Cloud Computing for Developers

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Agenda

OpenStack

What is it | Why is it important | Who is using it

Cloud Computing

Cloud in 2014 | Developers as the consumer | Architect Cloud Applications

About Uli

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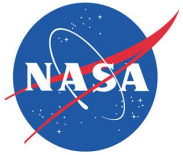
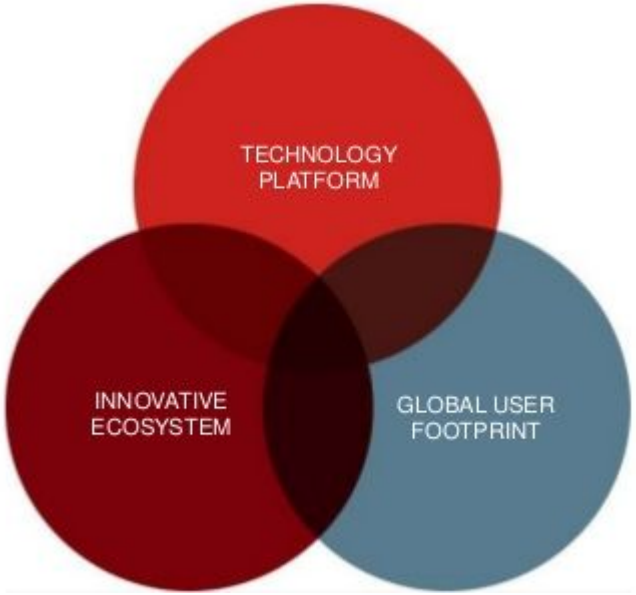
Part 1: OpenStack

What’s OpenStack

- Cloud Infrastructure Software
- Global open source community, founded by Rackspace & NASA
- Collaboration between technology vendors including Red Hat, IBM, Cisco and many others



General Success Factors



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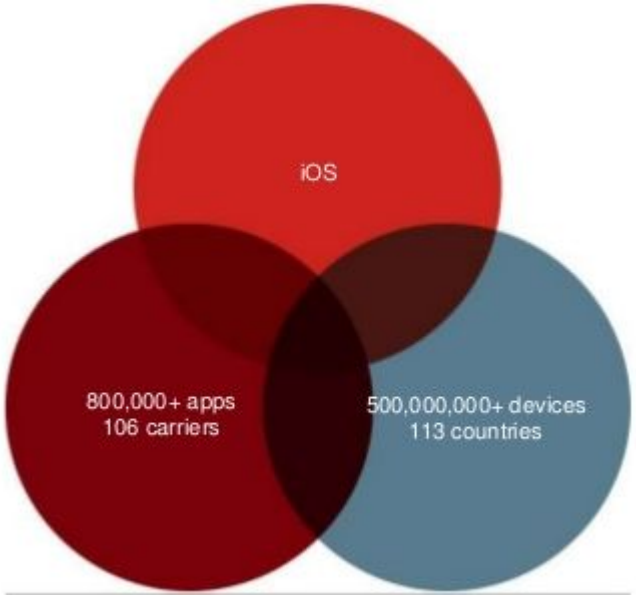
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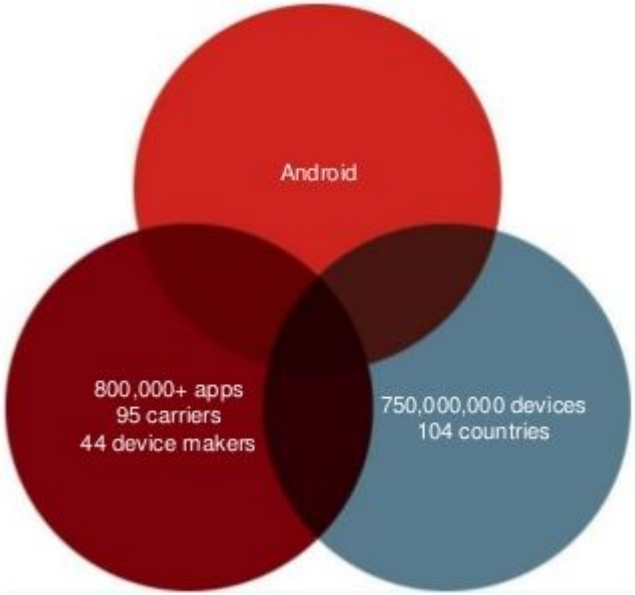
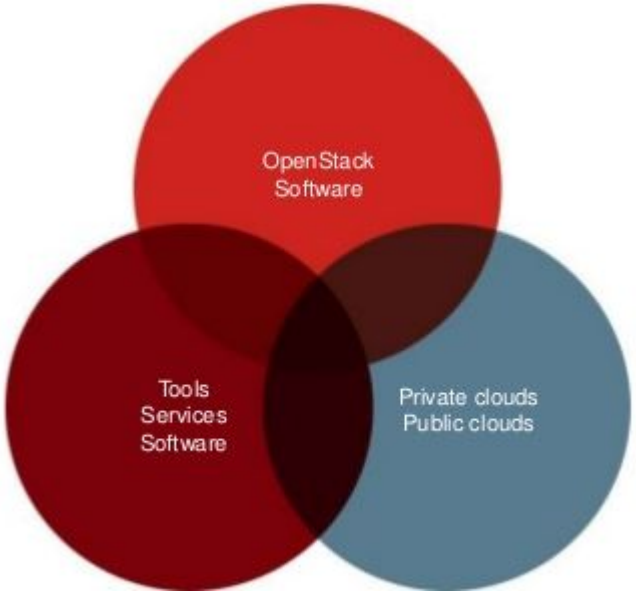
800,000+ apps
106 carriers
500,000,000+ devices
113 countries

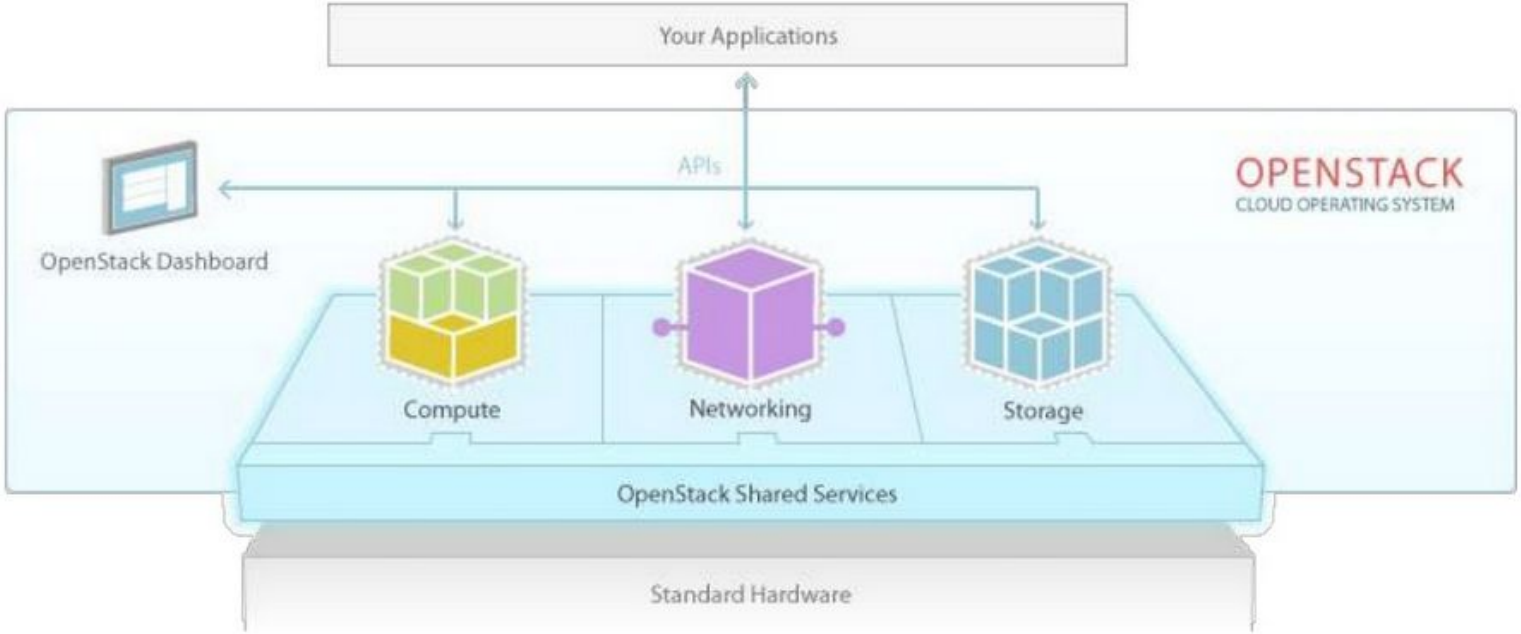
Android


Android
800,000+ apps
95 carriers
44 device makers
750,000,000 devices
104 countries

OpenStack


OpenStack
Software
Tools
Services
Software
Private clouds
Public clouds

OpenStack - Cloud Infrastructure Software



OpenStack - Features

Compute	Provision and manage large pools of on-demand computing resources
Object Storage	Petabytes of reliable storage on standard gear
Block Storage	Volumes on commodity storage gear, and drivers for more advanced systems like IBM, EMC, HP, Red Hat/Gluster, Ceph/RBD, NetApp, SolidFire, and Nexenta
Networking	Software defined networking automation with pluggable backends
Dashboard	Self-service, role-based web interface for users and administrators
Shared Services	Multi-tenant authentication system that ties to existing stores (e.g. LDAP), Image Service

OpenStack Ecosystem

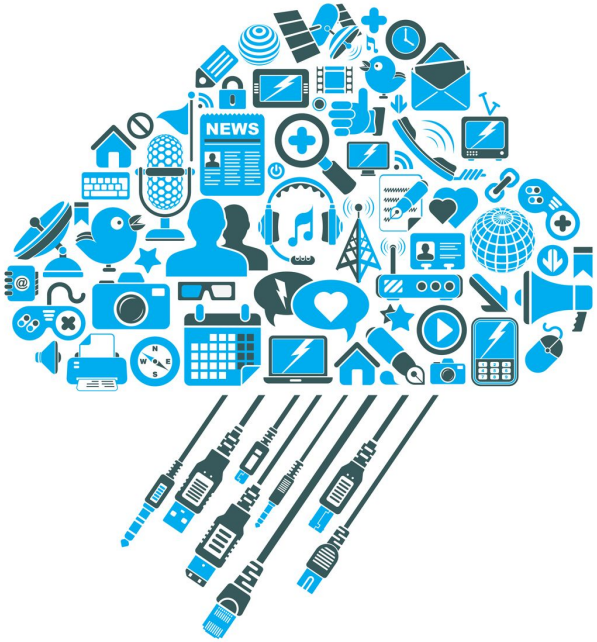
The need for Open Standards

iPhone 5

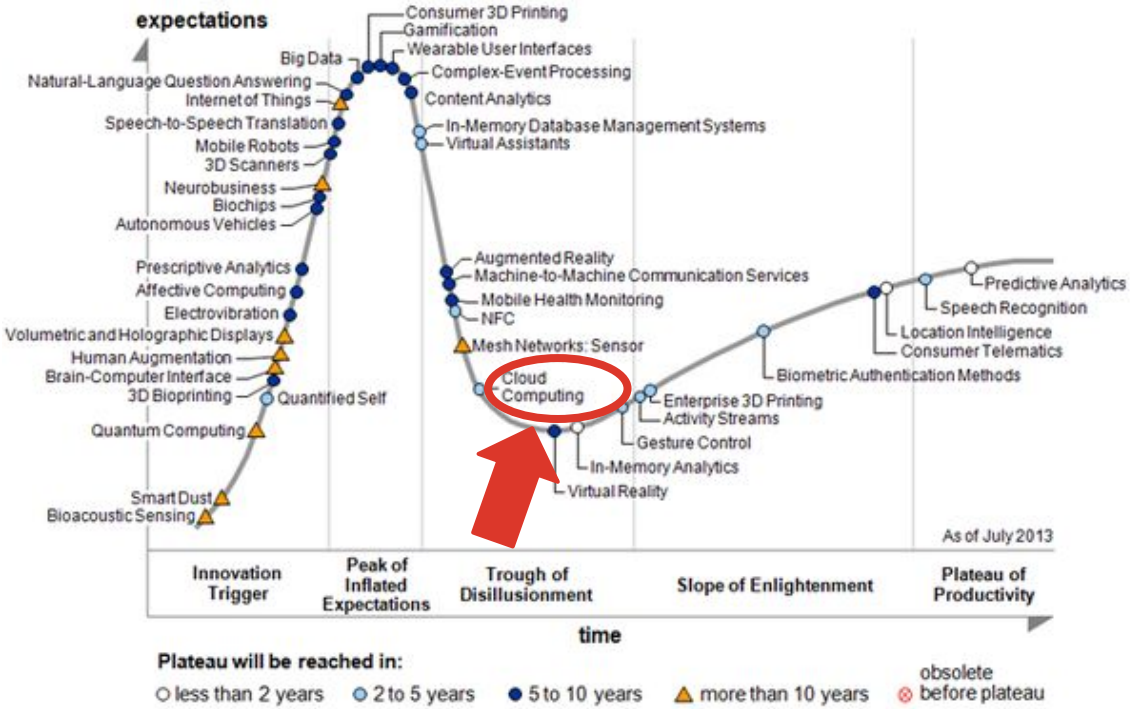
Micro USB

OpenStack Implementations

Part 2: Cloud Computing

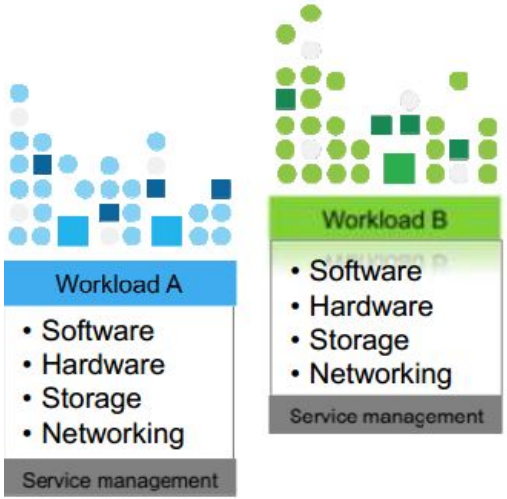


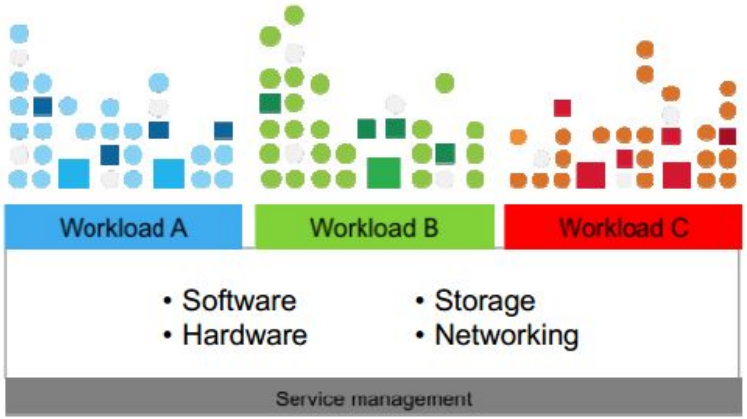
Cloud Computing in 2014



Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies 2013 Source: Gartner

Traditional Workloads vs Cloud Workloads





Traditional

Dedicated Resources for each workload

Cloud

Virtualized & Shared & Standardized Resources
Scalability & Elasticity
Automated Service Management

A new consumption & delivery model

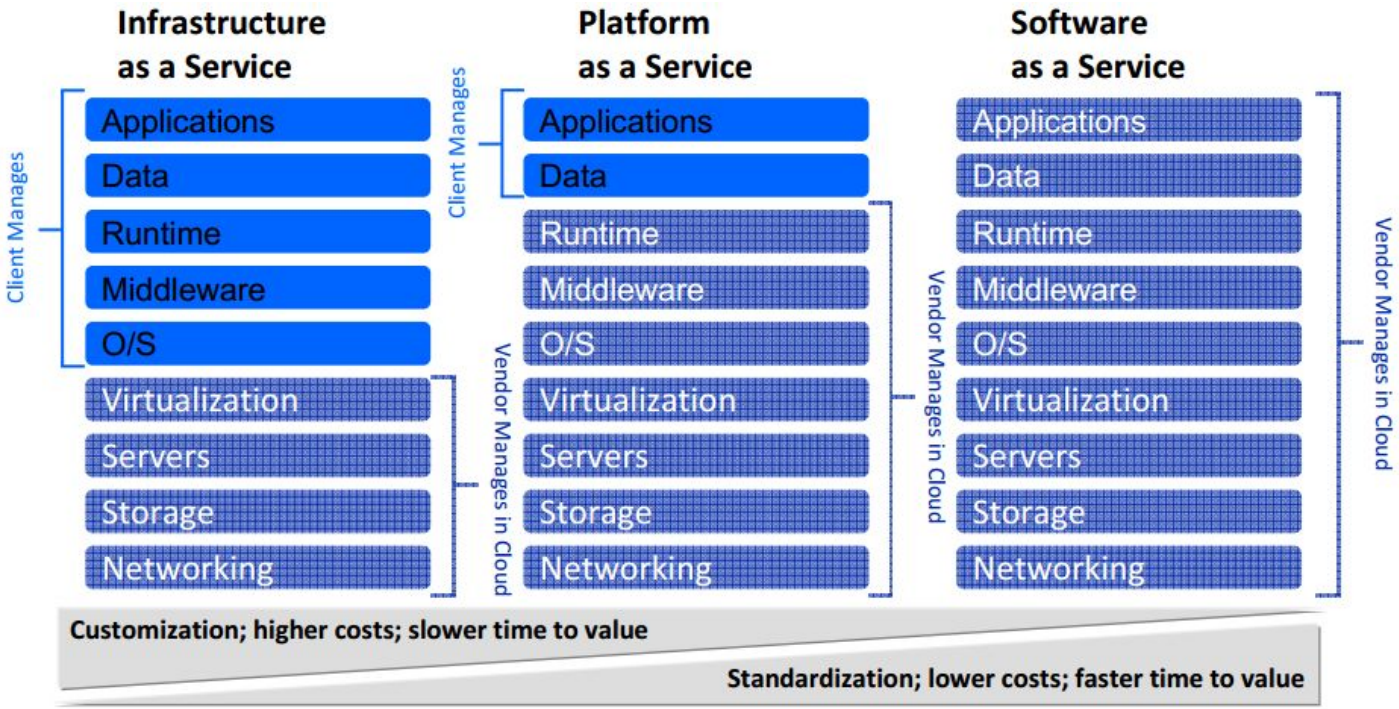
Smart Phones - Turn devices into apps

The Developer as the Cloud Consumer

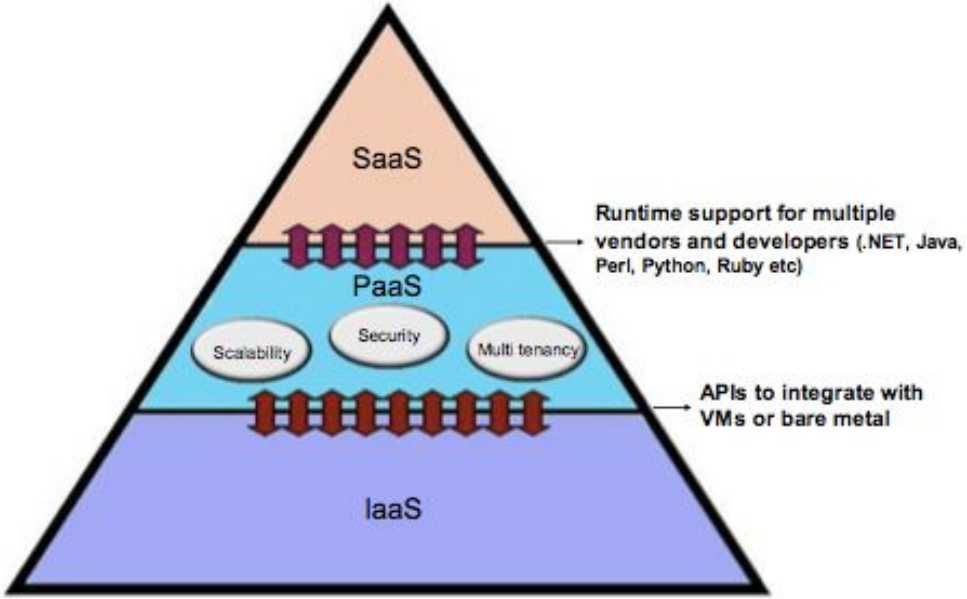
Developer
"I want to develop my application"

IT Administrator
"I manage servers, storage and networks"

Virtualize the Application Stack



Platforms are your Friend



Platform as a Service Offerings

AWS Elastic Beanstalk Example

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Elastic Beanstalk

Get Started in Three Easy Steps

Select a Platform

Upload an Application or Use a Sample

Run it!

AWS: Choose your Platform

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Elastic Beanstalk

Welcome to AWS Elastic Beanstalk

Elastic Beanstalk allows you to **deploy**, **monitor**, and **grow** your application quickly and easily. Let us do the heavy lifting so you can focus on your business.

Select a Platform

Get Started

- Select a Platform
- IIS
- Node.js
- PHP
- Python
- Ruby
- Tomcat

AWS: Application Environment

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Elastic Beanstalk

My First Elastic Beanstalk Application ▸ Default-Environment ( )

Actions

- Dashboard
- Configuration
- Logs
- Monitoring
- Alarms
- Events

Overview

Refresh

Health

Launching

Monitor

Running Version

Upload and Deploy

Configuration

Python 2.7

Edit

Recent Events

Show All

AWS: Application Environment

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Elastic Beanstalk | My First Elastic Beanstalk Application | Create New Environment

Default-Environment (Default-Environment- elasticbeanstalk.com) Actions

- Dashboard
- Configuration
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Overview Refresh

Health	Running Version	Configuration
Green	Sample Application	Python
Monitor	Upload and Deploy	Edit

Recent Events Show All

Time	Type	Details
2013-08-26 14:10:14 UTC-0700	INFO	Successfully launched environment: Default-Environment
2013-08-26 14:10:14 UTC-0700	INFO	Application available at Default-Environment- elasticbeanstalk.com.

AWS: Deploy Application

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Upload and Deploy

Upload application: Browse...

Version label:

To redeploy an existing version, go to All Versions.

Cancel Deploy

AWS: Deploy Application

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Elastic Beanstalk | My First Elastic Beanstalk Application | Creat

Versions for My First Elastic Beanstalk Application

Delete | Deploy | Upload

Version Label	Description	Deployed
Sample Application Second Version		Default-Env
Sample Application		

Version label: Sample Application Second Version

Environment: Default-Environment

Environment URL: Default-Environment-[redacted].elasticbeanstalk.com

Cancel | Deploy

AWS: Modify Configuration

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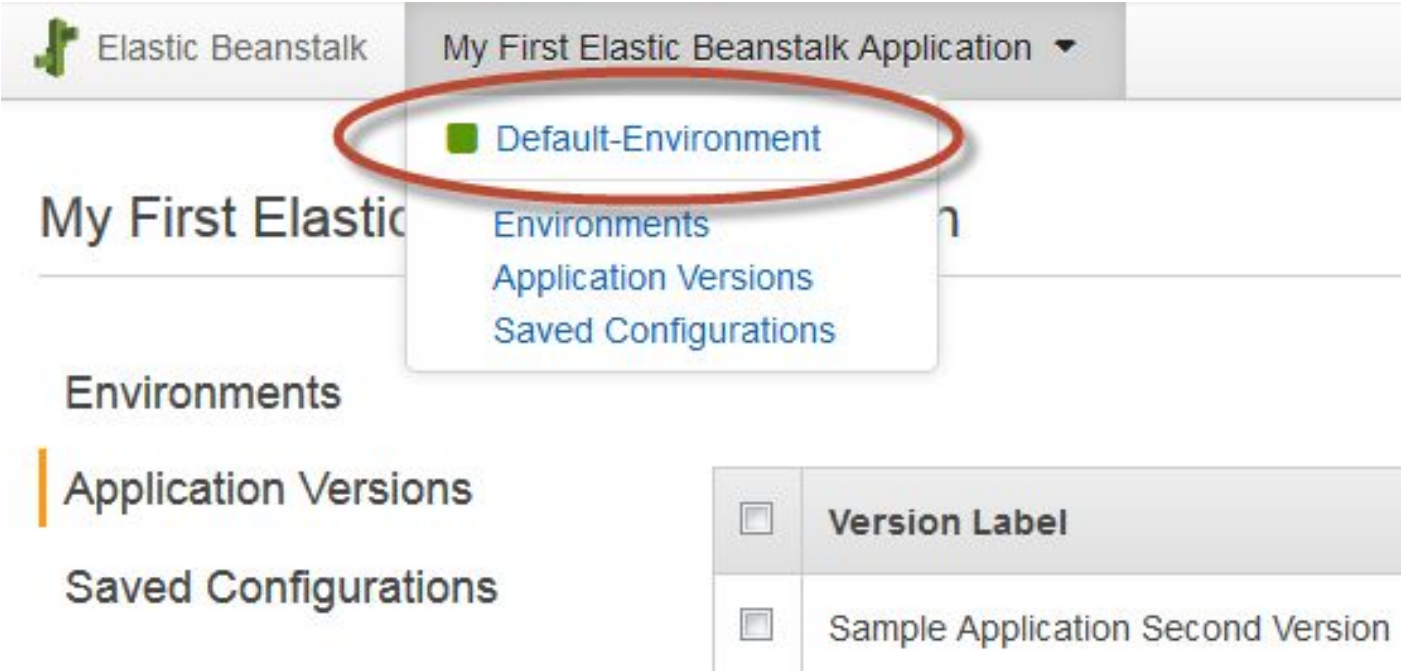

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Web Tier

Scaling

Environment type: Load balanced, auto scaling

Number instances: 1 - 4

Scale based on Average network out

Add instance when > 6000000

Remove instance when < 2000000

AWS: Modify Configuration

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Create Load Balancer | Delete

Viewing: All Load Balancers | Search

	Load Balancer Name	DNS Name	Port Configurati
☑	awseb-e-x-AWSEBLoa-1CN9DOH1D30EH	awseb-e-x-AWSEBLoa-1CN9DOH1D30EH-102	80 (HTTP) forward

1 Load Balancer selected

Load Balancer: awseb-e-x-AWSEBLoa-1CN9DOH1D30EH

Description | Instances | Health Check | Monitoring | Security | Listeners

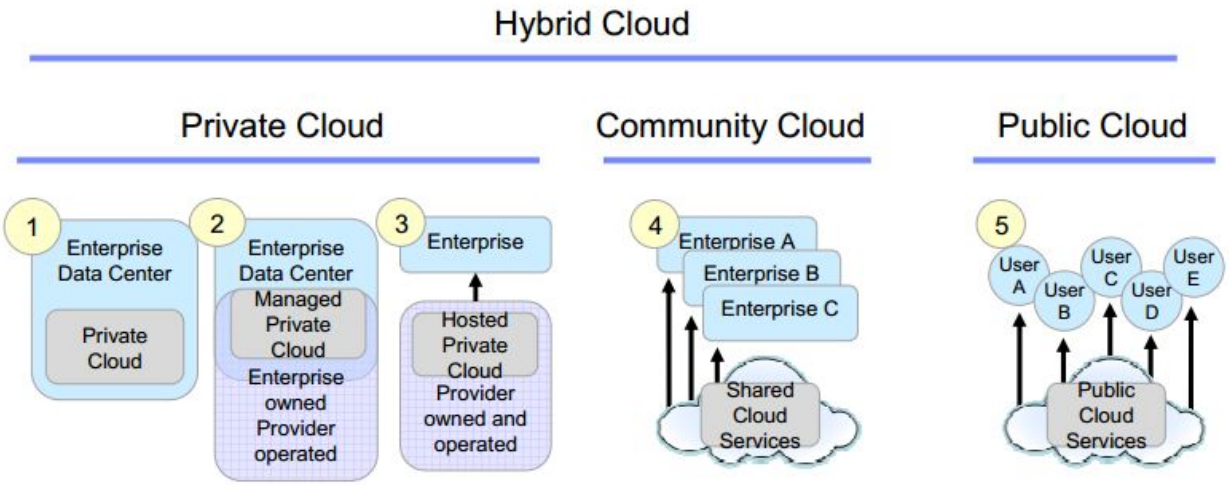
Instances

Instance	Name	Availability Zone	Status	Actions
i-5b403473	Default-Environment	ap-southeast-1b	In Service	Remove from Load Balancer
i-922b37bb	Default-Environment	ap-southeast-1a	In Service	Remove from Load Balancer

Availability Zones

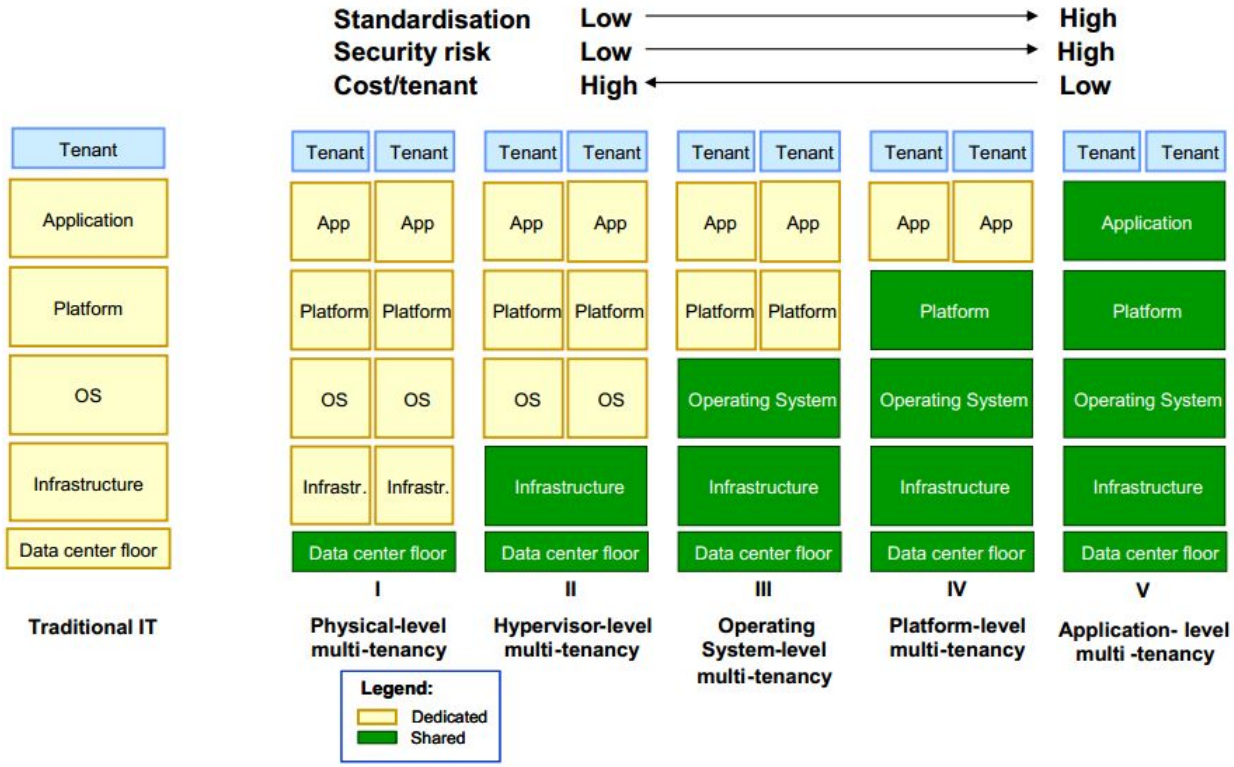
Availability Zone	Instance Count	Healthy?	Actions

AWS: Deployment Models



1. Customer managed private Cloud
2. Customer premise, provider operated private Cloud
3. Provider premise, provider operated private Cloud
4. Provider premise, provider managed, public Cloud
5. Provider premise, provider managed, provider applications, public Cloud

Multitenancy Considerations

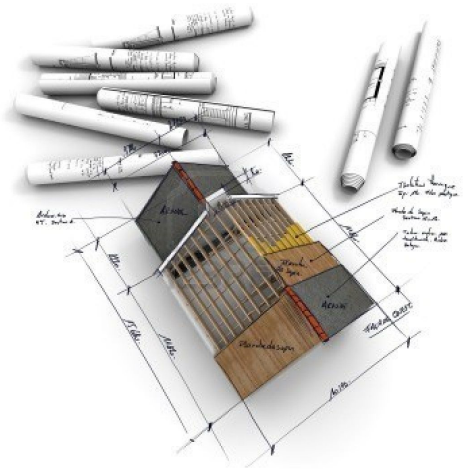


Architect Applications for the Cloud

1. Virtualize the Application Stack

2. Componentize, decouple & design all components as a 'black box'

3. Design for Scalability



Design for Scalability

Traditional way

- add more RAM
- use faster servers
- expensive ‘micro-optimization’
- complex caching
- faster hard disks

Cloud Applications

- minimize mutable state
- create asynchronous services
- alternative data stores
- automate deployment

Design for Failure

"Everything fails, all the time“

Werner Vogels, CTO Amazon.com

- find single point of failures
- evaluate scenarios. What levels of risk is acceptable?
- failure tolerance

Minimize Mutable State

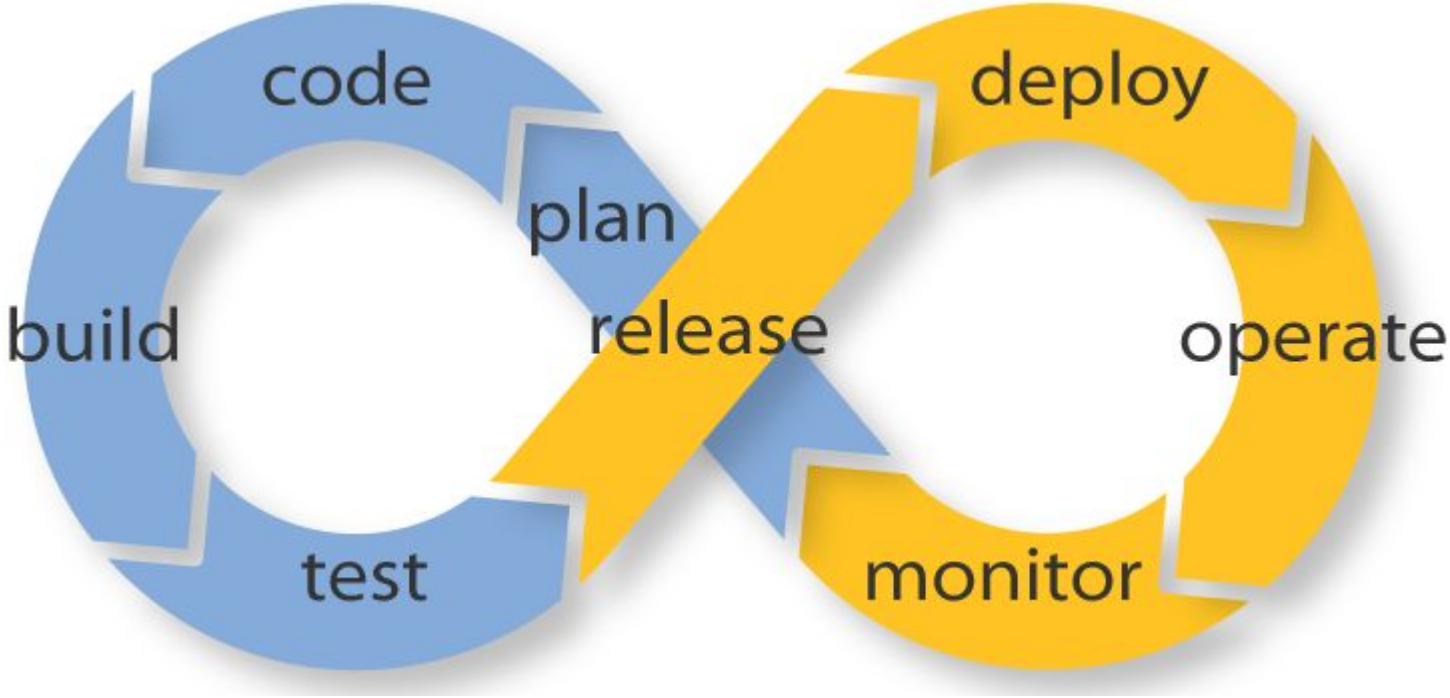
Variables shared across application

- Multiple servers and processes trying to update the same variables at the same time result in deadlocks, time-outs, and failed transactions
- minimize or eliminate those in webservers, application and the database
- specific considerations for filesystems, applications and datastores
- look at cluster filesystems, object stores, NoSQL / CouchDB, MongoDB – asynchronous ‘fire & forget’ updates

Components & Asynchronous Services

- Offload work from main application servers – Web 2.0
- Break tasks into separate services, run by different components
- Scale independently
- Use message queues for guaranteed delivery

Automate Deployment - DevOps



Key Takeaways

1. **OpenStack** deals with Cloud Infrastructure

2. As a developer, your friends are **platform services**

3. **Design Applications** for the cloud - scalability & anticipate failure

Thank you.