TCSS 562: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

Cloud Computing:
Intro to Cloud Computing

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FEEDBACK FROM 10/15

- What is vertical scaling in the cloud?

REVIEW – 10/15

- What is the definition of Cloud Computing?
- How is capacity planning different in the cloud vs. with traditional server infrastructure?
- What is Cluster computing?
- What is Grid computing?
- What is Virtualization?
- What is the difference between Horizontal and Vertical scaling?

OBJECTIVES - 2

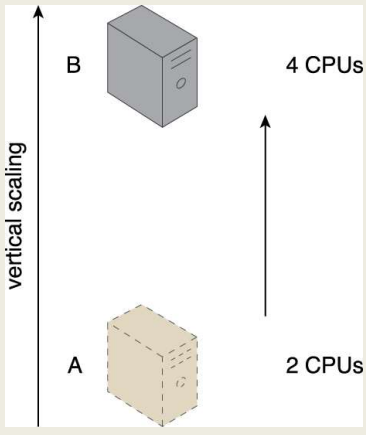
- Term Project Proposal (10/19)
- From: Cloud Computing Concepts, Technology & Architecture:
- Introduction to Cloud Computing
  - Why study cloud computing?
  - History of cloud computing
  - Business drivers
  - Cloud enabling technologies
  - Terminology
  - Benefits of cloud adoption
  - Risks of cloud adoption

KEY TERMINOLOGY

- **On-Premise Infrastructure**
  - Local server infrastructure not configured as a cloud
- **Cloud Provider**
  - Corporation or private organization responsible for maintaining cloud
- **Cloud Consumer**
  - User of cloud services
- **Scaling**
  - **Vertical scaling**
    - Scale up: increase resources of a single virtual server
    - Scale down: decrease resources of a single virtual server
  - **Horizontal scaling**
    - Scale out: increase number of virtual servers
    - Scale in: decrease number of virtual servers

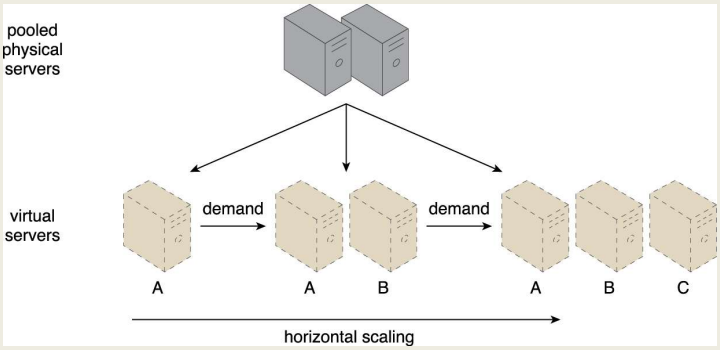
VERTICAL SCALING

- Reconfigure virtual machine to have different resources:
  - CPU cores
  - RAM
  - HDD/SDD capacity
- May require VM migration if physical host machine resources are exceeded



HORIZONTAL SCALING

- Increase (scale-out) or decrease (scale-in) number of virtual servers based on demand



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Not limited by individual server capacity	Limited by individual server capacity

KEY TERMINOLOGY - 2

- Cloud services
  - Broad array of resources accessible "as-a-service"
  - Categorized as Infrastructure (IaaS), Platform (PaaS), Software (SaaS)
- Service-level-agreements (SLAs):
  - Establish expectations for: uptime, security, availability, reliability, and performance

GOALS AND BENEFITS

- **Cloud providers**
  - Leverage economies of scale through mass-acquisition and management of large-scale IT resources
  - Locate datacenters to optimize costs where electricity is low
- **Cloud consumers**
  - Key business/accounting difference:
  - **Cloud computing enables anticipated capital expenditures to be replaced with operational expenditures**
  - Operational expenditures always scale with the business
  - Eliminates need to invest in server infrastructure based on anticipated business needs
  - Businesses become more agile and lower their financial risks by eliminating large capital investments in physical infrastructure

CLOUD BENEFITS - 2

- On demand access to pay-as-you-go resources on a short-term basis (less commitment)
- Ability to acquire "unlimited" computing resources on demand when required for business needs
- Ability to add/remove IT resources at a fine-grained level
- Abstraction of server infrastructure so applications deployments are not dependent on specific locations, hardware, etc.
  - The cloud has made our software deployments more agile…

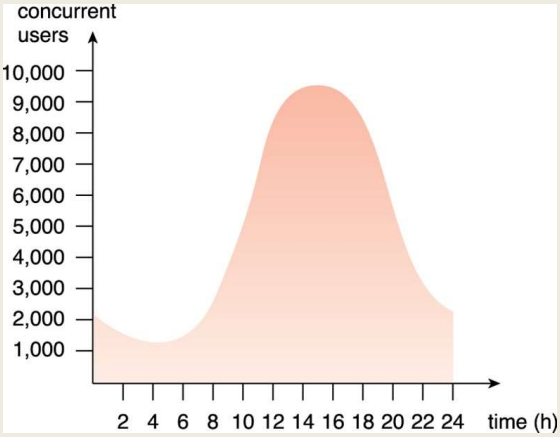
CLOUD BENEFITS - 3

- Example: Using 100 servers for 1 hour costs the same as using 1 server for 100 hours
- Rosetta Protein Folding: Working with a UW-Tacoma graduate student, we recently deployed this science model across 5,900 compute cores on Amazon for 2-days…
- ***What is the cost to purchase 5,900 compute cores?***
- Recent Dell Server purchase example: 20 cores on 2 servers for $4,478…
- Using this ratio 5,900 cores costs $1.3 million (purchase only)

Gene Wilder, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

CLOUD BENEFITS

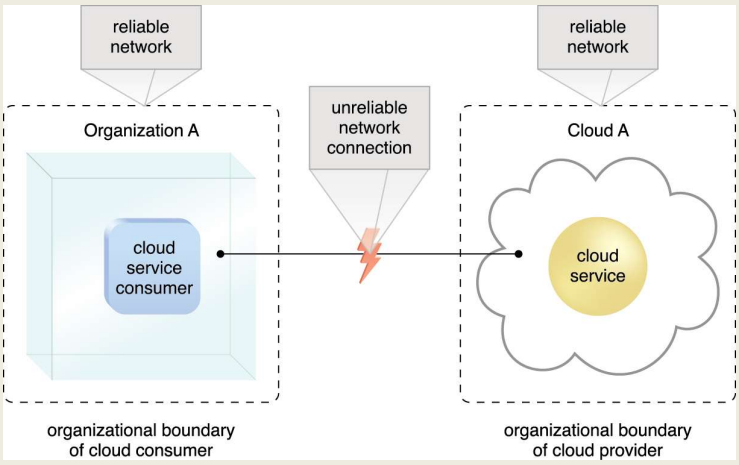
- Increased scalability
  - Example demand over a 24-hour day →
- Increased availability
- Increased reliability



CLOUD ADOPTION RISKS

- **Increased security vulnerabilities**
  - Expansion of trust boundaries now include the external cloud
  - Security responsibility shared with cloud provider
- **Reduced operational governance / control**
  - Users have less control of physical hardware
  - Cloud user does not directly control resources to ensure quality-of-service
  - Infrastructure management is abstracted
  - Quality and stability of resources can vary
  - Network latency costs and variability

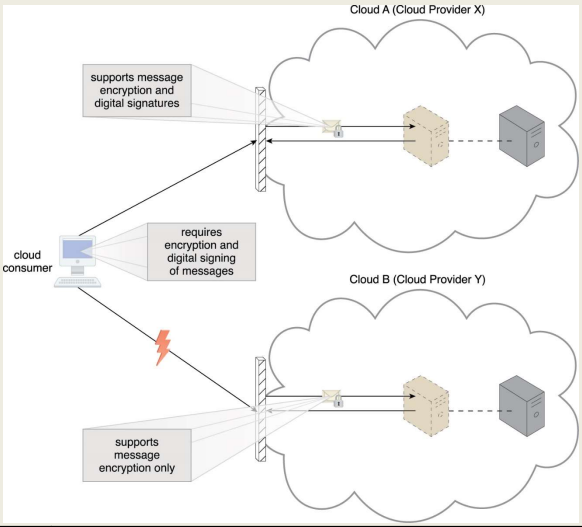
NETWORK LATENCY COSTS



CLOUD RISKS - 2

- **Performance monitoring of cloud applications**
  - Cloud metrics (AWS cloudwatch) support monitoring cloud infrastructure (network load, CPU utilization, I/O)
  - Performance of cloud applications depends on the health of aggregated cloud resources working together
  - User must monitor this aggregate performance
- **Limited portability among clouds**
  - Early cloud systems have significant "vendor" lock-in
  - Common APIs and deployment models are slow to evolve
  - Operating system containers help make applications more portable, but containers still must be deployed
- Geographical issues
  - Abstraction of cloud location leads to legal challenges with respect to laws for data privacy and storage

CLOUD: VENDOR LOCK-IN



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- From: Cloud Computing Concepts, Technology & Architecture:
- Cloud Computing Concepts and Models
  - Roles and boundaries
  - Cloud characteristics
  - Cloud delivery models
  - Cloud deployment models

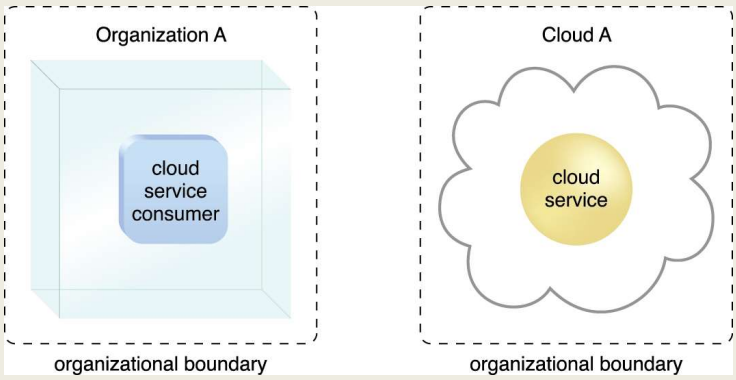
ROLES

- **Cloud provider**
  - Organization that provides cloud-based resources
  - Responsible for fulfilling SLAs for cloud services
  - Some cloud providers "resell" IT resources from other cloud providers
    - Example: Heroku sells PaaS services running atop of Amazon EC2
- **Cloud consumers**
  - Cloud users that consume cloud services
- **Cloud service owner**
  - Both cloud providers and cloud consumers can own cloud services
  - A cloud service owner may use a cloud provider to provide a cloud service (e.g. Heroku)

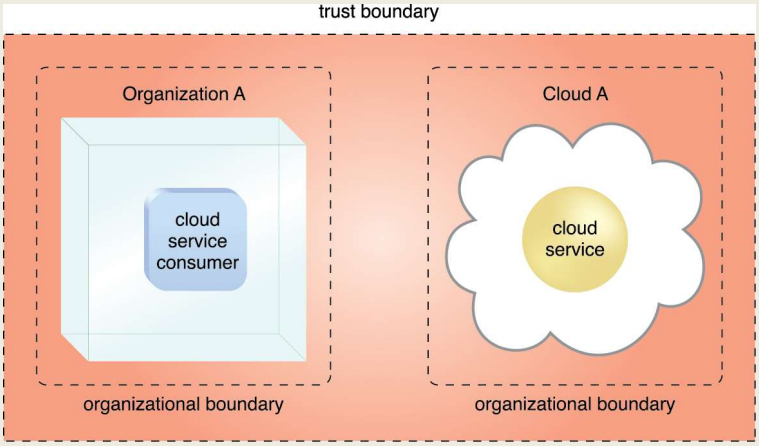
ROLES - 2

- **Cloud resource administrator**
  - Administrators provide and maintain cloud services
  - Both cloud providers and cloud consumers have administrators
- **Cloud auditor**
  - Third-party which conducts independent assessments of cloud environments to ensure security, privacy, and performance.
  - Provides unbiased assessments
- **Cloud brokers**
  - An intermediary between cloud consumers and cloud providers
  - Provides service aggregation
- **Cloud carriers**
  - Network and telecommunication providers which provide network connectivity between cloud consumers and providers

ORGANIZATION BOUNDARY



TRUST BOUNDARY



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CLOUD CHARACTERISTICS

- On-demand usage
- Ubiquitous access
- Multitenancy (resource pooling)
- Elasticity
- Measured usage
- Resiliency

- Assessing these features helps measure the value offered by a given cloud service or platform

ON-DEMAND USAGE

- The freedom to self-provision IT resources
- Generally with automated support
- Automated support requires no human involvement
- Automation through software services interface

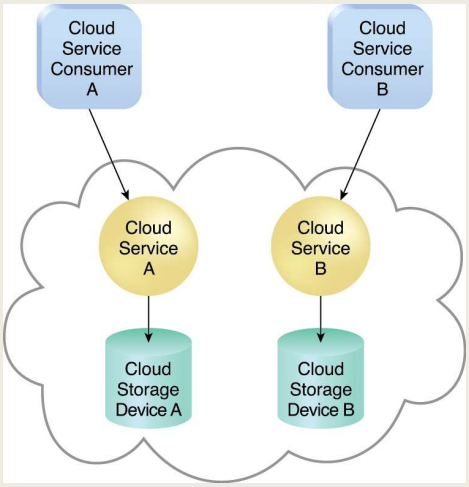
UBIQUITOUS ACCESS

- Cloud services are widely accessible
- Public cloud: internet accessible
- Private cloud: throughout segments of a company's intranet
- 24/7 availability

MULTITENANCY

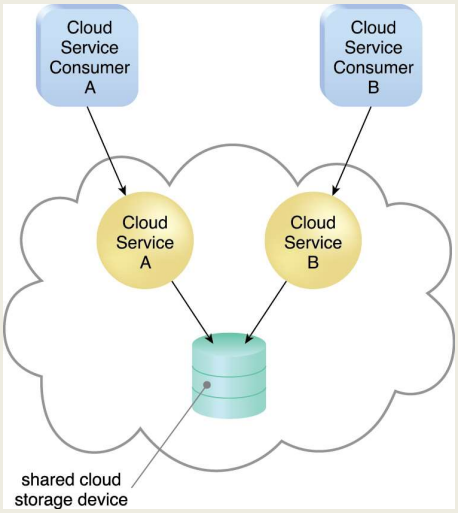
- Cloud providers pool resources together to share them with many users
- Serve multiple cloud service consumers
- IT resources can be dynamically assigned, reassigned based on demand
- Multitenancy can lead to performance variation

SINGLE TENANT MODEL

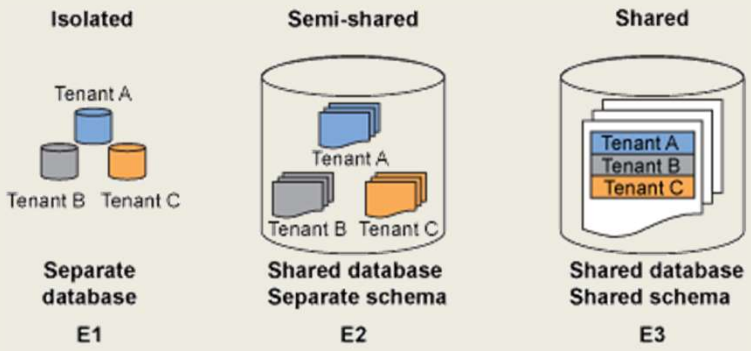


MULTITENANT MODEL

- Resource is "multiplexed" and share amongst multiple users
- Goal is to increase utilization
- Often server resources are underutilized
- There are many "sunk costs" whether usage is 0% or 100%
- Cloud computing tries to maximize "sunk cost" investments

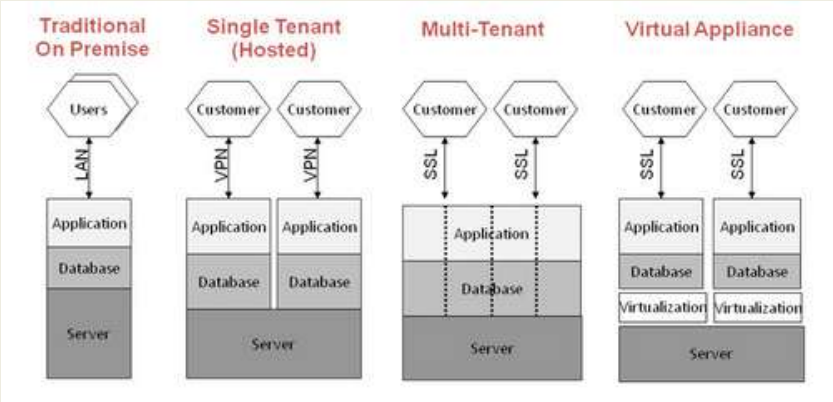


MULTITENANT DATABASE



MULTITENANCY OF RESOURCES

- Where is the multitenancy?

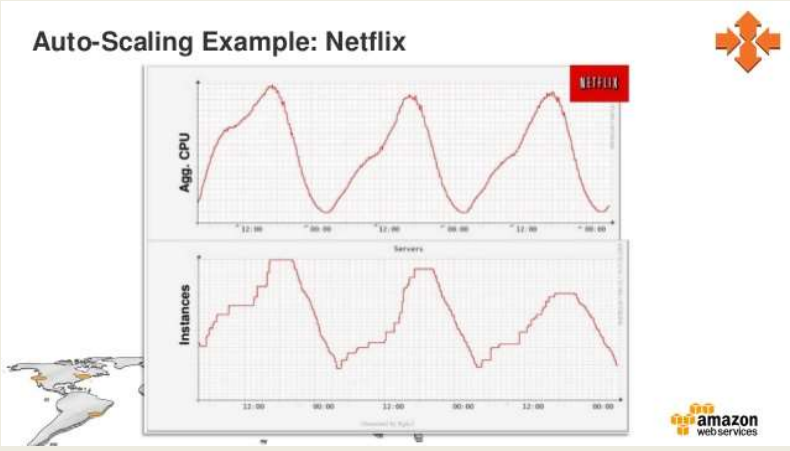


ELASTICITY

- Automated ability of cloud to transparently scale resources
- Scaling based on runtime conditions or pre-determined by cloud consumer or cloud provider
- Threshold based scaling
  - `CPU-utilization > threshold_A, Response_time > 100ms`
  - Application agnostic vs. application specific thresholds
  - Why might an application agnostic threshold be non-ideal?
- Load prediction
  - Historical models
  - Real-time trends

PREDICTABLE DEMAND

- Example:

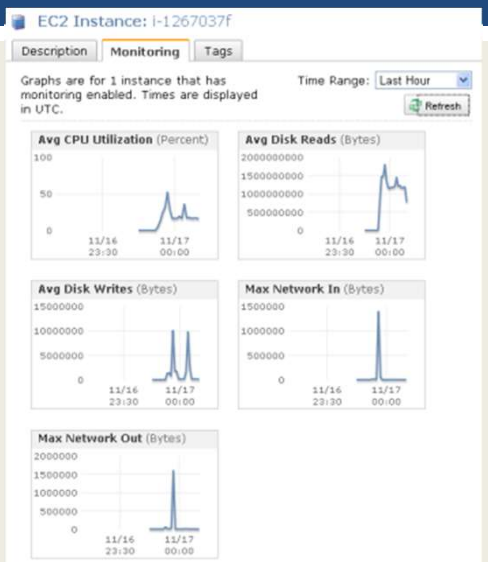


MEASURED USAGE

- Cloud platform tracks usage of IT resources
- For billing purposes
- Enables charging only for IT resources actually used
- Can be time-based (minute, hour, day)
- Can be throughput-based (MB, GB)

- Not all measurements are for billing
- Some measurements can support auto-scaling
- For example CPU utilization

EC2 CLOUDWATCH METRICS



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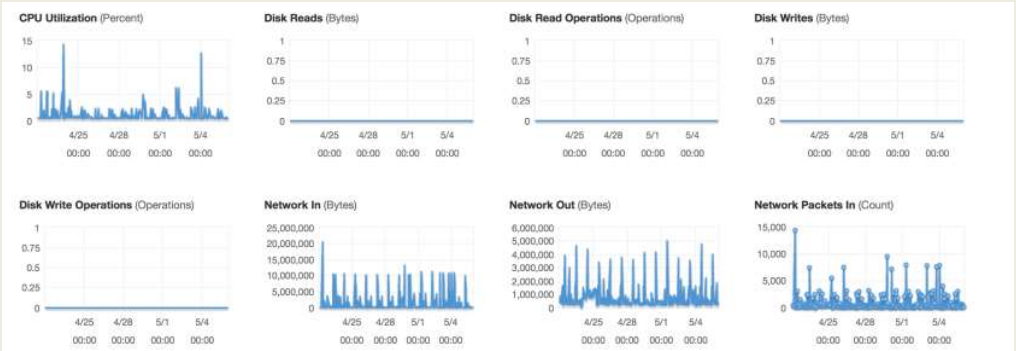
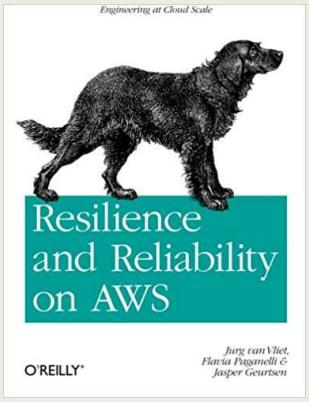


RESILIENCY

- Distributed redundancy across physical locations
- Used to improve reliability and availability of cloud-hosted applications
- Very much an engineering problem
- No "resiliency-as-a-service" for user deployed apps
- Unique characteristics of user applications make a one-size fits all service solution challenging



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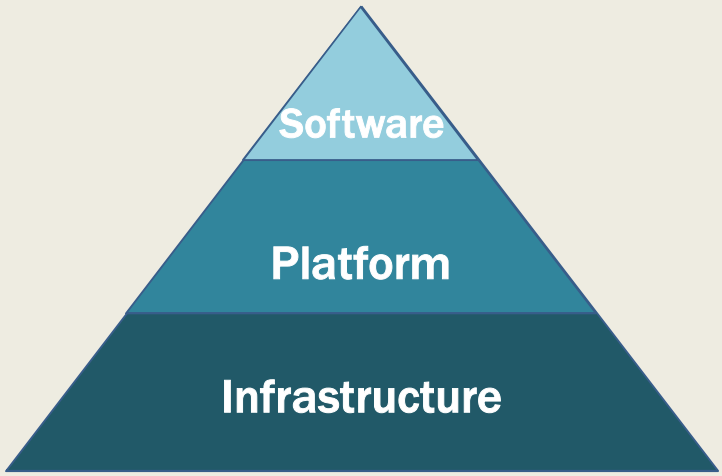
CLOUD DELIVERY MODELS

- What is the appropriate level of abstraction?
- How should applications be deployed?
  - IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, DbaaS, FaaS
- How do we ensure Quality-of-Service?
  - Performance, Availability, Responsiveness, Fault Tolerance
- How is *scalability* provided?
- How do we minimize hosting costs?
  - How do we estimate hosting costs?

CLASSIC CLOUD DELIVERY MODELS



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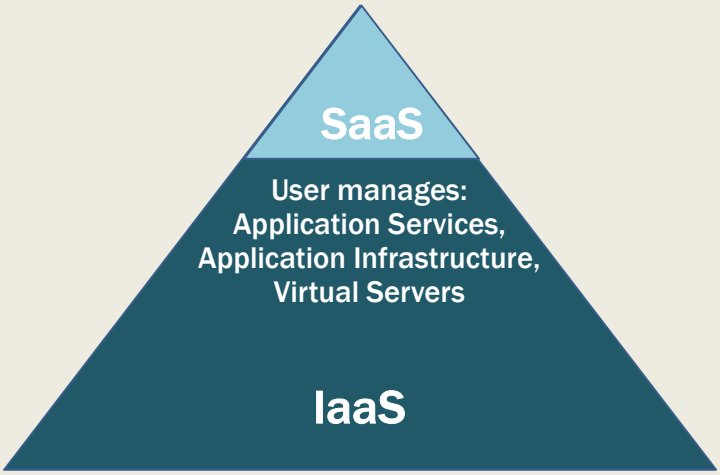

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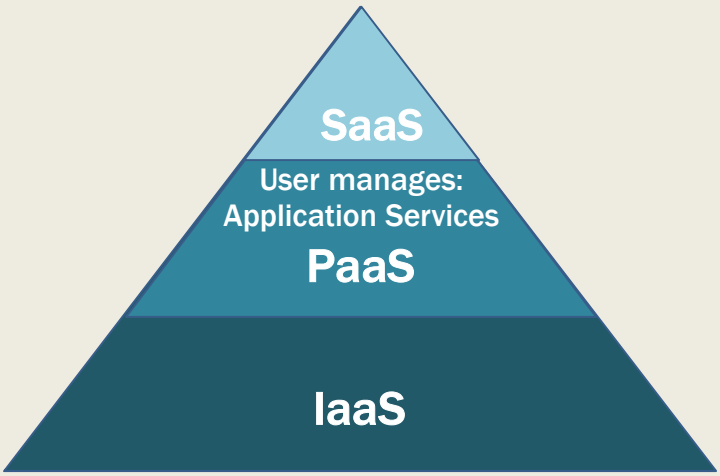

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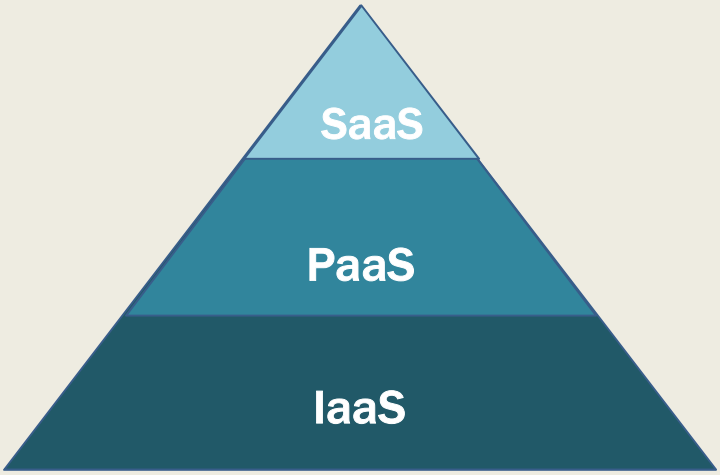

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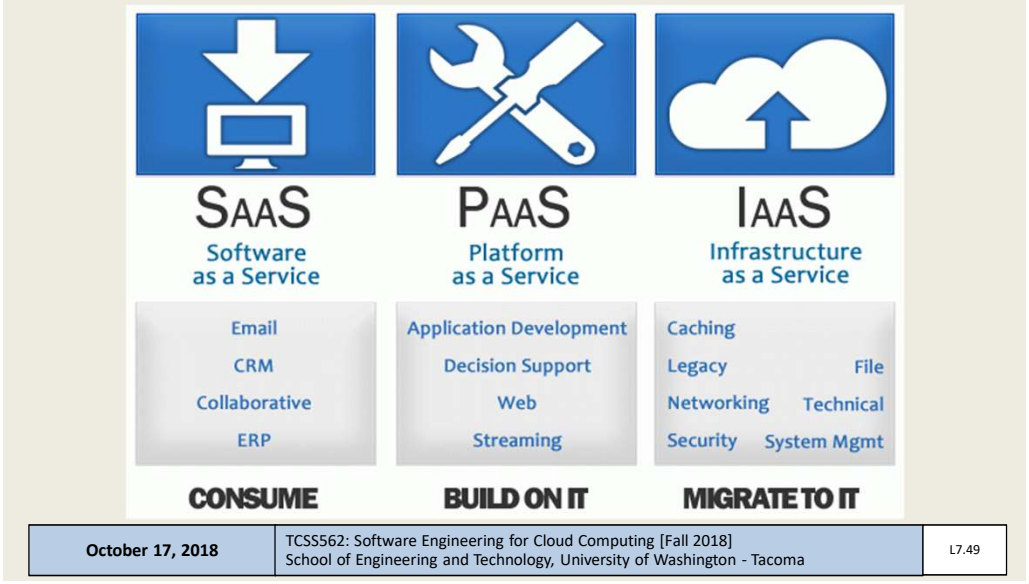
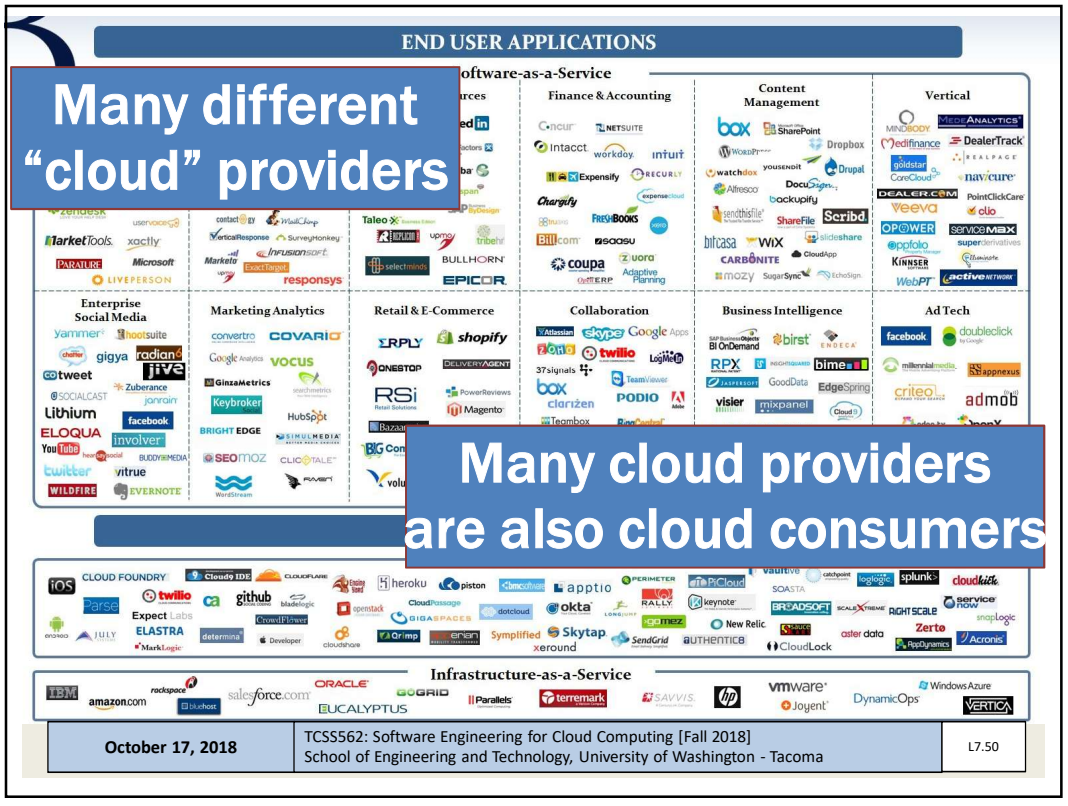
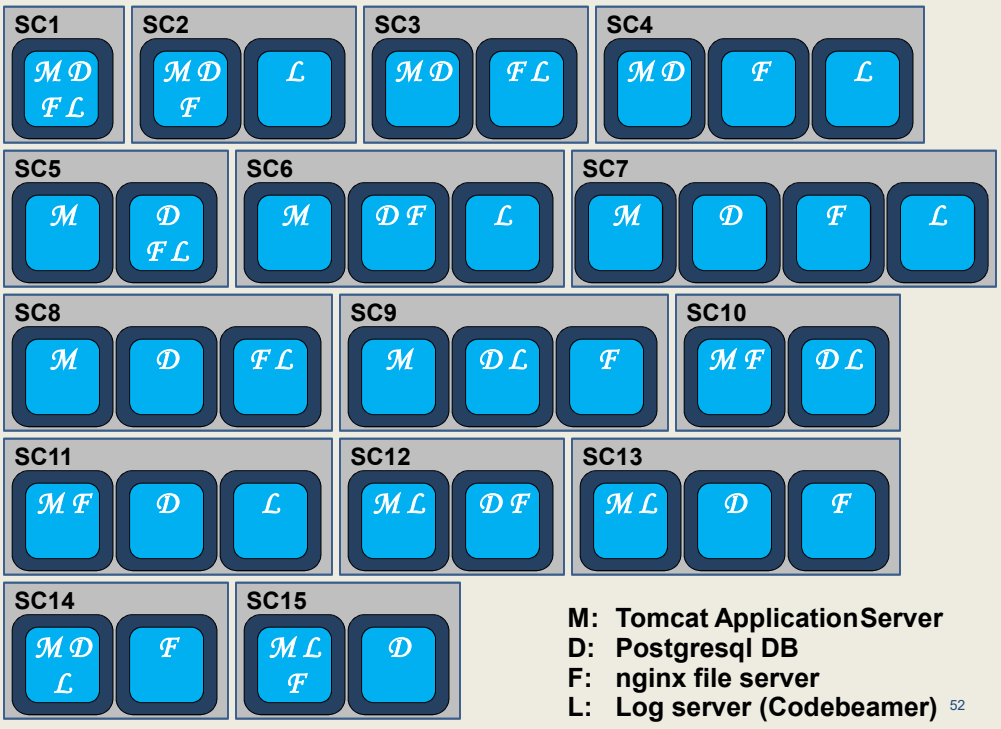
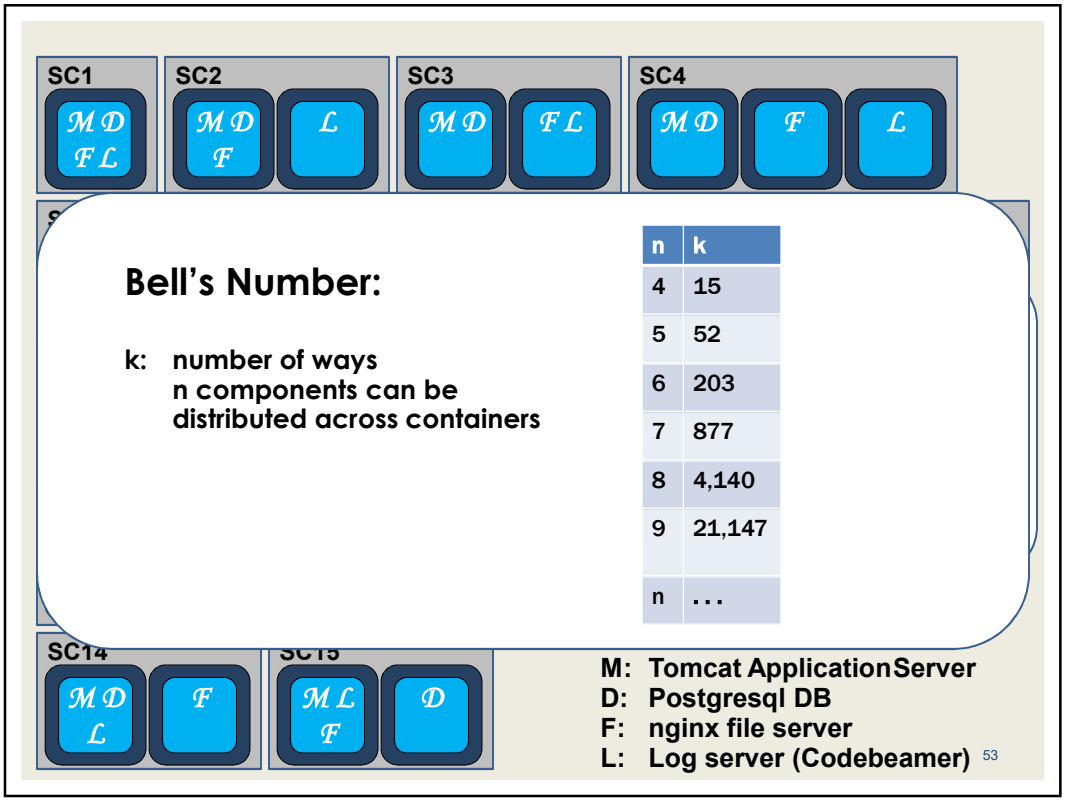




INFRASTRUCTURE-AS-A-SERVICE

- Compute resources, on demand, as-a-service
  - Generally raw "IT" resources
  - Hardware, network, containers, operating systems
- Typically provided through virtualization
- Generally not-preconfigured
- Administrative burden is owned by cloud consumer
- Best when high-level control over environment is needed
- Scaling is generally **not** automatic…
- Resources can be managed in bundles
- AWS CloudFormation: Allows specification in JSON/YAML of cloud infrastructures

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Bell's Number:
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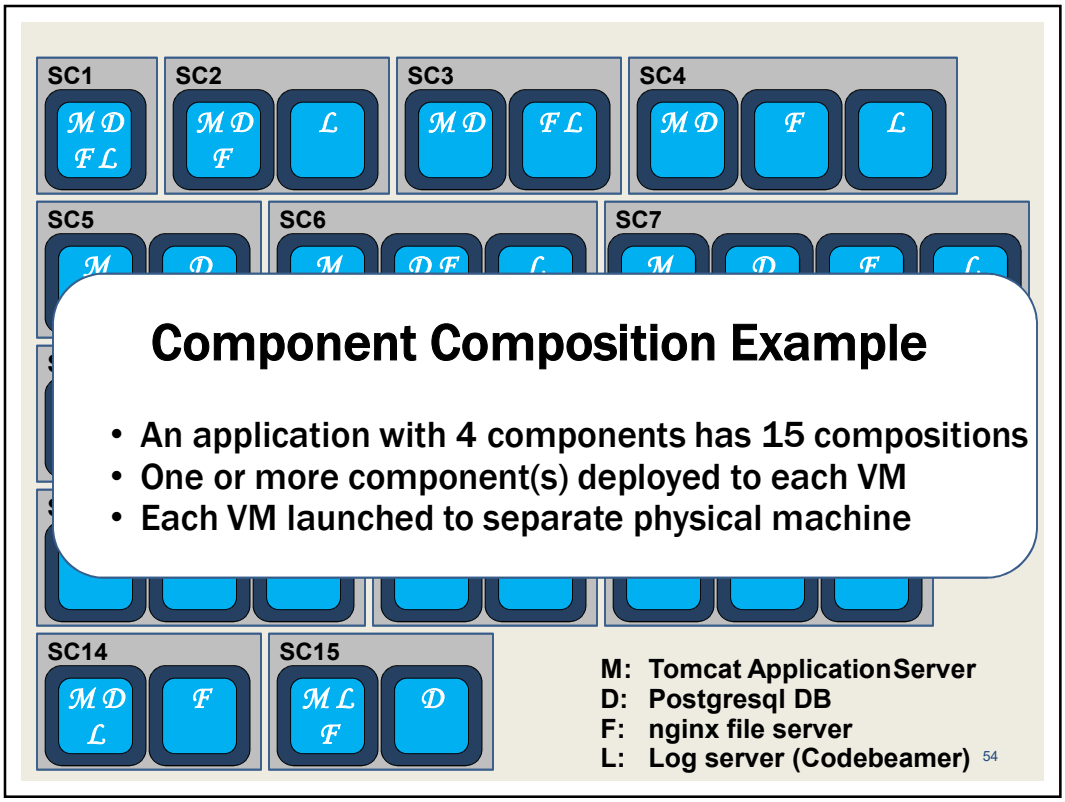
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Component Composition Example
• An application with 4 components has 15 compositions
• One or more component(s) deployed to each VM
• Each VM launched to separate physical machine
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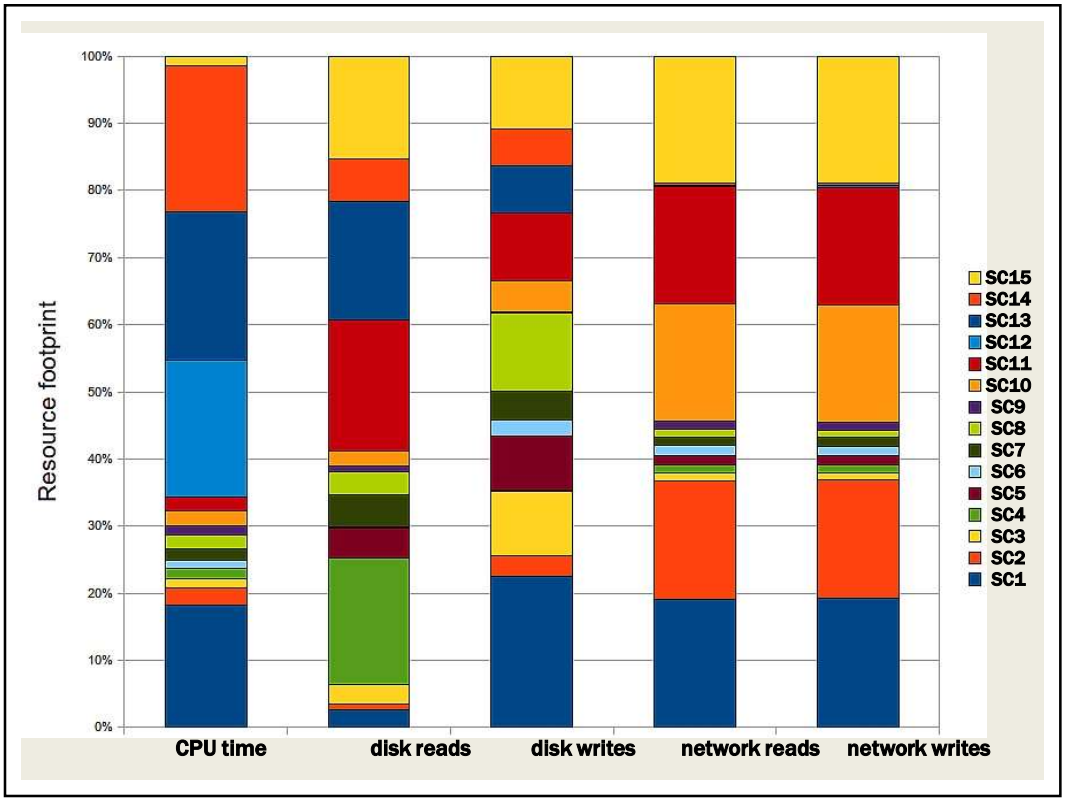
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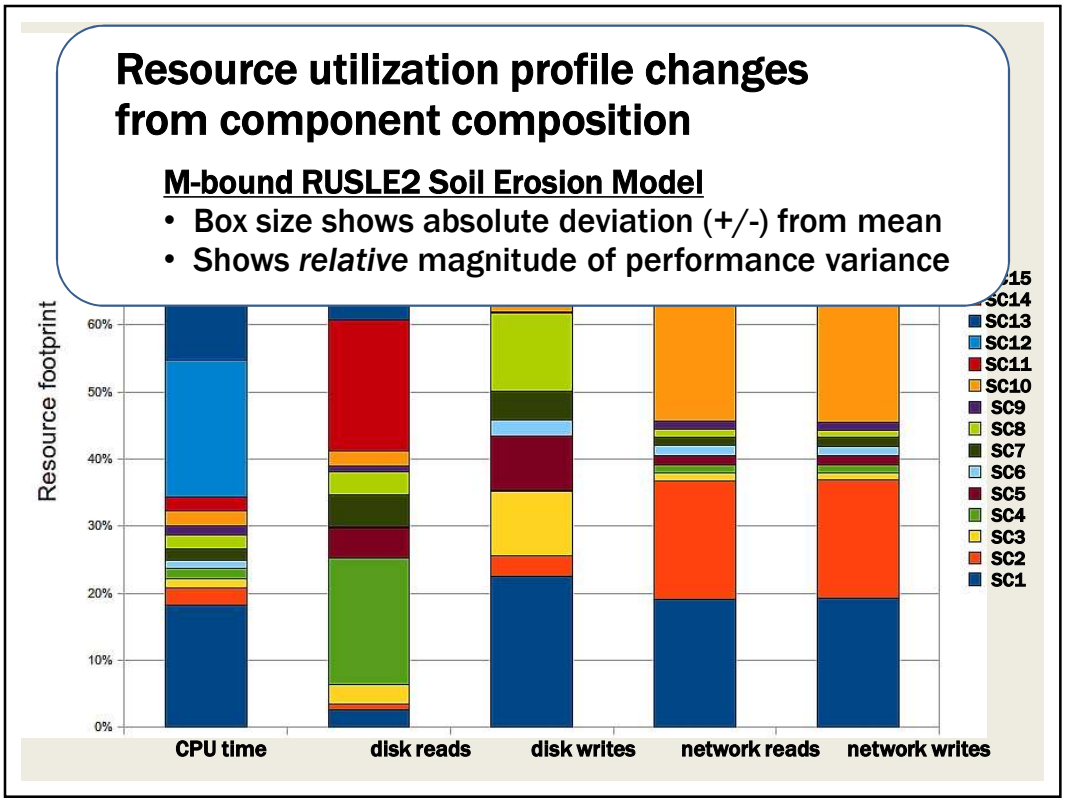
Resource utilization profile changes from component composition
M-bound RUSLE2 Soil Erosion Model
• Box size shows absolute deviation (+/-) from mean
• Shows *relative* magnitude of performance variance
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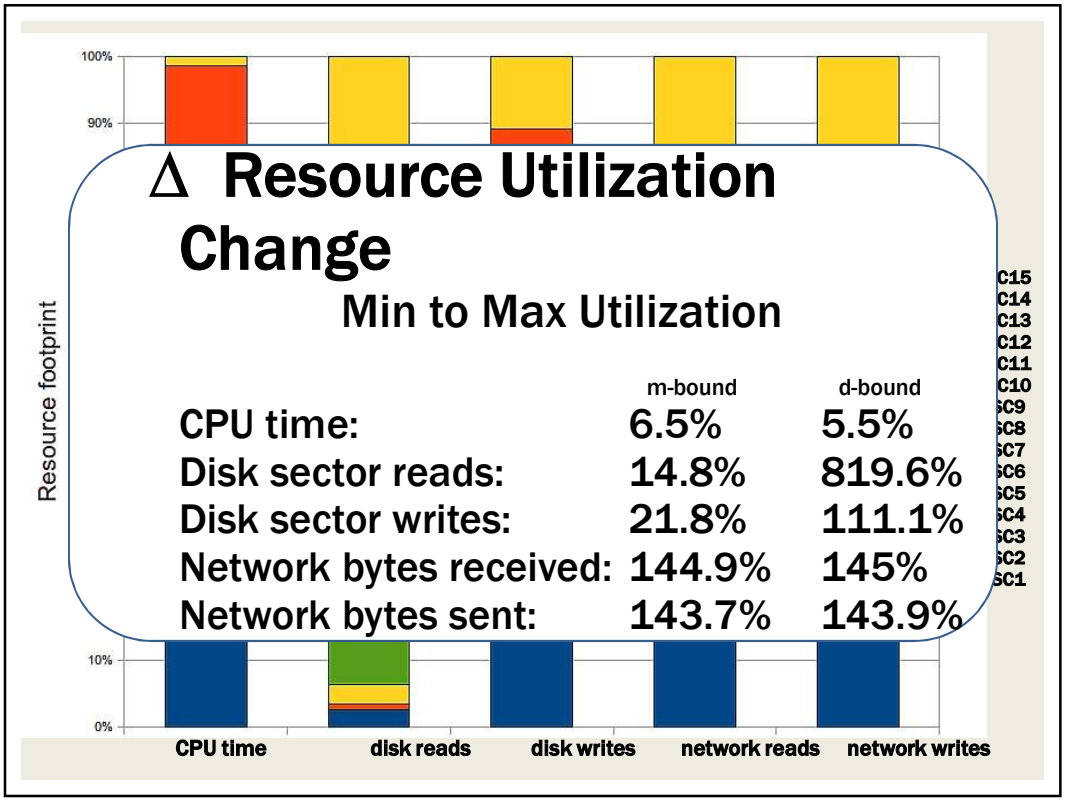
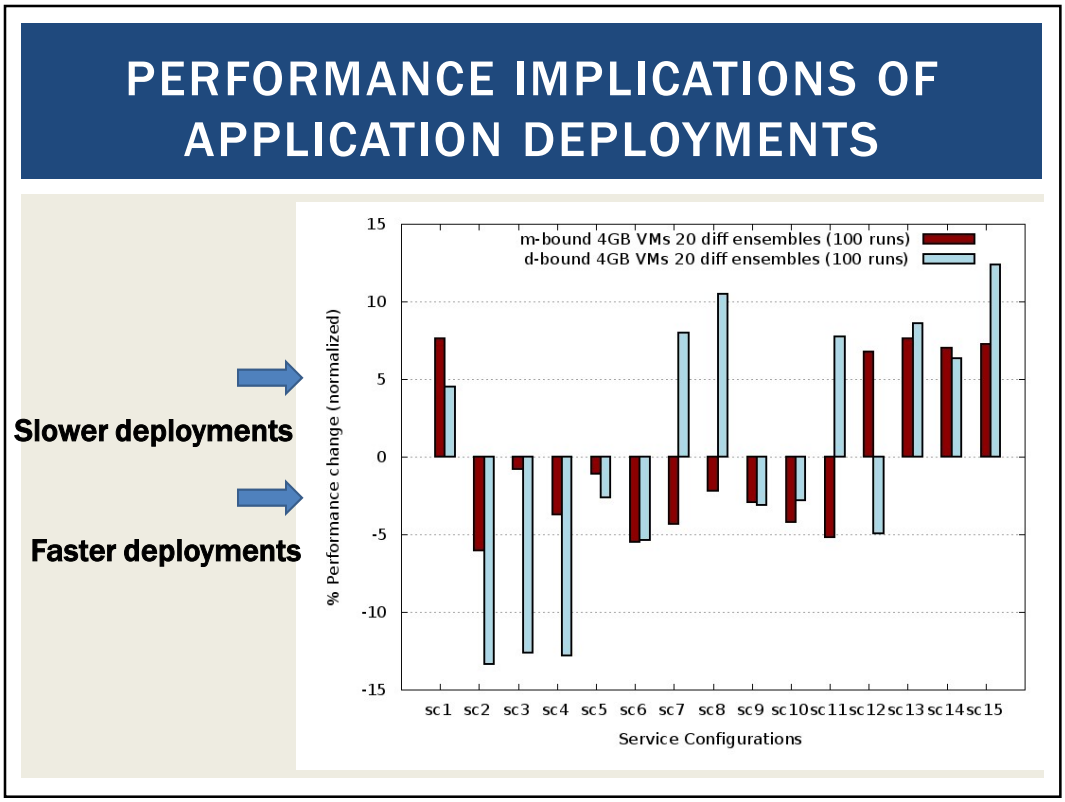


Δ Resource Utilization Change

Min to Max Utilization

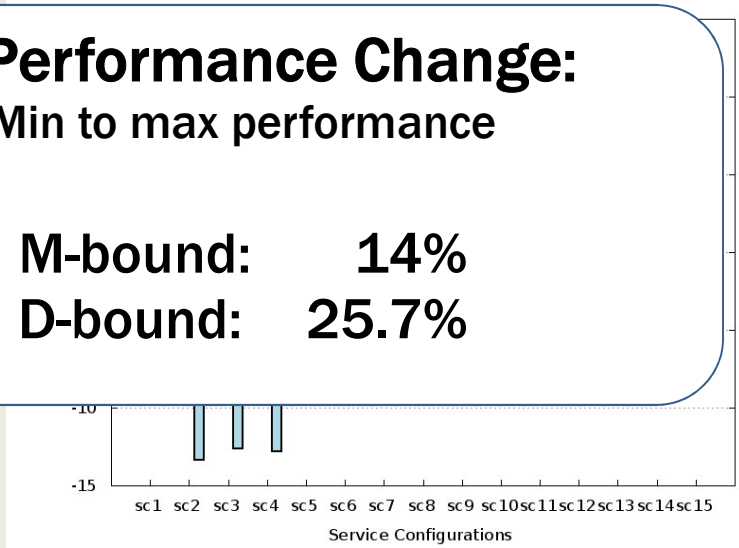
	m-bound	d-bound
CPU time:	6.5%	5.5%
Disk sector reads:	14.8%	819.6%
Disk sector writes:	21.8%	111.1%
Network bytes received:	144.9%	145%
Network bytes sent:	143.7%	143.9%



PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS OF APPLICATION DEPLOYMENTS

Δ Performance Change:
Min to max performance

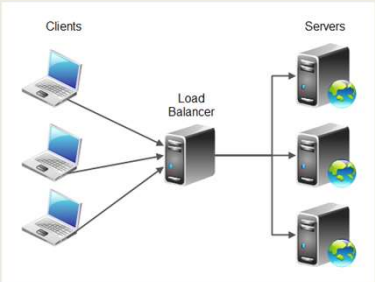
M-bound: 14%
D-bound: 25.7%



PLATFORM-AS-A-SERVICE

- Predefined, ready-to-use, hosting environment
- Infrastructure is further obscured from end user
- Scaling and load balancing may be automatically provided and automatic
- Variable to no ability to influence responsiveness

- Examples:
- Google App Engine
- Heroku
- AWS Elastic Beanstalk
- AWS Lambda (FaaS)



USES FOR PAAS

- Cloud consumer
  - Wants to extend on-premise environments into the cloud for "web app" hosting
  - Wants to entirely substitute an on-premise hosting environment
  - Cloud consumer wants to become a cloud provider and deploy its own cloud services to external users
- PaaS spares IT administrative burden compared to IaaS

SERVERLESS COMPUTING

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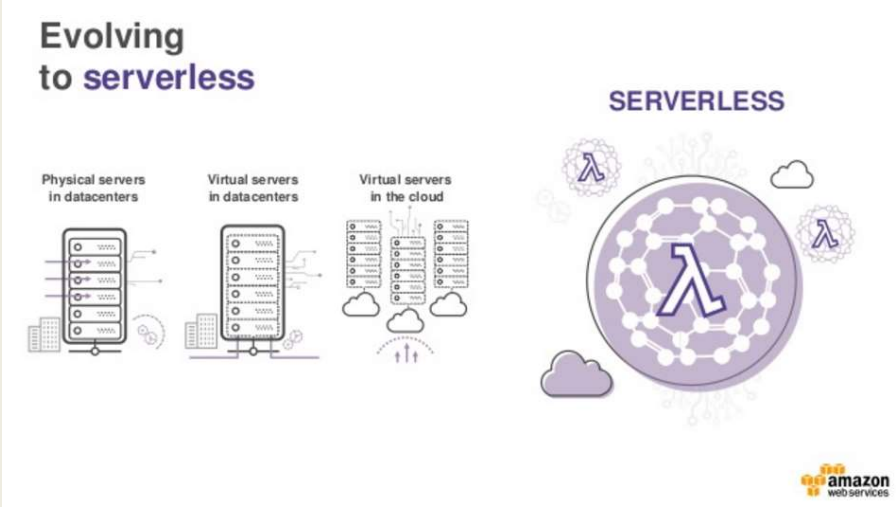


SERVERLESS COMPUTING

- Pay only for CPU/memory utilization
- High Availability
- Fault Tolerance
- Infrastructure Elasticity
- No Setup
- Function-as-a-Service (FAAS)

SERVERLESS COMPUTING

Why Serverless Computing?

Many features of distributed systems, that are challenging to deliver, are provided automatically

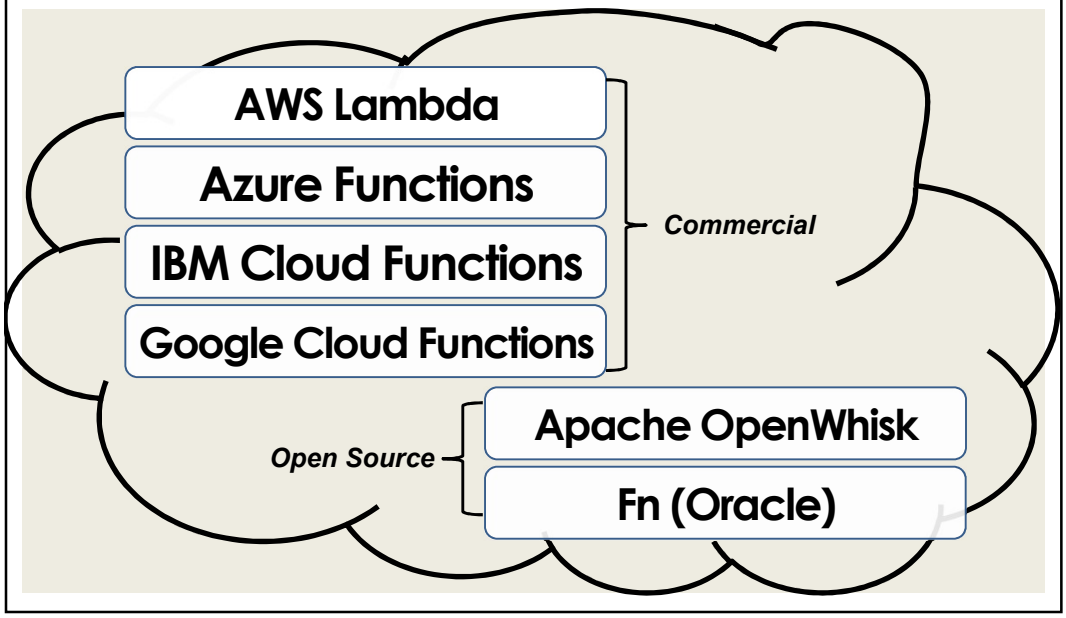
…they are built into the platform

SERVERLESS VS. FAAS

- **Serverless Computing**
- Refers to the avoidance of managing servers
- Can pertain to a number of "as-a-service" cloud offerings
- Function-as-a-Service (FaaS)
  - Developers write small code snippets (microservices) which are deployed separately
- Database-as-a-Service (DBaaS)
- Container-as-a-Service (CaaS)
- Others…

- Serverless is a buzzword
- This space is evolving…

FAAS PLATFORMS



AWS LAMBDA

Using AWS Lambda

Bring your own code
- Node.js, Java, Python, C#
- Bring your own libraries (even native ones)

Simple resource model
- Select power rating from 128 MB to 3 GB
- CPU and network allocated proportionately

Flexible use
- Synchronous or asynchronous
- Integrated with other AWS services

Flexible authorization
- Securely grant access to resources and VPCs
- Fine-grained control for invoking your functions

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FAAS PLATFORMS - 2

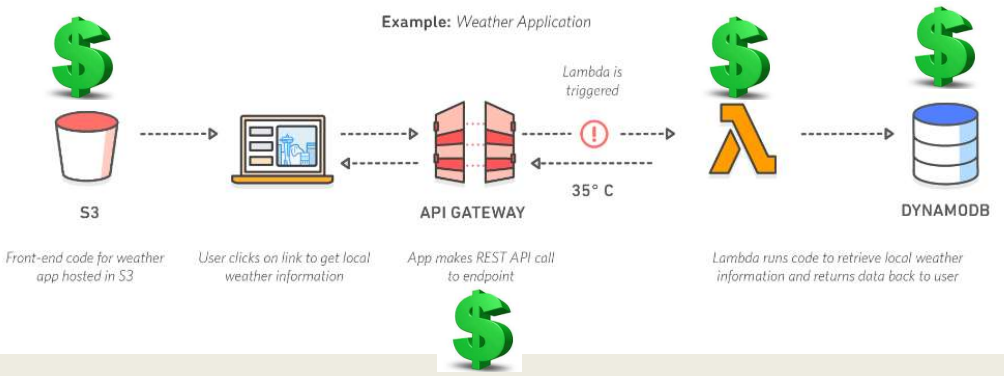
- New cloud platform for hosting application code
- Every cloud vendor provides their own:
  - AWS Lambda, Azure Functions, Google Cloud Functions, IBM OpenWhisk
- Similar to platform-as-a-service
- Replace opensource web container (e.g. Apache Tomcat) with abstracted vendor-provided **black-box** environment

FAAS PLATFORMS - 3

- Many challenging features of distributed systems are provided automatically
- ***Built into the platform:***
- Highly availability (24/7)
- Scalability
- Fault tolerance

CLOUD NATIVE SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

- Every service with a different pricing model



IAAS BILLING MODELS

- Virtual machines as-a-service at ¢ per hour
- No premium to scale:

```
      1000 computers    @     1 hour
=        1 computer     @  1000 hours
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- Illusion of infinite scalability to cloud user
- As many computers as you can afford
- Billing models are becoming increasingly granular
  - By the minute, second, 1/10th sec
- Auction-based instances: Spot instances →

FAAS COMPUTING BILLING MODELS

- **AWS Lambda Pricing**

- **FREE TIER:**
  first 1,000,000 function calls/month → FREE
  first 400 GB-sec/month → FREE

- Afterwards: *obfuscated pricing (AWS Lambda):*
  $0.0000002 per request
  $0.000000208 to rent 128MB / 100-ms

WEBSERVICE HOSTING EXAMPLE

- **ON AWS Lambda**
- Each service call: 100% of 1 CPU-core
  100% of 4GB of memory
- Workload: 2 continuous client threads
- Duration: 1 month (30 days)

- **ON AWS EC2:**
- Amazon EC2 c4.large 2-vCPU VM
- Hosting cost: $72/month
  c4.large: 10¢/hour, 24 hrs/day x 30 days

- **How much would hosting this workload cost on AWS Lambda?**

PRICING OBFUSCATION

- Workload: 20,736,000 GB-sec
- FREE: - 400 GB-sec
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- Charge: 4,134,000 calls
- Calls: $.84
- **Total:** $345.88
- **BREAK-EVEN POINT = ~4,326,927 GB-sec-month**

Worst-case scenario = ~4.8x !

AWS EC2:	$72.00
AWS Lambda:	$345.88

FAAS PRICING

- Break-even point is the point where renting VMs or deploying to a serverless platform (e.g. Lambda) is exactly the same.
- Our example is for one month
- Could also consider one day, one hour, one minute
- **What factors influence the break-even point for an application running on AWS Lambda?**

FACTORS IMPACTING PERFORMANCE OF FAAS COMPUTING PLATFORMS

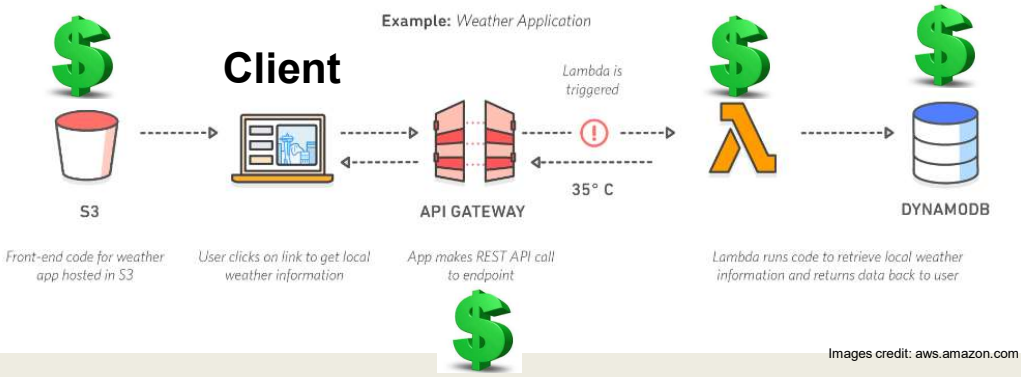
- Infrastructure elasticity
- Load balancing
- Provisioning variation
- Infrastructure retention: COLD vs. WARM
  - Infrastructure freeze/thaw cycle
- Memory reservation
- Service composition

FAAS CHALLENGES

- Vendor architectural lock-in – how to migrate?
- Pricing obfuscation – is it cost effective?
- Memory reservation – how much to reserve?
- Service composition – how to compose software?
- Infrastructure freeze/thaw cycle – how to avoid?

VENDOR ARCHITECTURAL LOCK-IN

- Cloud native (FaaS) software architecture requires external services/components



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- Increased dependencies → increased hosting costs

PRICING OBFUSCATION

- **VM pricing:** hourly rental pricing, billed to nearest second is intuitive…
- **FaaS pricing:**

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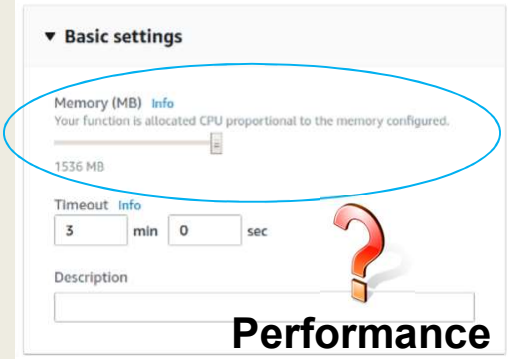
MEMORY RESERVATION QUEST

- Lambda memory reserved for functions
- UI provides "slider bar" to set function's memory allocation
- Resource capacity (CPU, disk, network) coupled to slider bar:
  "*every **doubling** of memory, **doubles** CPU…*"



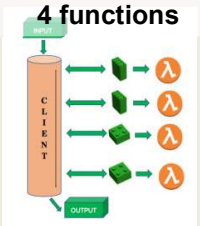
- **But how much memory do model services require?**

SERVICE COMPOSITION

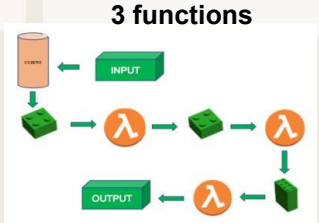
- **How should application code be composed for deployment to serverless computing platforms?**

Monolithic Deployment

Client flow control, 4 functions



Server flow control, 3 functions



- Recommended practice: Decompose into many microservices
- Platform limits: code + libraries ~250MB
- **How does composition impact the number of function invocations, and memory utilization?**

Performance

INFRASTRUCTURE FREEZE/THAW CYCLE

- Unused infrastructure is deprecated
  - *But after how long?*
- Infrastructure: VMs, "containers"
- **Provider-COLD / VM-COLD**
  - "Container" images - built/transferred to VMs
- **Container-COLD**
  - Image cached on VM
- **Container-WARM**
  - "Container" running on VM

Performance

Image from: Denver7 – The Denver Channel News

FUNCTION-AS-A-SERVICE

AWS Lambda Demo

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SOFTWARE-AS-A-SERVICE

- Software applications as shared cloud service
- Nearly all server infrastructure management is abstracted away from the user
- Software is generally configurable
- SaaS can be a complete GUI/UI based environment
- Or UI-free (database-as-a-service)
- SaaS offerings
  - Google Docs
  - Office 365
  - Cloud9 Integrated Development Environment
  - Salesforce

CONTAINER-AS-A-SERVICE

- Cloud service model for deploying application containers (e.g. Docker) to the cloud
- Deploy containers without worrying about managing infrastructure:
  - Servers
  - Or container orchestration platforms
  - Container platform examples: Kubernetes, Docker swarm, Apache Mesos/Marathon, Amazon Elastic Container Service
  - Container platforms support creation of container clusters on the using cloud hosted VMs
- CaaS Examples:
  - AWS Fargate
  - Azure Container Instances
  - Google KNative

OTHER CLOUD SERVICE MODELS

- IaaS
  - Storage-as-a-Service
- PaaS
  - Integration-as-a-Service
- SaaS
  - Database-as-a-Service
  - Testing-as-a-Service
  - Model-as-a-Service
- ?
  - Security-as-a-Service
  - Integration-as-a-Service

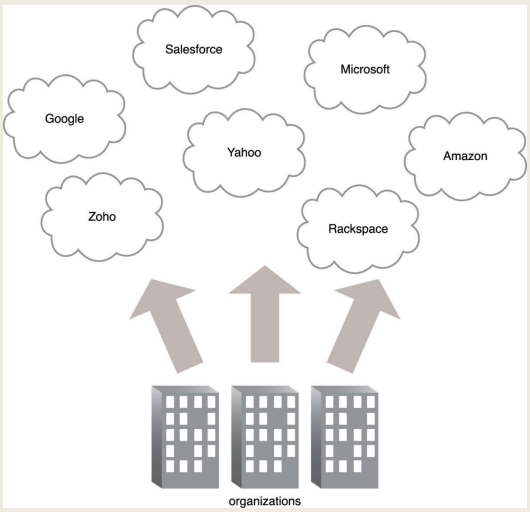
OBJECTIVES

- Cloud Computing Concepts and Models
  - Roles and boundaries
  - Cloud characteristics
  - Cloud delivery models
  - **Cloud deployment models**

CLOUD DEPLOYMENT MODELS

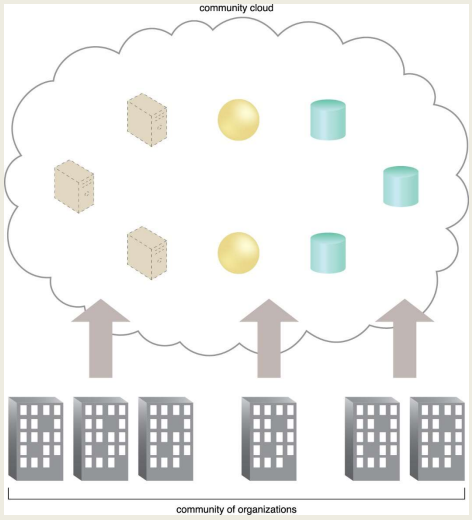
- Distinguished by ownership, size, access
- Four common models
  - Public cloud
  - Community cloud
  - Hybrid cloud
  - Private cloud

PUBLIC CLOUDS



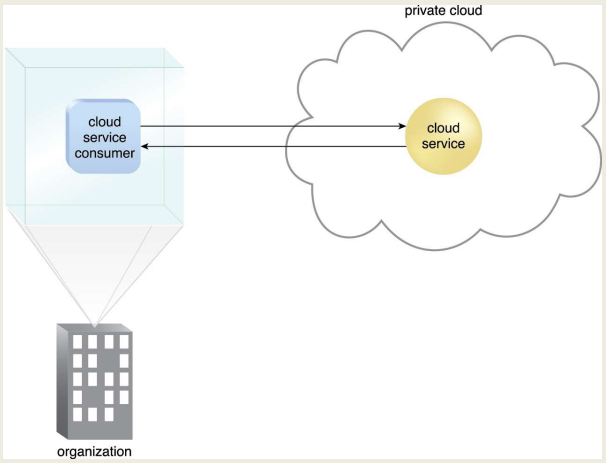
COMMUNITY CLOUD

- Specialized cloud built and shared by a particular community
- Leverage economies of scale within a community
- Research oriented clouds
- Examples:
  - Bionimbus - bioinformatics
  - Chameleon
  - CloudLab



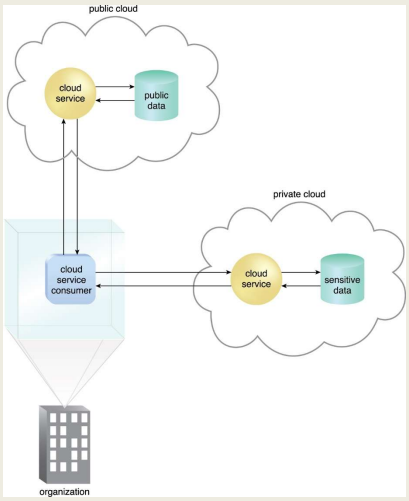
PRIVATE CLOUD

- Compute clusters configured as IaaS cloud
- Open source software
- Eucalyptus
- Openstack
- Apache Cloudstack
- Nimbus
- Virtualization: XEN, KVM, …



HYBRID CLOUD

- Extend private cloud typically with public or community cloud resources
- Cloud bursting: Scale beyond one cloud when resource requirements exceed local limitations
- Some resources can remain local for security reasons



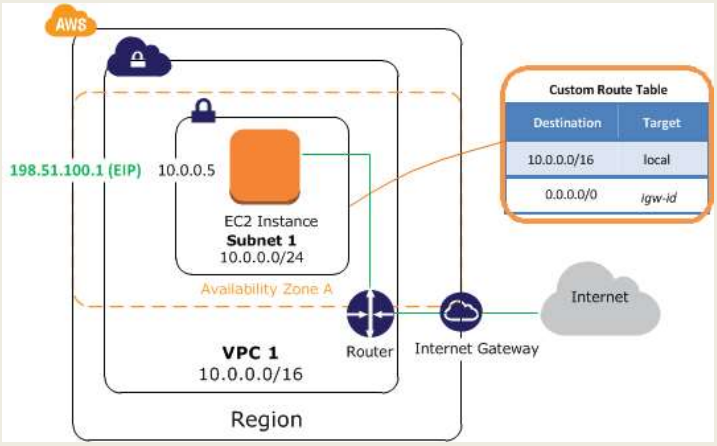
OTHER CLOUDS

- Federated cloud
  - Simply means to aggregate two or more clouds together
  - Hybrid is typically private-public
  - Federated can be public-public, private-private, etc.
  - Also called inter-cloud
- Virtual private cloud
  - Google and Microsoft simply call these virtual networks
  - Ability to interconnect multiple independent subnets of cloud resources together
  - Resources allocated private IPs from individual network subnets can communicate with each other (10.0.1.0/24) and (10.0.2.0/24)
  - Subnets can span multiple availability zones within an AWS region

QUESTIONS

SIMPLE VPC

- Recommended when using Amazon EC2



VPC SPANNING AVAILABILITY ZONES