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# An Introduction to Cloud Computing:

## *Evolution or Revolution?*



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# Agenda

- A (very) Brief History of Computing
- The Anatomy of a Cloud
- What Are They Good For?
- Getting Started Today

# In the beginning....

## ...was the mainframe

- ▶ The IBM S/360
- ▶ IBM created the first fully *virtualized* hardware machine in 1967
- ▶ and made it a standard feature of all the S/370 mainframes in 1972



**Many *Virtual Machines* able to run on a single mainframe, sharing the CPUs, memory, storage and network**

**Users accessed the VMs from *thin clients* (“dumb terminals”)**

**The usage of the mainframe was broken down in detail to allow charge-back to the users’ departments**

# and then things got distributed...

- The '80's saw the shift to Personal Computing...
  - ▶ Democratization of computing, making it cheaper for more people to have access to computers
  - ▶ Initially a shift to “computers for all”, with each user having the whole machine dedicated just to them



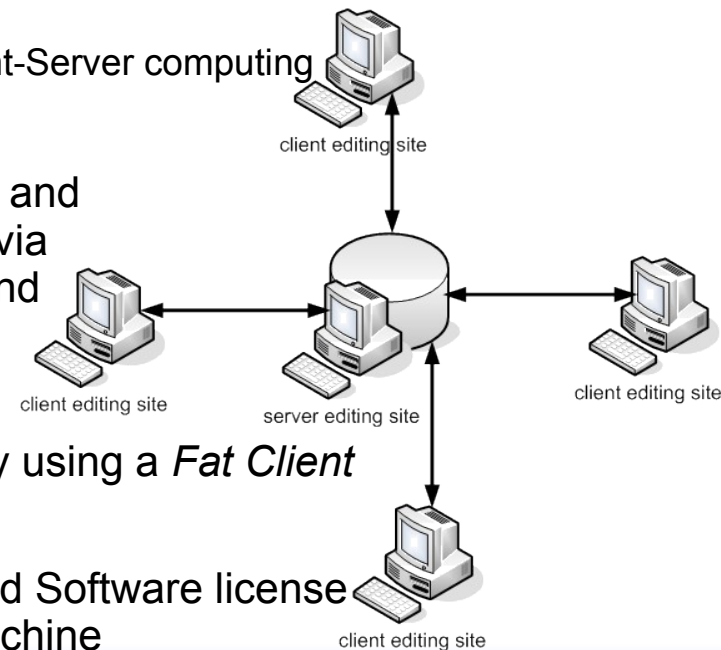
Optimized  
for  
Agility

- ... the 90's to Client-Server computing

- ▶ Sharing data and applications via Client PCs and Server PCs

- ▶ User typically using a *Fat Client*

- ▶ Hardware and Software license costs per machine



## ...and the web took this to the extreme

- The turn of the millennium saw further democratization of computing...
  - ▶ Now a shift to “sharing for all” and “content for all”
  - ▶ But also a shift back to *thin clients* (the web browser) to access the applications as services

- ...and emergence of standards to re-connect the distribution

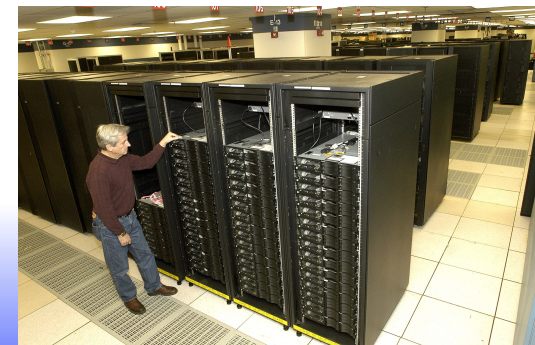
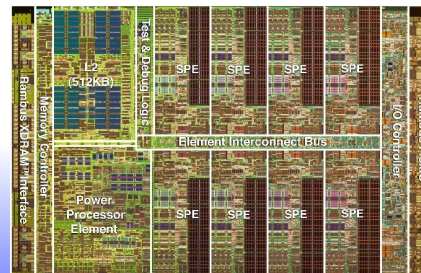
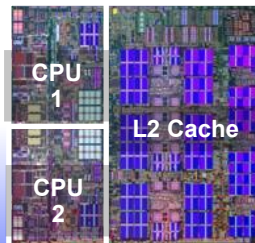
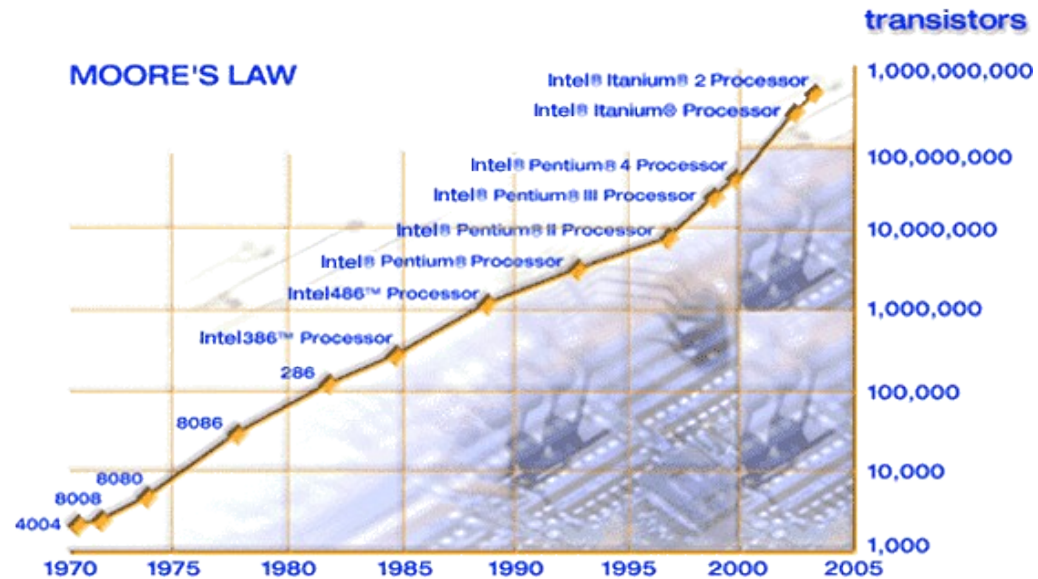


- ▶ to try and help to join back up all the distributed computers
- ▶ Grids, Web Services, and Utility Computing have visions of “Virtual Organizations”



# Meanwhile...the hardware “free lunch” runs out

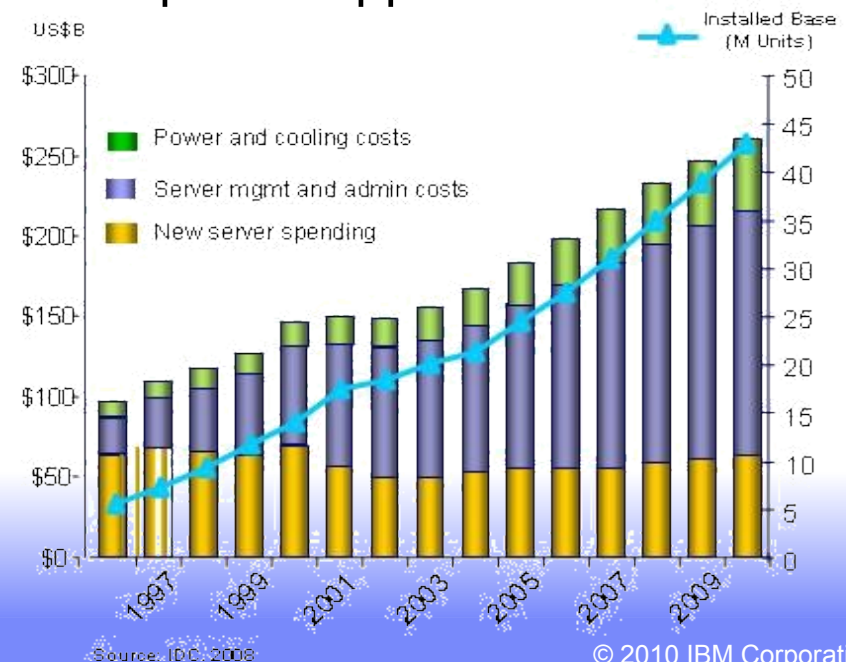
- Whilst processors had been getting faster and faster, individual PCs could handle the increasing workloads
- But although transistors continue to shrink, we could no longer make them run faster and faster\*
- The solution was to *scale out* (with multi-cores and commodity hardware) rather than *scale up*





## But what was wrong with this picture?

- The key values from the mainframe platform were lost
  - ▶ The management capabilities of a single platform
  - ▶ The high utilization
  - ▶ The redistribution of costs of the platform to it's users
  
- Server machines bought and installed for specific applications
  - ▶ Many different operating systems, software and middleware to manage
  - ▶ Very low utilization per server
  - ▶ All consuming power
  - ▶ All needing cooling



With the economic climate, and ecological issues, things had to change...



### Doing more with less

Reduce capital expenditures and operational expenses



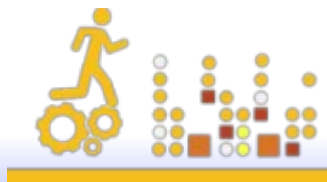
### Reducing risk

Ensure the right levels of security and resiliency across all business data and processes



### Higher quality services

Improve quality of services and deliver new services that help the business grow and reduce costs



### Breakthrough agility

Increase ability to quickly deliver new services to capitalize on opportunities while containing costs and managing risk



# So what is Cloud Computing?

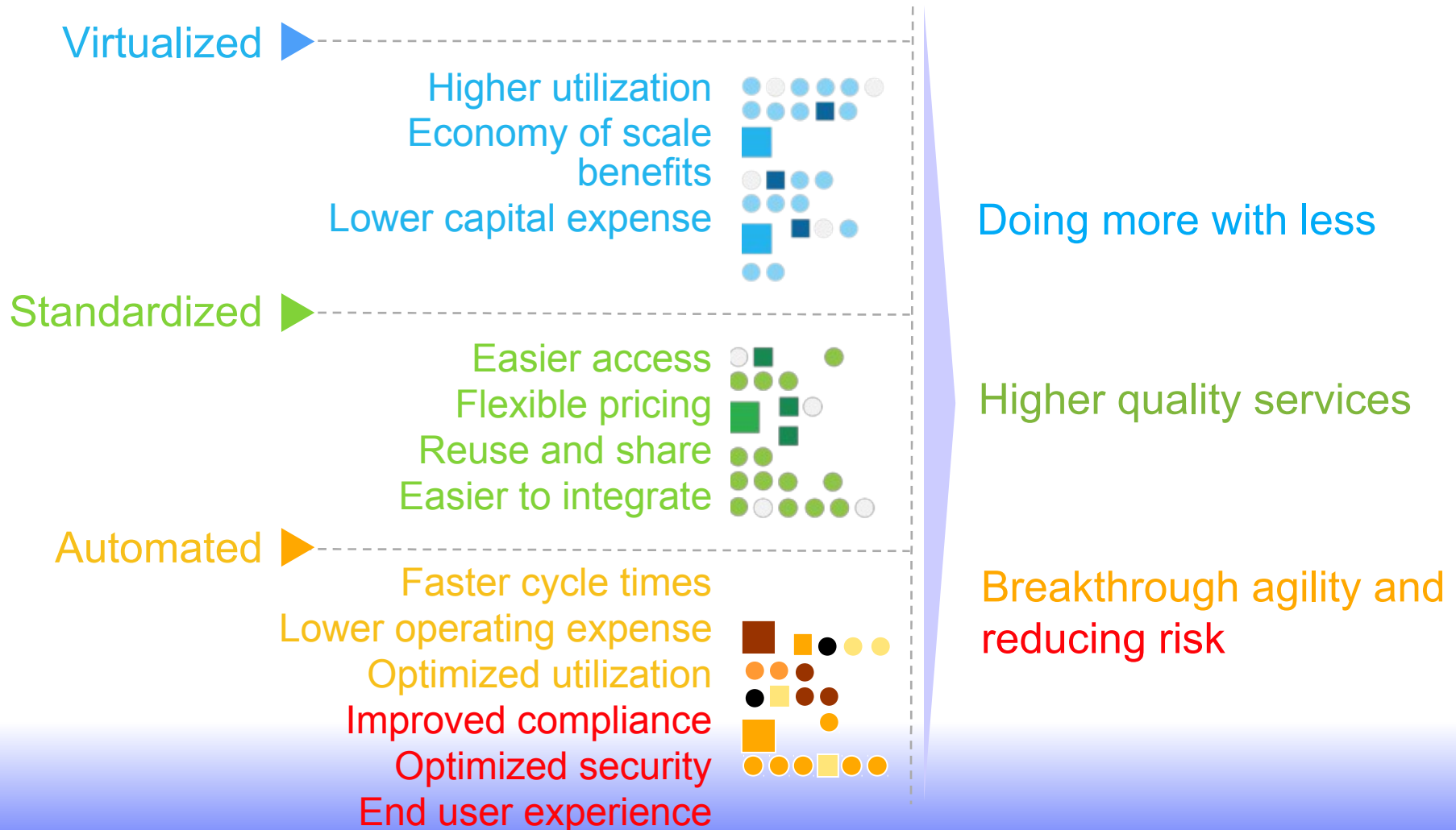
... a style of computing in which dynamically **scalable** and often **virtualized** resources are provided **as a service** over the Internet. Users need not have knowledge of, expertise in, or control over the technology infrastructure “in the cloud” that supports them.

Wikipedia

- “The Cloud” is the infrastructure that a “service” runs on
  - ▶ A collection of *resources* pooled together, and **virtualized**
  - ▶ **Standardized** service running on *virtual resources* in that pool
  - ▶ As demand increases, the service is *rapidly provisioned* through **automation**, on more *virtual resources* from the pool – *elastic scaling*
- *Effectively, it's the value proposition of the mainframe, client-server, and web, all converging together*



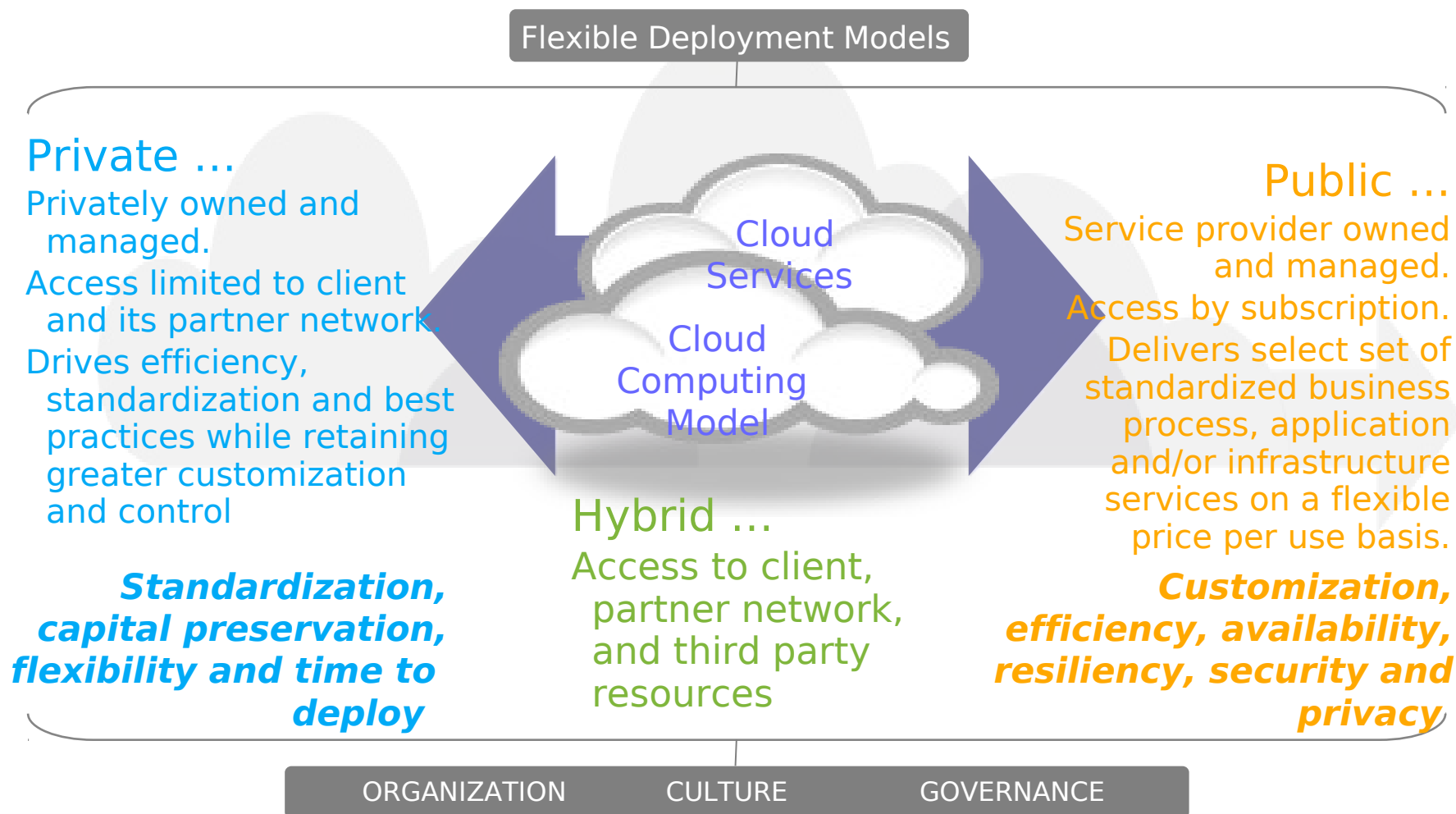
# Cloud computing is an Evolution that helps deliver IT and business benefits



# Anatomy of a Cloud



# Cloud Computing Deployment Models

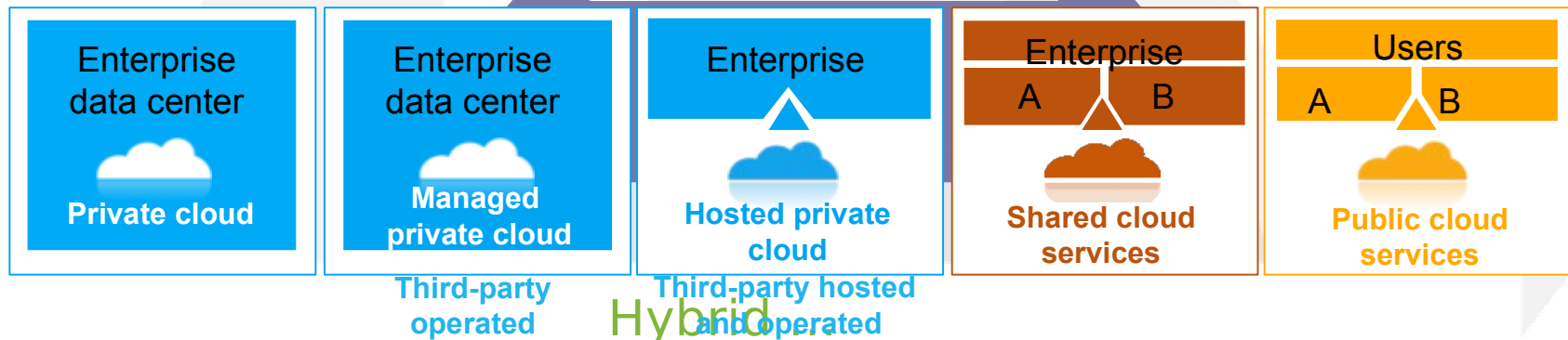


# Cloud Computing Deployment Models

## Flexible Deployment Models

Private ...

Public ...

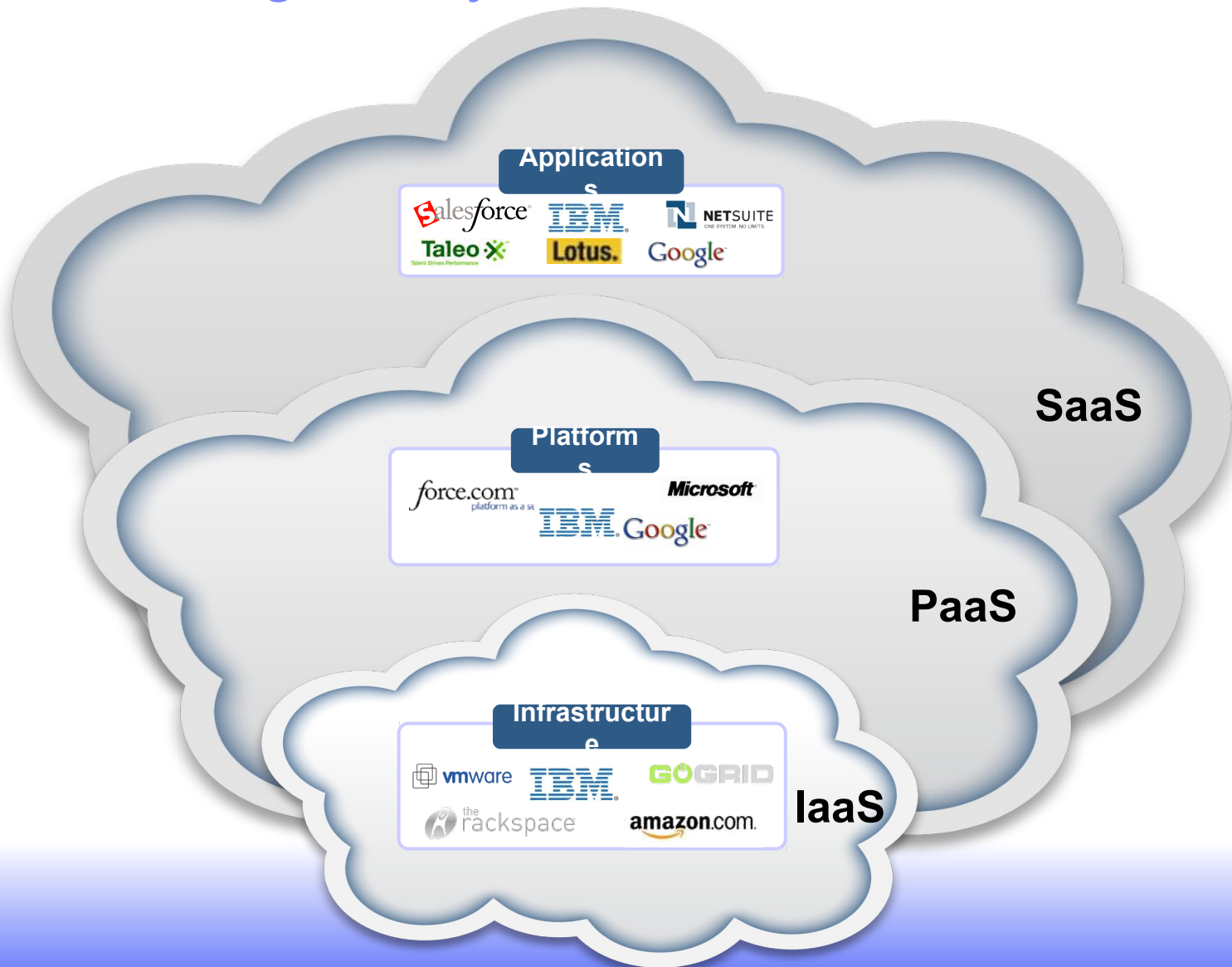


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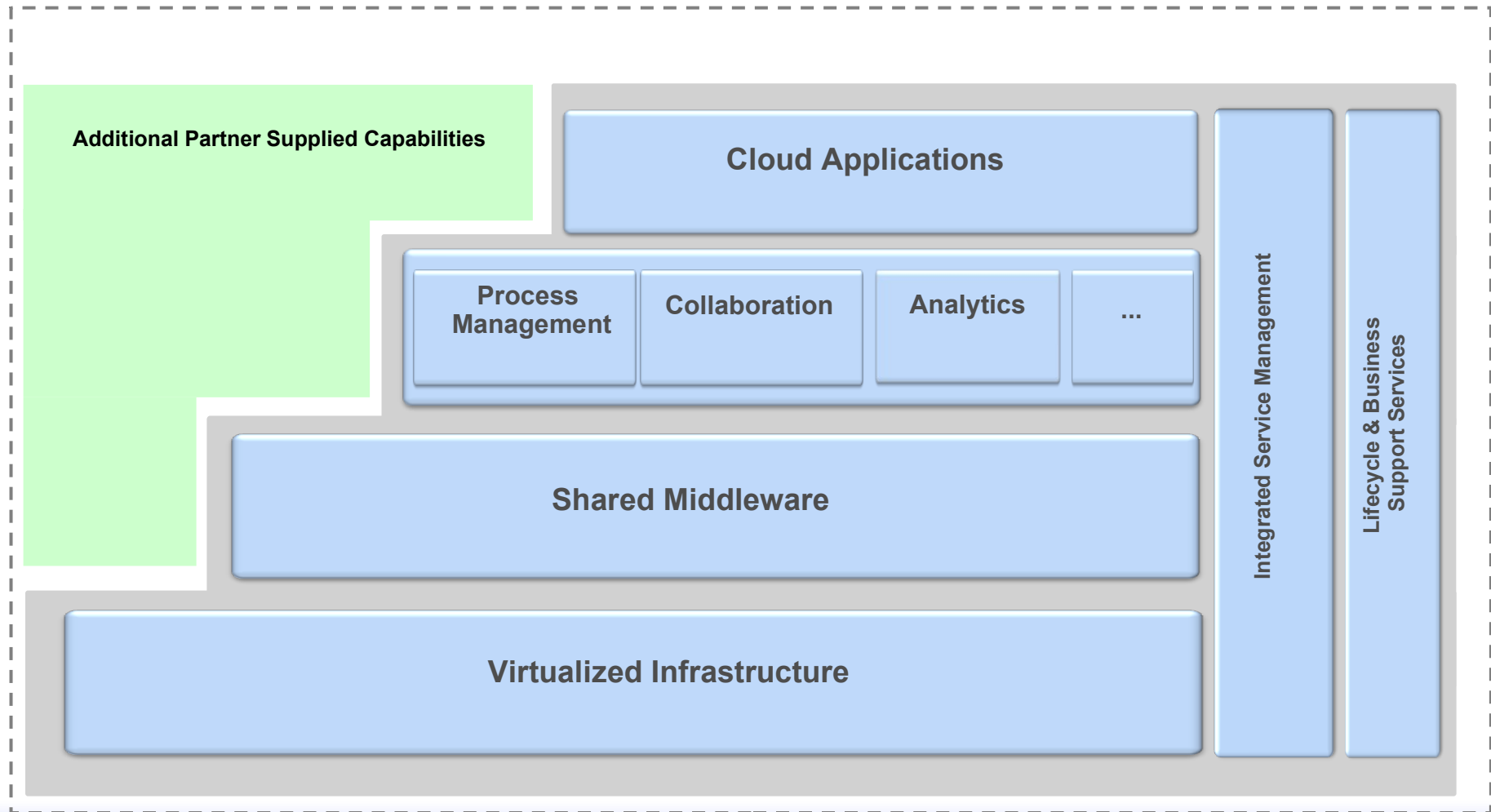
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# There are a range of layers to clouds





# An IBM architectural view of cloud computing





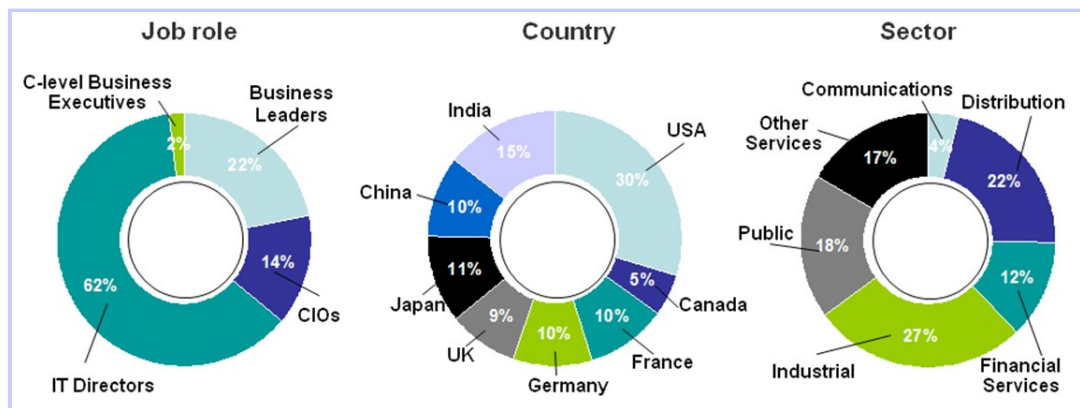
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## Cloud Workloads: What are they good for?



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# In July 2009, IBM interviewed 1090 IT and LoB decision makers to understand their current cloud adoption



## ■ Sourcing choices

- Cloud delivery models
- Drivers behind adoption
- Barriers to adoption

## ■ Workload adoption

- Public/private cloud preferences
- Adoption rates

## ■ Delivering "services" in cloud

- Service management
- Infrastructure readiness



Analytics



Collaboration



Development  
and Test



Desktop and  
Devices



Infrastructure



Business  
Services

# Top workloads

## Top public workloads

Audio/video/Web conferencing  
Service help desk  
Infrastructure for training and demonstration  
WAN capacity and VoIP infrastructure  
Desktop  
Dev/Test environment infrastructure  
Storage  
Data center network capacity  
Server

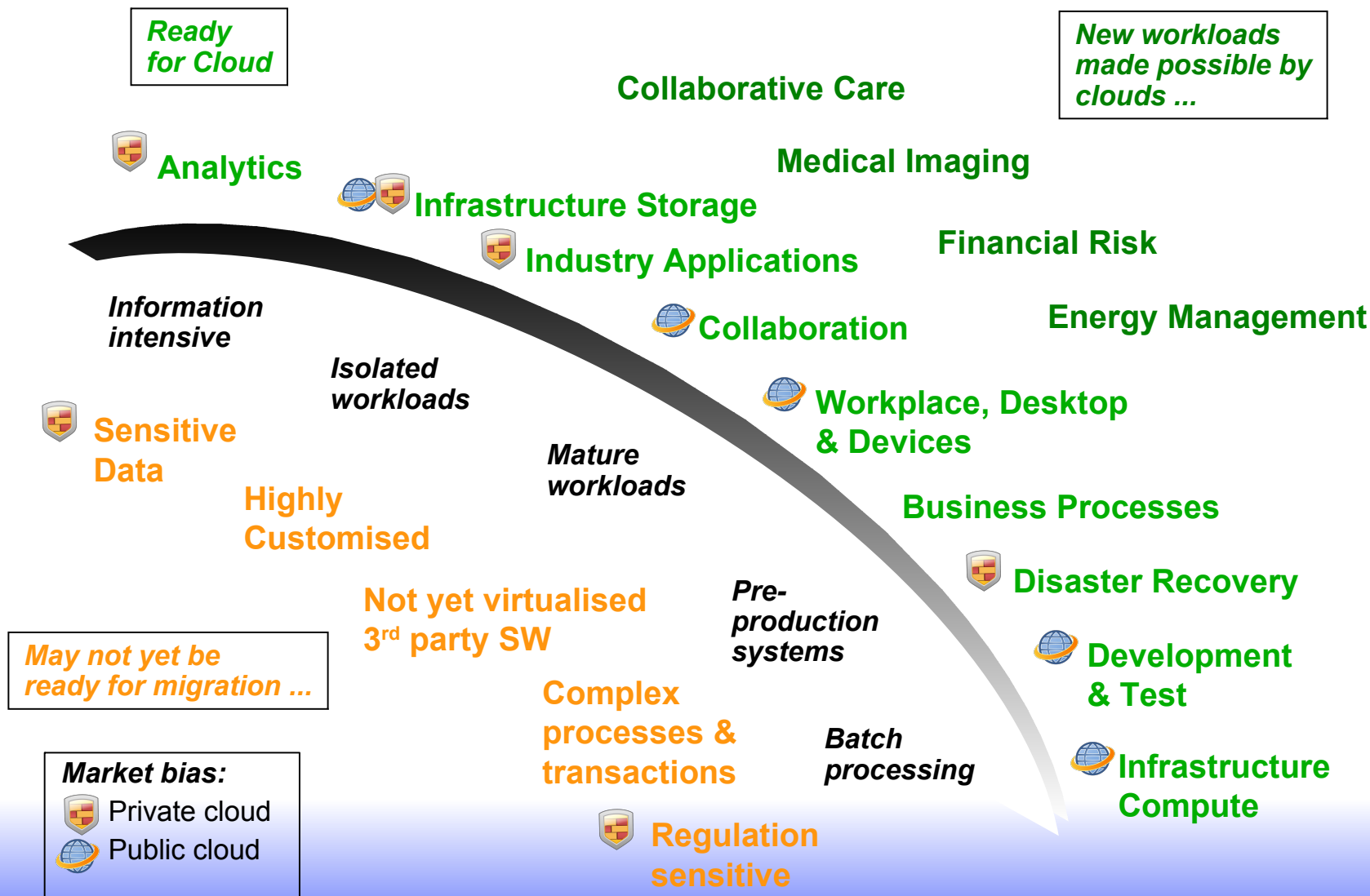
***Infrastructure and  
collaboration workloads  
emerge as most appropriate***

## Top private workloads

Data mining, text mining, or other analytics  
Security  
Data warehouses or data marts  
Business continuity and disaster recovery  
Test environment infrastructure  
Long-term data archiving/preservation  
Transactional databases  
Industry-specific applications  
ERP applications

***Database, application and  
infrastructure workloads  
emerge as most appropriate***

# Identifying workloads with affinity for Cloud



# Smart Business Development & Test on the IBM Cloud

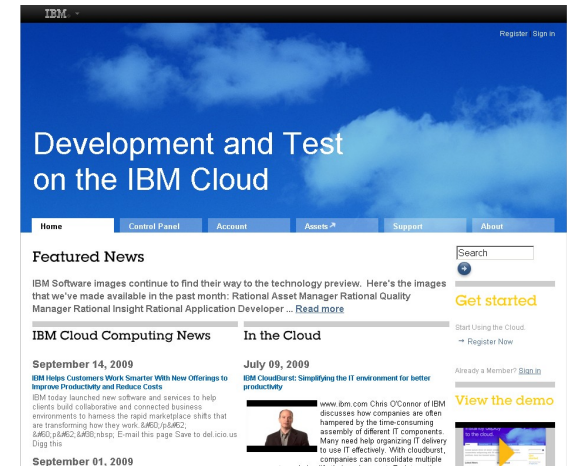
*An online collaborative environment for the development and testing of applications*

## Features:

- Instant self-service provisioning of development and test environments
- Dynamic/ elastic computing for tests and builds with virtualized environments
- Flexible deployment pricing options
  - Private hosted – fixed price, time and materials, or pay as you go
  - Multi-tenant shared and shared – utility/ metered billing based consumption

## Environment:

- System x – Linux and Windows with local storage and SAN option, p and z to follow
- Eclipse and Rational Tools
- IBM Middleware images



## Client Benefits:

- Reduced high cost and deployment time of software development and test environment
- Limit capital investment and significant software license savings
- Reduce development and test provisioning cycle times from weeks to minutes
- Improve quality with reduced defects due to faulty configurations
- Improve governance and reduce risk of large software deployments



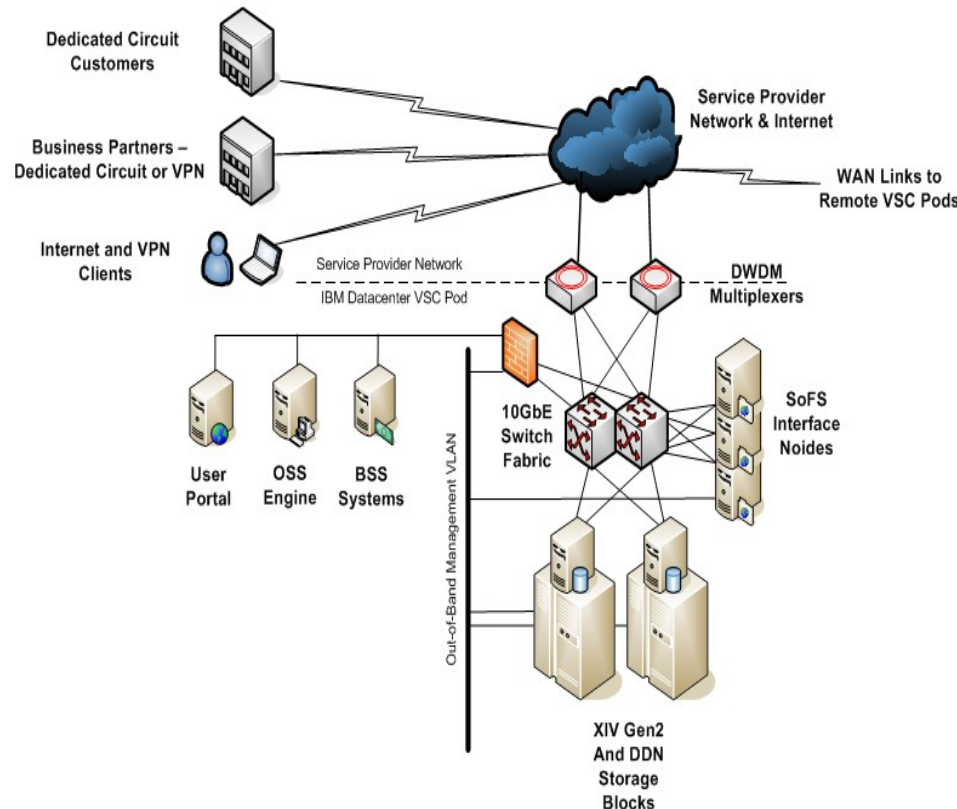
# Smart Business Storage Cloud

*A remote file based storage solution*

**What is a storage cloud?** It is a multi-tenant pool of data storage resources that is delivered over a network to local and remote compute resources. The business model supports a service catalog front-end and utility/metered billing based on consumption.

## Features:

- Multi-tenant solution can leverage economies of scale
- Dedicated bandwidth for increased performance
- Geographical distribution to service global customers
- Cross site replication for data consistency
- Standards based solution (CIFS, NFS, FTP, HTTP)
- Unique security model, very high degree of isolation
- 24x7 monitoring and management
- Strong customer service



## Use Cases:

- Collaboration Data and General File Storage
- Digital Media
- Web Content Store
- High Performance Analytics
- Medical Records (future)

# IBM Smart Business Desktop Cloud

*Characterized by thin clients, with higher levels of security and resilience, improved backup and recovery...and reduced cost and complexity associated with managing the desktop/laptop environment*

## Integrating hardware, software and services in an innovative solution

- Allows clients to create a private cloud that enables internet-based PCs and other devices to access applications and data through a centrally managed computing environment
- Maintains highest levels of quality and security in accessing critical information remotely, from any device, anywhere
- Helps clients quickly scale their IT infrastructures to address business demands, while reducing cost and complexity
- Helps clients use up to 73 percent less power than traditional desktops and laptops

### Client Benefits:

- Reduce desktide support costs by 85-90%
- Reduce help desk calls by 20-40%
- Reduce OS and application update costs
- Easily ensure desktop security and resiliency
- Use up to 73% less power over traditional fat client deployments





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# The Value of Application Aware Cloud Computing



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# What is Shared Middleware?

## Infrastructure View (aka IaaS)

Central Abstraction: **Virtual Machine**

Cloud provides:

- CPUs
- Memory
- Storage
- Networking

IaaS does not understand, or care, about the software running inside the virtual machine

## Shared Middleware (aka PaaS)

Central Abstraction: **Application**

Cloud provides:

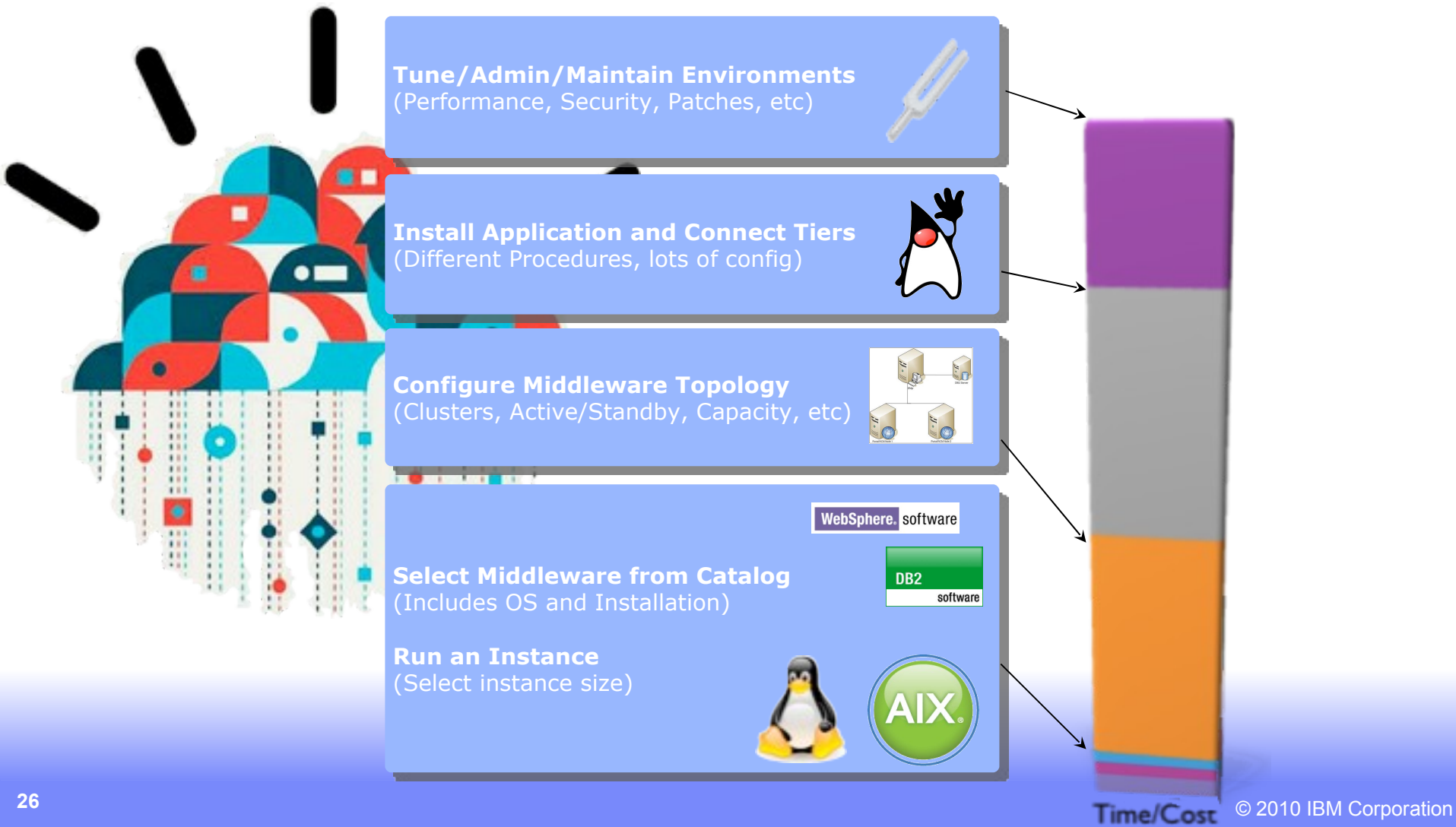
- Middleware runtimes
  - Databases, Connectivity, Queues
- Security
- Caching
- Routing
- Storage

PaaS has a **viewpoint** on application, supporting a particular set of programming models and **understanding** the execution of the application deeply

# Running Your Application - Native Hardware



# Running Your Application – Infrastructure Cloud





# Running Your Application – Middleware-aware Cloud



**Tune/Admin/Maintain Environments**  
(Performance, Security, Patches, etc)



**Script Application onto Pattern**  
(Standardized Patterns, Automation)



**Select and Customize Topology Pattern**

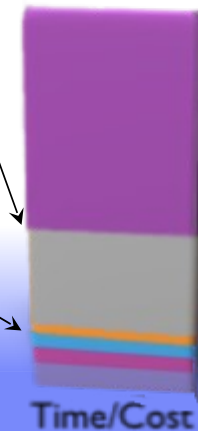


Includes OS & Middleware, Clustering, HA and other characteristics

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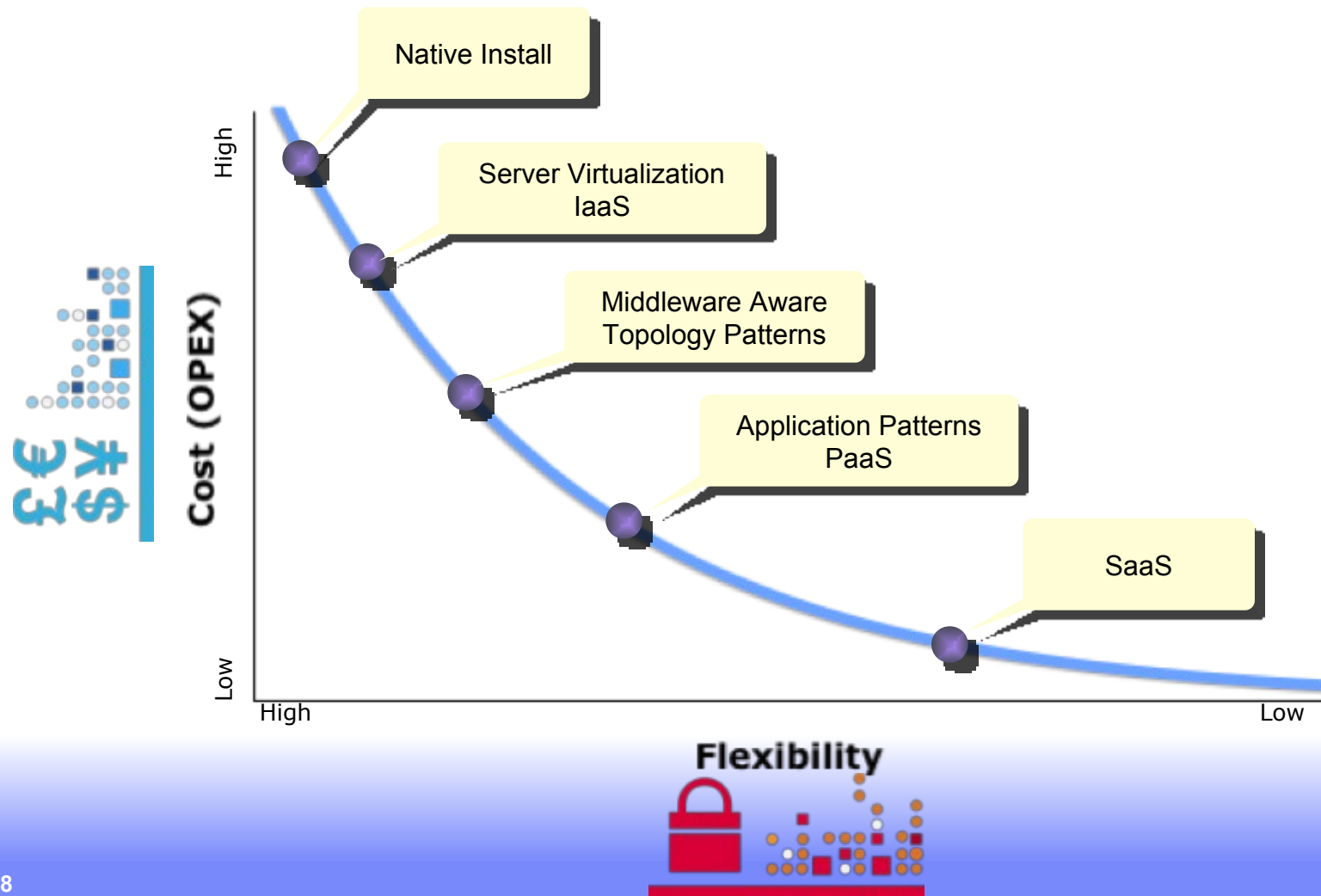


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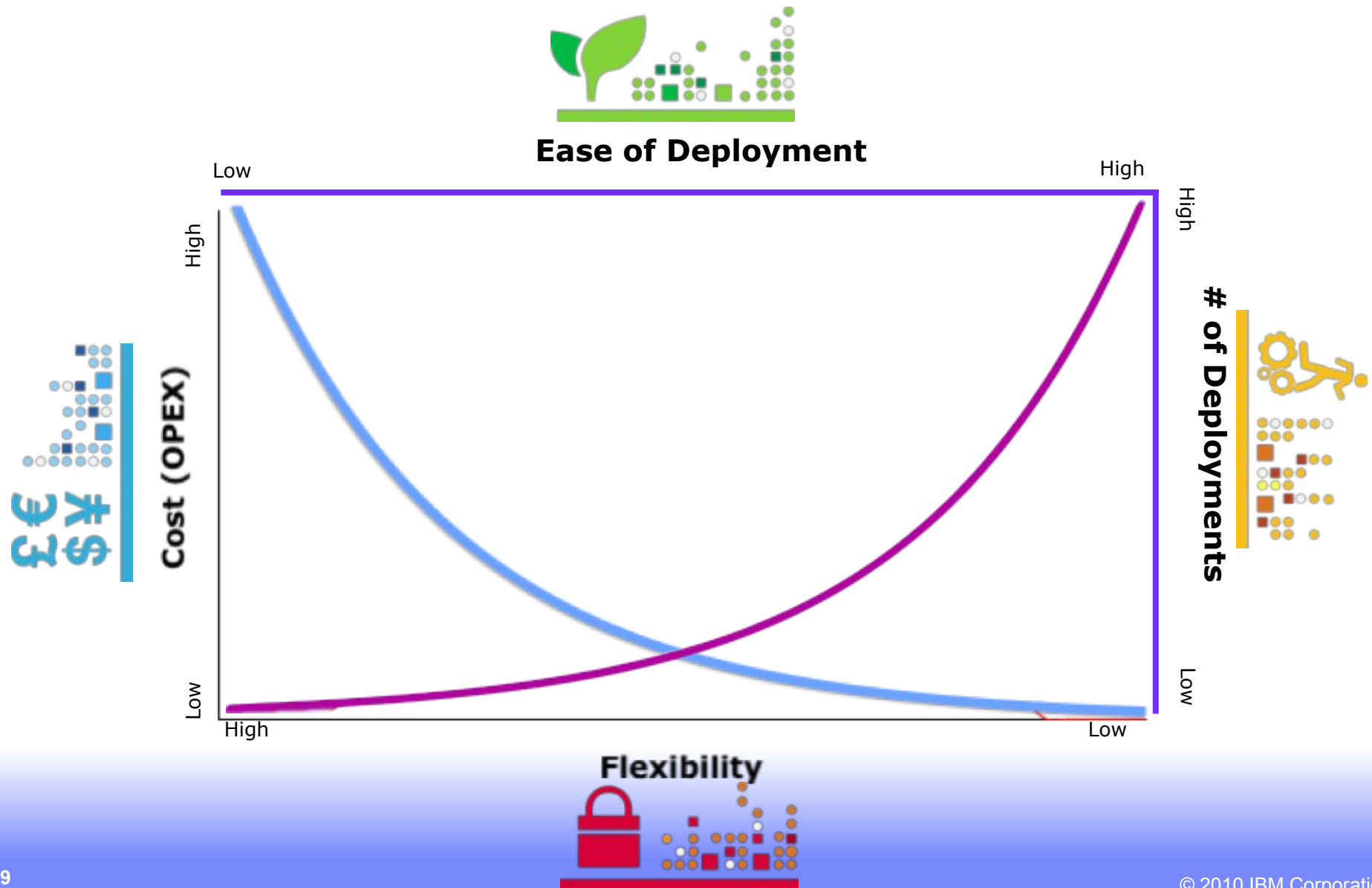


Time/Cost

# Nothing is Free...



# Unexpected Effects...





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## Getting Started Today

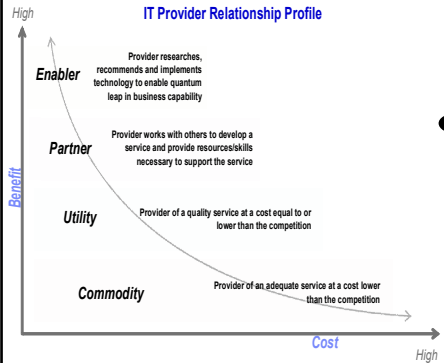


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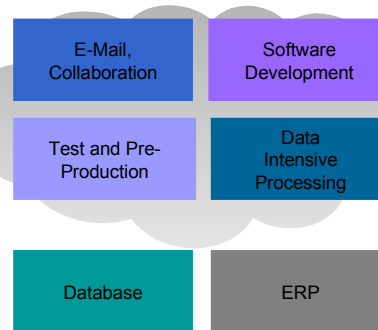
# How to get started

## Understand Strategic Direction

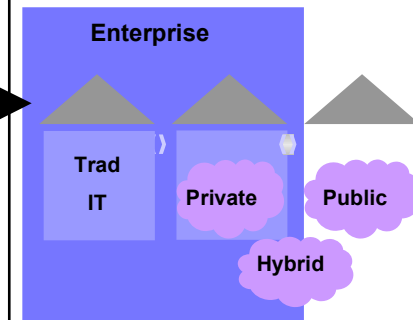
### IT Provider Relationship Profile



## Assess Workload



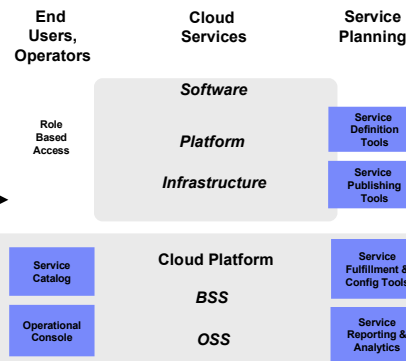
## Determine the Cloud Delivery Model



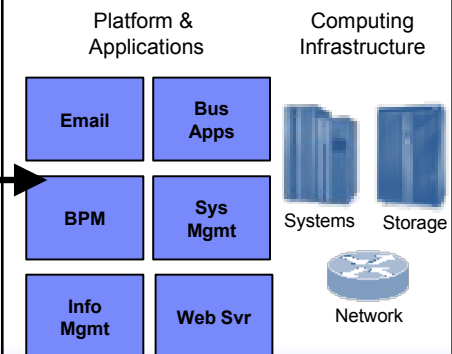
## Define Business Value

KPI/Metric	KPI - Baseline	KPI - Target	% Change		
Reduced IT infrastructure costs					
Improved operational costs					
Improved business process efficiency					
Improved customer service and satisfaction					
	Annual Growth %	Baseline Yr 0	Target Yr 1	Target Yr 2	Target Yr 3
Hardware					
# of dedicated servers currently supporting project requirements					
Average annual server cost					
People					
# of admins required to support dedicated servers & software					
Average annual fully loaded employee labor rate					
Applications & Services					
# of service provisioning requests per year					
Average provisioning time per request (hrs)					
Average length of reservation (days, weeks, months)					
Estimated ROI					
Timeline (years)	0	1	2	3	
Cashflow					
NPV					
ROI					
IRR					
Payback Period (days)					

## Establish Architecture



## Implement Cloud



# IBM offerings



*Public Cloud  
Services*

*Private Cloud  
Platform*



*Private Cloud  
Systems*

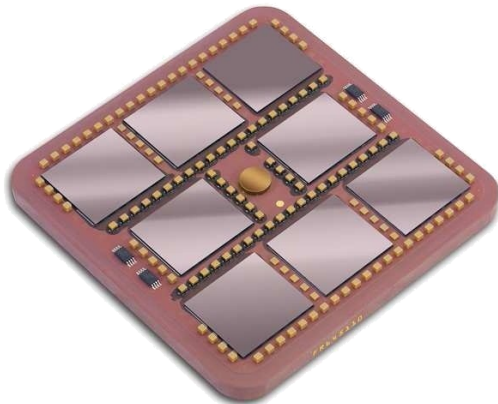




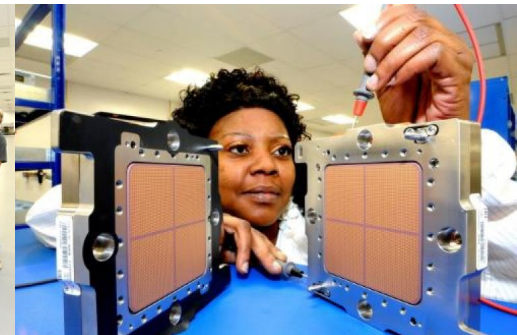
# Back To The Future...

## ■ IBM zEnterprise System

- ▶ 96 5.2GHz cores
- ▶ 3TB of RAM
- ▶ Mixed workloads and architectures
- ▶ 60% better performance
- ▶ 80% more efficient



zEnterprise Multi Chip Module (MCM)





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