

### What is Cloud Computing?

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#### About the Cloud Security Alliance

- Global, not-for-profit organization
- Inclusive membership, supporting broad spectrum of subject matter expertise: cloud experts, security, legal, compliance, virtualization, and on and on...
- We believe Cloud Computing has a robust future, we want to make it better
- "To promote the use of best practices for providing security assurance within Cloud Computing, and provide education on the uses of Cloud Computing to help secure all other forms of computing."



# What is Cloud Computing?

- On demand model for allocation and consumption of computing as a utility
  - Immediacy
  - Elasticity
  - Multi-tenancy
- Next major platform for software applications
  - Mainframe > Client/Server > Cloud
- Business transformation
  - Enable rapid



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#### What has driven Cloud Computing?

- Hyperconnectivity: massive DotCom infrastructure investments
- Moore's Law: driving costs of compute & storage towards zero
- Scale: major providers mastering complexity of delivering massive scale, creating the argument of economy
- Service Oriented Architecture: self-describing protocols accelerate application development



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### The NIST Cloud Definition Framework



## **Cloud Framework**



- CSA Cloud Reference Model
  - IaaS is the foundation
  - PaaS adds middleware to laaS
  - SaaS represents complete applications on top of PaaS



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# Old SaaS vs New SaaS

- SaaS emerged from Application Service Providers (ASP)
- Traditional "Old SaaS" characteristic of outsourcing
  - Proprietary architectures
  - Dedicated systems
  - Non-cloud
- "New SaaS" focus on business application delivery
  - SaaS providers attracted to cloud economics
  - Follow framework model
  - Leverage scalable laaS/PaaS providers



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# Private vs Public Clouds

- Migrating 100 servers to 30 machine VM cluster might not be a private cloud
- Lots of debate and movement in both directions
- Vendors mostly offer one or the other
- No "Unified Theory"
  - (Private vs Public) \* Goldrush = Challenge
  - Can you cloud burst from private to public?
  - Can you easily port applications?
- Long run economics of Public clouds compelling
- Long tail of Hybrid clouds to contend with
- Virtual Private Clouds likely big trend Copyright © 2009 Cloud Security Alliance

## **Top Threats to Cloud Computing**

#### Cloud Security Risks / Threats

- Shared Technology Vulnerabilities
- Data Loss/Data Leakage
- Malicious Insiders
- Account Service or Hijacking of Traffic
- Insecure APIs
- Nefarious Use of Service
- Unknown Risk Profile



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## **CSA** Guidance Domains

1. Understand Cloud Architecture

#### Governing in the Cloud

- 2. Governance & Risk Mgt
- 3. Legal & Electronic Discovery
- 4. Compliance & Audit
- 5. Information Lifecycle Mgt
- 6. Portability & Interoperability

#### Operating in the Cloud

- 7. Traditional, BCM, DR
- 8. Data Center Operations
- 9. Incident Response
- 10. Application Security
- 11. Encryption & Key Mgt
- 12. Identity & Access Mgt
- 13. Virtualization



## Summary

- Cloud computing a broad transformation
- Must understand cloud to secure it
- Help us secure cloud computing
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# Thank you!

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