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# Service Provider Opportunities and the Multiple Dimensions of Cloud

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Putting Cloud in Context

**Market Trends** 

Impact to Hosting

Leveraging the Cloud

Selling the Cloud

Enabling the Cloud

Recommendations

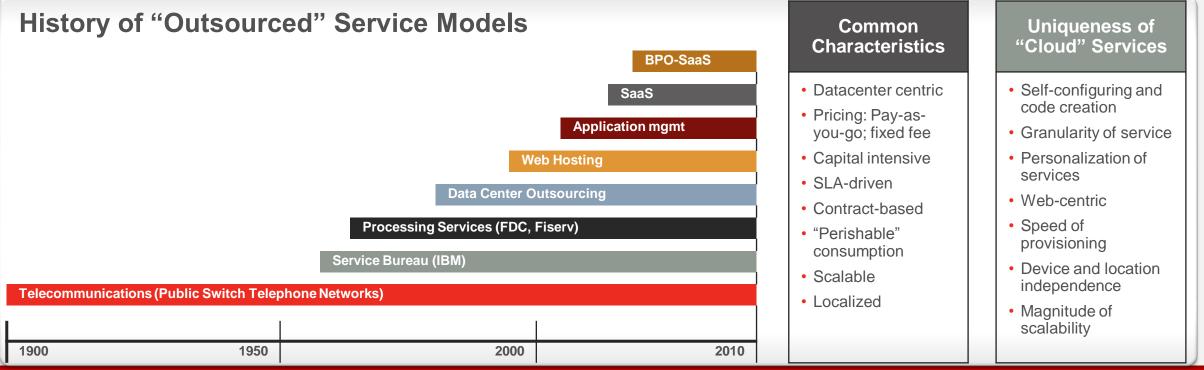




# History of *"Outsourced"* Models: From Time-sharing to Cloud

#### Key Messages:

- · Service model of "cloud" has been around for a long time, taking various names and formats
- · Cloud-based services do offer unique capabilities that prior "outsourced" models could not
- Cloud: new way to provide/consume existing capabilities and a new way to develop new capabilities





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# What Are Cloud Services?

#### Cloud Consumer and business products, services and solutions **Services** delivered and consumed in real-time over the Internet **Benefits/Attributes** More efficient □ Shared (one-to-many) service Simpler to adopt □ Solution-packaged Faster to deploy □ Self-service provisioning Scalable to need Dynamic, and fine-grained ("elastic"), service scaling Priced to use □ Usage/user-oriented pricing (and utilization and cost tracking) □ Accessible via the Internet/IP **Broader reach** □ Standards-based UI (browser/RIA and successors) □ Published program/service interface (e.g., web services APIs)

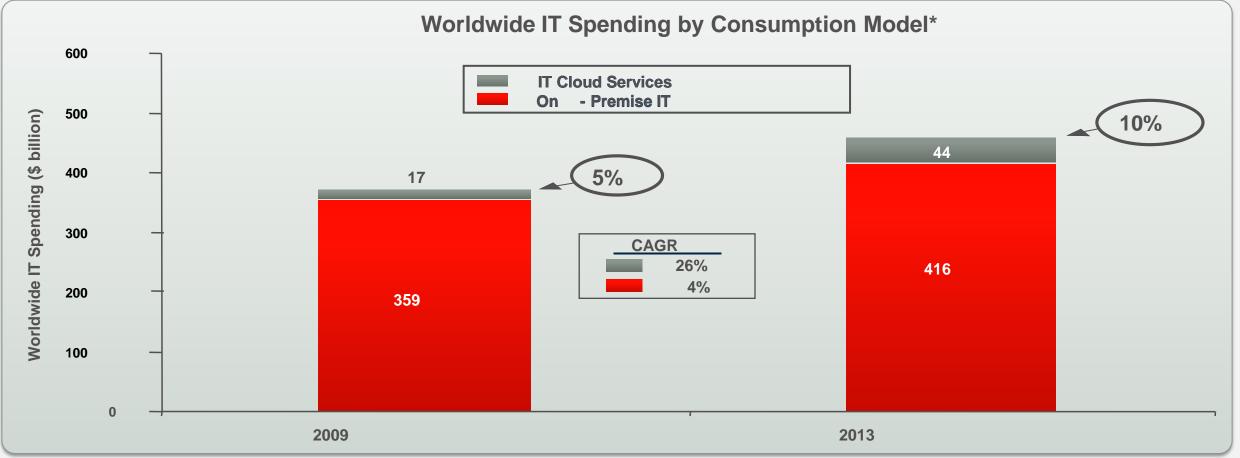
# Deployment Public — open to a largely unrestricted universe of potential users; designed for a market, not a single enterprise Models Private — designed for/access restricted to a single enterprise (or extended enterprise); internal shared resource, not a commercial offering; IT organization the "vendor" of the shared/standard service to its users

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# **Delivery Model Shift in Key IT Markets**



\* This is a subset of the worldwide IT market, representing business IT spending on Business Applications, Systems Infrastructure Software,

Application Development & Deployment Software, Servers and Storage

Source: IDC, 3Q09

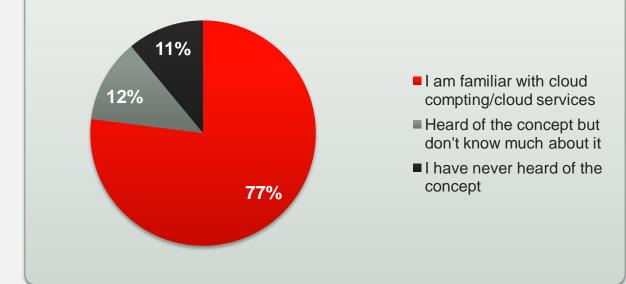
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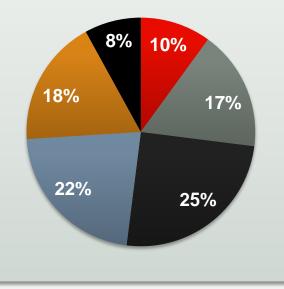


### **Cloud's Position in Asia/Pacific**

# How familiar are you with the concept of cloud computing?



# What is your opinion of the current state of cloud computing?



A very exciting opportunity

- Very promising but not enough services available
- Interesting concept but would be resisted by my company
- Too immature at this point to judge
- Just renaming of an old concept

### Familiarity is high, but opinion is low!

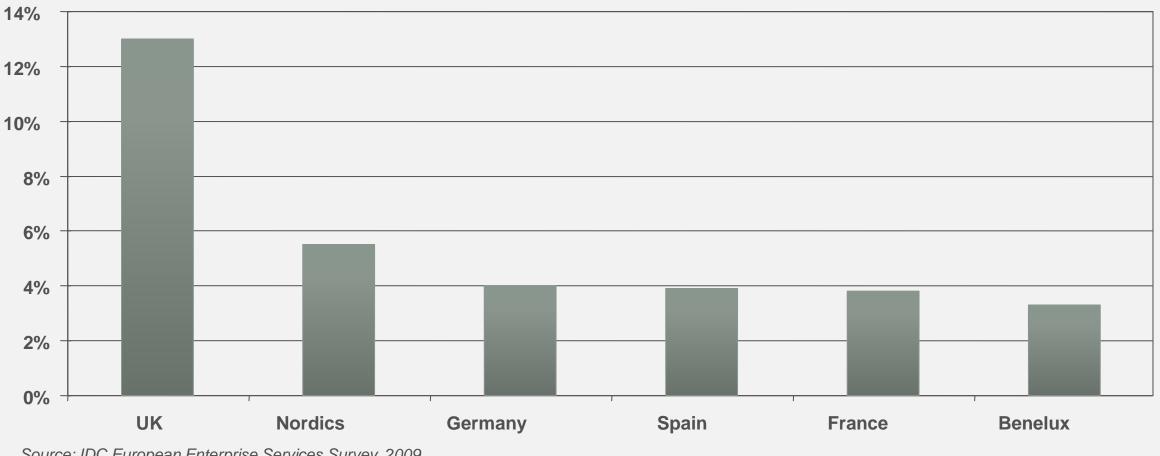
Source: IDC Asia/Pacific End-user Cloud Computing Survey, 2009





### **Cloud's Position in Europe**

% of respondents in country/region using 7 or more IT cloud services\*



Source: IDC European Enterprise Services Survey, 2009

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# Bringing Cloud Down To Earth

#### Cloud services: all about providing customers with a set of third-party datacenterdelivered/hosting-centric services

- External sourcing of IT/application requirements
- Cloud = integrated capabilities, not technology piece parts
- No equipment required: operating expense, not capital investment

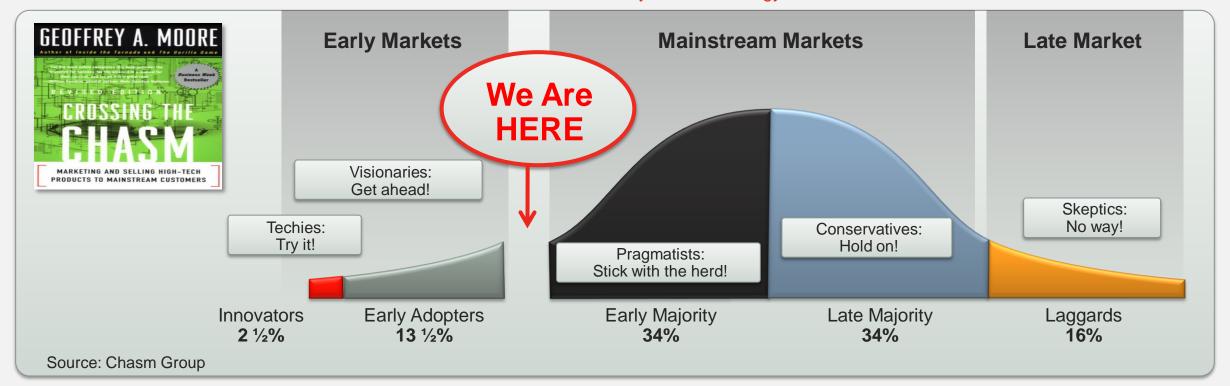


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# IT Cloud Services: "Crossing the Chasm"

**Technology Adoption Life Cycle** 

Groups are distinguished from each other based on their characteristic response to discontinuous innovations created by new technology

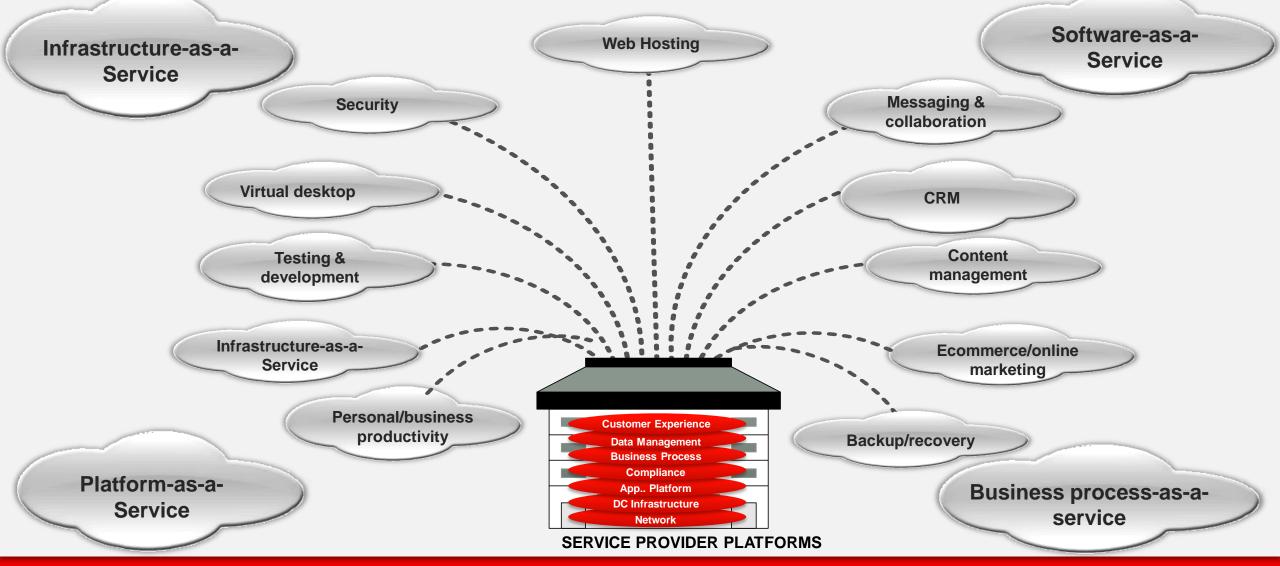


Cloud still evolving but shift from Early Adoption to Early Mainstream is underway: Now is the time to begin understanding the options!

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## **Convergence in the Hosting Universe**

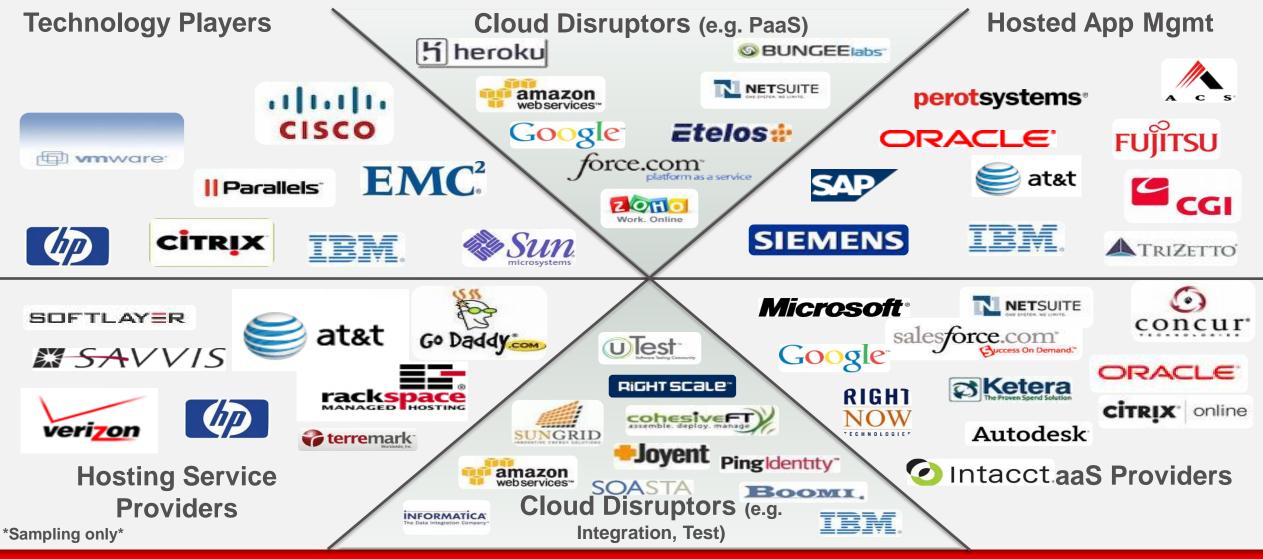


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### **Chaotic Cloudiness in the Hosting Universe**

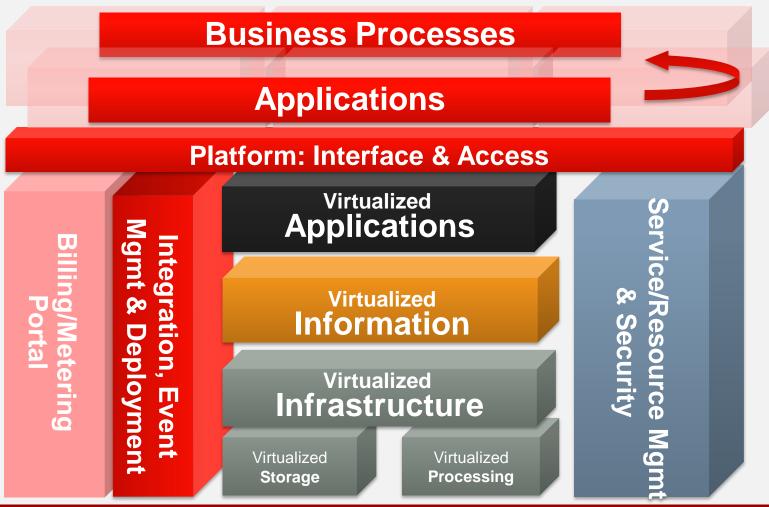


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### Leveraging the Cloud

**Next-Generation Service Provider Architecture** 



Consolidate

Standardization, Cost reduction, performance improvement

### **Virtualize**

Simplify access, improve end-to-end mgmt, maximize use

### **Automate**

Faster provisioning, predictable operations,

### Orchestrate

Flexible service creation, ecosystem development

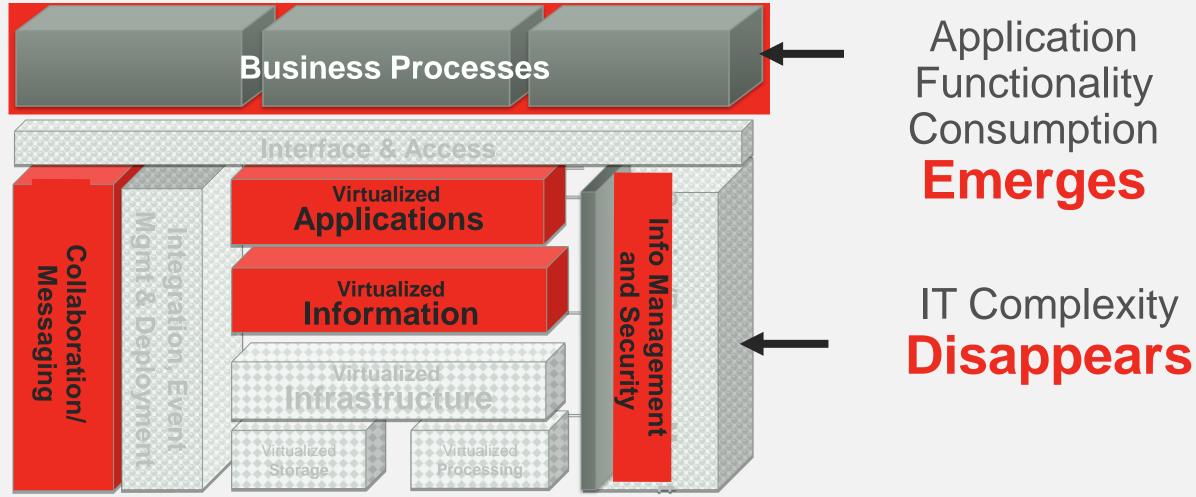
• Lower Cost

- Improved Operational Efficiency
- Rapid Service Creation



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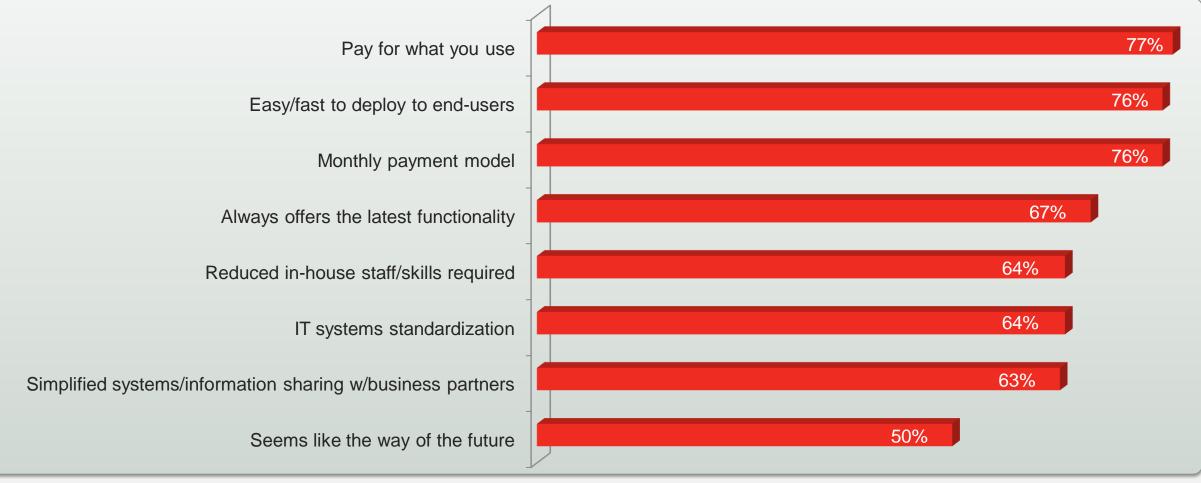
# **Small Businesses** May Use Public Cloud Services as *Most* of IT...



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### Why Cloud? SMB Perceived Benefits



% of respondents 3,4, 5 on a 5-point "importance" rating scale Panel, 3Q09 (SMBs and large businesses) Source: IDC Enterprise

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### Why Not Cloud? SMB Challenges/Issues



% of respondents 3,4, 5 on a 5-point "importance" rating scale Panel, 3Q09 (SMBs and large businesses) Source: IDC Enterprise

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### What Do SMBs Want in a Cloud Provider?

Many of the same things they want from any type of IT service provider...



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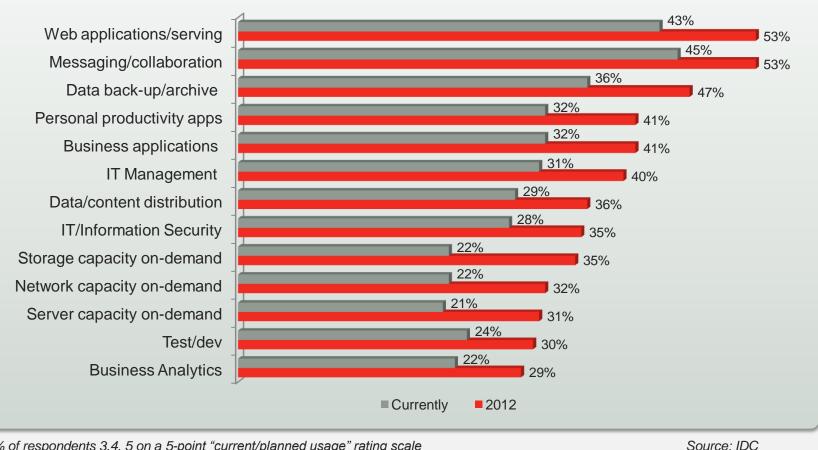
Enterprise Panel, 3Q09 (SMBs and large businesses)

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# Selling the Cloud: First-Mover Offerings

Q. Rate your likelihood of pursuing the cloud model for the following...



#### Web hosting, email/collaboration:

 Cloud extends flexibility, interoperability

#### Data storage and leverage:

 Cloud broadens reach and value proposition of storage, enabling new add-on capabilities around backup, archiving and distribution, analytics

#### **Business/productivity apps:**

 Cloud enhances accessibility and enables consumption-based purchasing

% of respondents 3,4, 5 on a 5-point "current/planned usage" rating scale Enterprise Panel, 3Q09 (SMBs and large businesses)

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# Selling the Cloud: Multiple Approaches

### Extend the value of existing services

- Faster provisioning/implementation
- Broader range of service plans and options

### **Transform the customer experience**

- Integrated 'service catalog' approach to online selling
- Self-service for deployment and moves/adds/changes

### **Reinvent the service creation process**

- Extensible service delivery infrastructure to easily accommodate new offerings
- Enable third party application/service integration and distribution
- Enable self-service deployment and moves/adds/changes



# **Enabling the Cloud**

#### Cloud does not mean commoditization: but thinking outside (and beyond) the box

• Evolution toward toward new ecosystem-driven partnerships

### Connect all the elements to enable functional integration of partner offerings and expertise

#### No single entity "owns" or "dominates" the cloud

- Federation/aggregation of cloud-based capabilities key value chain opportunity for service providers
- Create/enable transaction-oriented framework for multiple actors

#### **Next-generation service provider value proposition:**

unified delivery environments for deployment, management, and distribution of IT-as-a-service for SMBs





## Enabling Cloud Ecosystems

SMBs Package hardware, software, and application capabilities into easily	Service Provider	Optimize supply chain and capabilities sourcing	Partner Ecosystem ISVs
consumable service functionality	Aggregation	Serve as channel for partner	VARs MSPs
Low-cost service delivery		product sales and/or platform for partners' direct sales efforts	Packaged software vendors
Breadth of capabilities	Integration	Help partners' customers provision smoothly	Cloud tools and enablement
Security, availability and performance	Distribution	New business model enablement	Online service providers

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# Service Providers: Essential Guidance

### Position cloud as evolution ("next-generation hosting") not revolution

 Enhanced ease of use, simplified implementation, new feature functionality, rapid provisioning

### Embrace the cloud, but make it your own

 Access to technology/business applications is key: not infinite scalability or usage-based component pricing

### Leverage cloud to refine your brand

• Expand marketing focus to embrace SMB IT consumers, not just developers, integrators, and IT managers

### SMBs are cautious by nature and suspicious of hype

Position cloud as a means to an end: a sourcing strategy for unmet business needs

### Help SMBs cross the cloud chasm by taking the leap first!



# Thank You







### **Questions? Comments?**

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