

# CLOUD COMPUTING

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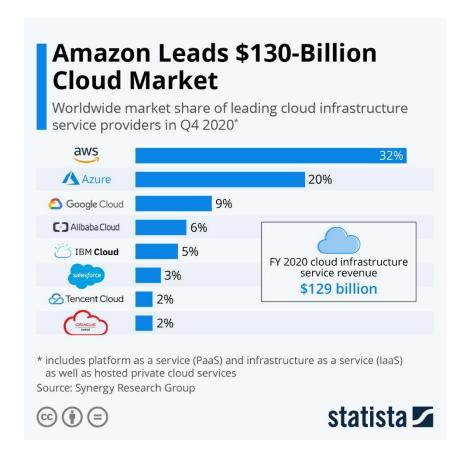


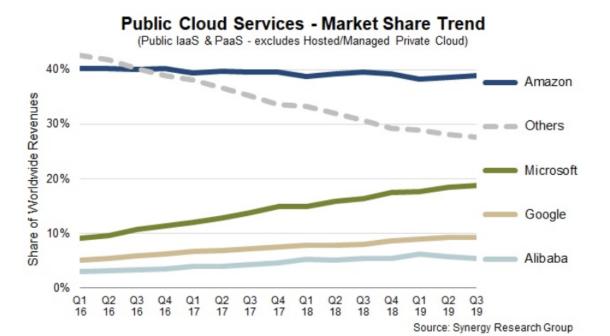




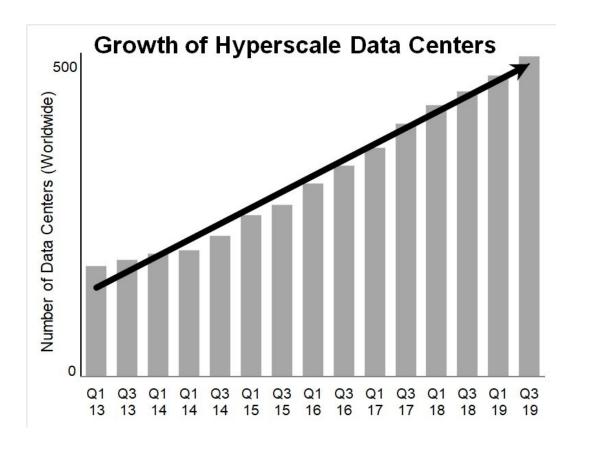
# Cloud Providers: Global market trends

#### MARKET CONSOLIDATION



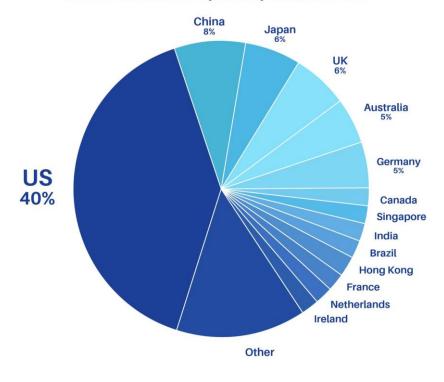


#### **HYPERSCALE**



#### **Hyperscale Data Center Operators**

**Data Center Locations By Country- December 2018** 



#### **TRENDS**

**Strong growth in the Cloud market** 

Consolidation: small number of companies have a rising market share

**Decline in European Cloud provider market** 

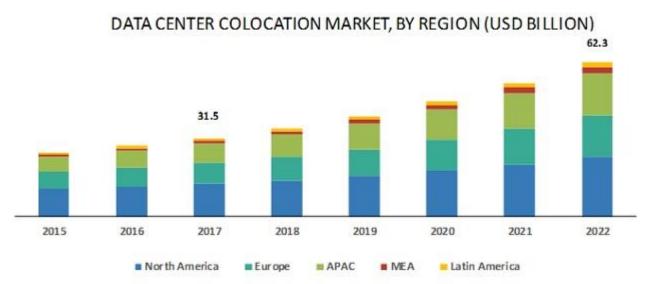
Market is dominated by the US

Rise of the hyperscale data center

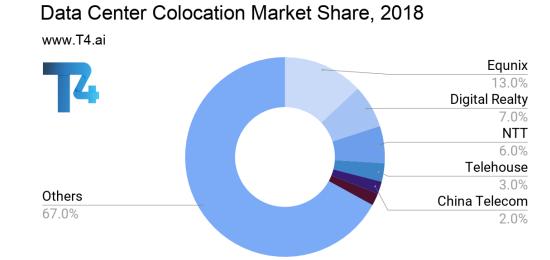
Why do you think these trends are occurring?



#### DON'T FORGET THE CO-LO MARKET



Source: Investor Presentation, Secondary Literature, Expert Interviews, and MarketsandMarkets Analysis



# Surveys

#### **VENDOR LOCK-IN**

Survey of 114 participants from UK industry (small to large enterprises)

J. Opara-Martins, R. Sahandi, F. Tian, "Critical analysis of vendor lock-in and its impact on cloud computing migration: a business perspective", Journal of Cloud Computing: Advances, Systems and Applications (2016)

Lock-in is a deterrent to Cloud migration

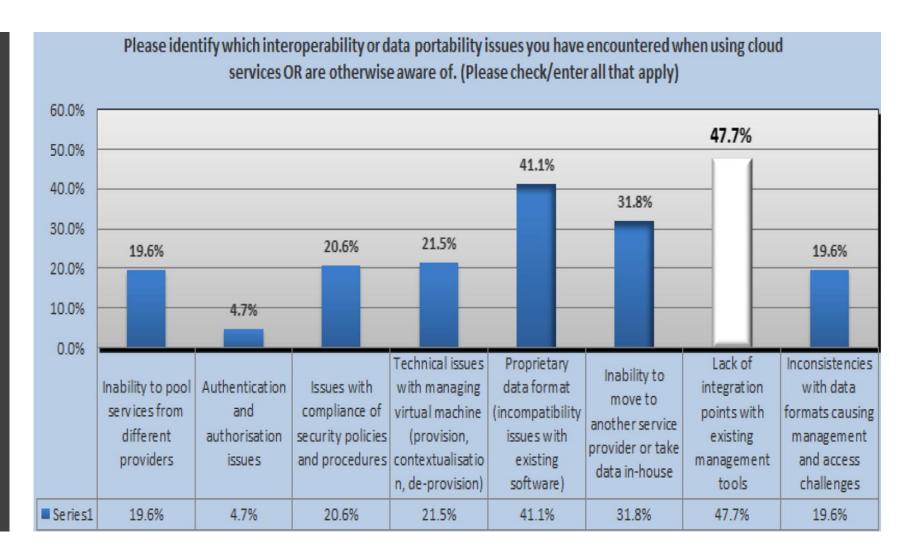
Definitely yes	Possibly yes	Not sure	No
9%	71%	11%	9%



# VENDOR LOCK-IN (2)

#### **Discussion**

What sort of interoperability / data portability challenges might companies face?

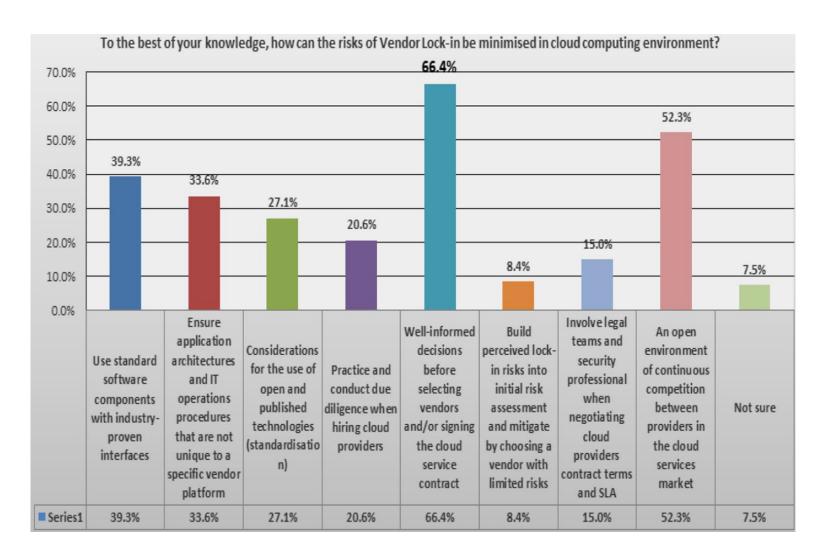




# VENDOR LOCK-IN (3)

#### **Discussion**

How can companies minimise the risk of vendor lock-in in a Cloud environment?





## VENDOR LOCK-IN (4)

**Provider perspective** 

**Produces a steady income** 

**Easier to predict how much hardware needed** 

Cheaper

**User perspective** 

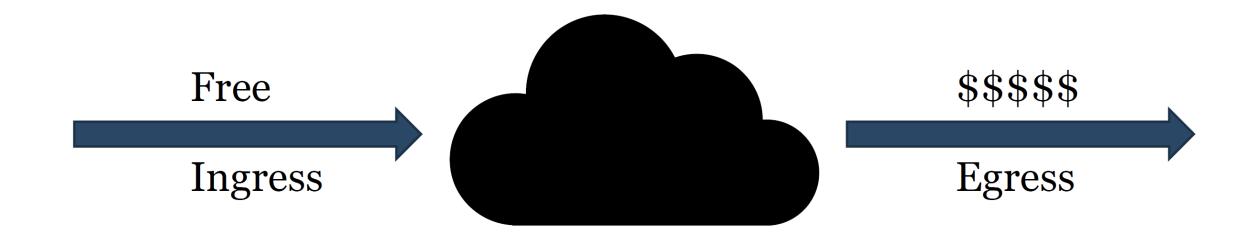
Less flexible

Can be cheap (discounts)

The longer used, the harder to leave



# **EGRESS FEES**



## **EGRESS FEES**

	AWS per GB	Azure per GB	Google
1 GB	0.09\$	0.087\$	0.12 \$
1 TB	0.09\$	0.085\$	0.12 \$
10 TB	0.085\$	0.083 \$	0.11 \$
150-500 TB	0.05 \$	0.05 \$	0.08\$
500+ TB	Custom deal	Custom deal	0.08\$

#### **COST OF EGRESS EXAMPLE**

	AWS	Azure	Google
1 GB	0.09\$	0.087\$	0.12 \$
1 TB	90 \$	85 \$	120 \$
10 TB	850 \$	830 \$	1100 \$
500 TB	25000 \$	25000 \$	40000\$

As an example, NASA is migrating 247 PB to AWS Egress of this data will cost approximately \$12 M



#### **CO-LOCATION**

Up to seven times cheaper in some scenarios

Can take a few years to pay off

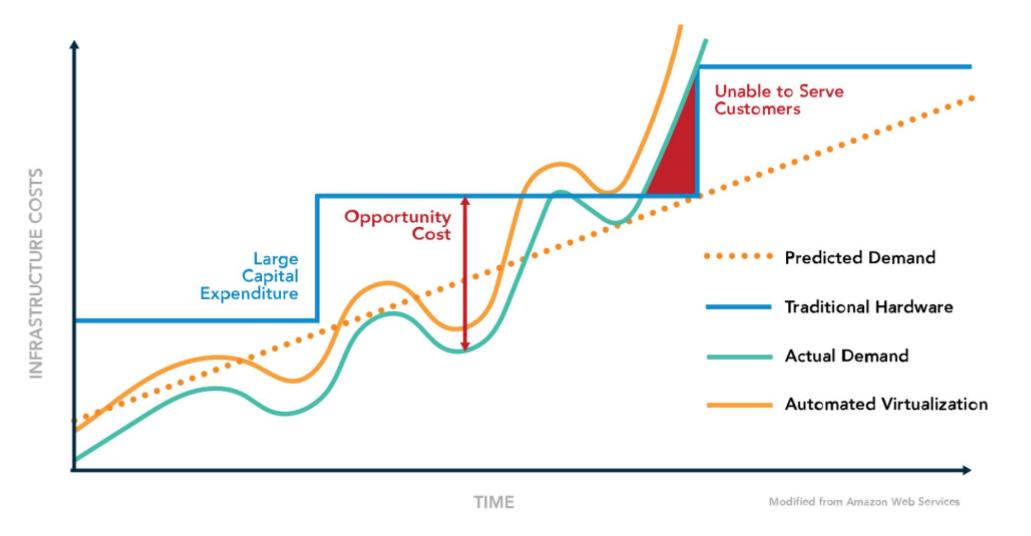
Bigger risk for smaller companies

You choose the hardware, systems, and tools

Difficult to scale



#### CAPITAL VS OPERATIONAL COST



# Cost comparison of providers

#### **COMPARING PROVIDERS**

#### Comparing providers is not trivial

Providers purposefully do not want to allow simple price comparisons

Each provider wants to emphasise their advantages

Many factors impact the final cost

Each provider has their own discount model (often high)

Two very similar configurations can have different pricing

Discounts and prices change periodically



#### **COMPARING PROVIDERS**

#### **Tools exist to compare prices**

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/calculator/

https://calculator.aws/

https://cloud.google.com/products/calculator/

All are quite complex interfaces, with many tuneable parameters



## **COMPARING PROVIDERS (2)**

Reserved instances are one reason why providers are difficult to compare

Typically 1-3 year contract, paid monthly

Pay for estimated usage

Costs the same no matter what utilisation

Can often be cancelled or upgraded for a fee

Can reduce costs by a lot – 72% for AWS and Azure, etc.

Highest discount is achieved when paid upfront



### PROVIDER COMPARISON: FAAS (SERVERLESS)

#### **512MB RAM**

1 second execution

Bandwidth usage not included in Azure or AWS

Both Azure and AWS include 1M requests and 400,000 GB-s for free

What is a GB-s?

Observed resource consumption is calculated by multiplying average memory size in gigabytes by the time in milliseconds it takes to execute the function

# Requests	Azure	AWS	Google CF
<b>10</b> <sup>6</sup>	\$1.61	\$1.63	\$6.8 (10KB)
<b>10</b> <sup>9</sup>	\$8193	\$8494	\$21089



#### PROVIDER COMPARISON: STORAGE

No reserved instances, basic license

500 million inserts, 500 million fetches

Services are not entirely equivalent

Storage	Azure	AWS	<b>Google CF</b>
1 TB	\$1771	\$3000	\$2720
10 TB	\$2324	\$3239	\$2905

#### PROVIDER COMPARISON: DATABASE

PostgreSQL, storage with backup

Bound to instances, not exactly the same for all providers

Cheapest instance used

Storage	Azure	AWS	<b>Google CF</b>
500 GB	\$111	\$90	\$100
1 TB	\$162	\$163	\$186

#### PROVIDER COMPARISON: SUMMARY

Service	Azure	AWS	Google
FaaS	<u>1.61</u>	1.63	6.8
FaaS	8193	8494	21089
DB	111	90	100
DB	<u>162</u>	163	186
Storage	<u>1771</u>	3000	2720
Storage	2324	3239	2905

#### A BRIEF SUMMARY

Cloud is still experiencing huge market growth

Hyperscale DCs are eating smaller rivals.. But don't forget the co-lo market

Is vendor lock-in a problem or just perceived to be?

Are egress fees still a problem?

It's hard to compare costs between providers

What is the future of Cloud?



# Course Summary

#### **COURSE SUMMARY**

Give you a flavour of Cloud and its technologies

Show you that the ERDC exists and you can use it for your PhD

Basic Cloud terminology

Data centers and how they work

HDFS distributed storage

**Hadoop MapReduce** 

Spark distributed inmemory processing Storm stream processing

Edge, fog

Serverless

**Containers and Kubernetes** 

**Economics** 



#### **COURSE SUMMARY**

I will upload all slides to Canvas later today

Your ER DC accounts will not stay active for long – but as WASP PhDs, you can ask for a new account and then use ER DC to set up your own clusters and run experiments for your PhD

More details about the assignment will be uploaded to Canvas. HOWEVER, I can now reveal....



#### **COURSE ASSIGNMENT!**

WASP courses shouldn't give you work just for the sake of it – your real job is your PhD

Let's do something that won't take too long, but can benefit us all

Write a 2.5 - 3 page essay:

**1st paragraph**: introduce your research/area (200 words)

**Remainder of essay**: how Cloud technology can be useful to your research. Talk about at least four of the concepts mentioned on the previous slide.

Deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Write three pages (that are original and show you've thought about this) and you pass, otherwise you fail.



#### FINAL WORDS

I hope you got something out of this course!

We have covered a lot of ground, and the practical was complicated.

If you can apply one thing that you've learnt to your PhD then it's a success.

You can always email me: paul.townend@umu.se if you want my opinion on anything Cloud in future.

You can connect on LinkedIn if you like (but I am slow to use that!)

