service consumer (client)
- Service broker (middleware)

Introduction to Web Services

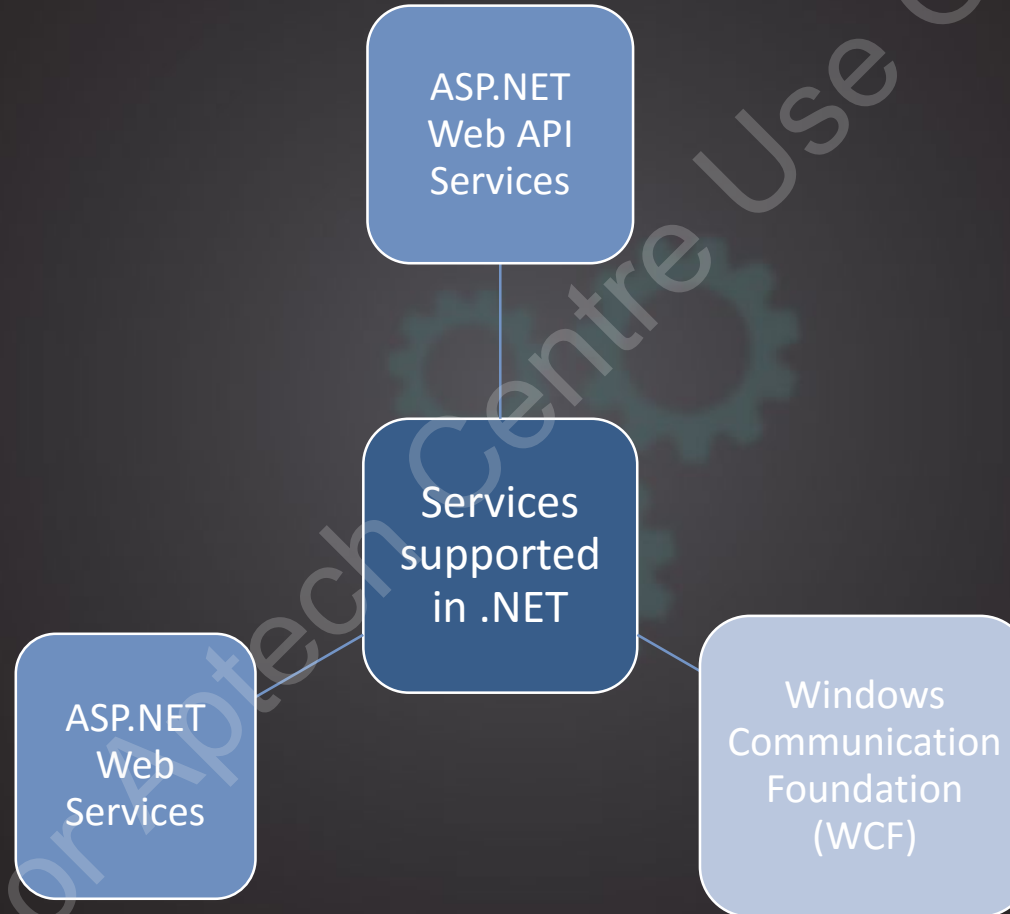
Web services facilitate most flexible infrastructure for the development of distributed cloud applications. Following are the features of Web services:

- Can be defined as application components.
- Use HTTP and XML as the base.
- Can be reused by multiple applications.
- Can use open protocols for communication.

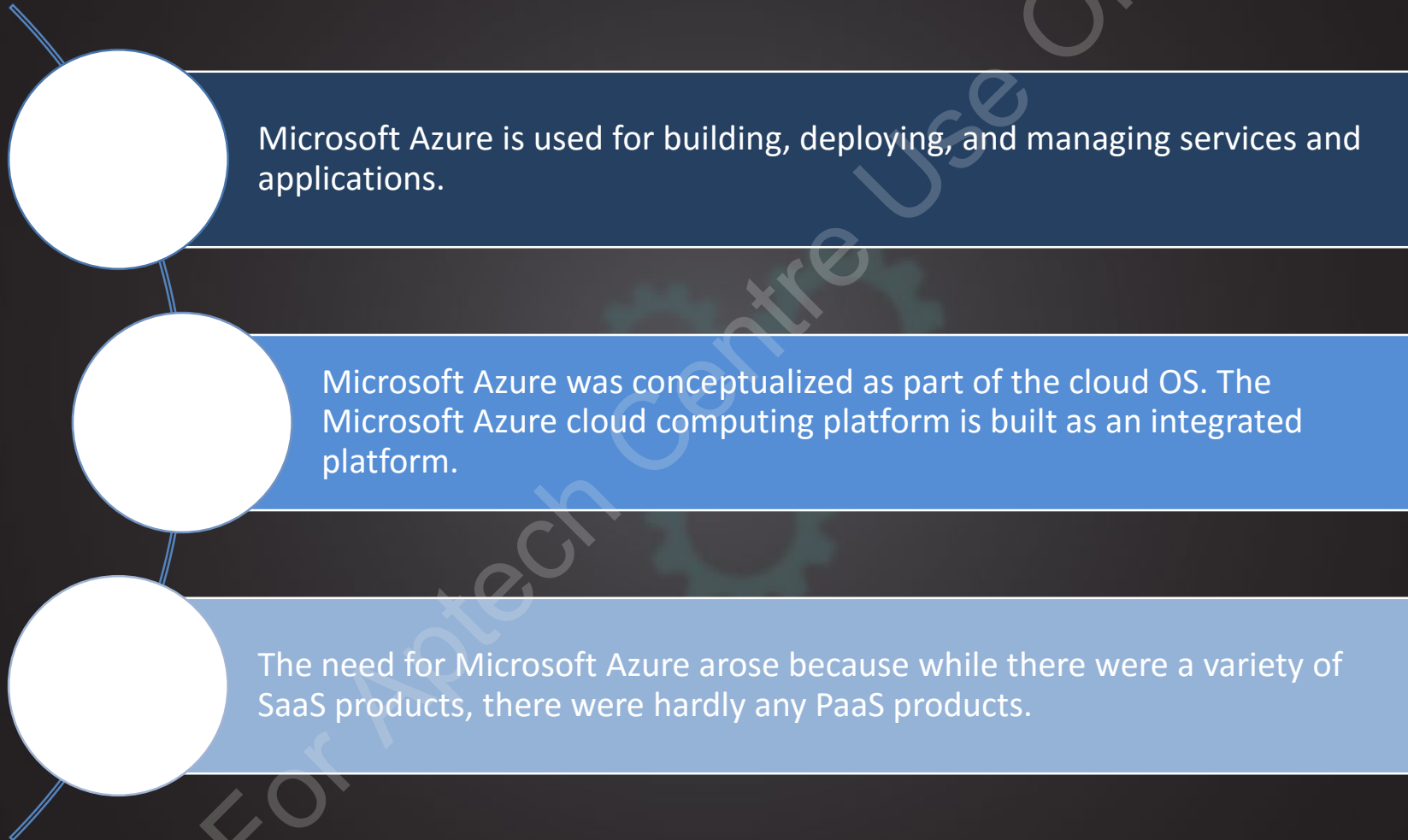
Application of Web Services



Web Services in .NET



Microsoft Azure Cloud Services



Different Features of Azure

Feature	Description
Service Hosting	Enables creation of own server-side applications.
Service Management	Enables using the Microsoft Azure in-built fabric controller that helps in dealing with application monitoring and management.
Storage	Enables storing data through Azure's three services, namely semi-structured tables, Binary Large Object (BLOB) storage (for storing raw data), and a queue service.
Windows Server	Enables using the same code in Microsoft Azure that has been used in Windows Server.
Development Tools	Enables using many of its in-built development tools.



Summary

- Cloud computing is an approach that enables convenient and on-demand access through the Internet to computing capabilities and resources.
- Cloud computing platforms provide different kinds of services, depending on the delivery model that they deploy, such as IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS.
- Microsoft Azure is a cloud computing platform created by Microsoft and is used for building, deploying, and managing services and applications, and protocols.
- Microsoft Azure works as an integral part of the Azure Services Platform that covers different and separate application, storage, desktop environment, security, and so on.
- Microsoft Azure platform also supports Microsoft standards, programming languages, platforms, and protocols.