

needed.

- Stop paying for resources that you no longer need.

Compare cloud pricing models

- Cloud computing is pay as you go.
- It helps: Plan and manage operating costs, run your infrastructure more effectively and scale as your business needs change.

Describe the benefits of using cloud services

- When building or deploying a cloud app, the two considerations are uptime (availability) and ability to handle demand (scale).

High Availability

- Maintaining something always available.
- AZURE SLAs
 - The agreement that makes Azure guaranteedly high available.
 - Formal agreement between the client and the provider and the clients and the IT department.
 - 100% uptime is hard but usually it is 99% uptime in azure services
 - 99% means usually 432 mins/month
 - 99.9% means 43.2 min/month.
 - the more availability you have, the more you will pay. There is different SLAs per azure service.

Scalability

- Adjusting resources to match demand.
- Cloud is consumption based so this is a huge advantage.

Vertical scaling

- Scaling in terms of hardware (up)
- Horizontal scaling (up or down)
- Scaling in terms of applications (Pods / containers or VM's) also up or down.

Reliability

- Ability of recovering a system from a failure.
 - ↳ This one of the pillars of the Microsoft Azure well Architected Framework.
- Due to the cloud decentralized architecture if a datacenter region suffers from a natural disaster for example our app will be deployed in other regions bypassing always the Service.

Predictability

- Predicting the cost and also the performance.
 - ↳ with the Microsoft Azure well Architected Framework we can have this being predicted.

Performance

- Predicting the resources needed to deliver a positive experience for your customers.
- Auto-scaling, Load balancing and high availability are the concepts that support performance predictability.
- Microsoft deploys at removes IP Routers, Offloading of the demand and local balancing relatively the traffic on the cloud increased service in terms of profit.

~~cost~~

- Cost predictability is focused on predicting or forecasting the cost of the cloud spend.
- with cloud we can:
 - track resources in real time.
 - monitor resources
 - ensure they are being used in the most efficient way.
 - Use data to find patterns to know before hand how to plan the usage of those resources.
 - predict future costs
 - Use tools like total cost of ownership (TCO) or pricing calculator.

~~describe the benefits of security and governance in the cloud~~

- cloud based auditing helps knowing which resource is out of compliance if any.
- cloud updates automatically the standards.
- cloud provider mitigation strategies
- On the security side we can find the best solution for our security needs.
- IaaS offers maximum control over your physical resources operating systems and installed softwares including patching and maintenance.
- If you want patches and maintenance taken care automatically, platform as a service or software as a service approach may be the best cloud strategies.

Describing the benefits of manageability in the cloud

Two types of manageability:

Management in the cloud

- Managing cloud resources like:
 - automatically scale resources deployment based on need
 - Reallocate resources based on a pre-configured template, there is no need for manual config.
 - Monitor the health of resources and automatically replace failing resources.
 - Precise automatic alerts based on config metrics so you're aware of performance in real-time.

Management in the cloud

- Now you are able to manage your cloud environment and resources like:
 - through a web portal.
 - using cmd.
 - using API's
 - Using Powershell.