

Cloud Computing Technologies: A Comprehensive Hands-On Introduction - 3 Days

Course 1200 Overview

- You Will Learn How To**
- Thoroughly assess the architectures, components, operation and tools of cloud computing
 - Leverage cloud vendors, including Force.com, Microsoft Azure, Google and Amazon, for business advantage
 - Exploit Software as a Service (SaaS) to optimise cost and resources
 - Create, deploy and secure applications and services with Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - Commission a computing Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) with Amazon EC2 and Eucalyptus
 - Design a cloud implementation strategy that minimises the risk for your organisation

Course Benefits Cloud computing is revolutionising all aspects of IT, including hardware, operating systems and applications. Faced with a rapidly changing business environment, organisations are under pressure to respond with a flexible IT infrastructure and applications. In this course, you gain the key knowledge and experience required to leverage both the business and technical benefits of cloud computing. You develop an effective implementation strategy and learn to build and deploy applications to the cloud.

Who Should Attend Anyone seeking to exploit the benefits of cloud computing technologies. A basic familiarity with Microsoft Windows, the Internet and the Web is helpful.

Hands-On Training Throughout the course, a series of hands-on exercises provides you with practical experience in cloud computing. Exercises include:

- Sharing documents with cloud-based collaboration and productivity tools
- Analysing cloud interface contracts
- Assessing the tools for building applications to leverage cloud elasticity
- Persisting structured data in the cloud
- Commissioning an immediate server infrastructure
- Evaluating cost benefits of a cloud solution
- Developing a business plan for cloud adoption
- Specifying a cloud adoption and migration strategy

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Introduction to Cloud Computing

Defining cloud computing

- Components of a computing cloud
- Differentiating types of clouds: public, private, hybrid

Delivering services from the cloud

- Categorising service types
- Comparing vendor cloud products: Amazon, Google, Microsoft and others

Adopting the Cloud

Key drivers of cloud computing solutions

- Instantaneous provisioning of computing resources
- Handling varied loads with elasticity and seamless scalability
- Tapping into an infinite storage capacity
- Cost-effective pay-as-you-use billing models

Evaluating barriers to cloud compu

- Handling sensitive data
- Aspects of cloud security
- Assessing governance solutions

Exploiting Software as a Service (SaaS)

Characterising SaaS

- Minimising the need for local hardware and software
- Streamlining administration with centralised installation and updates
- Optimising cost and performance with the ability to scale on demand

Comparing service scenarios

- Improving collaboration with business productivity tools
- Simplifying business process creation by integrating existing components

Inspecting SaaS technologies

- Deploying Web applications
- Implementing Web services: SOAP, REST
- Choosing a development platform

Exploiting Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Exploring the technical foundation for PaaS

- Specifying the components of PaaS
- Analysing vendor PaaS provisions
- Selecting an appropriate implementation

Building services with solution stacks

- Evaluating the architecture of vendor specific platforms
- Becoming familiar with service platform tools
- Leveraging the power of scalable middleware

Managing cloud storage

- Controlling unstructured data in the cloud
- Deploying relational databases in the cloud
- Improving data availability

Employing support services

- Testing in the cloud
- Monitoring cloud-based services
- Analysing portability across platforms

Deploying Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Enabling technologies

- Scalable server clusters
- Achieving transparency with platform virtualisation
- Elastic storage devices

Accessing IaaS

- Provisioning servers on demand
- Handling dynamic and static IP addresses
- Tools and support for management and monitoring

Building a Business Case

Calculating the financial implications

- Analysing current and future computing requirements
- Comparing in-house facilities to the cloud
- Estimating economic factors downstream

Preserving business continuity

- Selecting appropriate service-level agreements
- Safeguarding access to assets in the cloud
- Security, availability and disaster recovery strategies

Migrating to the Cloud

Technical considerations

- Re-architecting applications for the cloud
- Integrating the cloud with existing applications
- Avoiding vendor lock-in

Planning the migration

- Incremental vs. one-step solution
- Selecting a vendor
- Establishing staff skill requirements