

# Middleware Architectures 2

## Lecture 5: Cloud Architectures

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## Overview

- **Introduction**
- Cloud Architecture
- Infrastructure as a Service

## Terminology

- Cloud computing
- \*aaS
- DevOps
- Cloud Native, Microservices
- Serverless

## What is a Cloud?

- A different way of thinking
  - *Got your grand mum's savings under your pillow?*  
→ *probably not, you better have them in your bank*
  - *Data is your major asset*
  - *you better have them in a "bank" too*
  - *Someone can abuse your data?*
  - *banks bankrupt too, sometimes – it is a risk you take*
  - *there is a market and a competition*
- Outsourcing of application infrastructure
  - *Reliability and availability*
  - *Low costs – pay-per-use*
  - *Elasticity – can dynamically grow with your apps*
  - *CAPEX vs. OPEX*

## What is a Cloud?

- Any app you access over the web?
- A datacenter?
  - *Offers virtualization*
  - *Any company having a datacenter wants to move to*
- Cloud provider should also offer services, such as:
  - *scalability, storage*
  - *Possible to configure programmatically*
    - *integration to enterprise administration processes*
    - *usually REST interface*

## Traditional Solution to Infrastructure

- Traditional hardware model
  - *Up-front hardware investments*
  - *Hardware not optimally utilized*



## Good Performance – Cloud Solution

- Cloud Computing model
  - No up-front hardware investments
  - Hardware optimally utilized



## CAPEX vs. OPEX

- Capital expenditure/capital expense (CAPEX)
  - money to spend to buy, maintain or improve fixed assets
    - buildings, vehicles, equipment or land
  - have impact on costs vs. profit and tax



- Operational expenditure (OPEX)
  - ongoing costs for running a product, business, or systems
  - OPEX are entirely tax-deductible
- Cloud lets you trade CAPEX for OPEX
  - No investments in data centers and infrastructures
  - You pay only when you consume resources

## Cloud Computing Concepts

- **On-demand and self-service**
  - *Resources are provisioned as they are requested and when they are required*
  - *No human interaction, automatic*
- **Broad network access**
  - *Capabilities are available over the network*
- **Resource pooling**
  - *Provider's computing resources reused by multiple tenants (multitenancy)*
  - *Resources are dynamically assigned/re-assigned according to demand*
  - *Computing resources: CPU, memory, storage, network*
- **Scalability and elasticity**
  - *Infrastructure may grow and shrink according to needs*
  - *Automatic or manual*
- **Measured service**
  - *Resource usage can be monitored, controlled and reported*
- **Pay-per-use**
  - *Consumers only pay for resources when they use them*

## Cloud Computing Concepts (Cont.)

- **Service Models (aka Cloud Layers)**
  - *IaaS – Infrastructure as a Service*
  - *PaaS – Platform as a Service, Serverless*
    - *MWaaS, DBaaS, ...*
    - *FaaS*
  - *SaaS – Software as a Service*
- **Deployment Models**
  - *Public Cloud*
  - *Private Cloud*
  - *Hybrid Cloud*

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  - *Multitenancy*
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## Service Models



## IaaS: Infrastructure as a Service

- Usage
  - *Predefined shapes of compute instances (e.g. micro, small, large, extra-large)*
    - *for example: RedHat 7.8, 613 MB of memory, 1 TB block storage*
  - *Pay-per-use – pay for resources you use (time or amount)*
    - *no up-front costs*
- IaaS Services Examples
  - *Load balancer*
  - *Autoscaling*
  - *Connectivity with on-premise network*
  - *Resource monitoring*
- IaaS providers
  - *Amazon EC2, GoGrid, Rackspace, OpenNebula, Google Cloud, Oracle OCI, ...*

## PaaS: Platform as a Service

- Usage
  - *Choose software platform, e.g., JEE, .NET, Python, etc.*
  - *Pay-per-use – pay for the resources you use; no up-front costs*
  - *Cloud native, microservices, containers*
- PaaS features
  - *Serverless*
  - *Auto Scalling and Load balancing*
  - *Local development environment*
  - *Administration API*
- PaaS providers
  - *Google App Engine – first PaaS service*
  - *Today, mostly Kubernetes, Google, Heroku, Azure, AWS, Oracle*

## SaaS: Software as a Service

- Software delivery model for applications hosted in the cloud
  - *typically software for end-users*
  - *services accessed using a web browser*
  - *provides API for programmatic access*
- SaaS characteristics
  - *Typically build on top of IaaS or PaaS*
  - *Configurable and customizable modern Web applications*
  - *Usually basic version for free, need to pay for "pro" version*
  - *Global availability - any computer, any device*
  - *Easy management - automatic and fast updates*
  - *Pay-per-use – pay for the time you use*
- SaaS providers
  - *Google Apps, Salesforce, ...*

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## Multitenancy

- Architectural approach where resources are shared between multiple tenants or consumers
- Implications
  - *Centralization of infrastructure in locations with lower costs*
  - *Peak-load capacity increases*
  - *Utilisation and efficiency improvements for systems that are not well utilised*
- Sharing options
  - *Shared Everything*
  - *Shared Infrastructure*
    - *Virtual Machines*
    - *OS "virtualization"*

## Shared Everything

- Resources are shared between all tenants or consumers
  - *tenant: a service consumer*
- Common for the SaaS model
- The application should provide tenant isolation
- Data for multiple tenants is stored in the same database tables



## Shared Infrastructure: Virtual Machines

- Infrastructure shared via virtual machines
  - *each tenant has its own virtual environment*
  - *Isolation provided by hypervisor*
    - *hypervisor: virtual machine manager, runs virtual machines*
  - *Resource contention depends on VM capability and configuration*
  - *Adds an additional layer and processes to run and manage*



## Shared Infrastructure: OS Virtualization

- Infrastructure shared via OS Virtualization
  - *Each tenant has its own processing zone*
  - *Isolation provided by the operating system*
  - *Resource contention depends on zone configuration*
  - *No VMs to run and manage, no abstraction layer between app & OS*



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- **Infrastructure as a Service**
  - *Networking*
  - *Compute*
  - *Storage*
  - *Infrastructure as Code*

## Overview

- Infrastructure = environment where your app is running
- Tenancy = your "space" in the cloud
- What you need
  - *Servers (compute instances) to run your app in a location (region)*
  - *Connectivity*
    - *Private network for intra-communication*
    - *Public network for internet communication*
    - *Firewall (security) rules*
    - *Route tables*
  - *Storage*
    - *Operating system*
    - *Your app data*
  - *Identity Management*
    - *Who and how can access and control your tenancy*
  - *Monitoring, Logging, Auditing*

## Region

- Region = location on a planet where cloud data centers are located



- Why location matters...
  - Latency - your users should be close to your app
  - Regulations - your data should be stored in EU
  - Connectivity to external providers
    - Such as other cloud vendors

## Datacenters

- Datacenter (aka Availability Domain – AD)
  - Computing resources in a location within a region
  - One or more datacenters exist in a region
    - They are completely de-correlated, independent
    - They have separated power supply, do not share underlying infrastructure
    - If one DC fails, the other one is up and running



# Off-box Network Virtualization

- Gen 1.0 Cloud, inefficient Resource Sharing
  - *On-Premise virtualization to share resources amongst multiple tenants in the cloud.*



- Gen 2.0 Cloud
  - *Smart-NIC accelerated SR-IOV (Single Root I/O Virtualization)*
    - *Networking is a specialized function, needs hardware/silicon to accelerate it*

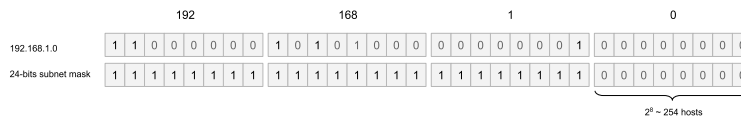


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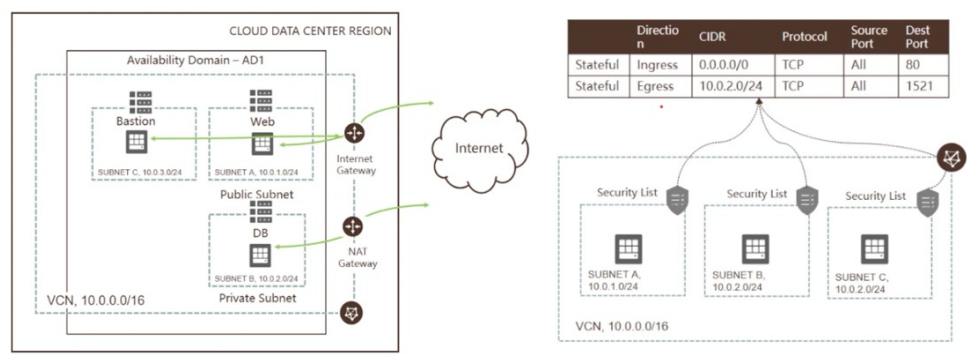
# Virtual Cloud Network

- VCN = a private network in a **single region** in which your instances reside
- A single and contiguous IPV4 CIDR block of your choice
  - CIDR (classless inter-domain routing) notation
  - IP address:
    - network prefix (the most significant bits) and
    - interfaces on the network (least significant bits) ~ network hosts
  - Example: **192.168.1.0/24**
    - IP range: **192.168.1.0 - 192.168.1.255**
- You further create subnets on a VCN to organize your instances
  - The subnets must be "within" the VCN, they can span across ADs
  - Example: using **27** bits for a subnet mask allow for 8 subnets
    - **192.168.1.0/27, 192.168.1.32/27, 192.168.1.64/27, ...**
    - Each subnet can have 32 hosts



## VCN Routing and Security

- Private and Public subnets
  - Public can communicate in/out from/to Internet
  - Internet traffic routed to public subnet
  - Private can be completely isolated or communicate to Internet only
- Route tables
  - Required to route across subnets and in/out from the Internet
- Security
  - Control access to/from the subnet



## Peering

- Local Peering
  - Connecting two VCNs in a region
- Remote Peering
  - Connecting two VCNs across regions
- Connectivity with on-premise datacenter
  - Fast connection needs to be in place
  - Secure VPN needs to be established



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## Compute Instances

- Shape = amount of memory and CPU an instance is using
  - There are classes of shapes that you can choose from
  - Standard and HPC/GPU shapes
- Virtual Machine (VM) – multi-tenant model
  - A hypervisor to virtualize the underlying Bare Metal server into smaller VMs
- Bare Metal (BM) – single-tenant model
  - Direct hardware access, full bare metal server
  - Types of workloads: performance intensive, require a specific hypervisor
- Dedicated VM Hosts (DVM) – single-tenant model
  - VM instances running on dedicated single-tenant servers
  - Not shared with other customers



- States: start, stop, reboot, terminate
  - Billing pauses in STOP state but depends on shape

## Image

- Image
  - A template of a virtual hard drive with OS
  - Other software, libraries, configurations, etc.
- Stored on a boot volume
- Base images are provided
  - CentOS, Ubuntu, Windows Server, Oracle Linux, RedHat, etc.
  - Some may require licence costs
- Custom images
  - You can create a custom image from the base image
  - Specific packages, libraries or custom configuration
  - You store the image in the object storage

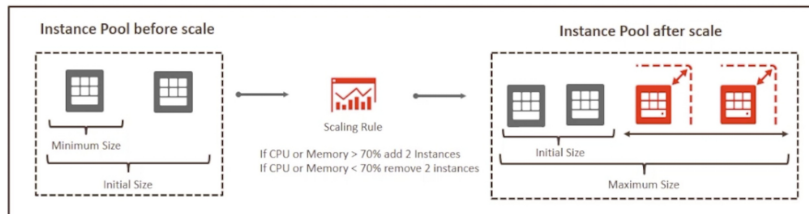


# Autoscaling

- Instance configuration
  - OS image, metadata, shape, vNICs, storage, subnets
  - Apply configuration to multiple instances at the same time
    - You can manage them all together (start, stop, terminate)

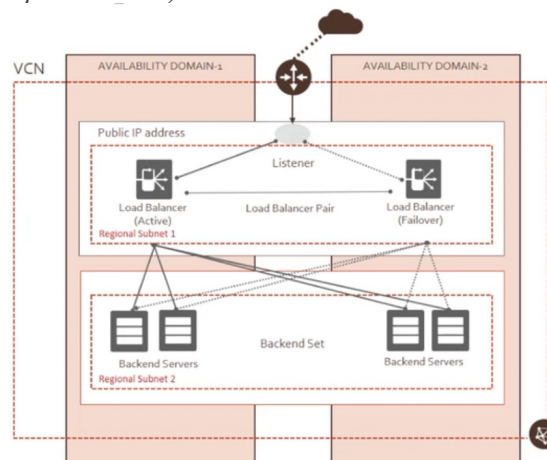


- Autoscaling
  - Automatically adjust a number of compute instances in an instance pool
  - Control using performance metrics such CPU or memory utilization
  - cooldown period – time between scale in and scale out (e.g. 300 seconds)



# Load Balancer

- Managed service
  - Health check – checks health status of backends (TCP, HTTP)
  - Algorithm – round-robin, IP hash, least connections
- Supports protocols
  - TCP, HTTP 1.1, HTTP/2, WebSocket, SSL termination, end-to-end SSL
  - Supports sticky sessions (sessions persistence)
- High Availability
  - Primary and stand-by LB
  - Each LB is in different AD
  - Failover uses floating IP



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## Object Storage

- Types of data to store
  - *Storage for unstructured data (images, media files, logs, backups)*
  - *Data managed as objects, provides API using HTTP verbs*
- Namespace
  - *Logical entity that serves as top-level container for all buckets and objects*
  - *Each tenancy is provided one unique namespace*
- Bucket
  - *A logical container for storing objects*
  - *Bucket names must be unique within tenancy*
  - *Hot bucket – standard, can be accessed immediately*
  - *Cold bucket – rarely accessed data, need to be restored*
    - *Minimum retention, such as 90 days*
    - *Time to First Byte (TTFB) is in hours, e.g. 4 hours*
- Object and metadata
  - *data managed as objects regardless data type*
- Example object URL path:  
*/n/<namespace>/b/<bucket>/o/<object\_name>*

## Block Storage

- Local NVMe SSD device
  - Locally attached device, provided by some shapes, 200K IOPS - 1M IOPS
  - Workloads that require high storage performance
  - usually no RAID, snapshots, backups
- Block volumes
  - Reside in storage servers
  - NVMe SSD based, up to 35K IOPS
  - Data stored on block volumes beyond the lifespan of compute instance
  - Multiple replicas across multiple storage servers
- File Storage
  - Network file server (NFS)
  - Client mounts a **mount target** (NFS endpoint) and an **export path**
  - Example

```
sudo mount 10.0.0.6/example1/path /mnt/mountpointA
```

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- Definition
  - *Application envs (in a cloud) managed via definition files*
  - *Version control, team development, scripting, etc.*
- Major Technologies
  - **Configuration Management Tools**
    - *install and manage software on machines that already exist*
    - *Examples: Ansible, Chef, Puppet*
  - **Abstraction of cloud infrastructure**
    - *Terraform*

## Terraform

- Higher-level abstraction of the datacenter and associated services
- Supports many service providers
  - *Google, Microsoft, Oracle, AWS*
- Steps
  1. *Description of resources in Hashicorp Configuration Language (HCL)*
    - *instances, networks, firewall rules, routing tables, etc.*
  2. *Terraform generates execution plan to reach the desired state*
  3. *Terraform executes the plan to reach the desired state; can generate incremental execution plan*