



# Computing in the Cloud, What is IT all about?

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*Cloud Computing has become*

*The biggest rage in technology, of late*

*Let us jointly explore*

*What is real or virtual, and how much of IT is fake*

*We will start by dissecting*

*What cloud is all about*

*Its makeup and characteristics*

*And why it has such clout*

*Each letter of CLOUD, holds a clue and*

*Tells us about its might*

*The rest I will let you figure out*

*Why this new way of computing is so tight*

*C of the Cloud*

*Stands for computing that is commoditized*

*Each technology stack of the OSI model*

*Is integrated and highly virtualized*



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*The Hardware, the software, in the cloud*

*The O/S and even the network*

*Requires little new capital*

*And, yet adds to your net-worth*

*L is for Leverage*

*The Cloud provides to all*

*Internal, private or public cloud*

*One can access them, without even a call*

*O is for the new way of Outsourcing*

*The cloud has ushered in*

*Those who hop on the hype cycle*

*Will flourish and help their customers win*

*No longer will it be the sourcing of data center*

*Or your place or mine*

*The focus will be business transaction*

*That can be computed for less than a dime*



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*U is for Ubiquity*

*The Cloud can finally offer  
Anytime, anyplace computing  
Without latency or waiting to buffer*

*D stands for dynamic provisioning*

*The most important feature of this new information age  
From a standard browser one can access  
Unbound computing, ubiquitous connectivity and infinite storage*

*Death is what Cloud will bring*

*To un-virtualized and proprietary compute environment  
There will be a few applications that may still need them  
But they will be far and few, outdated and mostly dormant*

*Finally, there is a letter*

*That must be added to the cloud  
Without which it is all but vapor  
And nothing to shout about*



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*It is S for Security*

*So critical for the Cloud ushered Cyberspace*

*As your data seamlessly bounces between private and public cloud*

*And moves around the globe, as if in a race*

*S is also for Service*

*The clouds collectively enable*

*From infrastructure, to platform, to software-as-a-service*

*Open, affordable and capable!*

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