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Organizational Announcement



Our plans for upcoming spring 2015'...

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A Short Story About Change In Thinking

Adam Smolnik



Revolution or Evolution?

The Open Group's notes on Cloud Computing:

- Cloud Computing is an Internet phenomenon, the latest major evolution in computing
- The great milestone following the emergence of the mainframe, the minicomputer, the microprocessor, the PC, the Internet, and the World-Wide Web



Pre-Cloud Mindset - in general

- Hype & marketing buzzword a new marketing trick
- The idea without a clear and unambiguous definition
- At best a more sophisticated approach to hosting of applications



Pre-Cloud Mindset - IT Infrastructure

- IT architecture given up front apps should be tuned to own IT infrastructure
- Long procurement process to get approvals and purchase new servers (CAPEX)
- Relatively stable deployment environment



Pre-Cloud Mindset - IT roles

Typical, mostly rigid separation of technical Roles within the Enterprise:

- Architects in many flavors to calculate, predict workload and potential changes, plan IT infrastructure and all that
- IT Administrators masters of infrastructure, OSs, setups, patches and upgrades
- Software craftsmen Developers & Testers



Pre-Cloud Mindset - Design & Impl.

- Prevailing ACID paradigm
- Strong reliance on local and distributed transactions
- No issue with abrupt restart or crash of the machine
- Developer's focus to squeeze performance out of code at the cost of increased complexity
- Concerns like auto-scaling, load balancing outside Developer's interest scope
- Established and stiff tests environments



Why Cloud? Time for change in thinking

Even just for a few reasons – a breakthrough in the mindset:

- Computing as a utility like water, gas and electricity
- Access and usage as simple as turning on water in the bathroom
 (almost©)
- "A Sense of Infinity" you access infinite compute resources



Definition of Cloud Computing

by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

- "Cloud Computing is a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (...) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction
- This Cloud model is composed of five essential characteristics, three service models, and four deployment models

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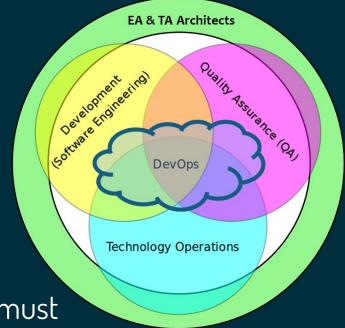


Cloud Mindset - IT Infrastructure

- IT infrastructure becomes a virtual resource
- Enormous field for experiments to determine best environment for your application
- OPEX moving into pay-as-you-go model
- Notion of "machine" is redefined as of now a volatile resource by default



Cloud Mindset - IT roles



- Extremely enhanced role of the DevOps
- Strong contribution and cooperation is a must
- Fits in the SCRUM philosophy
- No longer Architects are forced to accurately predict future workload or plan IT infrastructure



Cloud Mindset - Design & Impl.

- More power put in Developer's hands: тытель Process Machine
- From ACID towards BASE
- BASE = Basically Available, Soft State, Eventually Consistent
- "Myth: Eric Brewer on Why Banks are BASE Not ACID Availability Is Revenue"
- New design patterns to learn e.g. Command Query Responsibility Segregation (CQRS)



Cloud Mindset - Impl. & Tests

- Now, auto-scaling and load balancing matters are of interest to Programmers
- A deployment process, OS & app servers setup become "programmable" entities and can be included as part of the application flow
- Cl and tests environments can be provisioned on demand and decommissioned immediately once superfluous



New challenges on the horizon

"Everything fails, all the time"

Werner Vogel CTO at Amazon.com

- DFF (Design For Failure) as of the early design stage
- DFE (Design For Elasticity) statelessness comes in play
- DFA (... For Availability) avoid single point of failure
- Set free power of Asynch. loose-coupling matters
- Rethink towards Parallelism at every tier
- Optimize resource usage turn off "the light" while not in use



So, we are just here to talk about the Cloud!

Welcome at Cloudyna!