Introduction to Cloud Computing

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Cloud Computing Is for Stupid People -Richard Stallman

"It's stupidity. It's worse than stupidity: it's a marketing hype campaign"



In an interview published by The Guardian on Monday, Richard Stallman says "The concept of using web-based programs like Google's Gmail is "worse than stupidity. Cloud Computing - where IT power is delivered over the internet as you need it, rather than drawn from a desktop computer - has gained currency in recent years. Large internet and technology companies

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including Google, Microsoft and Amazon are pushing forward their plans to deliver information and software over the net But Richard Stallman, founder of the Free Software Foundation and creator of the computer operating system GNU, said that cloud computing was simply a trap aimed at forcing more people to buy into locked, proprietary systems that would cost them more and more over time. It's stupidity. It's worse than stupidity: it's a marketing hype campaign."

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Is cloud computing for stupid people?!



This is Jim



Jim is an IT Manager



For a large pharmaceutical



Jim's Boss (the CIO) has asked him to "move their company to the cloud"



Jim has no idea what this means



Jim has heard of cloud computing, but is lost when it comes to the terminology



The myth of cloud computing

Virtualization can save money -- and open up new security issues

By Bill Brenner

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December 1, 2008 (CSO) Companies hungry for IT efficiency and cost savings absolutely love virtualization. The idea of reducing racks of servers into smaller and cheaper machine farms is simply irresistible in just about every enterprise.

Security vendors have seized on this with an array of products promising "security in the cloud." But the adopters often lack a basic understanding of what virtualization is about, and that's a problem, industry experts say.

"When you look at how people think of virtualization and what it means, the definition of virtualization is either very narrow -- that it's about server

Is cloud computing just about virtualization in the data center?



Are SaaS & Cloud Computing Interchangeable Terms?

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Couple of weeks ago Alfresco CTO John Newton posted the following tweet on Twitter:

"Does Cloud = SaaS [Software as a Service]? I don't think so. Cloud is computing, more like electricity."

My gut reaction was that they were equal, and up until that moment I had used the terms interchangeably, but Newton's post got me thinking that perhaps they were different. **SaaS** applications use **cloud** platforms, but are not exactly **cloud computing**. The more I thought about it, however, the less clear it got, so I decided to do some research and also take my questions directly to some **cloud computing** experts and ask if the two terms were indeed synonymous or if they were as Newton opined, completely different.

Is cloud computing just another term for software as a service?

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Is this Cloud thing something new?

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For my first post here I going to answer this question (sort of):

To be honest I was skeptical about Cloud Computing:

Having seen in that in the past some acronyms and hypes showing up I think its natural.

One of them was Ajax. Ajax is just creating one word to sum a bunch of technologies: (X)HTML + DOM + CSS + Javascript. Don't get me wrong, I think that we need the acronyms, they are useful for comunication but they don't necessary add anything new.

One other acronym that I found interesting was ASP (Application Service Provider) that appeared to say that we would sell our same desktop applications as a service. It was not a new technology, a new application or a new standard but just a new revenue model. Was this a small change? At first I thought so, but then I realized that this was a shift from the normal way of doing things that opened the door to new companies that started building applications from scratch for the internet.

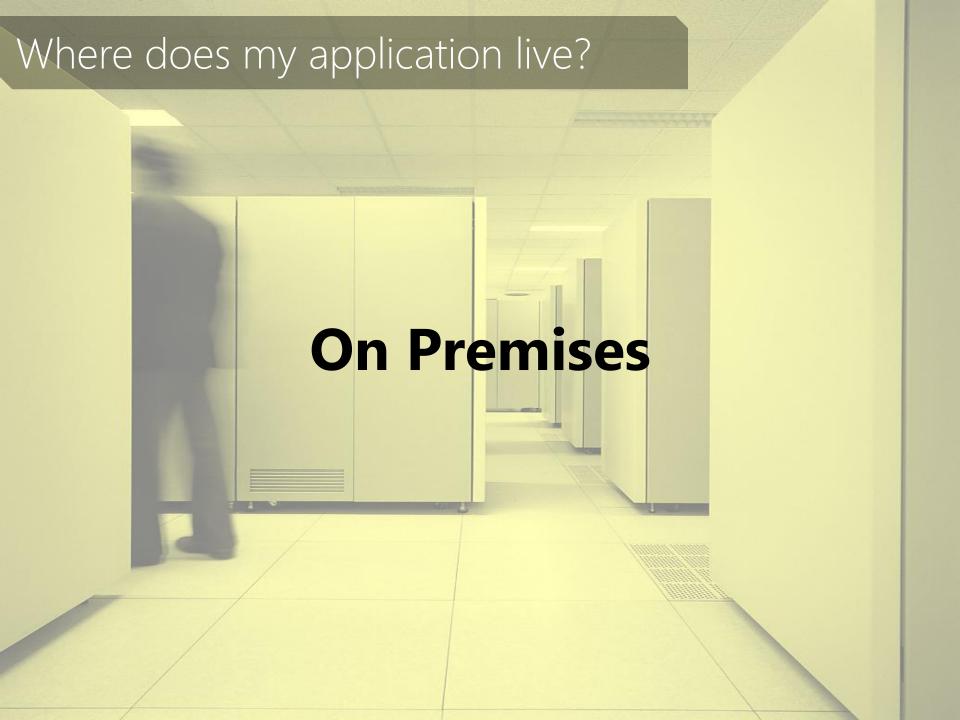
At that time someone (don't remember who) called this new companies ASP2. This acronym had a short life (thankfully!) and the term Software as a Service (and the acronym SaaS) appeared.

Is cloud computing something new?

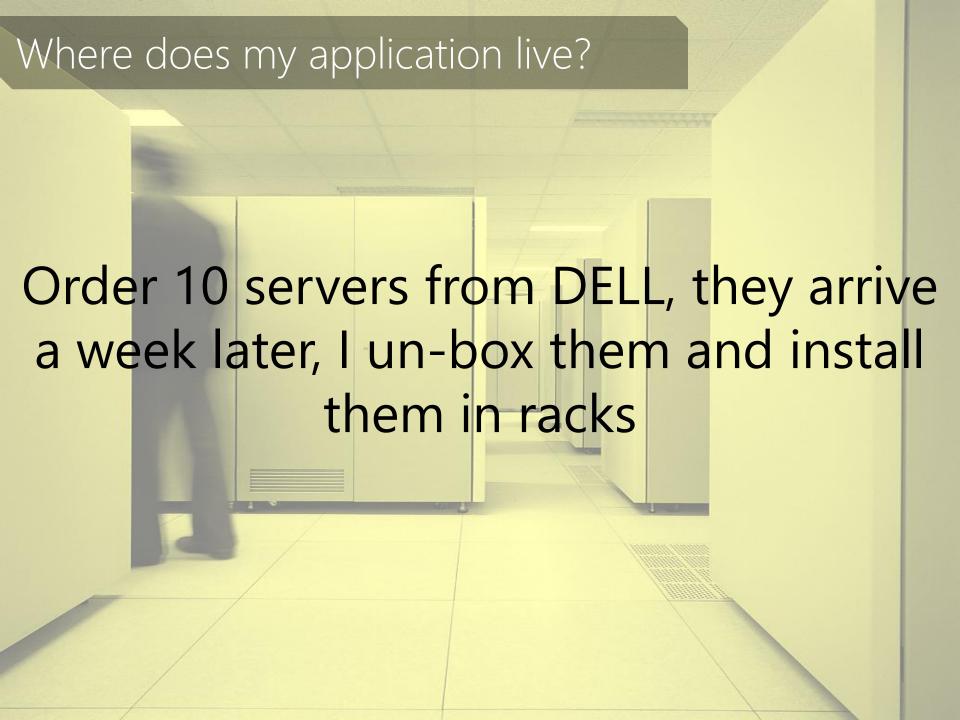
Terminology

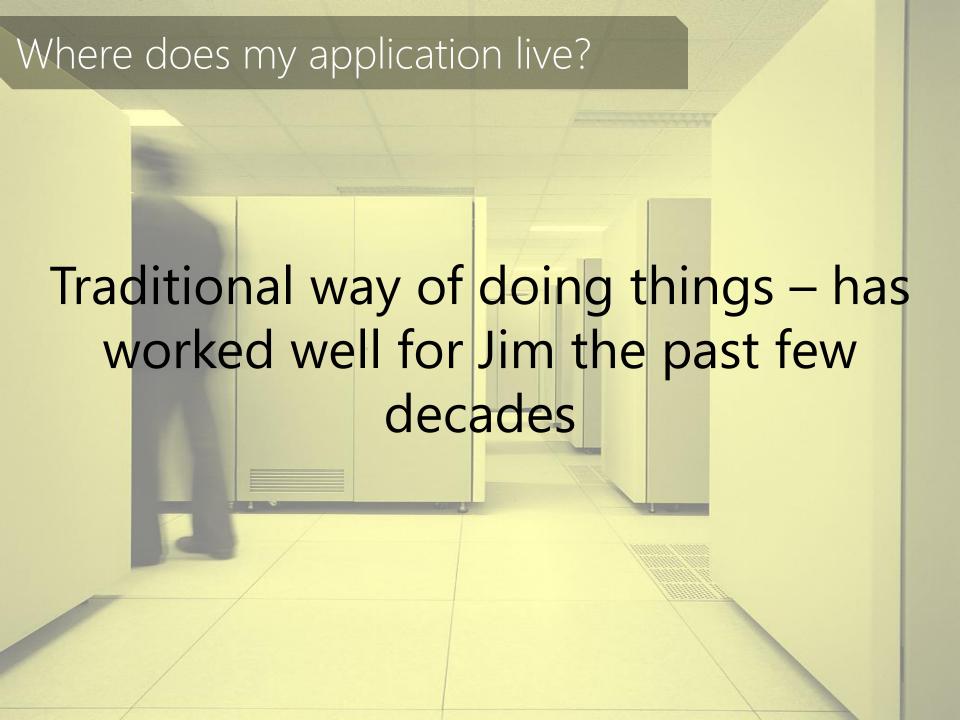
To understand cloud computing, we need to start by looking at where applications live







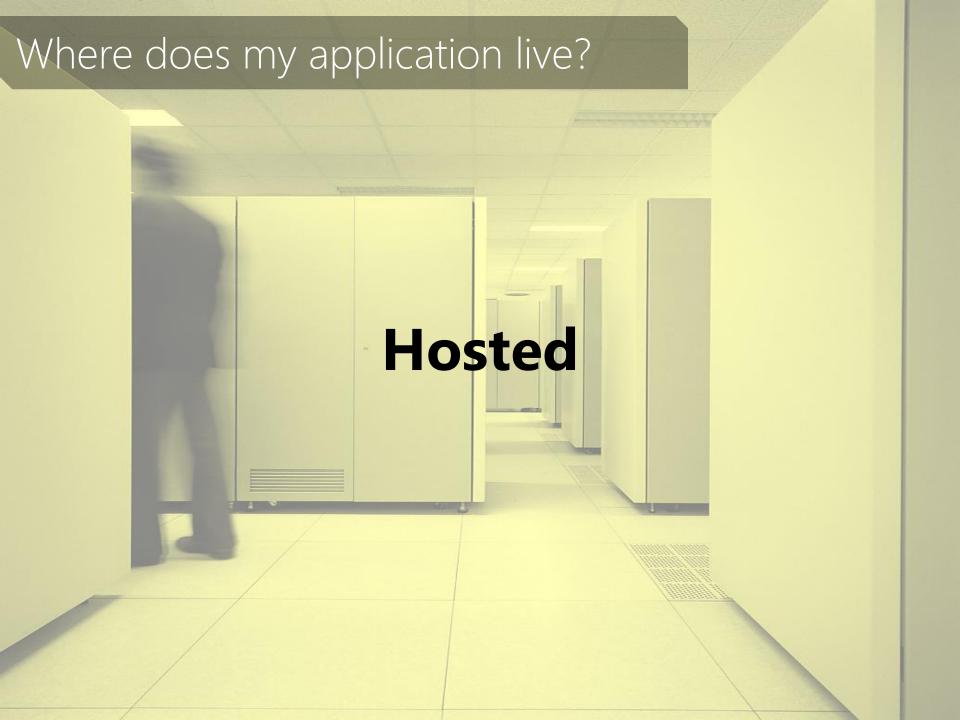








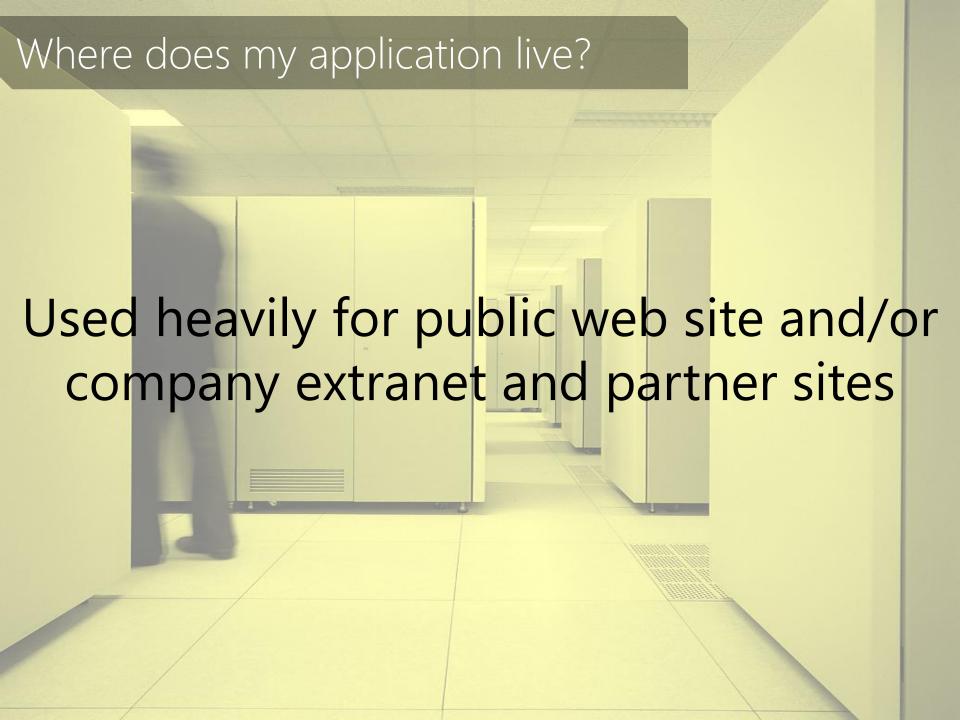
- Bring my own machines, connectivity, software, etc.
- Complete control and responsibility
- Upfront capital costs for the infrastructure





"Dear hosting company, please set me up 2 x dedicated Web servers and 1 x database, backed up nightly"

"Sure - that'll be \$21.99 per month"



Application runs **on-premises**



- Bring my own machines, connectivity, software, etc.
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Application runs at a **hoster**



- Rent machines, connectivity, software
- Less control, but fewer responsibilities
- Lower capital costs, but pay for fixed capacity, even if idle

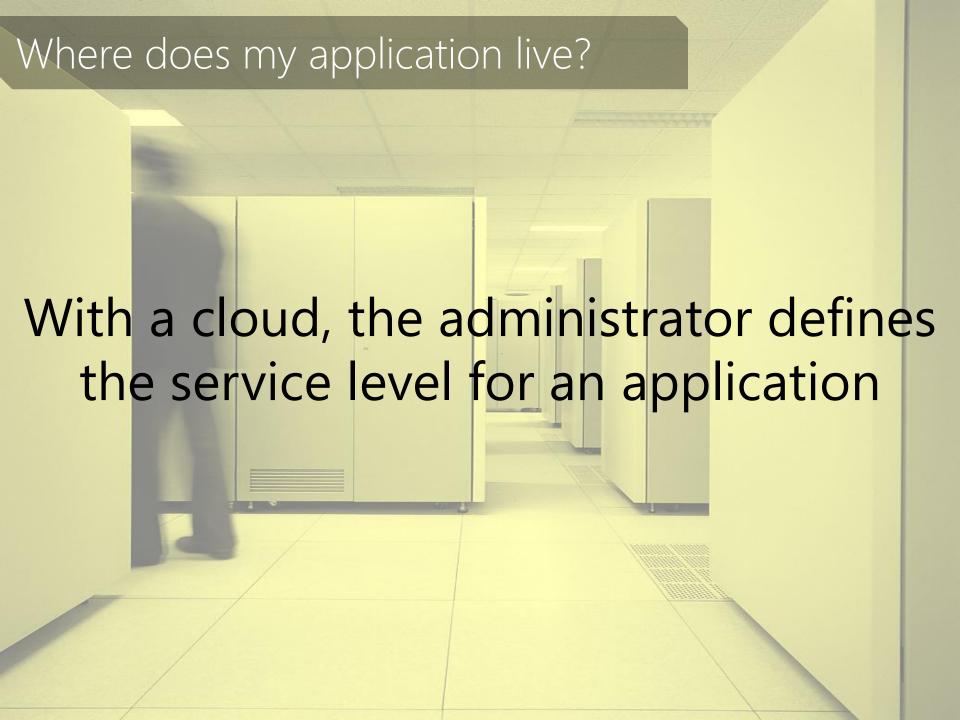




Pay someone for a pool of computing resources that can be applied to a set of applications

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

[National Institute of Standards and Technology]



The cloud software manages the application by creating one or more instances and handling storage

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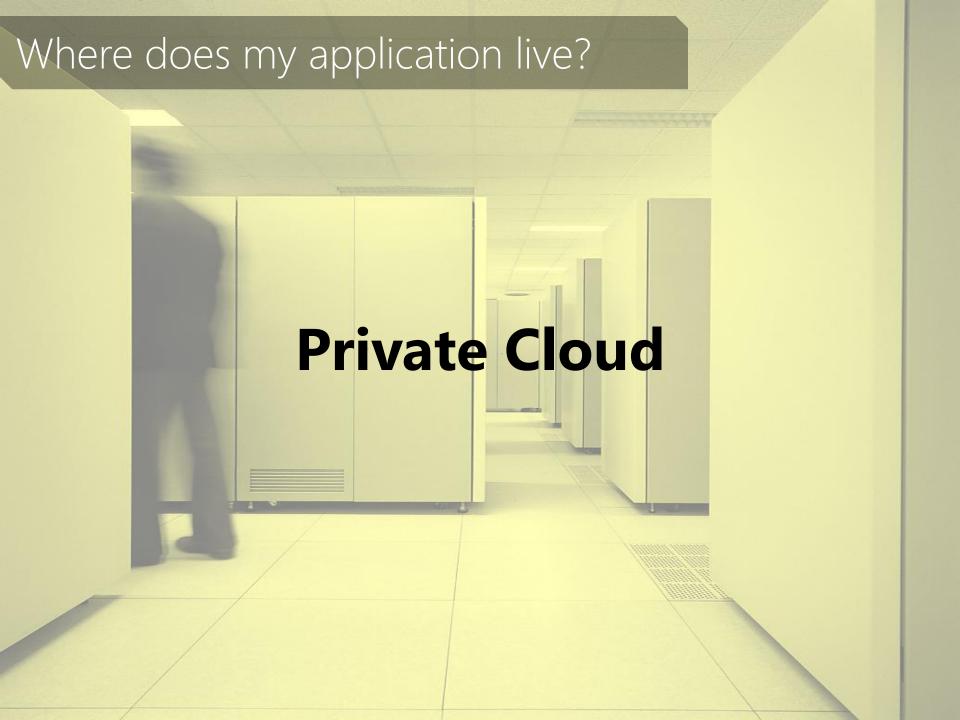
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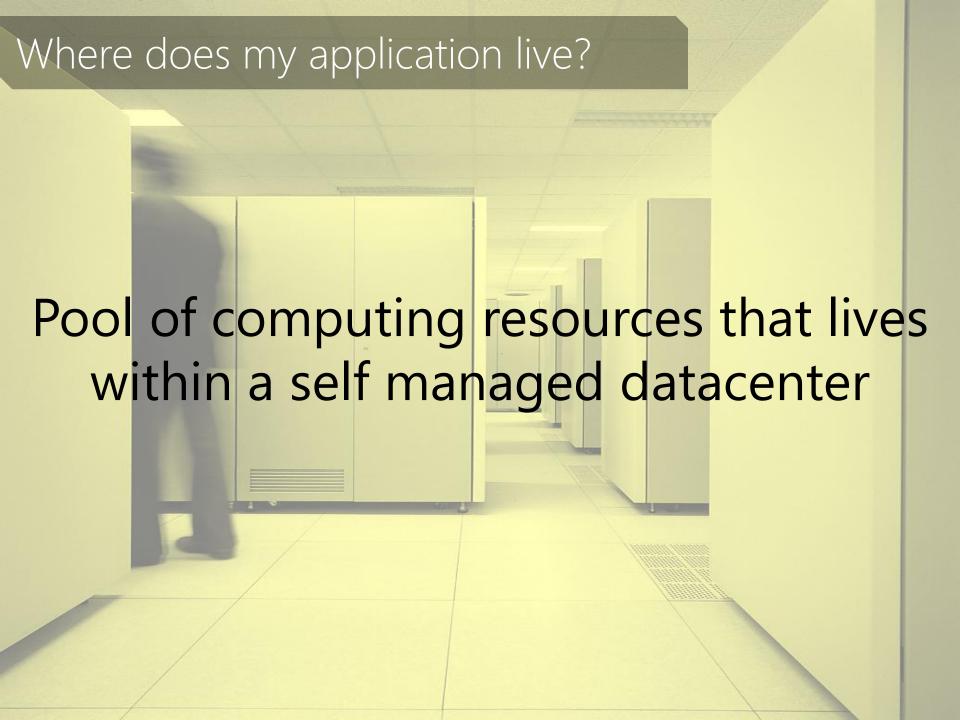
Application runs using **cloud** platform

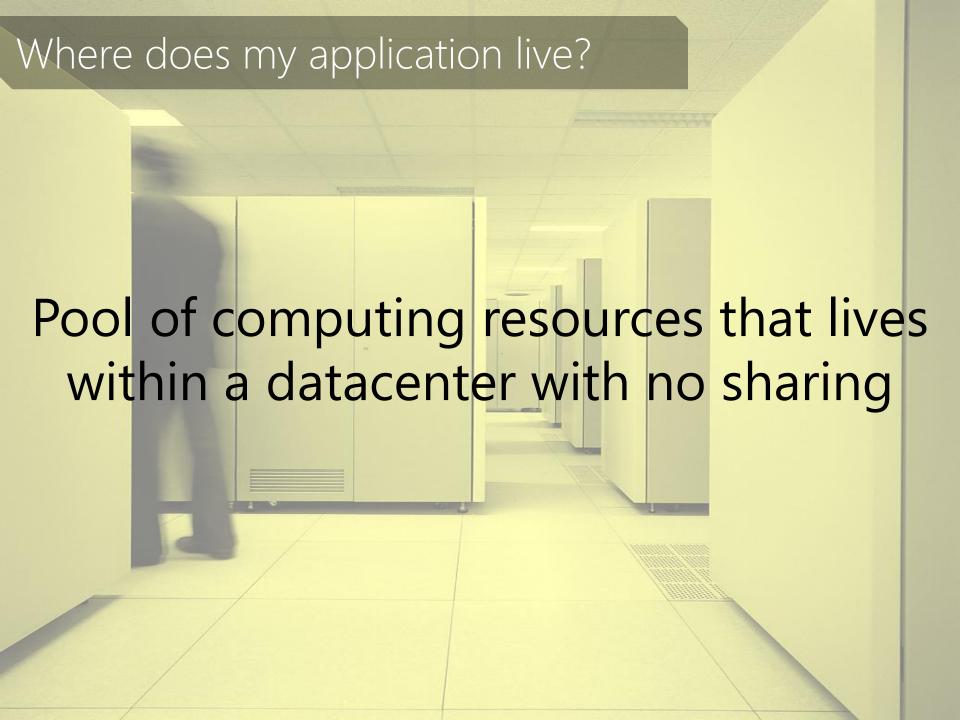


- Shared, multi-tenant environment
- Offers pool of computing resources, abstracted from infrastructure
- Pay as you go





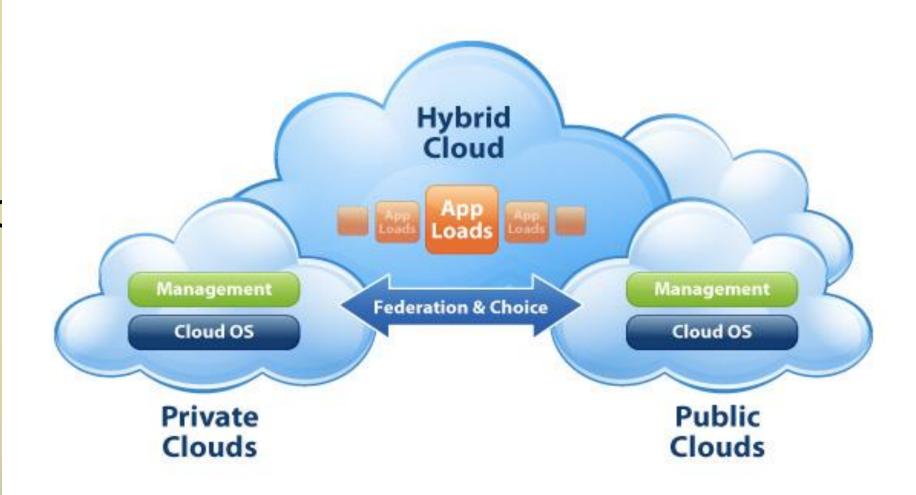






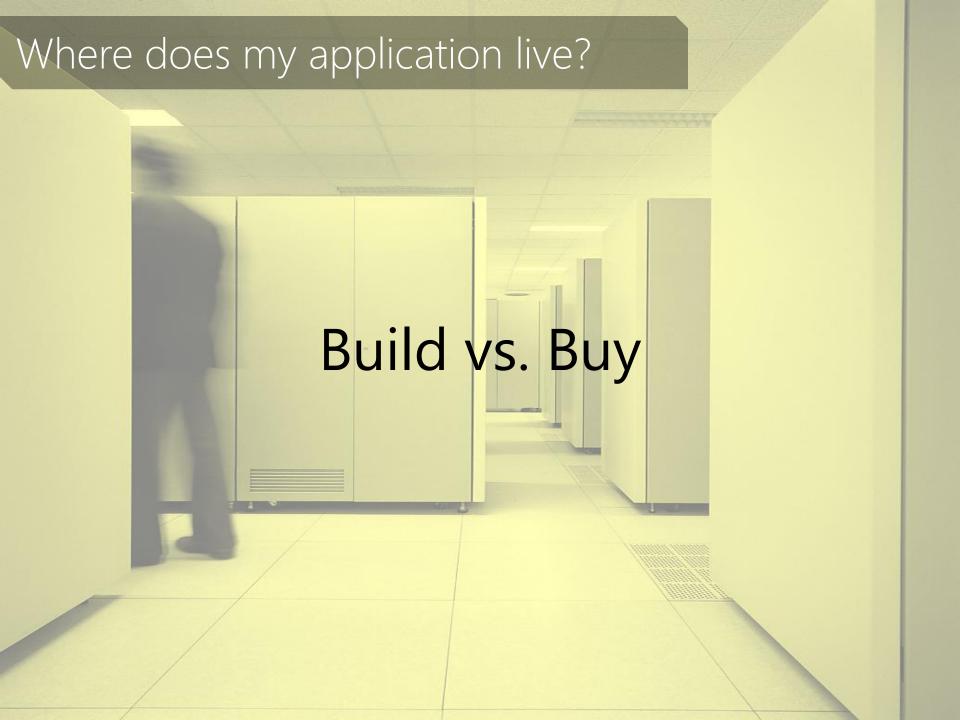
Pool of computing resources offered from available to the general public over the Internet.







Jim now understands the **style** of an application, and where it **lives**, but who creates the application?



Buy

Build vs. Buy

Build

Application runs **on-premises**

"Packaged" Application

An application that I buy "off the shelf" and run myself

"Home Built" Application

An application that I develop and run myself

Application runs at a **hoster**

Hosted "Packaged"

An application that I buy "off the shelf" and then run at a hoster

Hosted "Home Built"

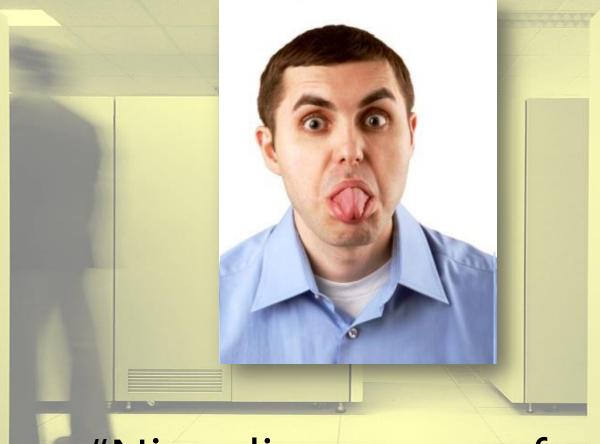
An application that I develop myself, but run at a hoster Application runs using **cloud** platform

"Software as a Service"

A hosted application that I buy from a vendor

Cloud Platform

An application that I develop myself, that I run in the cloud



"Nice diagrams so far...

...but, what about my applications?"

Application runs **on-premises**

"Packaged" Application

CRM / Email

"Home Built" Application

Molecule Research

MRI Imaging

Clinical Trial

HR Application

Application runs at a **hoster**

Hosted "Packaged"

Application runs using **cloud** platform

"Software as a Service"

"CRM and Email are commodity services. We have few customizations, and it should be cheaper for someone else to run these."

Platform

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CRM / Email

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Viral Marketing

Diatform

"How difficult is it to move these to a software as a service model?"

"This is a viral marketing website. It has a small chance of being really big, but we're not sure!"

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"This application runs at fuln case it is successful, we're capacity for short periods interested to see if the cloud time at the end of each would help us scale better." month."

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"MRI images are very large and exponentially grown "Can the cloud help us in there a better way of sto providing compute power on these?" an as needed basis?"

storage I'm after?"

Application runs Application runs at a Application runs using on-premises cloud platform hoster "Packaged" "Software as a Hosted **Application** "Packaged" Service" CRM / Email **Cloud Platform** "Home Built" Hosted **Application** "Home Built" **Viral Marketing Molecule Research** "We need to share results **MRI Imaging** from our H1N1 trials with **Clinical** Trial government entities." "Does the cloud give me the

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Hosted "Packaged"

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Application runs using

cloud platform

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"I can't afford to maintain this old HR application written in VB – it's driving me mad!"

"...but due to regulatory
"Does the cloud provide y data
anything for inter-organization
communication?"

Cloud Platform

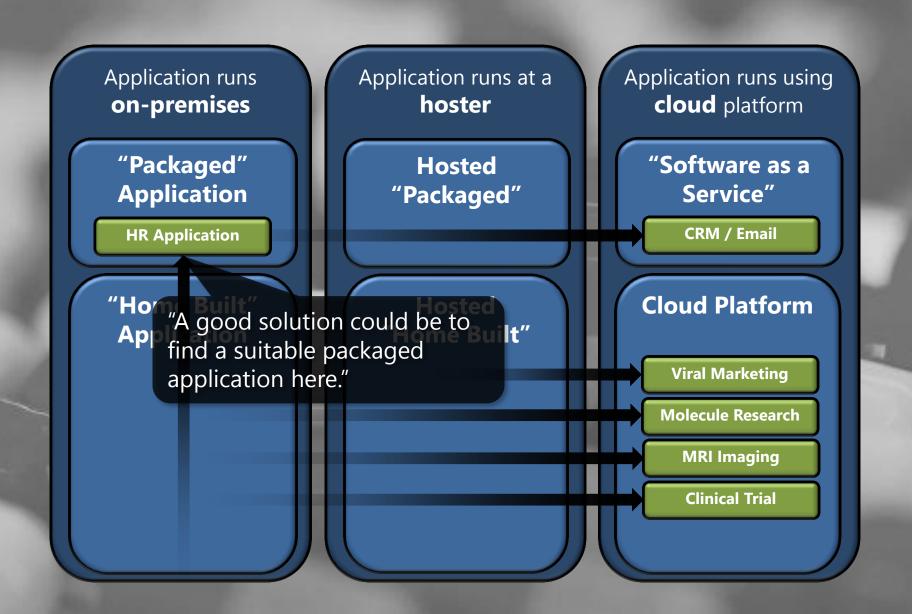
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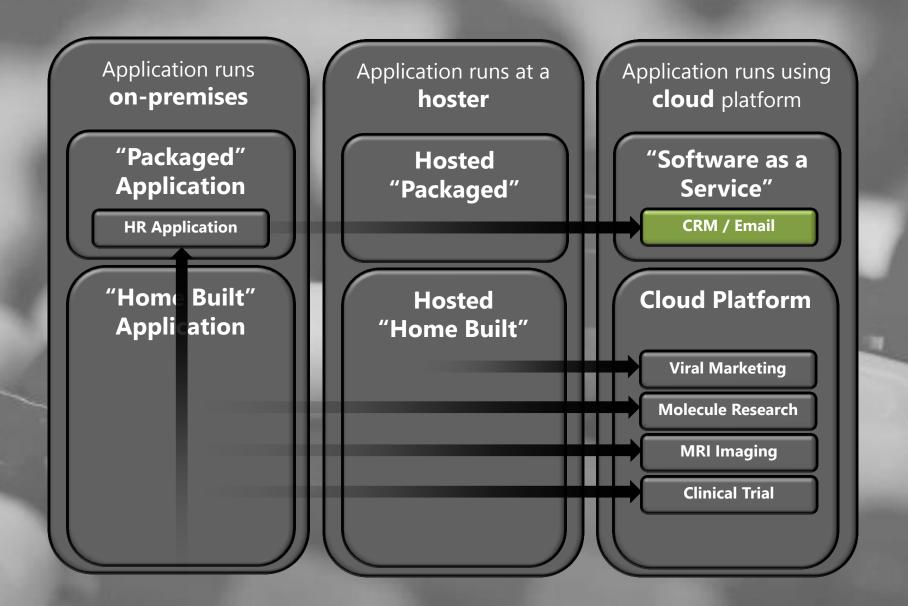
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What patterns do we see here?

Pattern 1: Transference

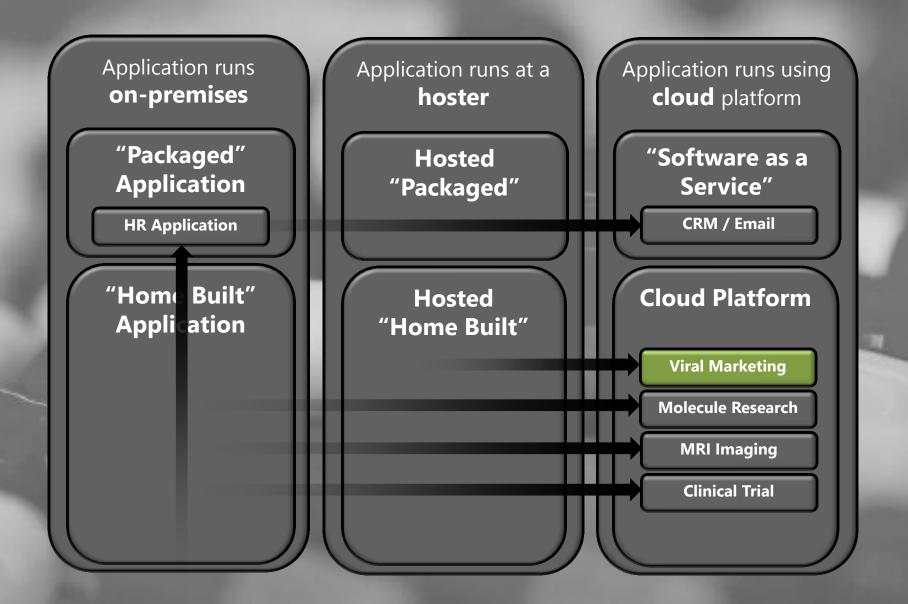
Taking an existing on-premises application and moving it to the cloud



Drivers? Economic, Consolidation, Prototyping

Pattern 2: Scale and Multi-Tenancy

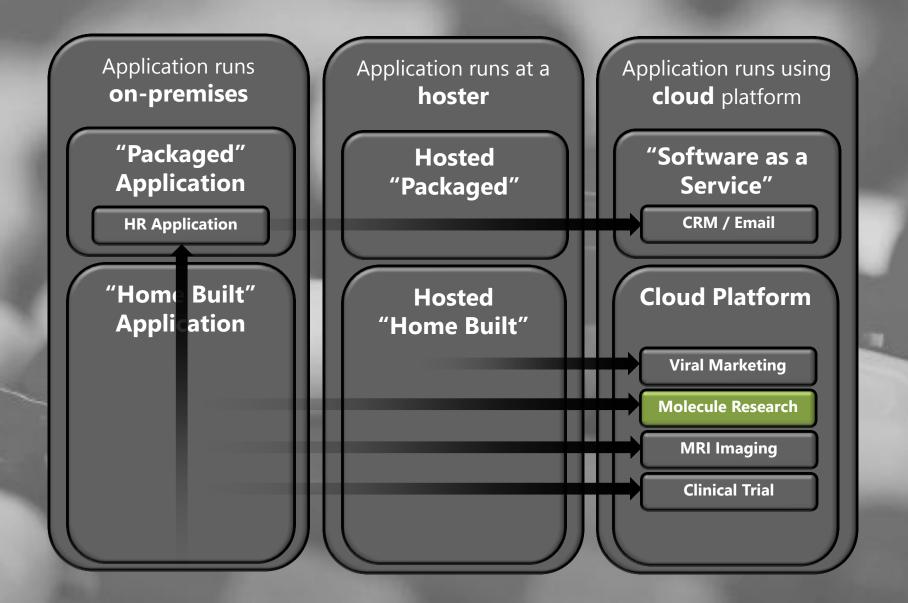
Creating an application that has the ability to handle web load without requiring the full capital investment from day one



Drivers?Prototyping, Risk Mitigation

Pattern 3: Burst Compute

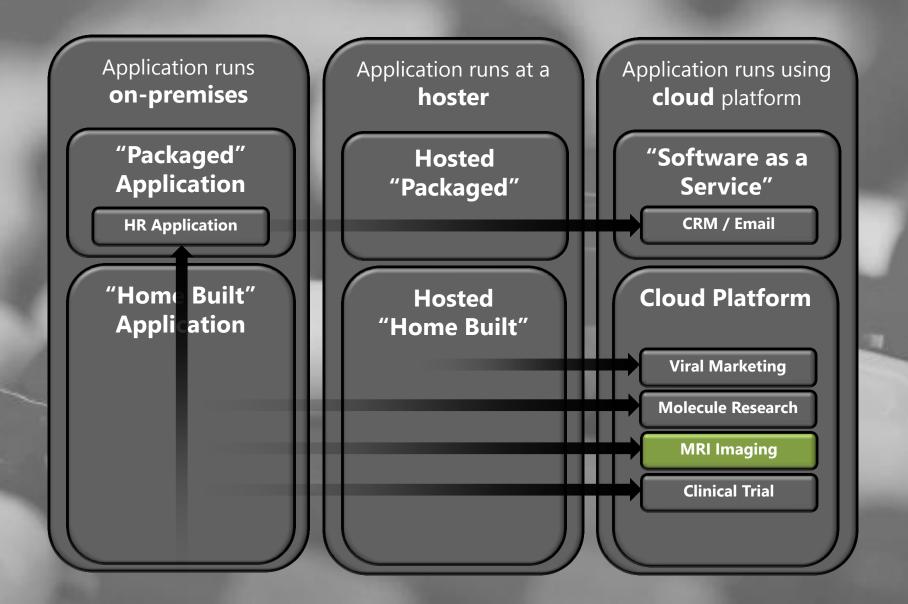
Creating an application that has the ability to handle additional compute on an as-needed basis



Drivers? Economic (avoiding over capacity)

Pattern 4: Elastic Storage

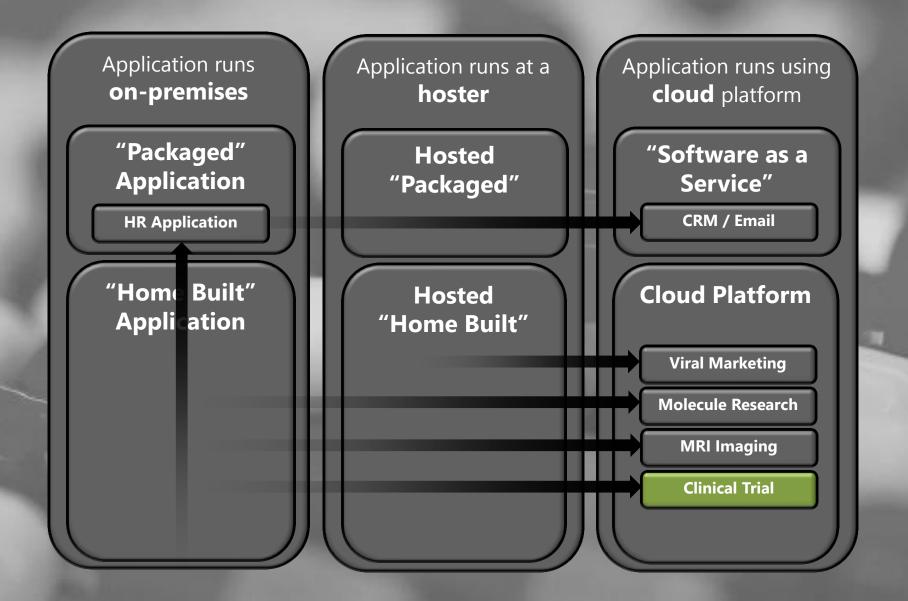
Creating an application that has the ability to grow exponentially from a storage perspective



Drivers? Economic (avoiding over capacity), Management

Pattern 5: Communications

Creating an application that has the ability to communicate between organizations using a pre-defined infrastructure



Drivers?Infrastructure Management



From this exercise, Jim realizes...



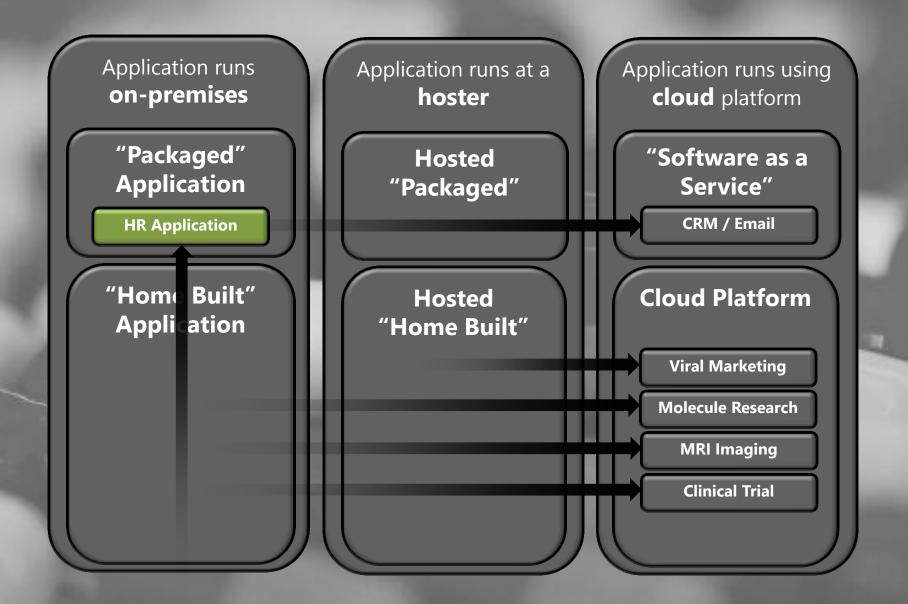
Not all applications look the same in the cloud



Instead, he must understand the drivers for moving (or creating) cloud based applications



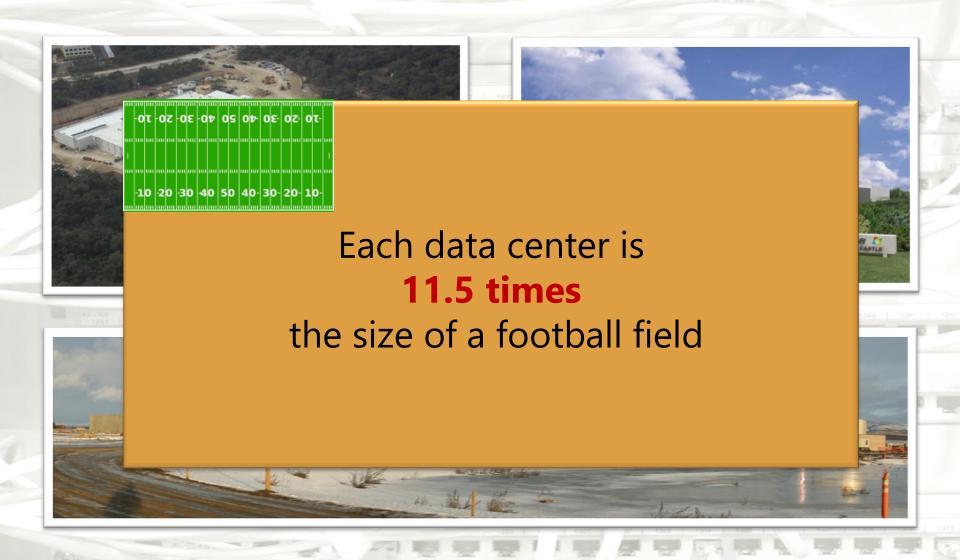
Also, not everything makes sense in the cloud





So, all of this looks great in PowerPoint ...but what else should Jim be considering?

Your datacenter is not like a cloud datacenter



Your datacenter is not like a cloud datacenter

When you have this many machines to look after, the rules change

Your datacenter is not like a cloud datacenter



Jim's development team needs to think differently about app architecture and models in the Cloud.