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Principles of cloud computing

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Amazon Web Services (AWS) presently dominates infrastructure, including scalable storage, networking, server, mobile development, and cybersecurity solutions. Microsoft Azure, its chief rival, provides some of the most scalable and efficient software solutions. Google Cloud Platform (GCP) offers high-end big data analytics solutions and allows easy interaction with other vendor products.

Certified cloud computing specialists are in demand, outperforming the disruptive move away from in-house servers and computing capacity toward the flexibility and scalability of cloud-based systems.

• What exactly is AWS?

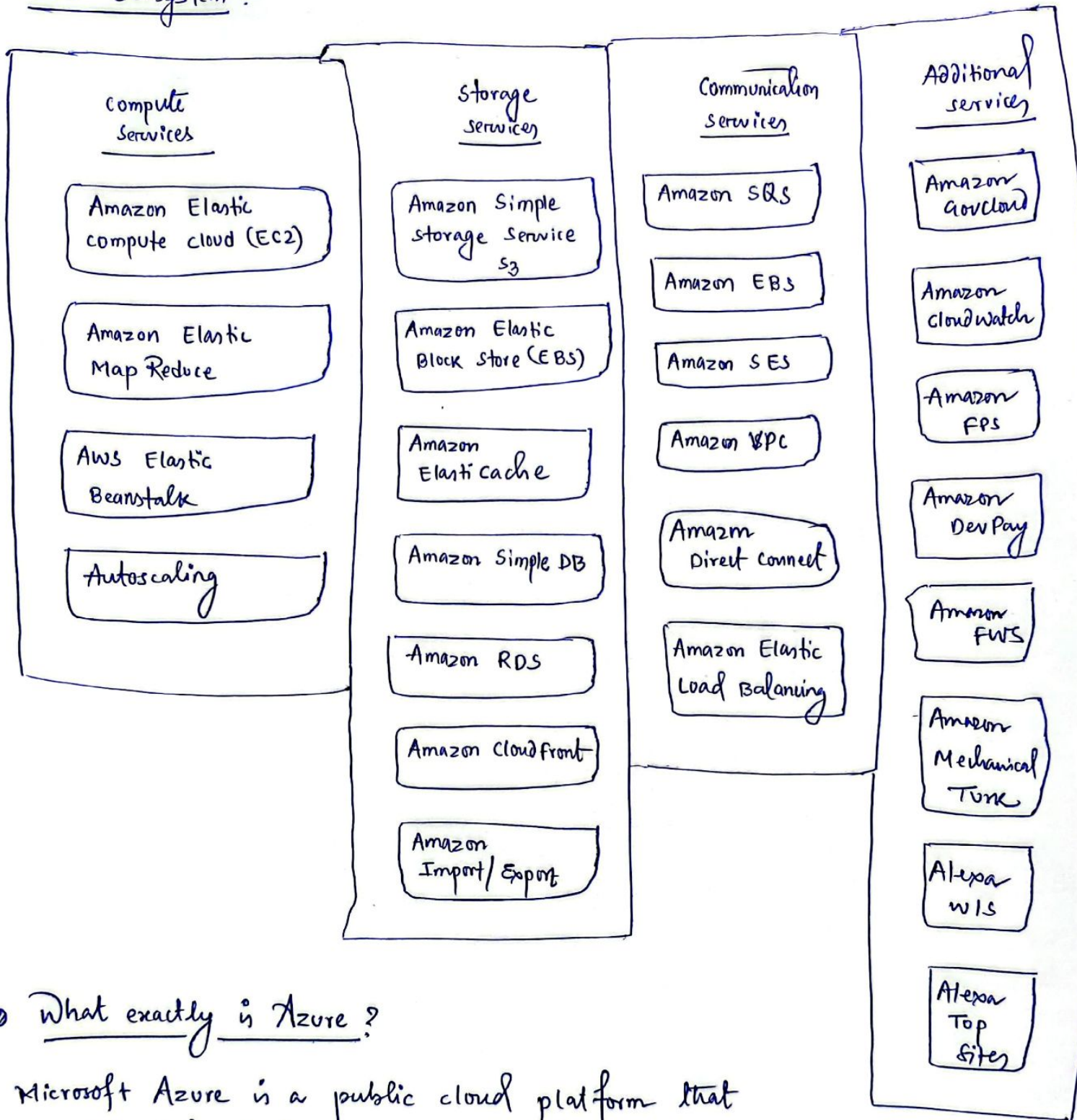
Amazon Web Services (AWS) offers computer resources and services that may construct applications in minutes at pay-as-you-go prices.

For example, you can rent a server on AWS to connect to, configure, protect, and run just like a physical server. The distinction is that the virtual server runs on top of an AWS-managed planet-scale network.

Notable users of AWS:

Coursera, Expedia, Netflix, Coinbase, Formula 1, Intuit, Airbnb, Lyft, FDA, Coca Cola.

AWS Ecosystem :



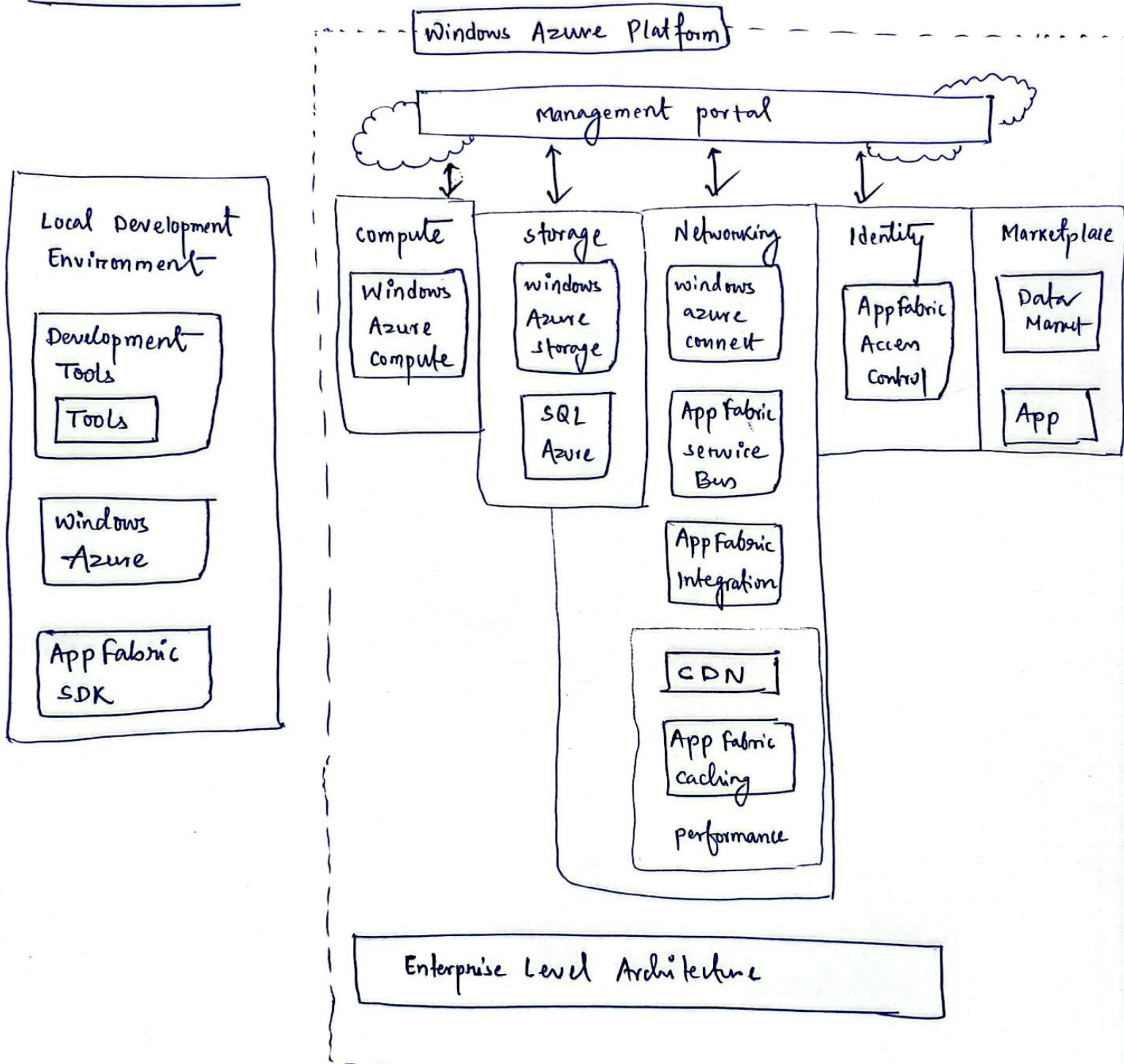
● What exactly is Azure?

Microsoft Azure is a public cloud platform that provides infrastructure as a service (IaaS), PaaS, and SaaS solutions for analytics, virtual computing, storage, networking, and other services. It can enhance or replace your on-premise servers.

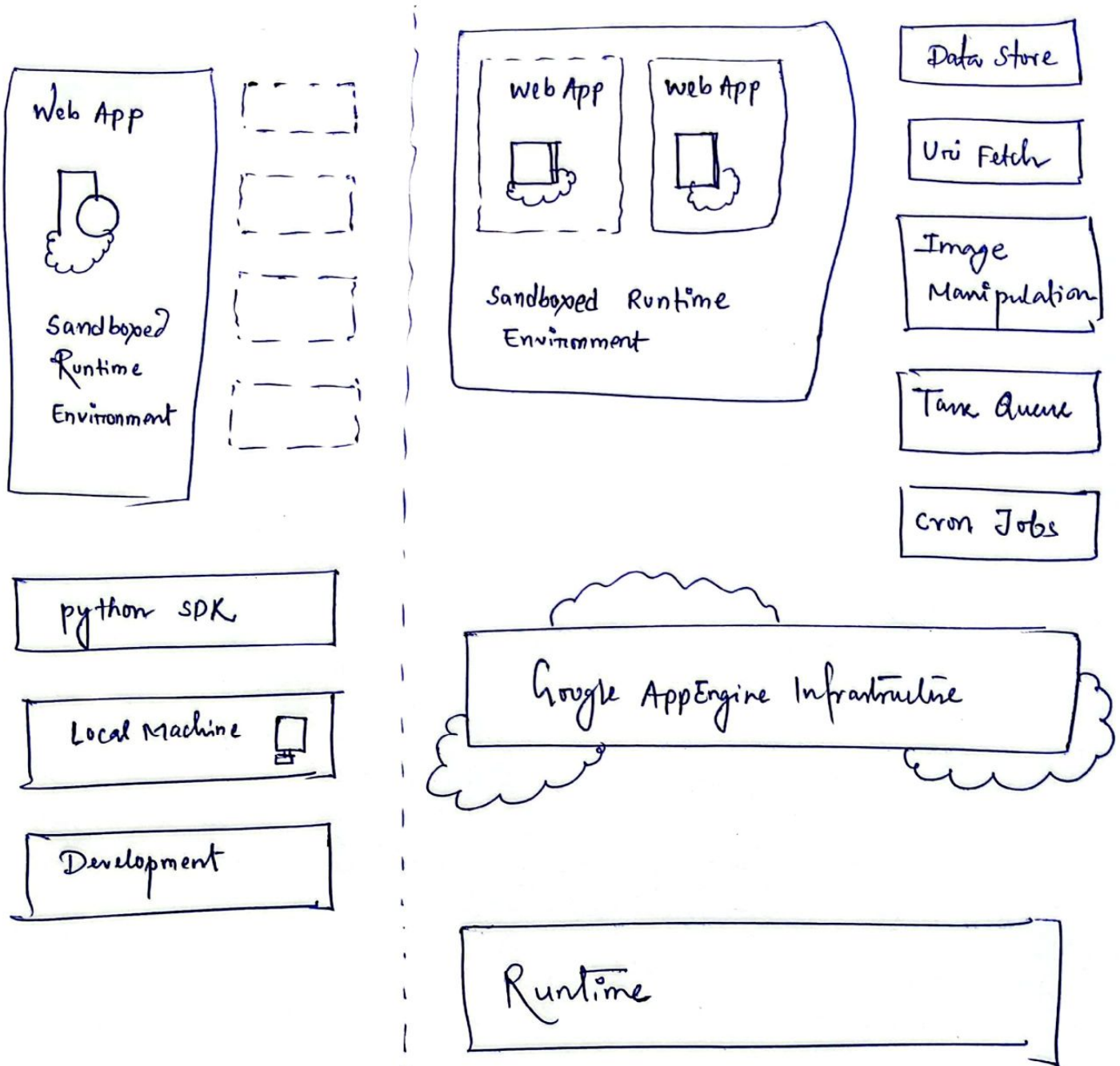
Notable users of Microsoft Azure:

Bosch, Audi, ASOS, HSBC, Starbucks, Walgreens, 3M, FedEx, Walmart, HP, Mitsubishi Electric, Renault

Azure Architecture:



Google App Engine - Architecture :



• What exactly is Google Cloud?

Google cloud (GCP), originally App Engine, is a cloud computing services suite established by Google in 2008. GCP offers enterprises all around the world infrastructure as a service (IaaS), PaaS, and (SaaS). GCP, for example, is primarily a service for developing and maintaining original applications that can be published from its hyper-scale data centers.

Notable users of GCP:

Toyota, Equifax, Nintendo, Spotify, The Home Depot, Target, Twitter, PayPal, UPS

■ AWS vs. Azure vs. GCP — the key differences

<u>Features</u>	<u>Amazon</u>	<u>Azure</u>	<u>Google cloud</u>
1. Age →	11 years old	5 years old	6 years old
2. pricing →	per second pricing with a 60-second minimum	per-minute basis	per-minute basis
3. compute →	EC2 provides all the computing admin. The program oversees VMs, which can either be designed by the owner or have preconfigured.	With Azure, you can create VMs and scale sets for VMs.	As part of GCP, GCE (Google Compute Engine) does a similar function.

Services

AWS

Azure

GCP

4. VM →
(compute instance)

EC2
(Elastic compute)

Azure
Virtual
Machine

Google
compute
Engine

5. PaaS →

AWS Elastic
Beanstalk

App Service

Google App Engine

6. Container →

AWS Kubernetes
service

Azure Kubernetes
Service (AKS)

Google Kubernetes
Engine

7. Serverless
function →

AWS Lambda

Azure Function

Google Cloud Functions

8. Smallest
instance
pricing →

AWS charges
roughly US\$69
per month for a
primary instance
with 2 virtual
CPUs and 8
GBs of RAM

In Azure, the same
type of instance,
i.e., an instance
with 2 CPUs
and 8 GB of
RAM will cost
roughly US\$20
per month

Compared to AWS,
GCP will supply you
with the most basic
instance, including 2
virtual CPUs and 8
GBs of RAM, at a
25% lower cost. As a
result, it costs around
US\$52 per month.

9. Largest
instance
pricing →

The most expensive
AWS instance,
with 3.84 TB
of RAM and
128 CPUs will
cost you roughly
US\$3.97/hour

Azure's largest
instance includes
3.89 TB of RAM
and 128 CPUs.
It costs about
\$6.79 per hour.

GCP leads the pack with
its largest instance,
3.75 TB of RAM and
160 CPUs, costing approx.
US\$5.32/hour.

Services

AWS

Azure

GCP

10. RDBMS → Amazon Relational Database Service

SQL Database

Google cloud SQL

11. NoSQL:
Key-value →

Amazon
Dynamo DB

Table storage

Google cloud Datastore

12. NoSQL:
Indexed →

Amazon
Simple DB

Azure Cosmos DB

Google cloud Bigtable

13. Security →

- Data isolation through firewalls & granular IAM
- AWS Inspector for vulnerability assessment.
- API activity monitoring
- Guard Duty for threat intelligence.

- Central security sys.
- Anti-malware option for malware protection.

- 256-bit AES encryption for Azure keys

- penetration tests to test security measures.

- Security from privileged access attacks.

- Google KMS to manage cryptographic keys.

- Google IAM for granular access control.

- Google cloud security scanner to identify potential threats

Amazon AWS vs. Microsoft Azure vs. Google GCP
→ Machine Learning.

For their different machine learning systems, all cloud providers particularly enjoy using containers, and for good reason;

Containers can be moved around easily and are comparatively light and portable.

For particular iterations of the ML frameworks that are designed for training, validation, and inferences, all 3 providers offer push-button container deployment. For those who want to do things themselves, each provider also offers platform-optimised virtual machines for each of the main frameworks.

The latter is typically used by those who already have a model that has been trained locally.

- For model training, AWS provides Habana Gaudi ASIC instances and a special processor they call AWS Trainium. Additionally, AWS provides an inferential ASIC for ML inferences.

- A range of FPGA-based virtual machines optimised for ML workloads is available from Azure.
- The Tensor Processing Unit (TPU) from GCP is a specially designed ASIC-optimized TPU for the TensorFlow framework.

There is always a tradeoff. Although these specialised hardware platforms are excellent at ML tasks, they are not very effective for other activities economically. Since they are significantly more adaptable, CPU and GPU-based computers are typically used first while ML models are developed and improved.

② AWS vs Azure vs GCP — pros and cons.

PROS

aws

1. AWS is a stablish market leader.

azure

Azure is Open to hybrid cloud systems.

gcp

GCP specialises in high compute offerings like Big Data, ML.

aws

2. High Transfer stability:
Minimal data loss
during server and
storage transfer.

3. Easy availability of
data:
users can choose to
store data close
to their location.

4. 54 Azure regions
available across
140 countries (which
is the highest in
all cloud giants).

azure

Easy integration with
Microsoft tools
and software.

Azure has a more
profound knowledge
of enterprise
needs.

Higher availability
zones (76)
with 24 countries

gcp

Easy integration
with other GCP
services like
Compute Engine,
Kubernetes engine,
or, App Engine.

Well-detailed
documentation,
including an
API reference
guide.

outstanding
reputation in
the open-source
community.

CONS

aws

1. Incomplete and weak Hybrid strategy
2. No demonstrated support for hybrid cloud outputs is still in its nascence.
3. Large and complex scale offerings that can potentially manipulate.

azure

Integration with non-microsoft is complex

Restrictive platform, Less flexible with non-windows server platform

Low-quality support.

gcp

Google's App Engine is limited to Java, python, PHP and maybe Go.

The cost of downloading data from Google Cloud Storage is relatively high.

Quite costly-support fee of about \$150 per month for the silver plan, which is the most basic of services.

■ Miscellaneous Comparison =

I've already compared these platforms on quite a few pointers, however, there are quite a few other pointers these platforms can be compared on.

Here is an overall miscellaneous comparison. Let's start with Amazon Web Services.

AWS

What makes AWS stand out? Firstly its head start, meaning it has had that extra valuable years to firm its dominance in the market. This can be proven with facts.

Another reason for this success is the number of services it provides, it almost provides double the services the second-best competitor provides in terms of the sheer number of services it has to offer.

Microsoft Azure

Microsoft always had a stronghold and contributions to the on-premise service market.

Another reason why Azure is so popular and is so widely used is because Azure integrates with most of the Microsoft stack of products with ease; it is claimed to be enterprise-ready.

Google cloud platform

It offers fairly strong offerings in containers. It has developed a standard for Kubernetes, and high computation capabilities in terms of Big Data Analytics, and ML. It also offers decent enough load balancing and scalability.

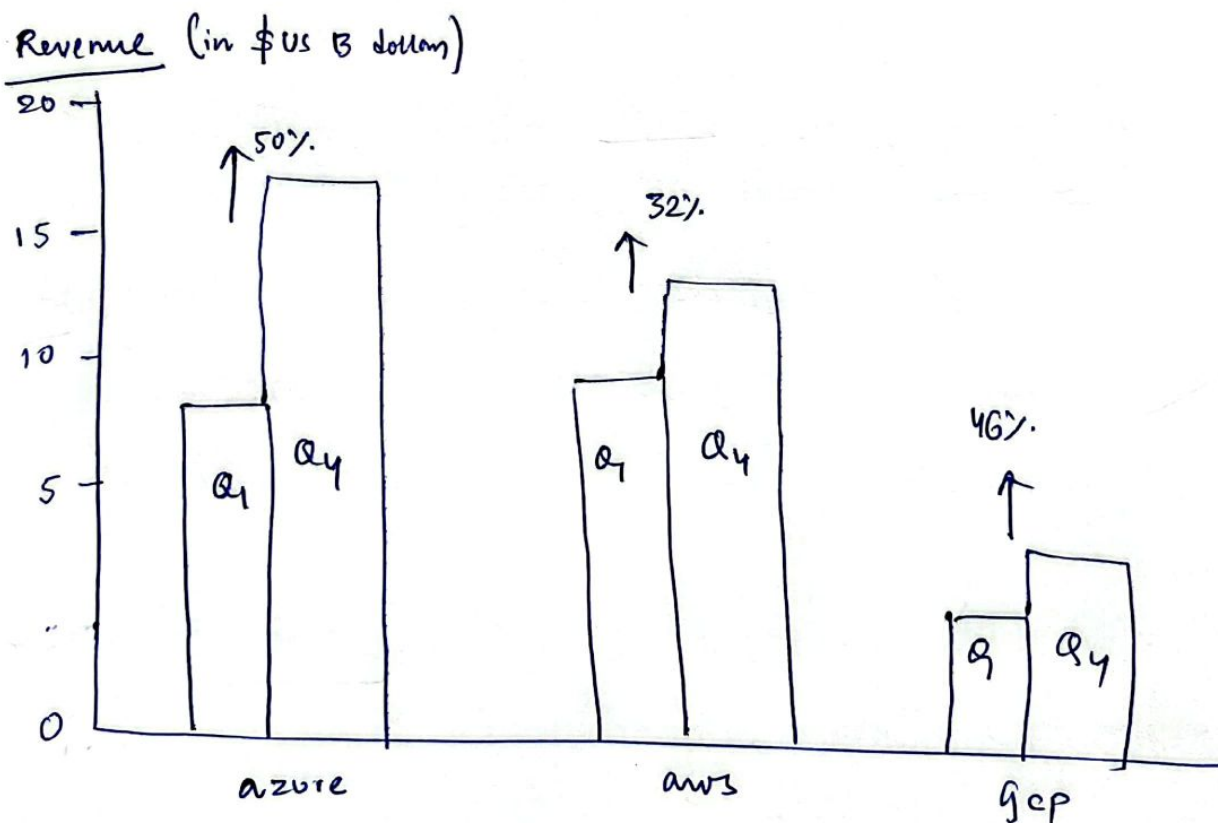


Fig. Growth rate of top 3 cloud vendors

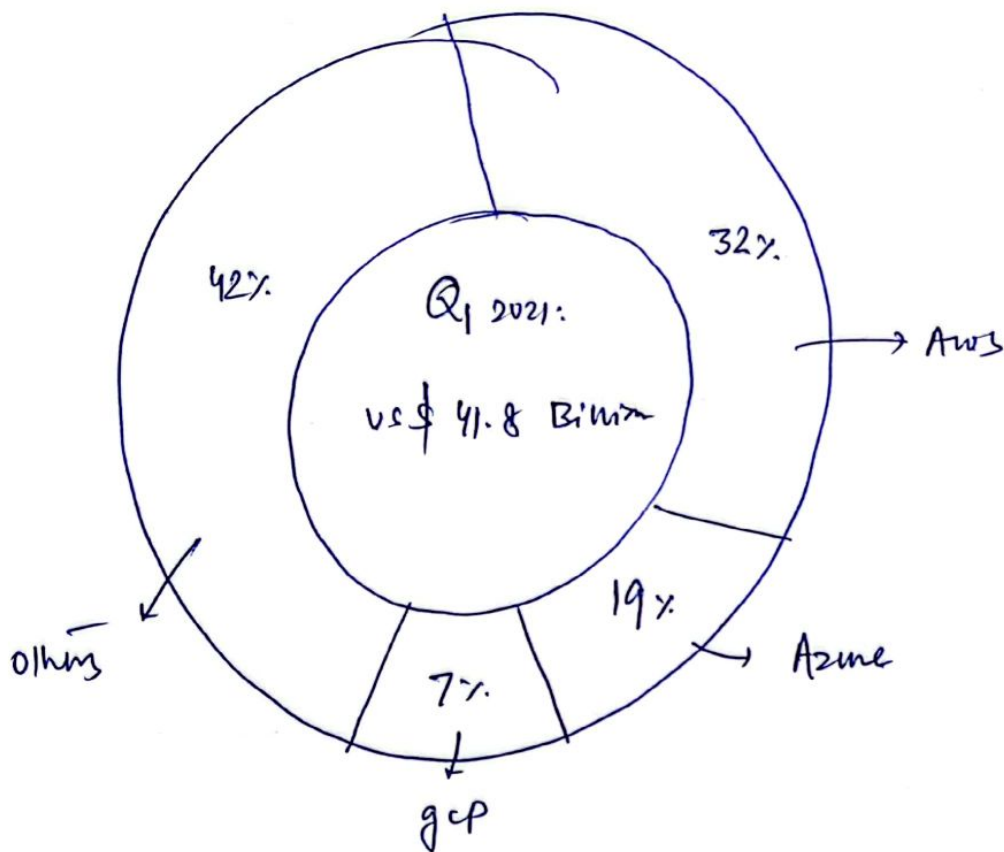


Fig. Market share of the top cloud providers

■ AWS vs Azure vs GCP — which is better?

Now, let's wrap up the Azure vs AWS vs GCP fiasco, by examining the most important advantages & disadvantages of these 3 cloud giants.

- Establishment: AWS is clearly the winner in this category, with a 5-year head start.

2. Availability zones: AWS wins in this category, because it has a greater number of regions and availability zones.
3. Market shares: With roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of market shares in its name, AWS is the clear winner here.
4. Growth rate: GCP wins the growth rate category with a nearly 100% growth rate.
5. Who uses them: It's a tie, with various high-end customers using all three cloud platforms!
6. Services: AWS is the clear winner, followed by Azure.
7. Pricing models: GCP ~~counts~~ comes out on top with more customer-friendly pricing models and discount models.