



# Leaping into “The Cloud”

Rewards, Risks, and Mitigations



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# About Us

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- Bing: Massive, distributed, data processing service
- Microsoft ExP: Data Driven Decision Making
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- Principal Group Program Manager, Bing
- Office 2010, MSN, Hosted Exchange
- Director of Test Excellence



# What Do You Know?

- Just beginning with cloud?
- Who has a major project coming up?
- Who has already implemented a cloud service?
- Anything ever gone wrong?



# Introduction

- About Clouds
- Cloud Rewards
- Getting Into The Cloud
- 5 Amazing Cloud Case Studies
  - Rewards, Risks & Mitigations
- Testing in The Cloud



The latest version of this slide deck can be found at:

<http://www.setheliot.com/blog/bsc-west-2012/>



# About Clouds

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# Three Ingredients of The Cloud

## 1. Standardized IT capability or service

- No customizing for each customer
- Economies of Scale - rote, repeatability



## 2. Pay Per Use

- The power of zero



## 3. Self-Service Deployment

- Fully Automated
- DevOps, NoOps

[Staten, 2010]

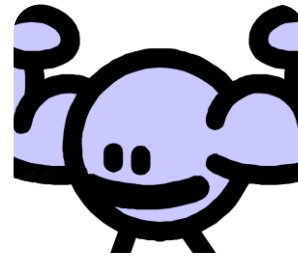
# The Cloud's Secret Sauce



Virtualization



Elasticity



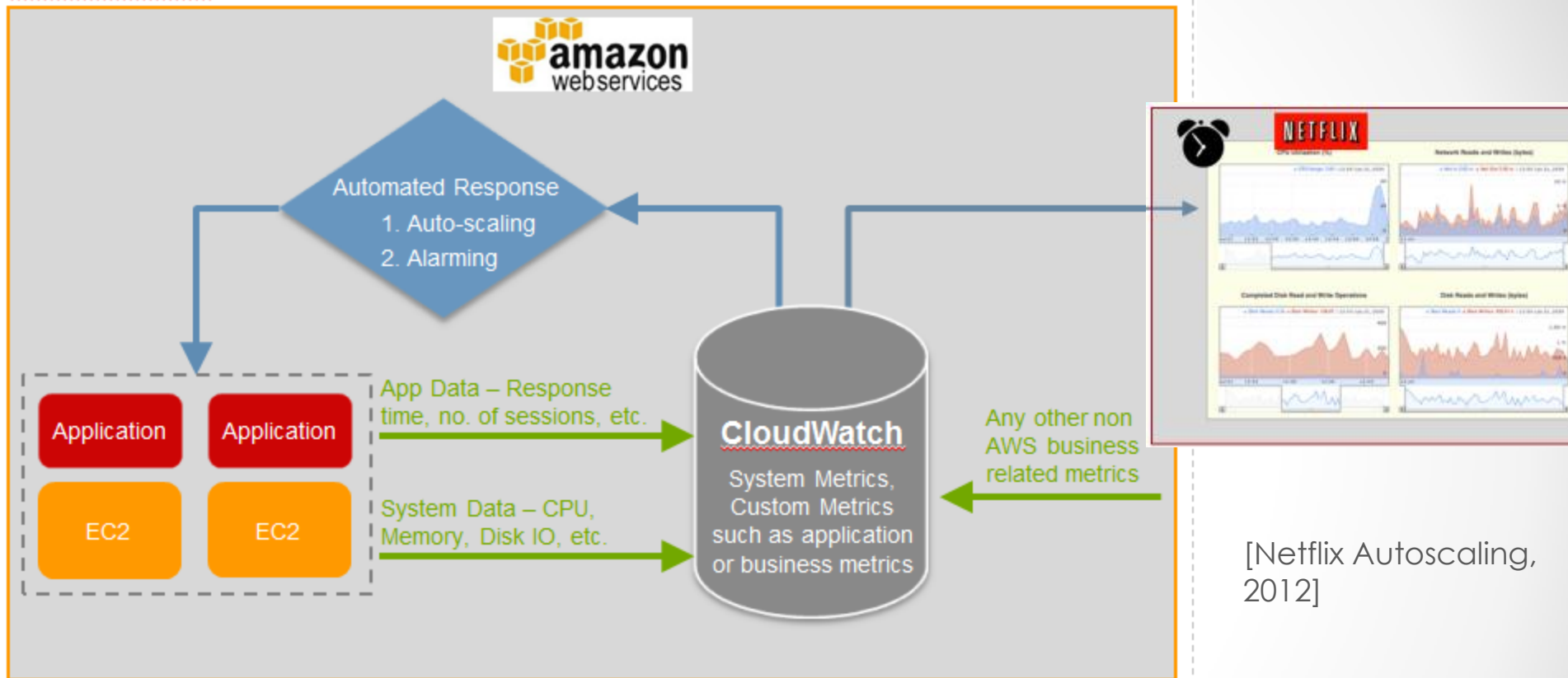
Power



Happiness

Automatically.....?




# Yes, Like This...



[Netflix Autoscaling, 2012]

- Scale Up: alarm at 75% of target threshold with a 5-10 minute delay before automated action takes place
- Scale Down: slowly, using time as a proxy to avoid removing capacity too quickly

# Three Layers of of Clouds

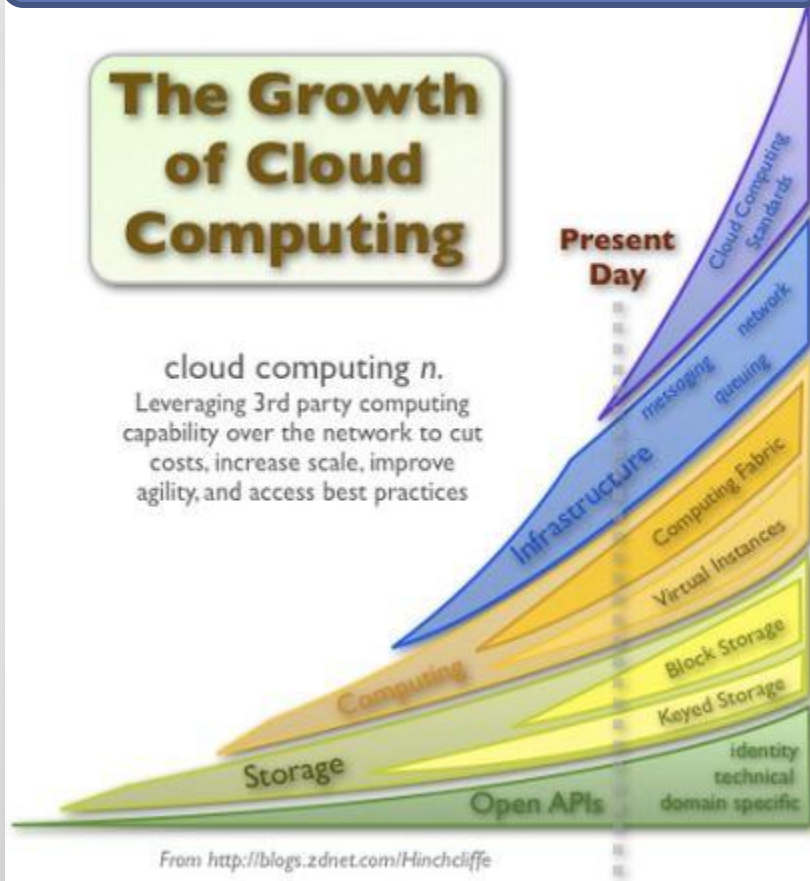
Cloud Category	The Cloud handles...	Examples
<b>Cirrus</b>	16,500 to 40,000 ft	
<b>Altostratus</b>	6,500 to 23,000 ft.	
<b>Cumulus</b>	Surface to 10,000 ft	

# Three Layers of Clouds

Cloud Category	The Cloud handles...	Examples
<b>SaaS:</b> Software	e.g., Office Application Functionality	<a href="#">Microsoft Office Web Apps</a> <a href="#">Google Docs</a>
<b>PaaS:</b> Platform	Relational Database Management Systems	<a href="#">Microsoft SQL Azure</a> <a href="#">Amazon RDS</a>
	Frameworks and Runtimes	<a href="#">Microsoft Windows Azure</a> - .NET <a href="#">Google App Engine</a> – Java, Python
	Messaging Queue	<a href="#">Microsoft Azure Queue</a> <a href="#">Amazon SQS</a>
<b>IaaS:</b> Infrastructure	Servers	<a href="#">Amazon EC2</a> - Linux, Windows <a href="#">Rackspace Cloud Servers</a> - Linux
	Storage	<a href="#">Amazon S3</a> / <a href="#">SDB</a> - BLOB / Table <a href="#">Microsoft Windows Azure Storage</a>
	CDN	<a href="#">Windows Azure CDN</a> <a href="#">Amazon CloudFront</a>
	Network	<a href="#">Amazon Virtual Private Cloud</a>

# Are Clouds for Real?

## Unparalleled Market Growth



[Hinchcliffe, 2009]

## Massive Adoption

- Global cloud computing to grow from \$37.8 billion 2010 to **\$121.1 billion in 2015**

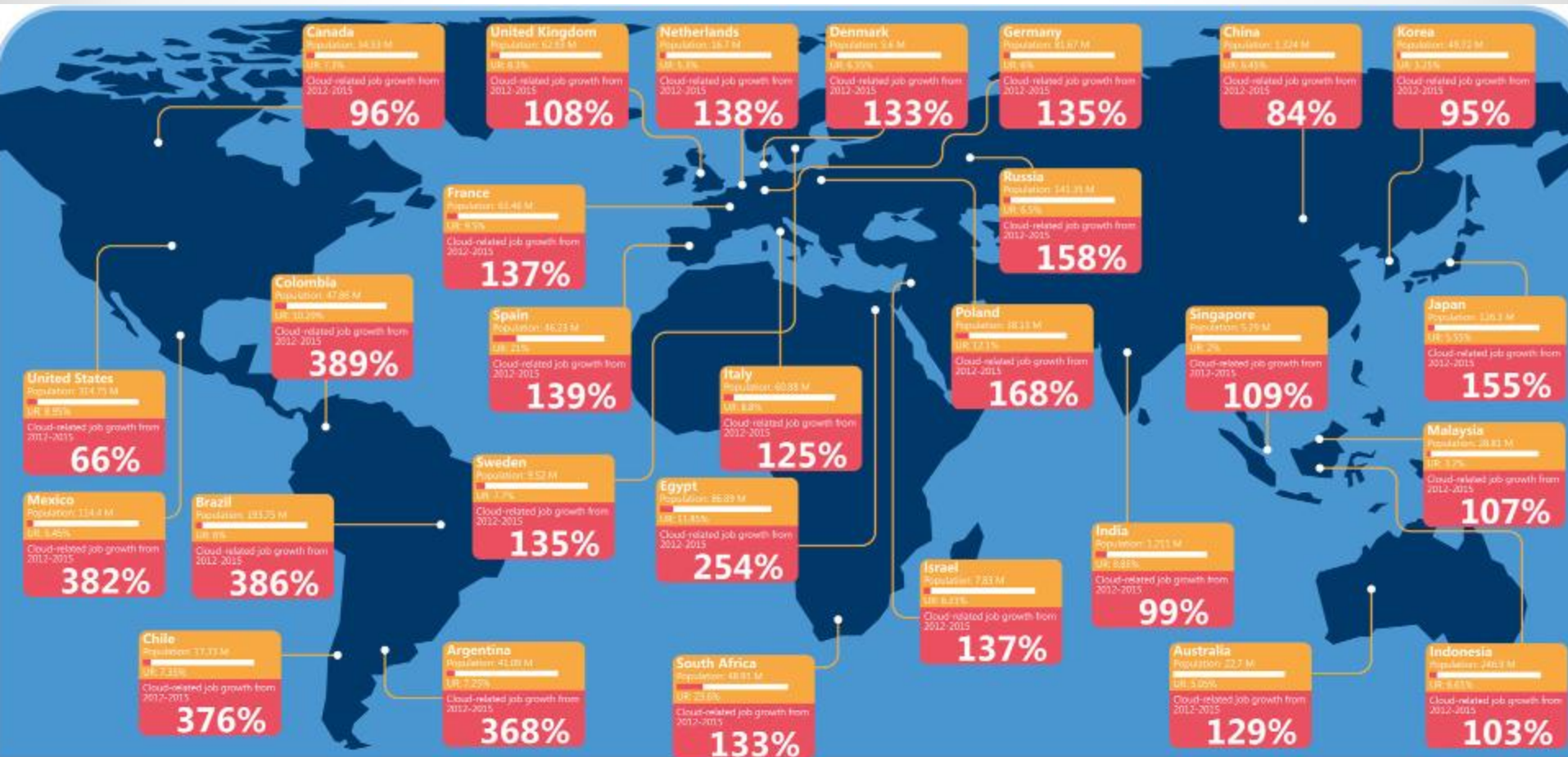
[R&M, 2010]

- By **2015**, business revenues from IT innovation enabled by the cloud could reach **US\$1.1 trillion** a year

[Microsoft, March 2012]



# 14 Million New Jobs by 2015

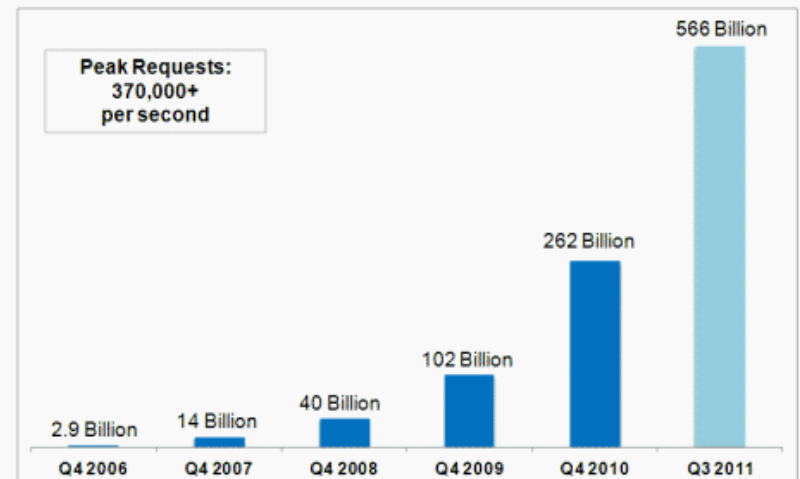


[Microsoft, March 2012]

# Really? Are Clouds for Real?

- Massive Investments
  - Cloud To Command 90% of Microsoft's R&D Budget [Forbes, 2011]
    - ~8.6 Billion in 2011
- Amazing Growth  
[Amazon Growth, 2011]
- Steep competition
  - 90 Cloud Computing Companies to Watch in 2011  
[CCJ, 2011]

## The Cloud Scales: Amazon S3 Growth



# Cloud Rewards

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The Promise of the Cloud

# Promises, Promises...

The Cloud Makes Many Promises



**You** are Empowered to Leverage These

- You Have an active role

Cloud Promise + Your Actions = Rewards

# Rewards, A 40,000 ft. View

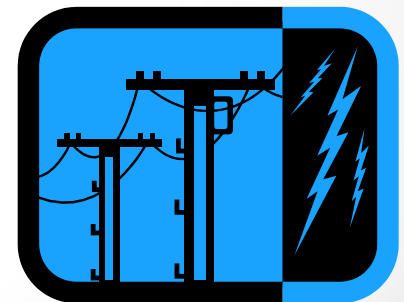
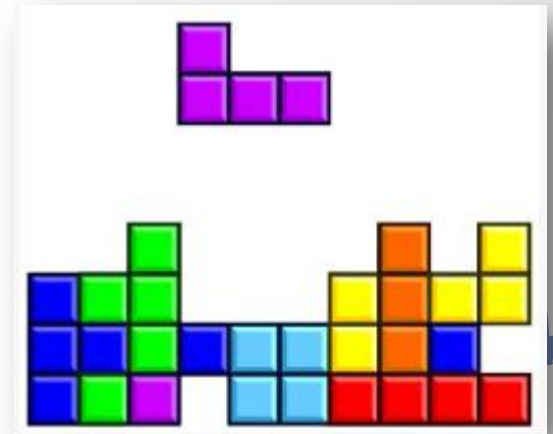


1. On demand capacity	Elasticity
2. Lower Cost	The Cloud is your data center
3. Disaster Recovery	Backups
4. Fault tolerance	Redundancy
5. Ease of management	Automation and APIs
6. Rewards Guaranteed	SLA – Service Level Agreement
7. Easy Integration	Many Services - One Provider

# 2. Lower Cost -

## The Cloud is your data center

- Asset Utilization
  - Data center server utilization averages 5%-20% [Berkeley 2009]
- Hardware Costs
  - Data center performance - only increases with additional investment.
- Power Efficiency
  - Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) for Data Center
  - Industry average 2.0
  - Microsoft Chicago:1.22
  - Microsoft Quincy 1.15 [Microsoft DC, 2011]



Continued....



# Lower Cost - The Cloud is your data center (cont)

- Security
  - Network security devices
  - Security software licenses
  - Staffing
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Physical security requirements
- Supply Chain Management
  - Ordering servers and components costs money and time
- Personnel
  - Operating data centers
  - Scaling and managing physical growth





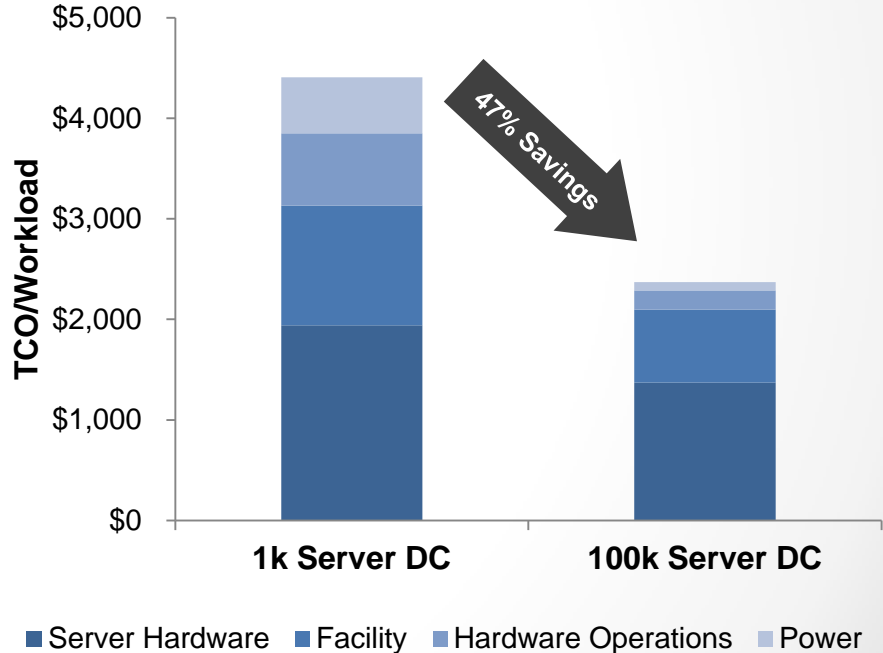
# Economies of Scale

Larger datacenters have almost 50% lower TCO per server

## MAIN DATA CENTER COST BUCKETS

- **Server hardware costs**  
(~45% of total costs)
- **Facility & operations**  
(~25%)
- **Hardware labor costs**  
(~15%)
- **Power costs** (~15%)

## ANNUAL TCO/SERVER DECLINES W/SCALE



# 3. Disaster Recovery & 4. Fault Tolerance

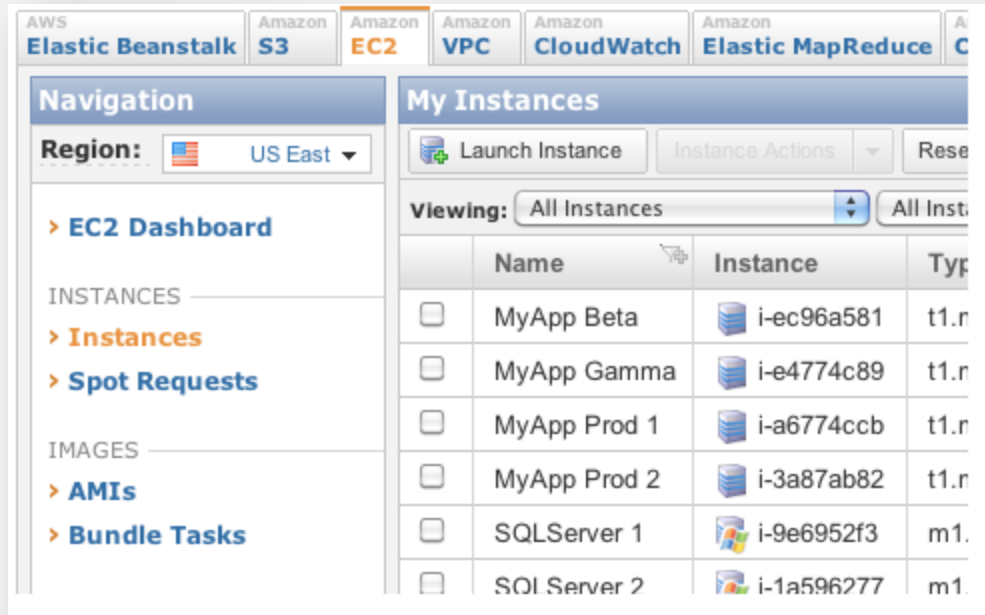
Service Robustness Enabled by The Cloud

- Multiple, smaller servers for **Redundancy**
- Handle load spikes via **Elastic Scalability**
- **Backups** leverage IaaS storage
- Use the tools via API – **Automate**

But how about when clouds  
turn stormy?



# 5. Ease of management - Automation and APIs



Asia Pacific	
Details	
	Service is operating normally.
(California)	Service is operating normally.
(Virginia)	Service is operating normally.
Cloud (N. California)	Service is operating normally.
Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (N. Virginia)	Service is operating normally.
Amazon Elastic MapReduce (N. California)	Service is operating normally.
Amazon Elastic MapReduce (N. Virginia)	Service is operating normally.
Amazon ElastiCache (N. Virginia)	Service is operating normally.

## APIs

- Configure Instances, Load Balancers.. Everything
- Monitor via Amazon CloudWatch

# New Azure Portal

Windows Azure

PREVIEW



seliot@microsoft.com



ALL  
ITEMS



WEB SITES

1



CLOUD SERVICES

1



SQL DATABASES

1



STORAGE

1

all items

NAME	TYPE	STATUS	SUBSCRIPTION	LOCATION	
sethtest	Cloud Service	✓ Created	3-Month Free Trial	West US	
sethtest-sql	Database	✓ Online	3-Month Free Trial	West US	
seth	Web Site	✓ Running	3-Month Free Trial	East US	
sethtest	Storage Account	✗ ResolvingDns	3-Month Free Trial	West US	

NEW



WEB SITE



VIRTUAL MACHINE



CLOUD SERVICE



SQL DATABASE



STORAGE



NETWORK



QUICK CREATE



CREATE WITH DATABASE



FROM GALLERY

Quickly create your web site by specifying a URL. You can perform tasks like deployment and configuration later.

# Find Apps for Azure

ALL

BLOGS

CMS

ECOMMERCE

FORUMS

A-Z



Drupal Commerce Kickstart



Joomla! 2.5



mojoPortal



Orchard CMS



Umbraco CMS 5



WordPress



WordPress

WordPress is a state-of-the-art publishing platform with a focus on aesthetics, web standards, and usability.

VERSION	3.3.1
SIZE	4264
RELEASE DATE	1/2/2012
PUBLISHER	WordPress

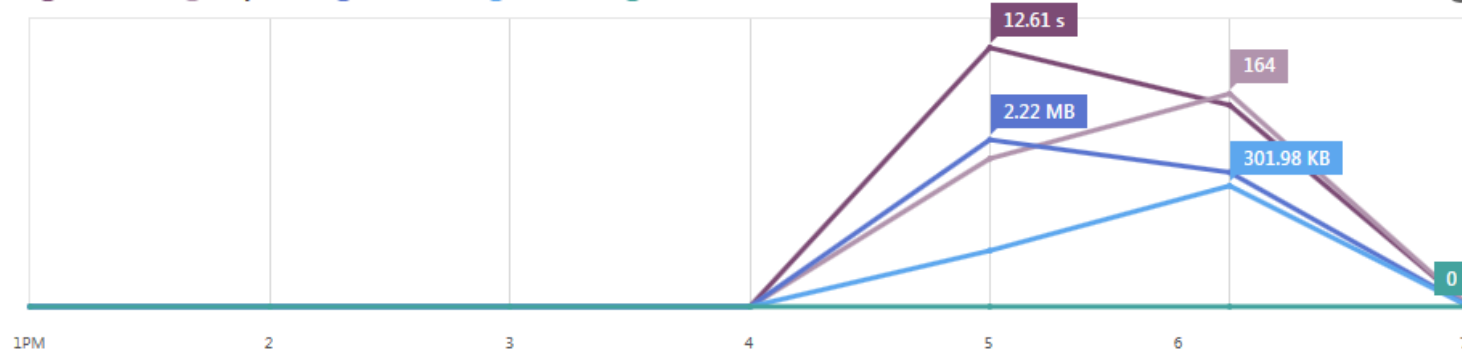




web sites

seth PREVIEW[DASHBOARD](#) [MONITOR](#) [CONFIGURE](#) [SCALE](#) [LINKED RESOURCES](#)☒ CPU TIME ☒ REQUESTS ☒ DATA OUT ☒ DATA IN ☒ HTTP SERVER ERRORS

6 HOURS



## usage overview

☒ SETH ☐ OTHER WEB SITES ☐ AVAILABLE

## quick glance

- View connection strings
- Set up TFS publishing
- Set up Git publishing
- Download publish profile
- Reset deployment credentials

STATUS  
RunningSITE URL  
<http://seth.azurewebsites.net>COMPUTE MODE  
Shared

NEW



BROWSE



STOP



UPLOAD



DELETE



WEBMATRIX



# Manage Azure via REST APIs



Operations on Hosted Services

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- List Hosted Services
- Create Hosted Service
- Update Hosted Service
- Delete Hosted Service
- Get Hosted Service Properties
- Create Deployment
- Get Deployment
- Swap Deployment
- Delete Deployment
- Change Deployment Configuration
- Update Deployment Status
- Upgrade Deployment
- Walk Upgrade Domain
- Reboot Role Instance
- Reimage Role Instance
- Rollback Update Or Upgrade
- Check Hosted Service Name Availability
- Get Package



## 6. Rewards Guaranteed - Cloud SLAs

	Microsoft	Amazon	Rackspace	Google
Service	Azure Compute	EC2	Cloud Servers	Apps for Business
SLA	99.9% 99.95% <sup>1</sup>	99.95%	100%	99.9%
Service Credit	10%-25%	10%	5%-100%	3-15 days
Storage	Azure Storage	S3	Cloud Files	
SLA	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	
Service Credit	10%-25%	10%-25%	10%-100%	

1. If two or more role instances in different fault and upgrade domains [Cloud SLAs]

Example: Azure Storage Uptime =  $100\% - \frac{\text{Failed Storage Transactions}}{\text{Total Storage Transactions}}$

- Failures Transactions includes completed but too slow

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# SLAs, What are They Good For?

- Service Credits will likely not compensate for lost business and negative customer impact.
- Providers pay out service credits, but the cost in publicity is more.
  - The market will reward those that **keep their SLAs**
  - But Enterprise cloud users cannot afford to bet on the wrong provider.
- 99.9% uptime = 9 hrs/yr down
- Must architect defensively
  - More when we get to case studies

# 7. Easy Integration - Many Services, One Provider

A Video Download Service

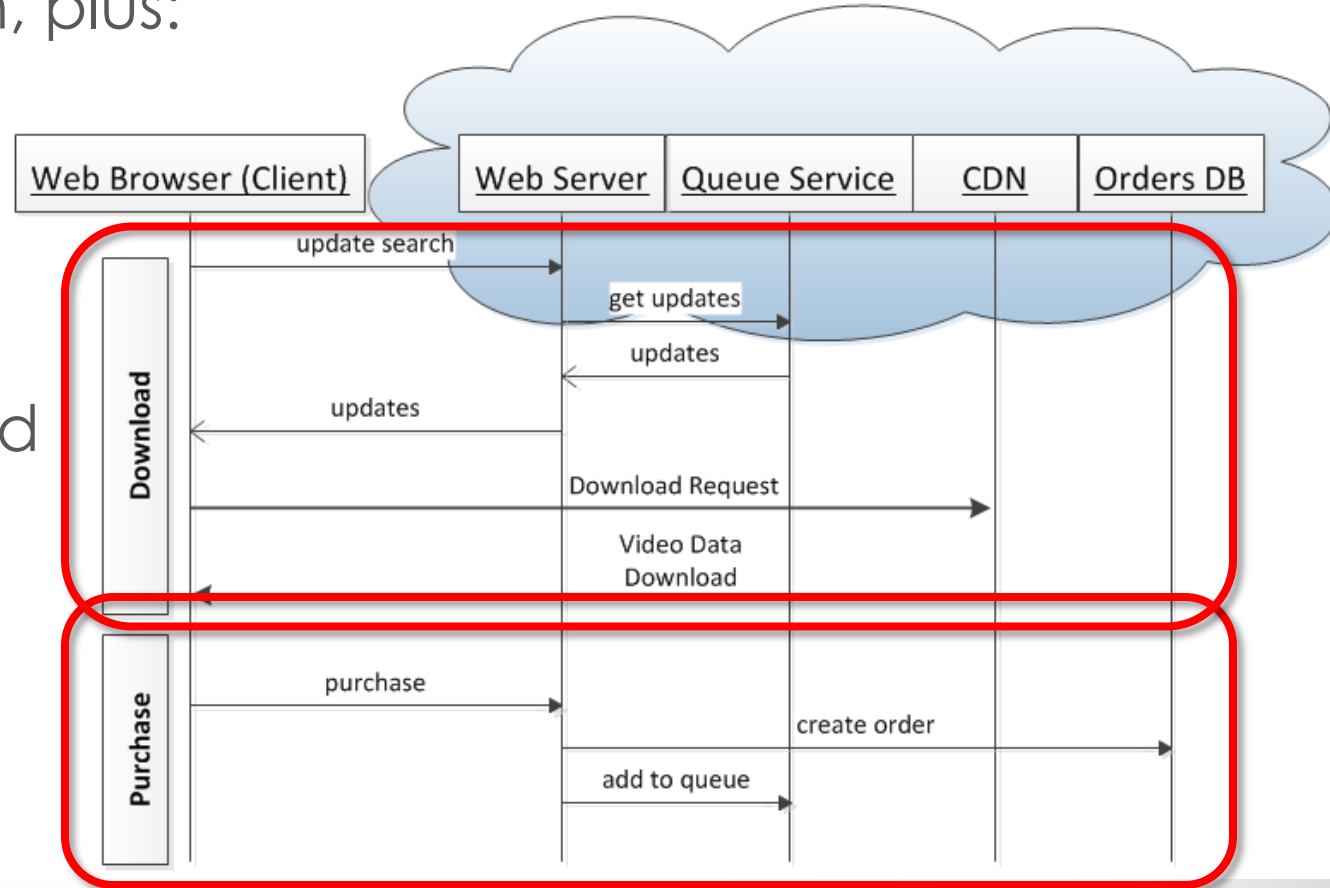
Your Application, plus:

- Storage
- Databases
- Web Servers
- CDN

....all in the Cloud

Availability and Interoperability within a single cloud provider

- Simpler than building full solution.

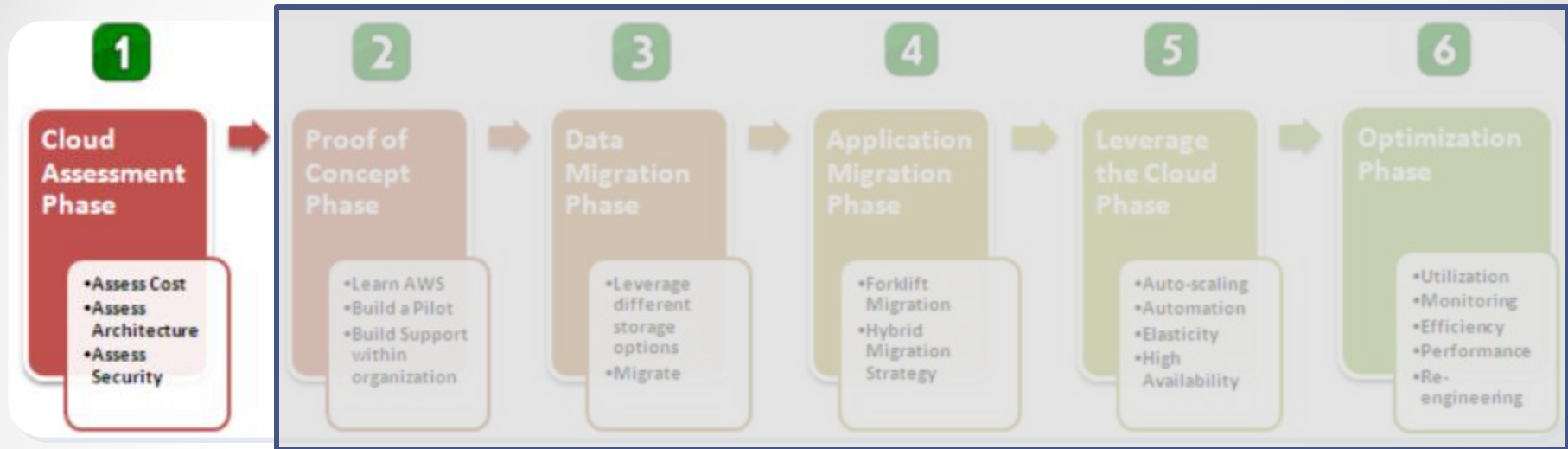


# Getting Into The Cloud

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Plan Pick and Execute

# Plan Your Cloud Migration



- Model courtesy of Amazon
  - Six step model
  - Plan, proof of concept, execution, optimize
- Leaping into the Cloud is mostly about planning and execution

# Plan for each Application

The cloud providers **want** you there  
Microsoft Azure

- Microsoft Assessment and Planning (MAP) Toolkit [MAP Toolkit]
  - Automatically finds your web apps, web servers and DBs

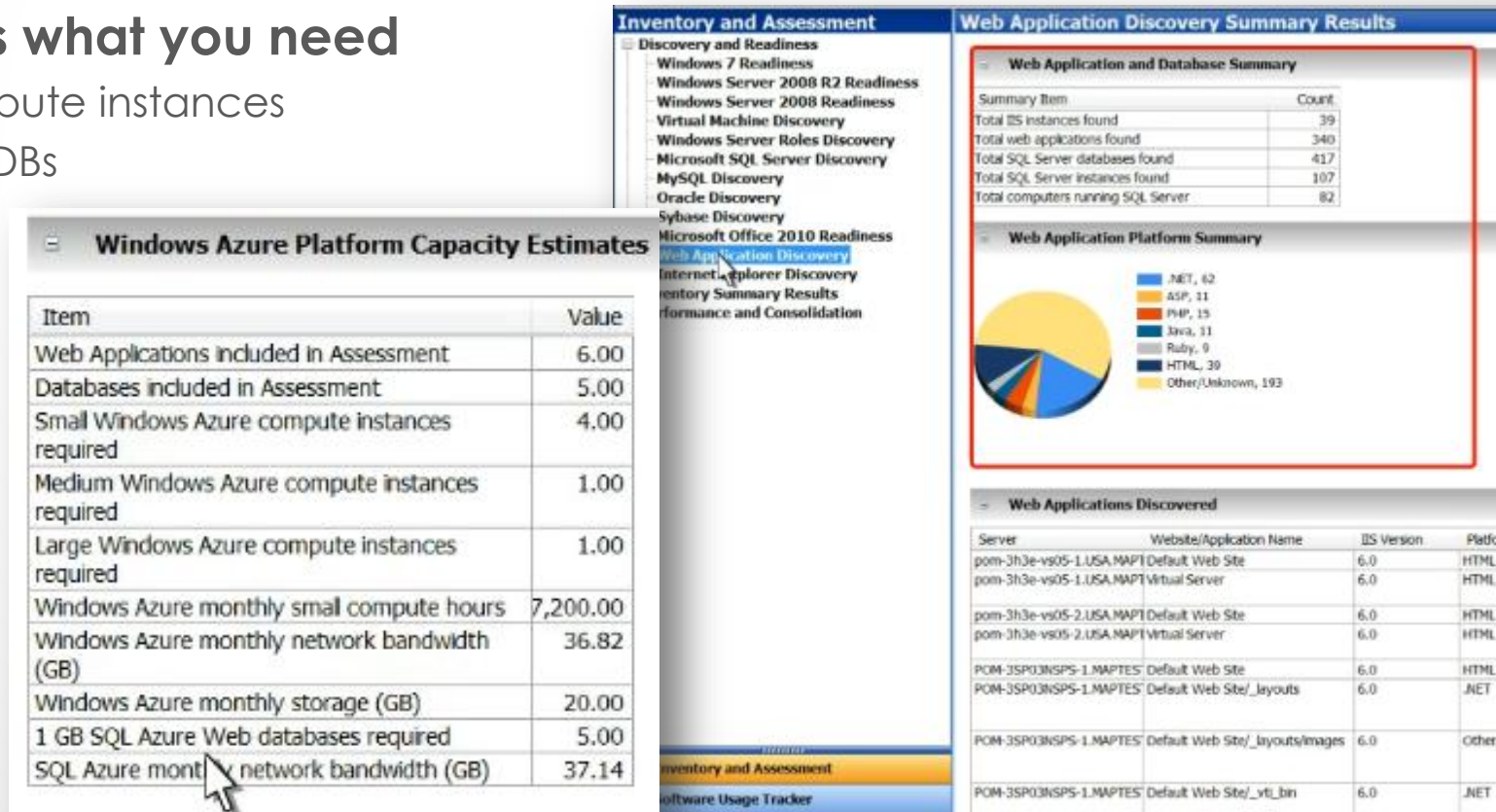
## Estimates what you need

Azure compute instances

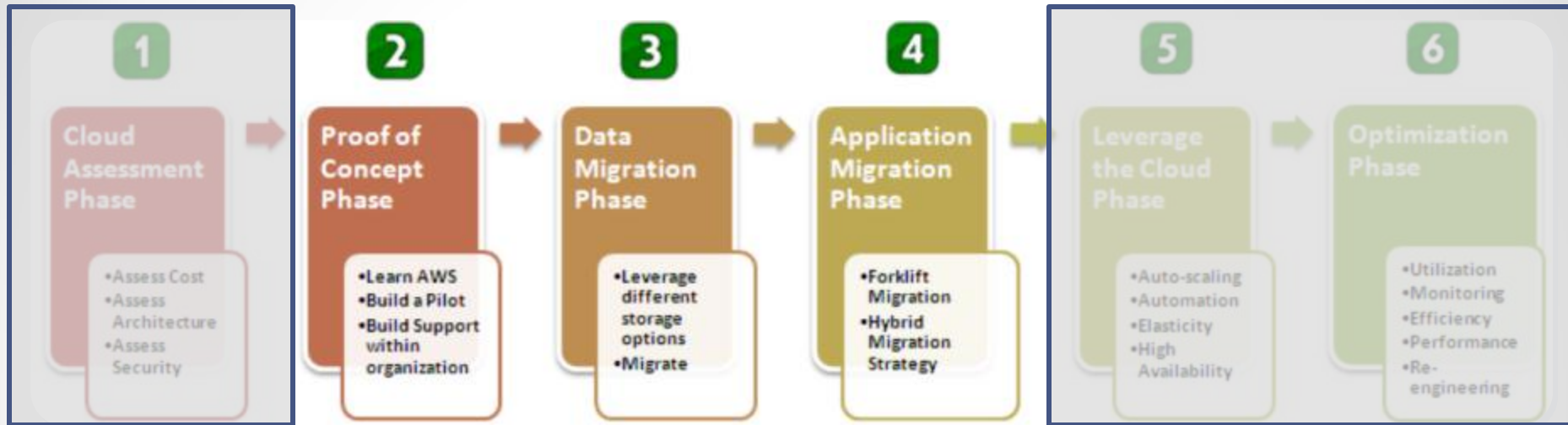
SQL Azure DBs

Bandwidth

Storage



# Execute you plan



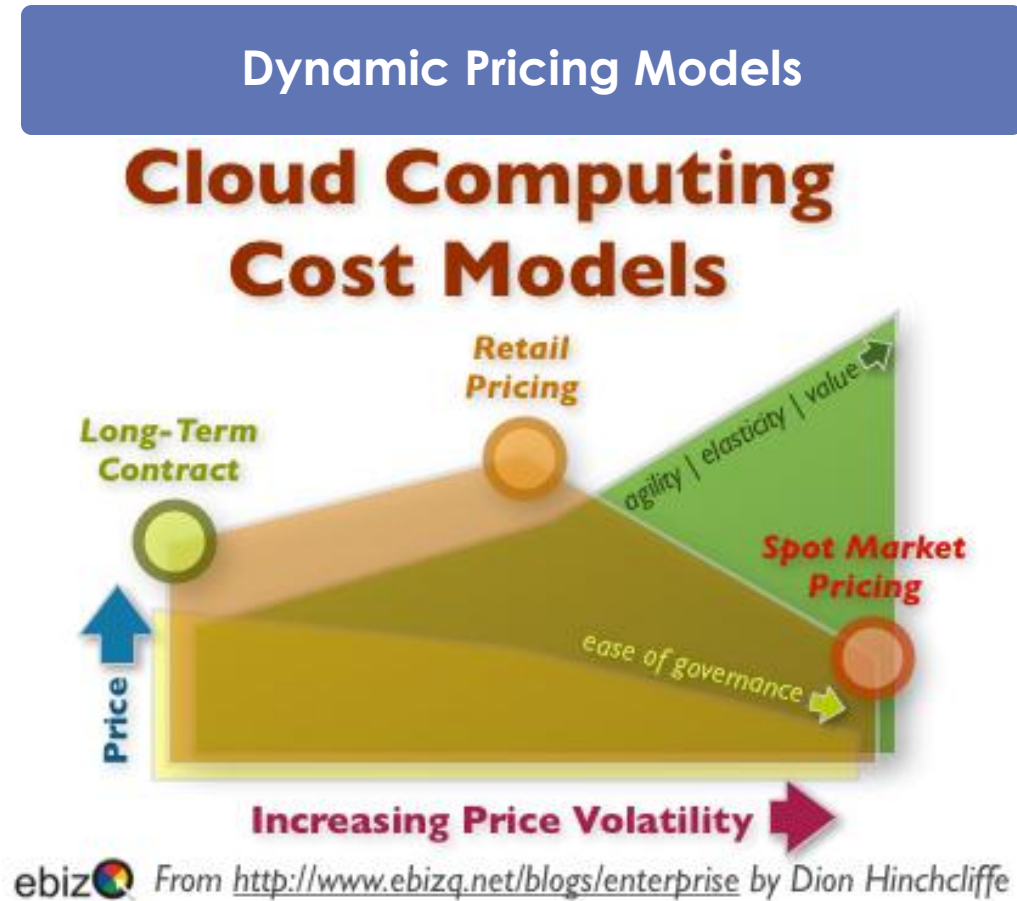
- Proof of Concept
  - Build a trial version in the cloud
  - Plan for data Migration and App Migration
- To do this, you will need to pick a cloud provider

[AWS Whitepaper]



# Pick the Services you need

- Types of Services you need (Window/Linux)
- Type of Contract
  - Different pricing
  - Different SLAs
- Security Levels
  - FISMA Compliant – Federal Information Security Management Act [FISMA, 2002]
  - Other Security compliance



# Pick the Right Cloud Provider

- Handy Cloud Computing Price Comparison Engines  
[Cloud Tweaks, 2011]

1. FindTheBest.com

2. ServDex.com

3. CloudSurfing.com

4. Cloudarade.com

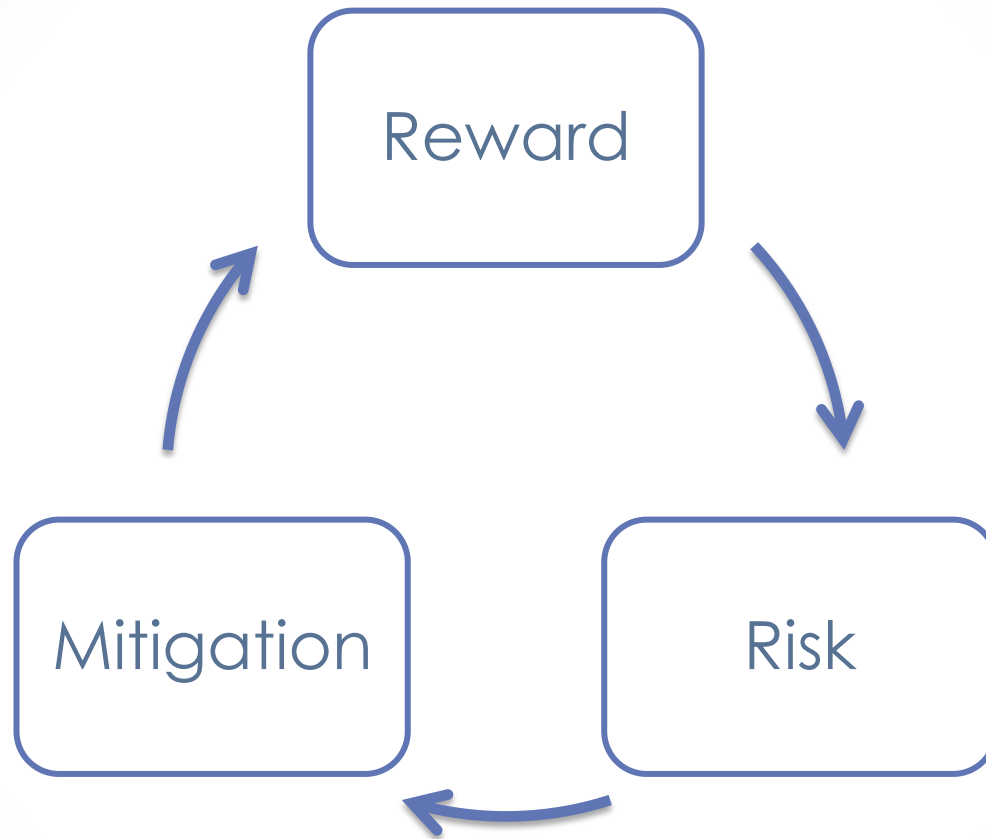
The bottom screenshot from Cloudarade.com displays a table of cloud providers and their prices for a 1.5 GB RAM / 1 VCPU instance:

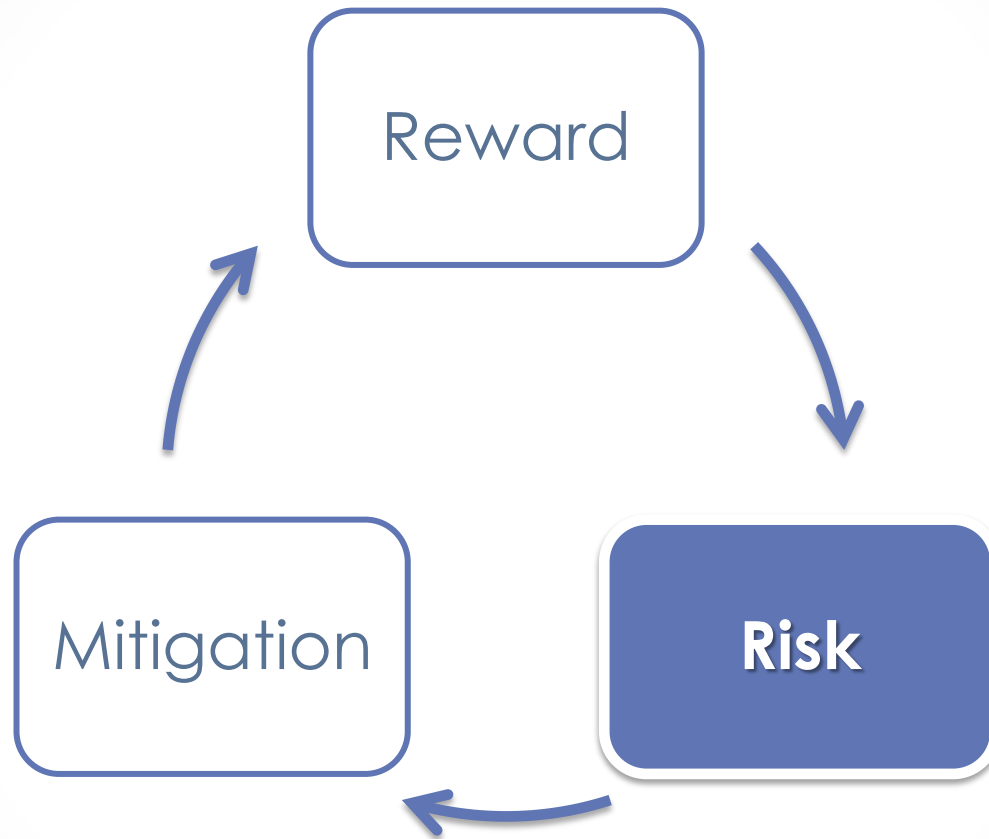
Provider	Configuration	Price	Action
ElasticHosts	1.5 GB RAM / 1x 1.08 GHz VCPUs	\$60	Go to Provider
OpSource	1.5 GB RAM / 1 VCPU Instance 25% off for 1 <sup>st</sup> month with promo code MOC01	\$62	Go to Provider
CloudSigma	1.5 GB RAM / 1x 0.5 GHz VCPUs	\$66	Go to Provider
bitrefinery	1.5 GB RAM / 1 VCPU Instance	\$70	Go to Provider
terremark	1.5 GB RAM / 1 VCPU Instance	\$85	Go to Provider
amazon web services	Standard Small	\$87	Go to Provider
dediServe	Cloud Machine 2GB	\$112	Go to Provider

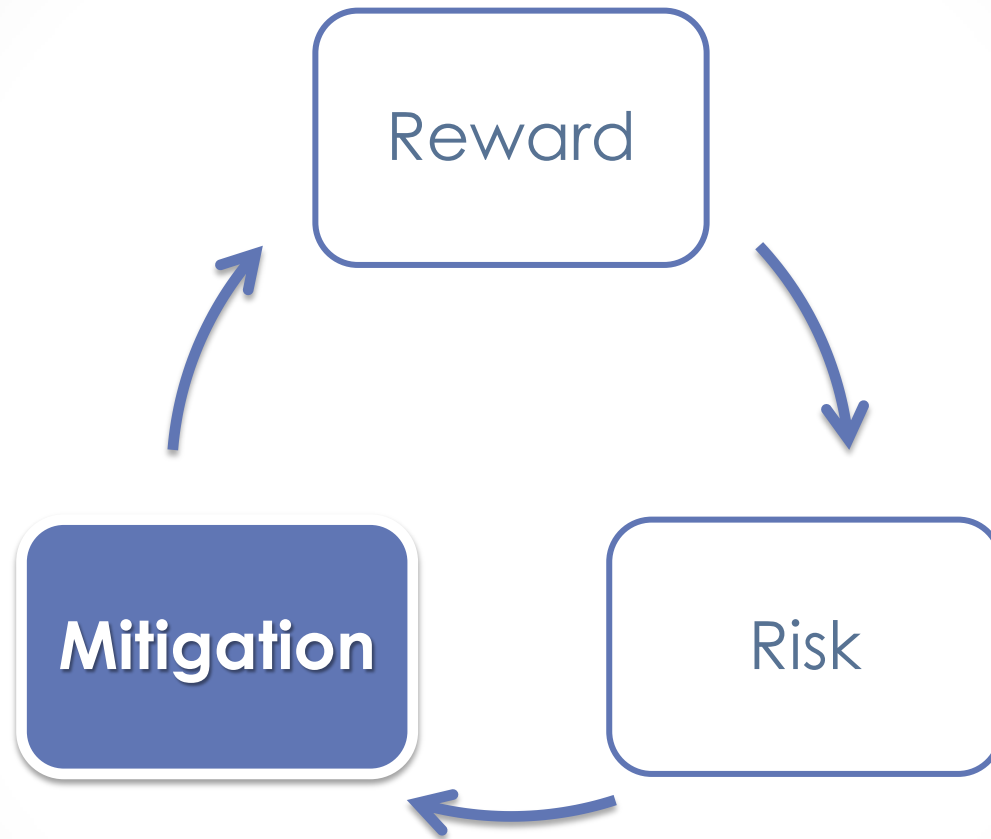
# 5 Amazing Cloud Case Studies

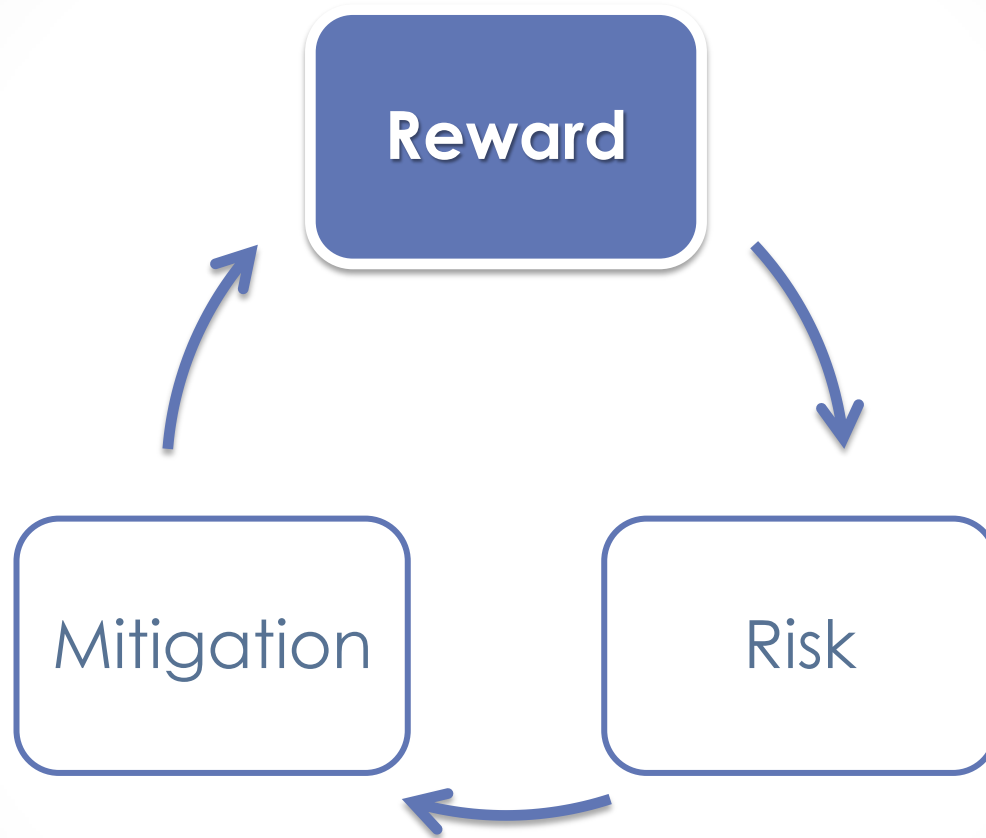
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Rewards, Risks & Mitigations









# Amazon.com Elasticity and Cost Savings



## Velocity 2011: Jon Jenkins, "Velocity Culture"

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[Jenkins, 2011]



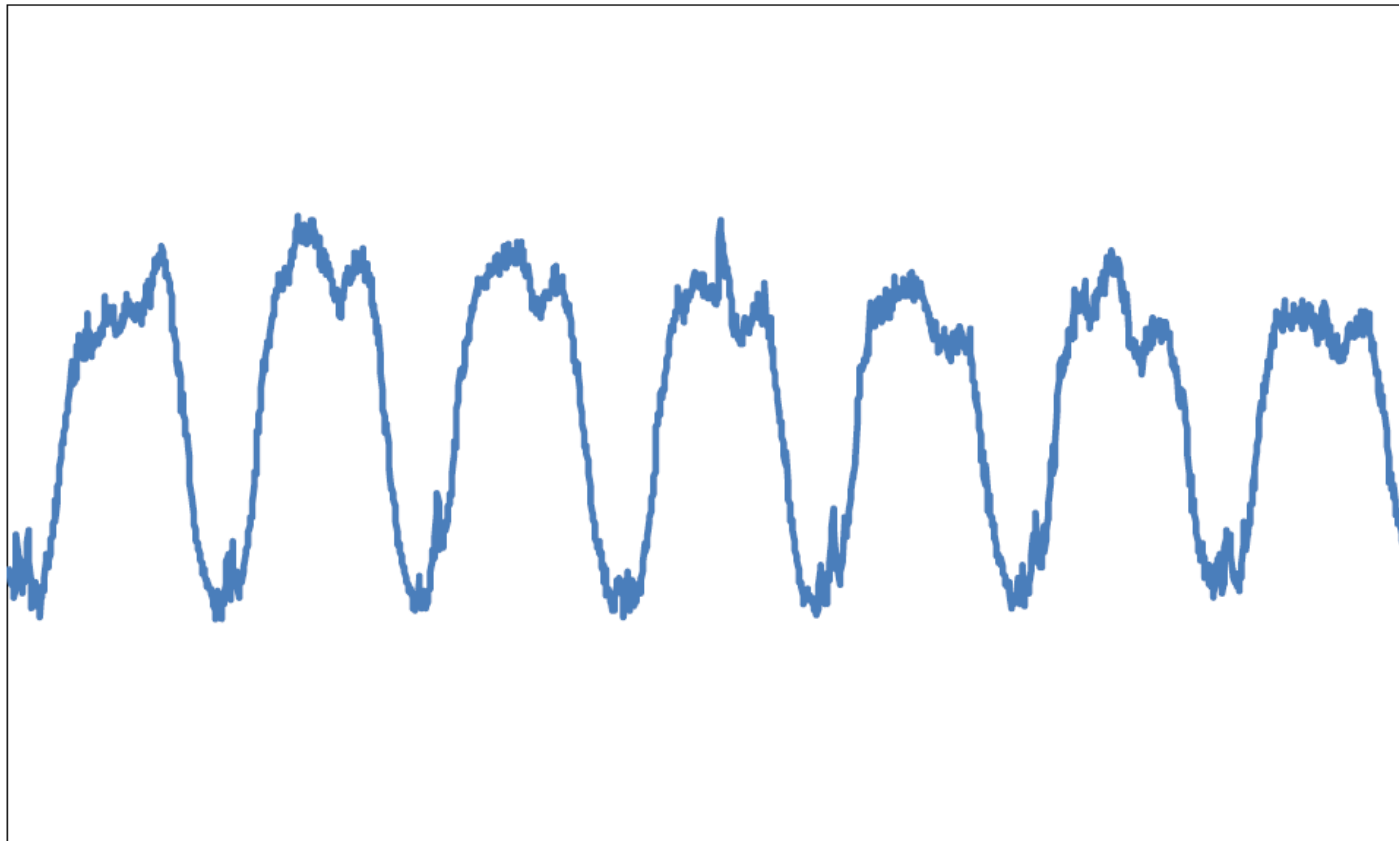
Reward

# Website Traffic is Spikey

Mitigation

Risk

Typical Weekly Traffic to amazon.com



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

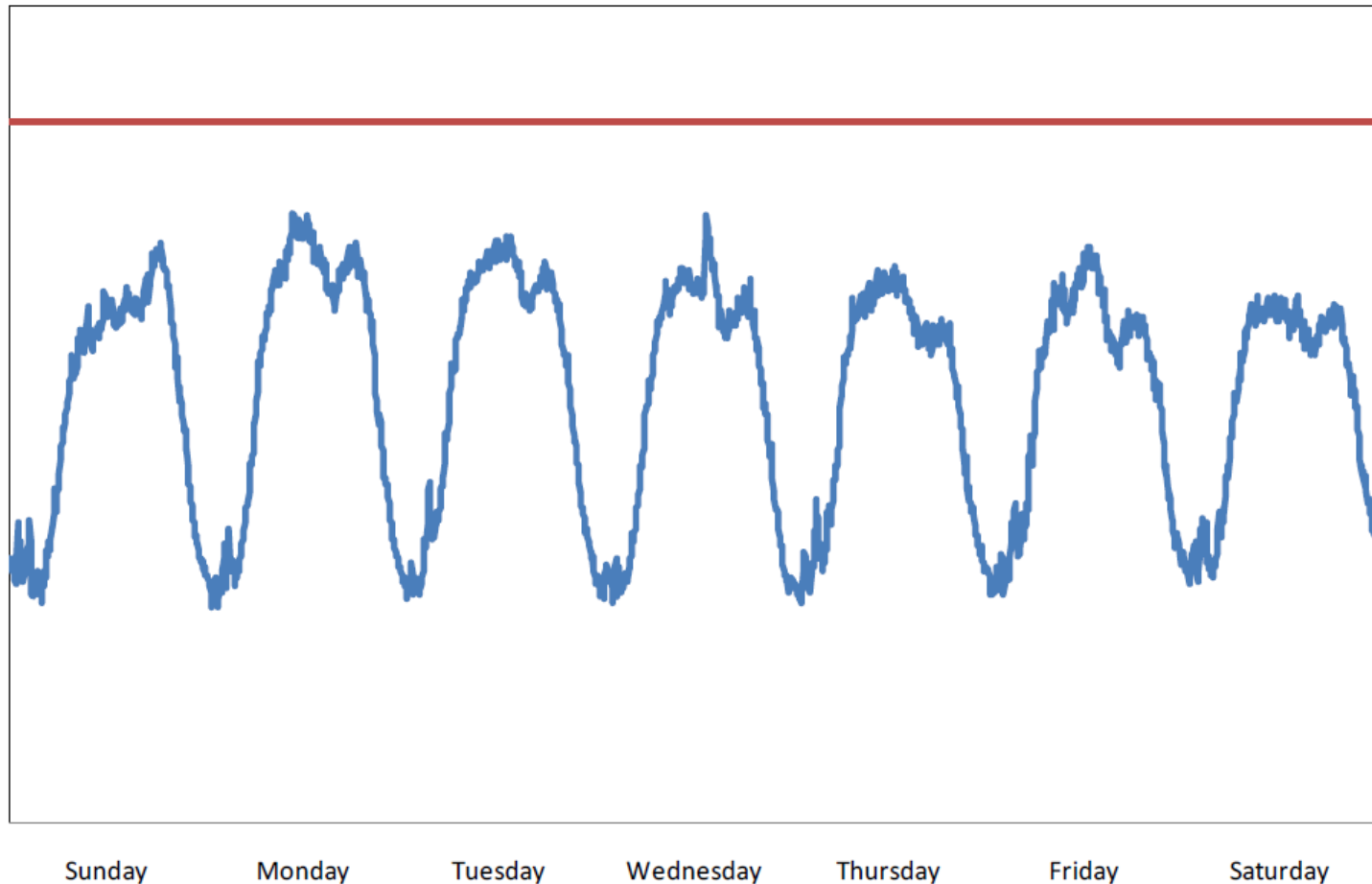
Friday

Saturday

# Add a Buffer



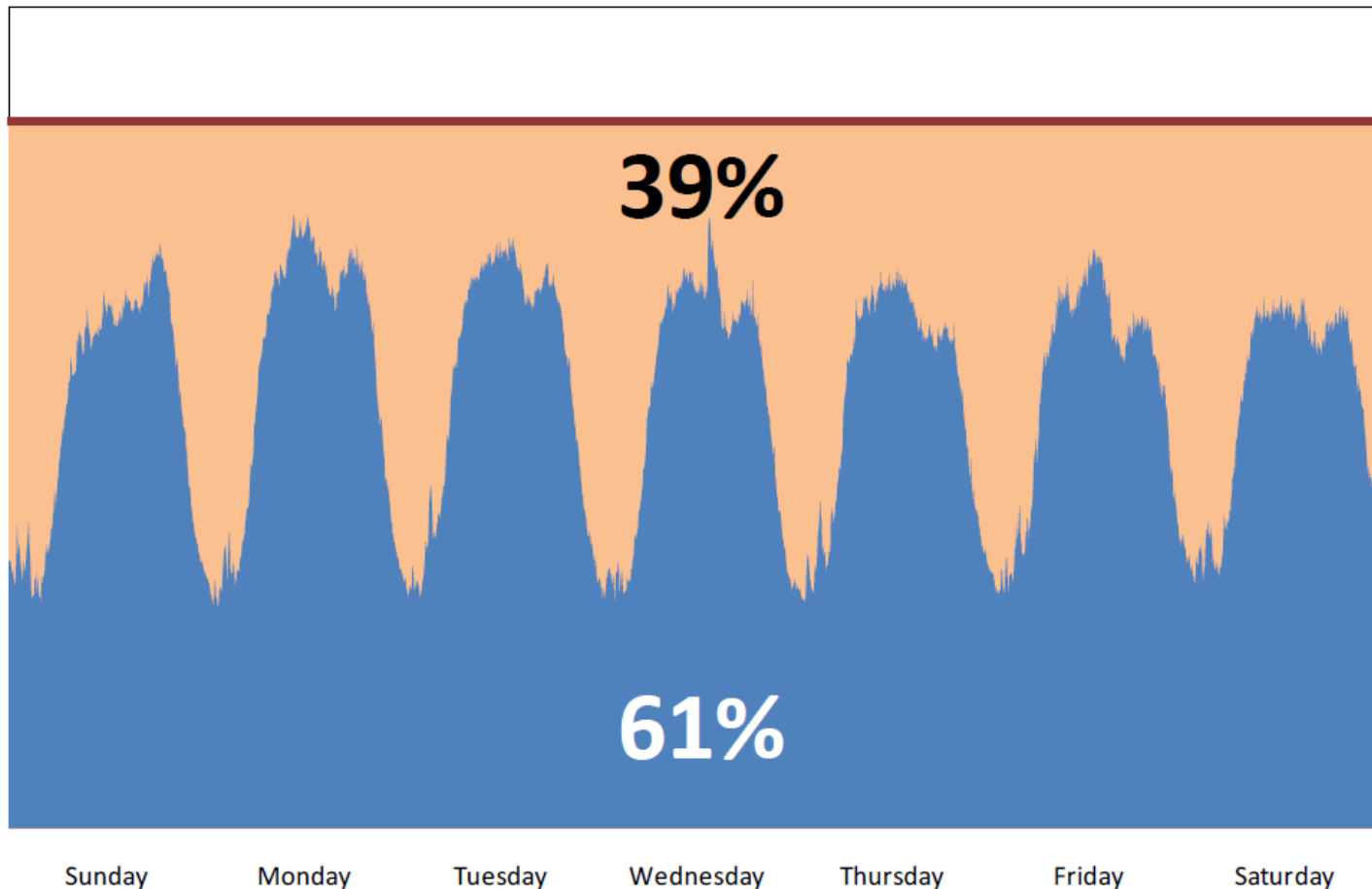
**Typical Weekly Traffic to amazon.com**



# Major Waste!



Typical Weekly Traffic to amazon.com



Reward

Mitigation

Risk

# But it's Even Worse



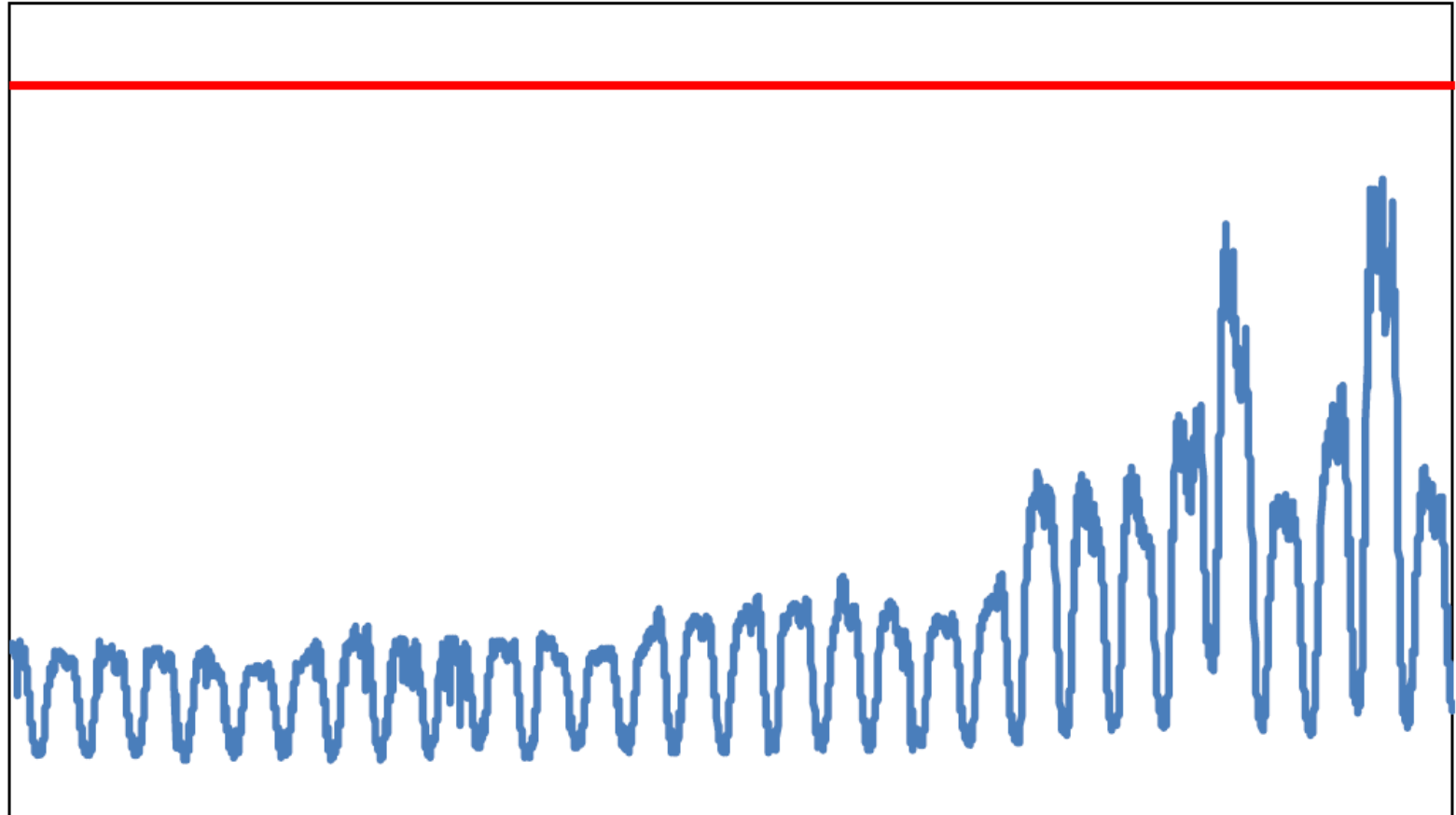
Reward

Mitigation

Risk

# Seasonality Spikes

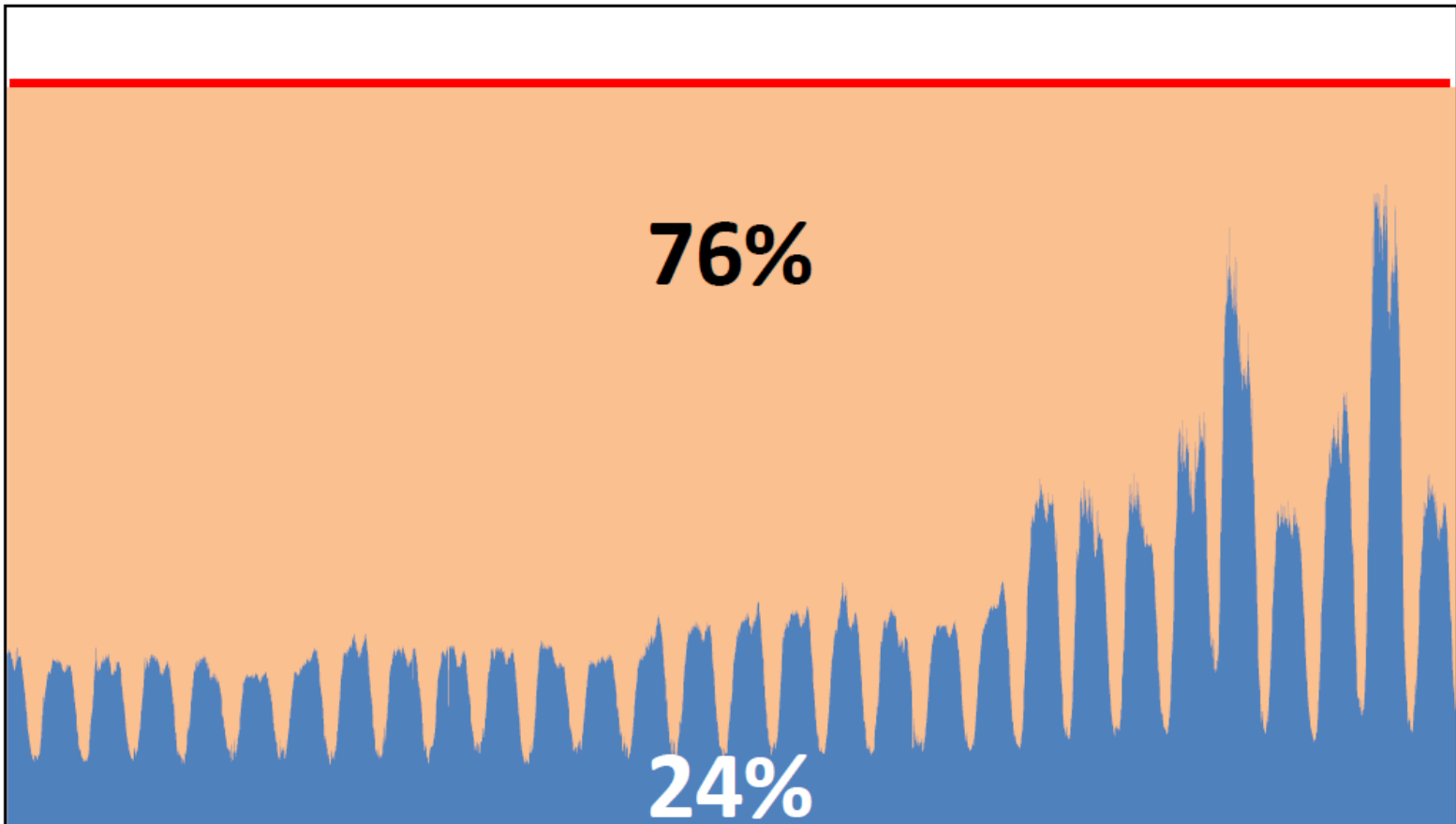
**November Traffic for amazon.com**



# Big Waste



November Traffic for amazon.com



Reward

# Might as well be Flushing \$\$

Mitigation

Risk



Must have  
Active  
Passive  
Failover

Let's Build for  
Peak +  
Buffer

You Can't  
Survive if  
your COGS  
are the  
highest

Give me a  
Break





# Let's Move to the Cloud

- November 10th 2010 full migration to EC2
- Reduced spending on server capacity
- Fleet scales dynamically in increments as small as a single host
- Traffic spikes handled with ease
- Cultural change – aim for small server footprints

# Business Continuity



# A Cautionary Tale



April 2008

## Microsoft Acquires Forecast For \$115M

by Mark Hendrickson on April 17, 2008

50 Comments

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Rumors about the acquisition of **Forecast** are accurate – in a very brief blog **post** CEO **Hugh Crean** says they've been acquired by Microsoft.

SeattlePI, which first **broke** the rumor last week, **says** the price tag was \$115 million. While the two companies are an understandable fit given their proximity and partnership over MSN Travel, SeattlePI reports that Forecast entertained multiple offers before accepting Microsoft's.

Forecast is an airfare pricing comparison tool

The screenshot shows the Forecast website's 'Smart Travel Search' interface. It includes tabs for 'Flights' and 'Hotels'. The 'Flights' tab is active, displaying a map of the United States with flight paths from New York to various cities. A sidebar on the left allows refining results by 'From' (New York, NY - All airports), 'To' (All cities), 'Leave between' (02/28/2008 to 03/28/2008), 'Trip Length' (2 to 8 days), and 'Price Range' (\$135 to \$500). The main content area shows a list of flight options with columns for Price, Airports, Leaves, and Returns. The first option is a \$426 fare from New York to London via JFK-LHR, leaving on 2/28/08 and returning on 3/04/08.

Price	Airports	Leaves	Returns
\$426	JFK-LHR	2/28/08 (Thu) Night (9h - 12h)	3/04/08 (Tue) Afternoon (12h - 5h)
\$426	JFK-LHR	3/01/08 (Sat) Night (9h - 12h)	3/04/08 (Tue) Afternoon (12h - 5h)
\$436	EWR-MAD	2/28/08 (Thu) Afternoon (12h - 5h)	3/04/08 (Tue) Pre-dawn (12h - 6h)

Forecast becomes Bing Travel



# No Safety Net

Service housed  
in a single  
Datacenter.

No Budget for  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC Buildout.







July 2009  
Disaster Strikes!  
An Electrical Fire @ Fisher Plaza

TV Stations, Radio Stations,  
Online Games, & Bing Travel





Bing Travel is now

**2+ Datacenters**



Reward

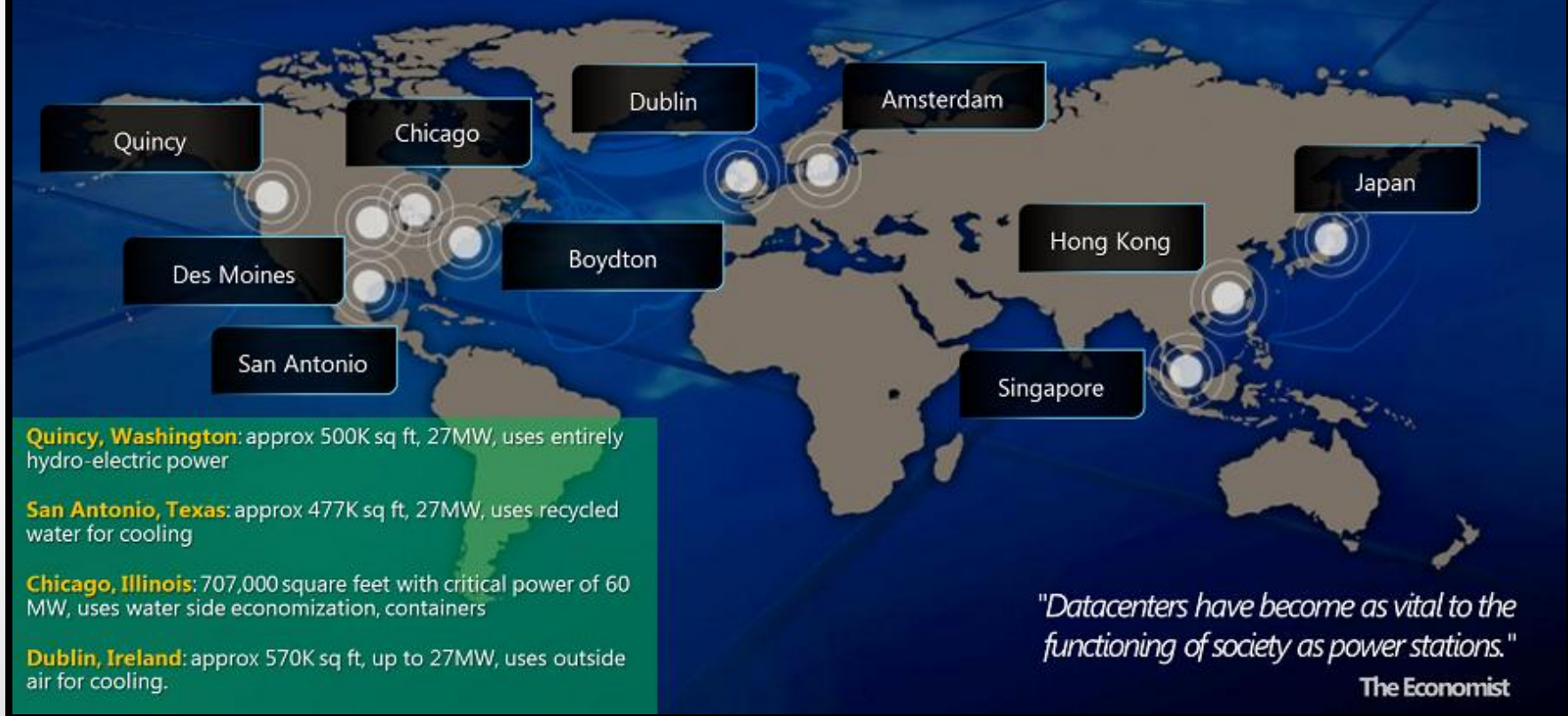
# Microsoft has Geo-Redundancy

Mitigation

Risk

## Microsoft Datacenter Scale

Microsoft has more than 10 and less than 100 DCs worldwide







# ...Therefore YOU have Geo-Redundancy

...in The Cloud

- Windows Azure Traffic Manager
  - Automatically **load balance** traffic to the best data center
    - Performance
    - Failover



- Amazon S3 Storage
  - “data is **replicated** over multiple locations such that failure modes are independent of each other. The locations are chosen with great care to achieve this independence”

[Amazon geo, May 2010]

- Google Cloud Storage
  - “We **replicate** data to multiple data centers and serve an end-user’s request from the nearest data center that holds a copy of the data”

[Google Cloud Storage]

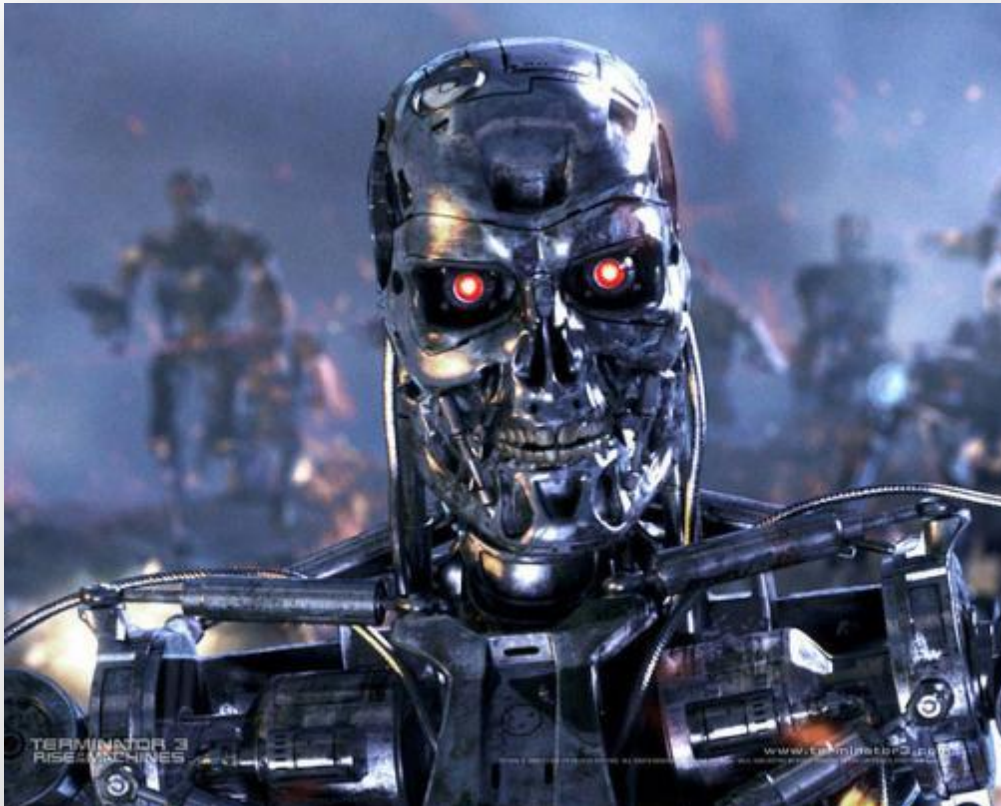




# ...Or Do You?

Again, you are responsible for good design

April 21, 2011 – Skynet begins it's attack against humanity



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skynet>

Credit to [Don MacAskill](#) for pointing this out




# ...Or Do You?

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April 21, 2011 – Amazon AWS EC2/RDS Outage

- Took down



- But one website had reason to be **SmugMug** 
  - ...minimally impacted, and all major services remained online during the AWS outage
- Netflix stayed up too... more later...



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You must...  
Design for Redundancy

- Bu
  -
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# Don't Be This Guy

Life of our patients is at stake - I am desperately asking you to contact

Posted by: [md76040303317](#)

Posted on: Apr 22, 2011 11:20 PM



This question is **answered**. Helpful answers available: **2**. Correct answers available: **1**.

Sorry, I could not get through in any other way

We are a monitoring company and are monitoring hundreds of cardiac patients at home.  
We were unable to see their ECG signals since 21st of April

Could you please contact us?

# How Did SmugMug Do It?



Amazon EC2 (N. California)	✓	✓	✓
Amazon EC2 (N. Virginia)	✗	✗	✗

- Availability Zones (AZs)
- Failures Should Not Span AZs
  - In this case they did!
- SmugMug uses Three AZs
- Designed to fail and recover
  - Any of our instances, or any group of instances in an AZ, can be “shot in the head” [SmugMug April 2011]
- Incident Response
  - We updated our own status board, and then I tried to work around the problem.... 5 minutes [later] we were back in business



# How Do You Do It?

- Multiple Amazon AZs or Azure Regions
- Plus Traffic Management
  - Multiple service instances costs more
- Azure LRS: Local Redundant Storage
  - Protects against common failures (disk, node, rack)
- Azure GRS: Geo-Redundant Storage
  - Protects against Data Center outage
  - Costs 23%-34% more

Choose how to spend your \$\$\$

- Resiliency or Response

Service [Sub-Region]
Compute [East Asia]
Compute [East US]
Compute [North Central US]
Compute [North Europe]
Compute [South Central US]
Compute [Southeast Asia]
Compute [West Europe]
Compute [West US]





# Fault Tolerance



..or What Do You Need to Worry  
About When Running Your Own  
Data Center



Failure is Always an Option

For Example....





- 1 Power Distribution Unit failure (500-1000 machines)
- 1 rack-move (500-1000 machines)
- 1 network rewiring (rolling 5% of machines)
- 20 rack failures (40-80 machines)
- 8 network maintenances (~30-min connectivity losses)
- 12 router reloads
- 3 router failures
- Dozens of minor 30-second blips for DNS
- 1000 individual machine failures
- 1000s of hard drive failures



[Google Cluster, 2008]



# How Does The Cloud Help?

The Cloud **is** better

- Fault-tolerant hardware and network infrastructure
- Advanced Ops personnel and processes
- State of the art: Power, Cooling, Security



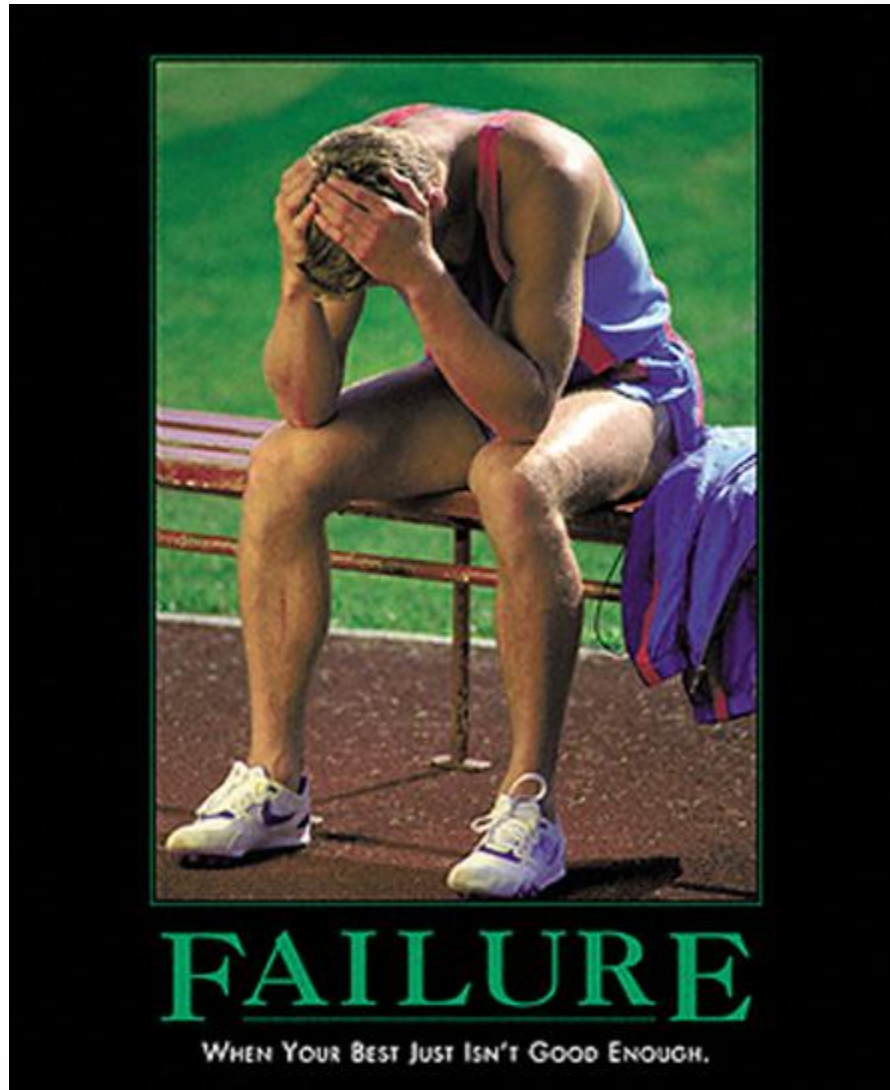
The Cloud **is not** better

- but gives you better tools to....



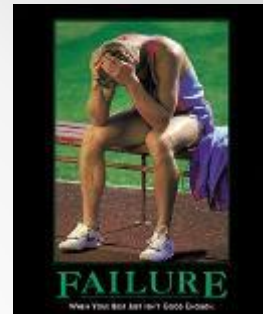
# ...Embrace Failure

aka  
design defensively





# Embrace Failure



## Design Defensively

- Each System has to succeed, even on its own
  - Small Stateless Services
  - Recommendation System Down? Show popular titles instead of personalized picks
- Assume host failures happen
  - Remember, “shot in the head”
  - Cloud Advantage: Re-Spawn!
- Short Timeouts and Quick Retries – Fail Fast
  - Co-tenancy can introduce variance in throughput at any level of the stack.
  - Requires Idempotent Interfaces
- Research and Test with Full Scale / Real Data
  - Cloud Advantage: Elasticity



[Netflix AWS, Dec 2010]

[Twilio AWS, Apr 2011]



# Destructive Testing



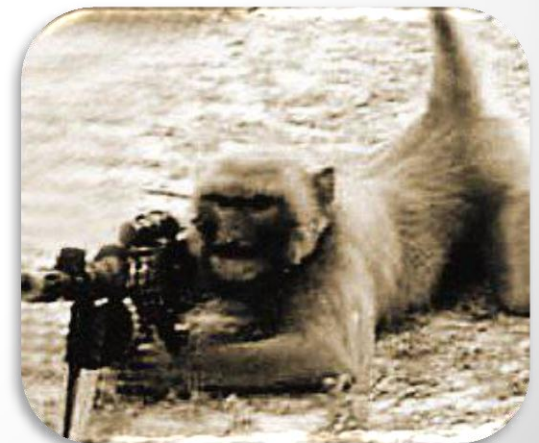
[Netflix Army, July 2011]

## Netflix Simian Army

- **Chaos monkey** randomly disables production instance in AWS
- **Chaos Gorilla** simulates an outage of an entire Amazon AZ
- Janitor Monkey, Security Monkey, Latency Monkey.....

## Amazon Game Day

- An entire Data Center is “wiped out”:









# Security

*"...every cloud customer retains responsibility for assessing and understanding the value and sensitivity of the data they may choose to move to the cloud. As the owners of that information, cloud customers also remain accountable for decisions regarding the protection of that data wherever it may be stored."*

[Microsoft Security, 2010]



For Example....







# Amazon AMIs

Amazon Machine Image

- Create and share virtual server configurations
- Like Open Source –Give a little, Get a lot

**Browse By Category**

**Providers**

- Amazon Web Services
- Community
- IBM
- Oracle
- Sun Microsystems
- Novell
- Microsoft

**Operating System**

- Linux
- Microsoft Windows

**Region**

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**BitNami OSQA Stack 0.9.0beta3-0 (Ubuntu 10.04)**

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# AMI Key Vulnerability

AMI = House  
SSH Key to House

June 2008 [Cloud Security 2008]

- User creates AMI
- AMI uploaded to AWS
- Other users use AMI
- Amazon Closes "Hole"





# Abundant Security Problems?

June 2011

- Users Publish AMIs containing API Authentication Keys
- Amazon's or User fault?
  - User Violated Amazon Security Guideline



[IT World, 2011]

Reward

# Amazon AMI Mitigation

Mitigation

Risk

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# Testing in The Cloud

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# Facebook is a Cloud Platform

Apps power Facebook



Deploy and Run FB Apps [FB Heroku, 2011]

This is PaaS

Rewards:

- Supports Ruby, Node.js, Python, or PHP
- No need to setup host
- Instant Scaling



# What are the Risks?

## How do We Test it?

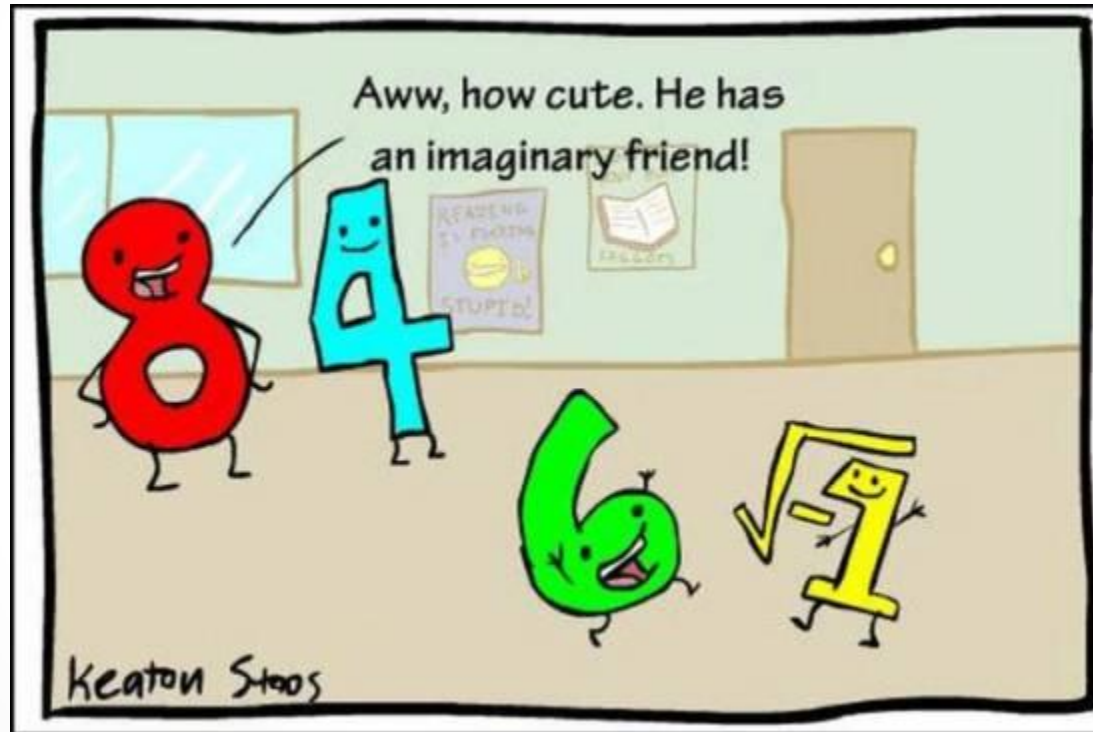
- Does it work?
- Is it stable?
- Users getting a Good Experience?



These risks are not cloud specific.  
But the mitigation is....



# Imaginary Friends







# Facebook Imaginary Friends

...they call them **Test Users**

- Invisible user accounts
- Not visible by others; can only be friends with other Test Users
- Experience your app as a regular user

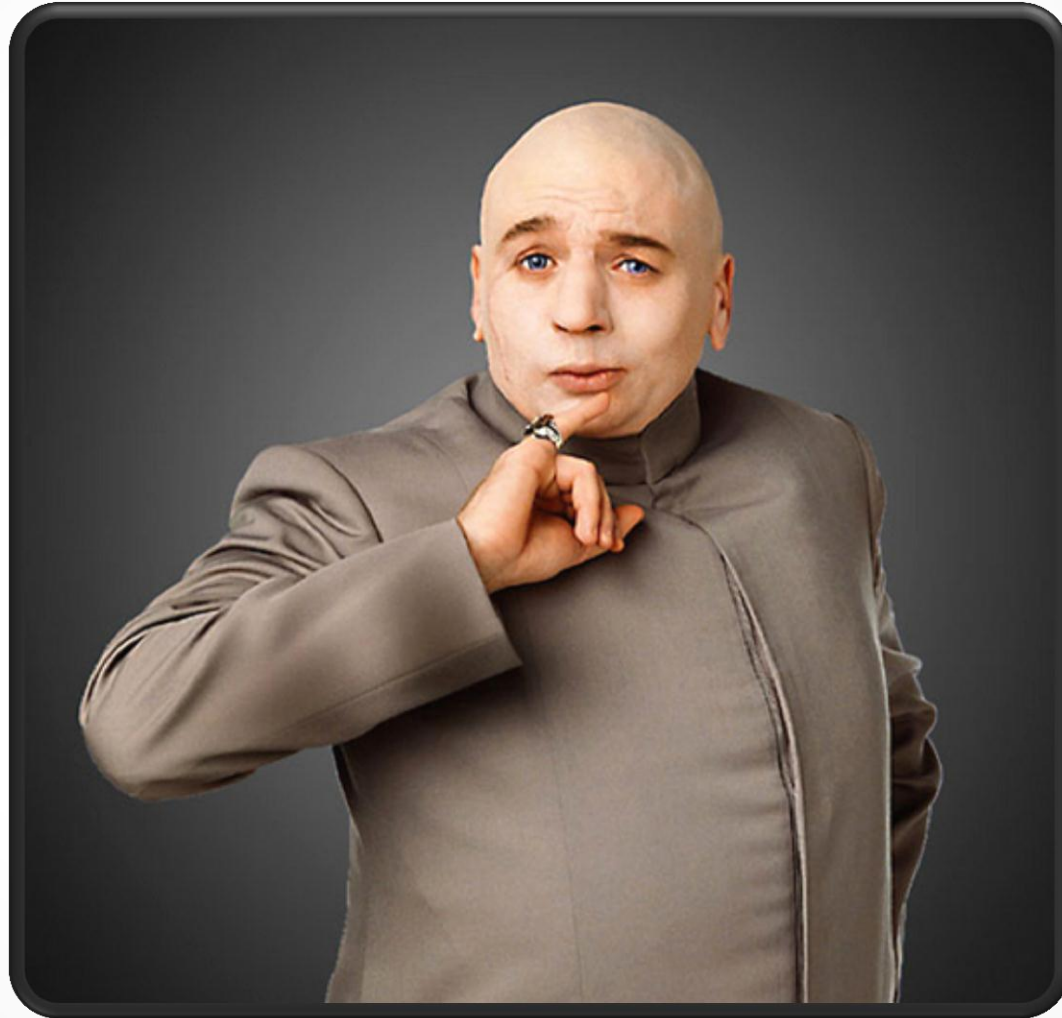


## Power of the Cloud

- Automated:
  - Programmatic interface
  - Web UI
- Create up to 500 of them



# Control 1 Million Users



# Control 1 Million Users



- Uses Cloud IaaS Providers:
  - GoGrid, Windows Azure, Amazon EC2
- Generate high scale load from geo-dispersed origins

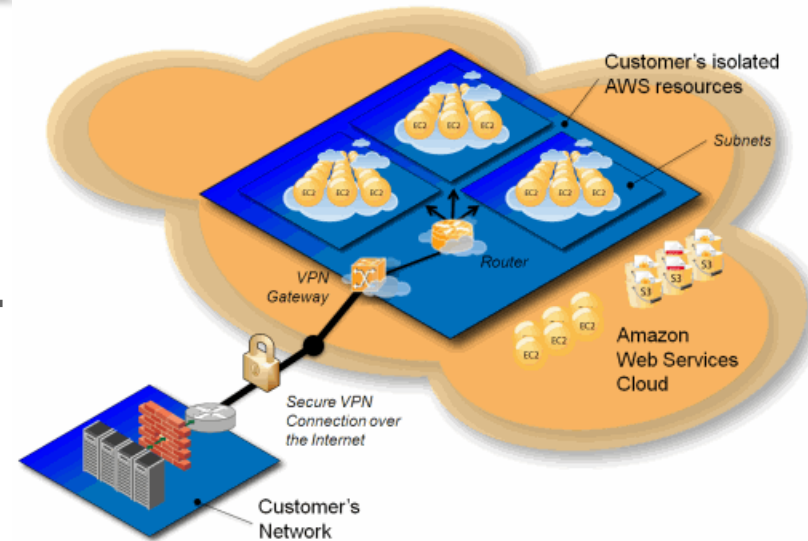


- 1 million **concurrent** virtual users
  - Plus Live Traffic
- 6 gigabits per second
- 6 terabytes of data transferred per hour
- Over 77,000 hits per second Plus Live Traffic
- 800 Amazon EC2 instances / 3200 cloud computing cores

[SOASTA, 2010]

# Virtual Sandbox

- Production Environment
- Staging Environment
- **Dev and Testing Environment**



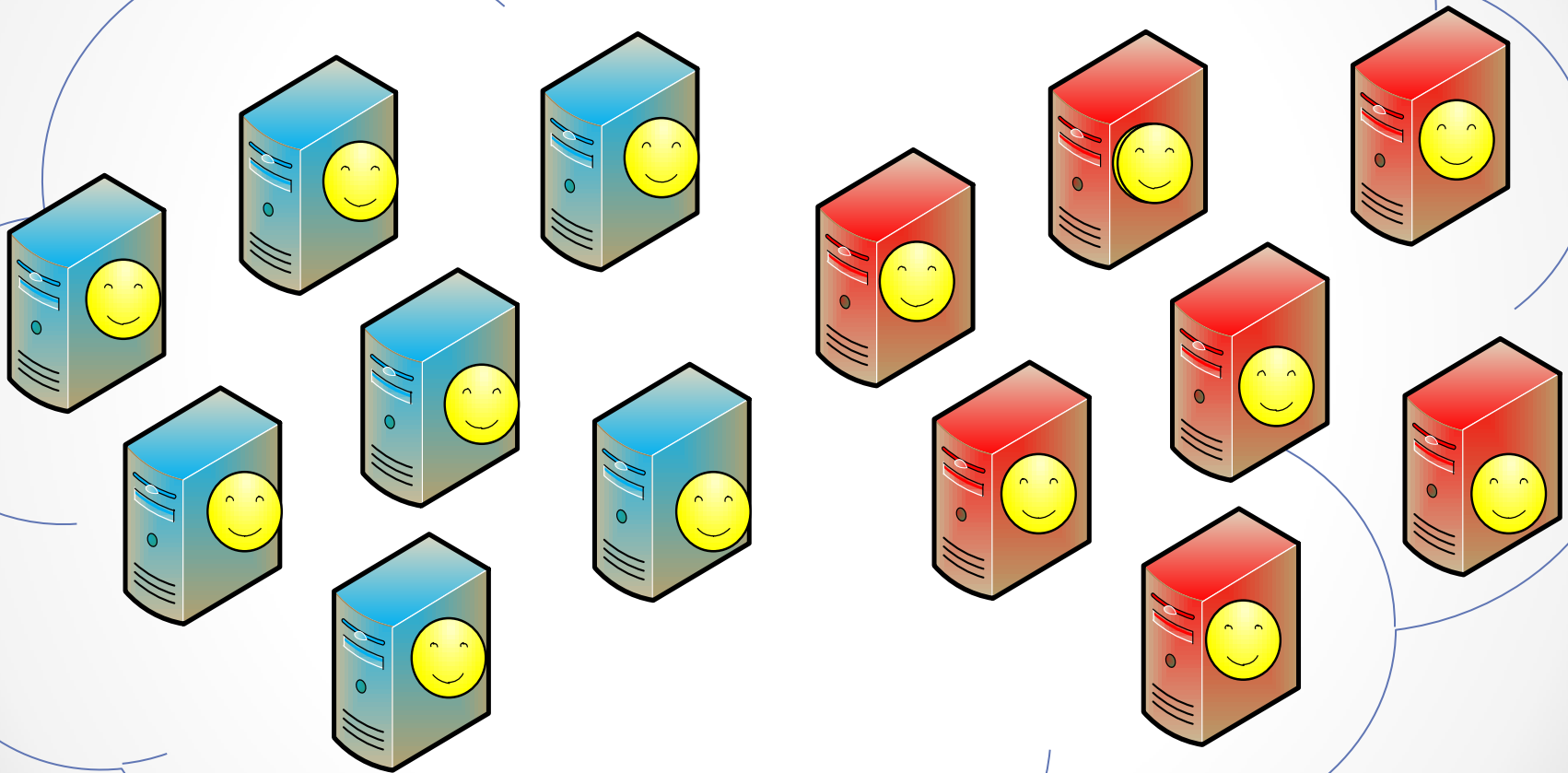
Can you have it all in one big Cloud?

- Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC)
- Provision a private, isolated section of AWS
- IP addresses, subnets, routing tables
- Even Sandbox for Non-Cloud services

And remember the power of zero!

# Netflix “Canary” Deployment

**1B API requests per day**



# Test Oriented Architecture

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Even Cloud Services need Testing

# Ken's Services Theorem

- Services are like Ogres
- Ogres are like Onions
- Onions have Layers
- Therefore services have Layers

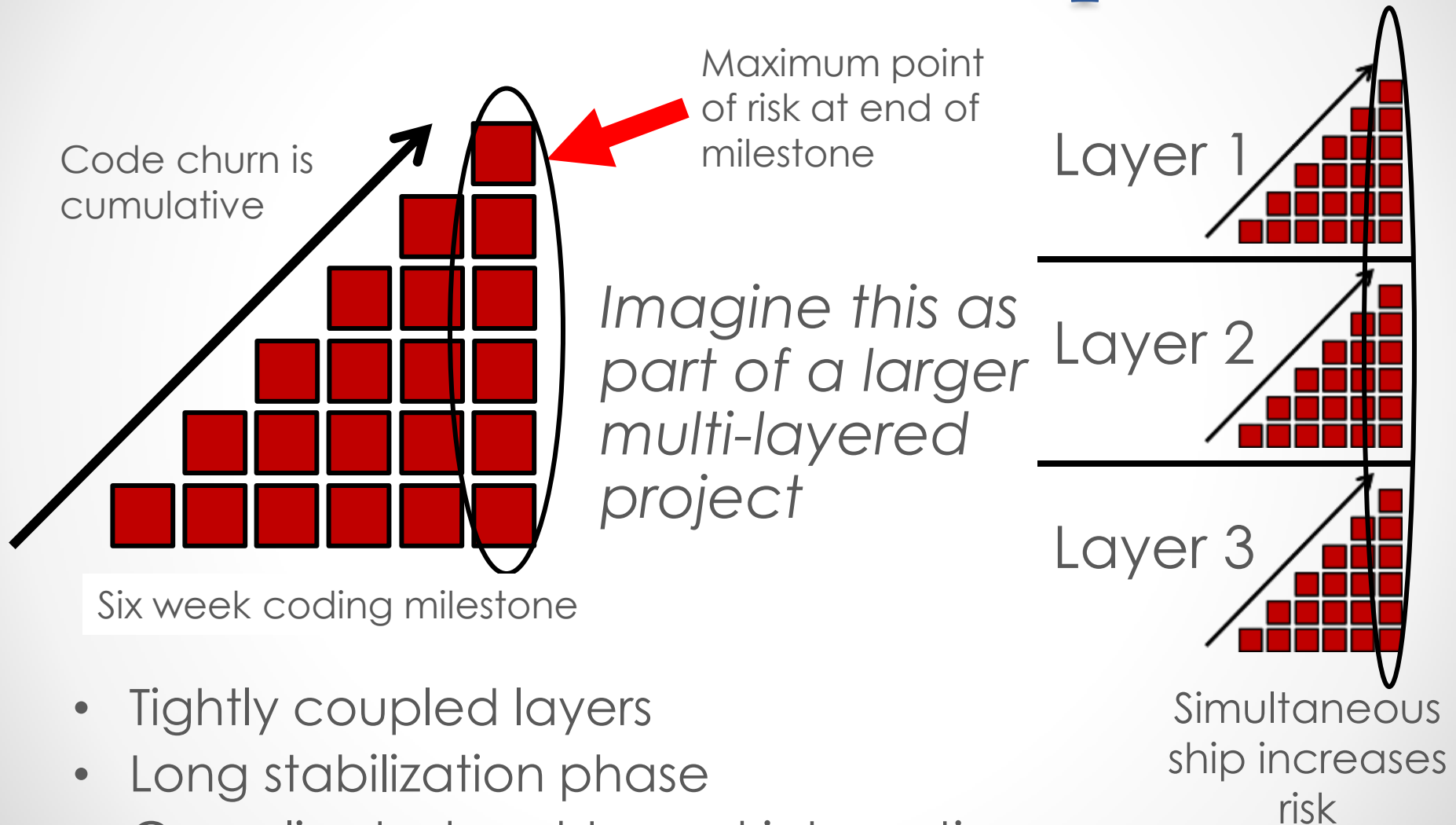


## The Problem is

- The layers of a service spin at different rates
- Movement toward continuous deployment



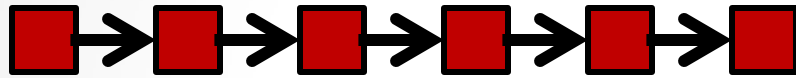
# Code Churn Example 1



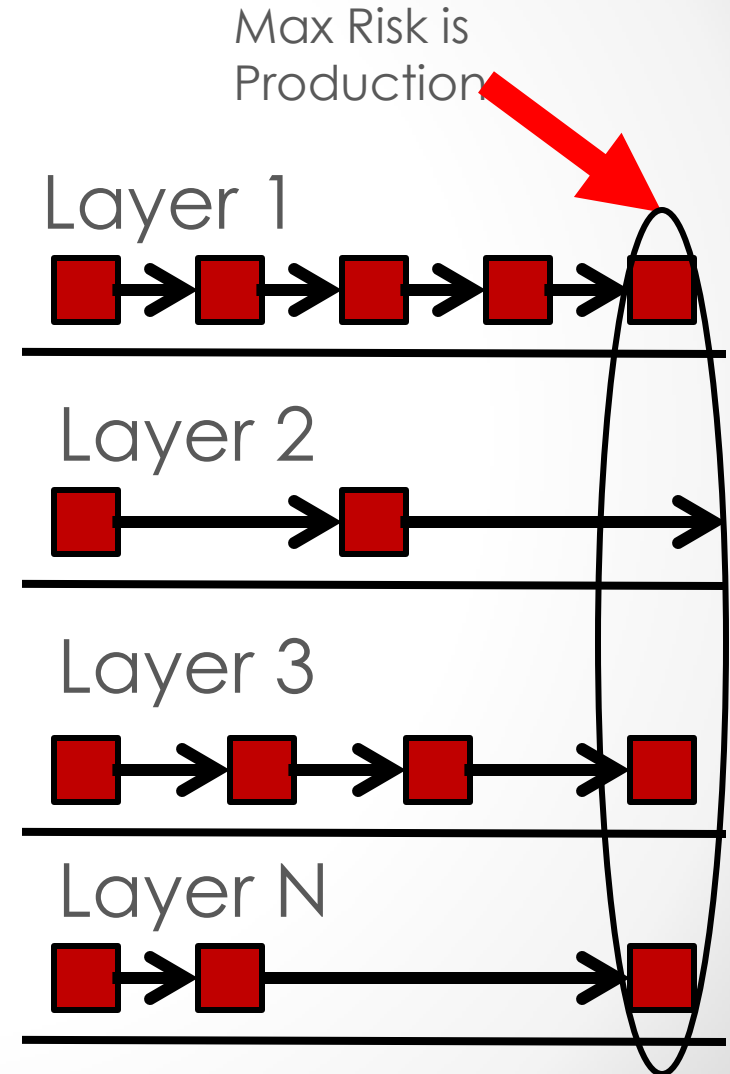
- Tightly coupled layers
- Long stabilization phase
- Complicated end-to-end integration
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# Code Churn Example 2 (CD)

Rapid release cadence  
(weekly or daily)



- Risk per release decreases because of more incremental change
- Change builds over time in production
- Next release is always the most risky



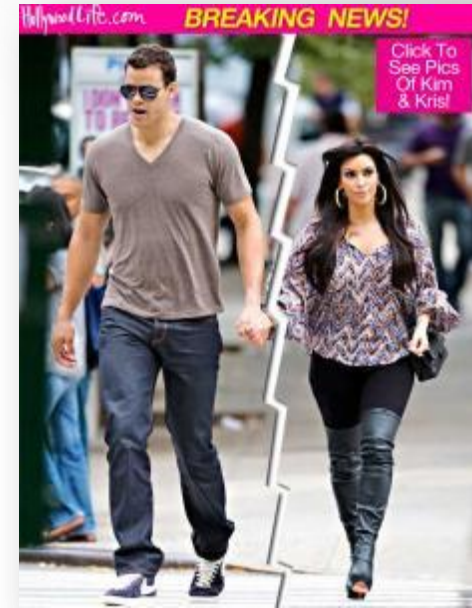
# Practical TOA

- More Loose Coupling across stack
  - Splitting can be a good thing
  - Your service in the Cloud



- More Self Service Deployments

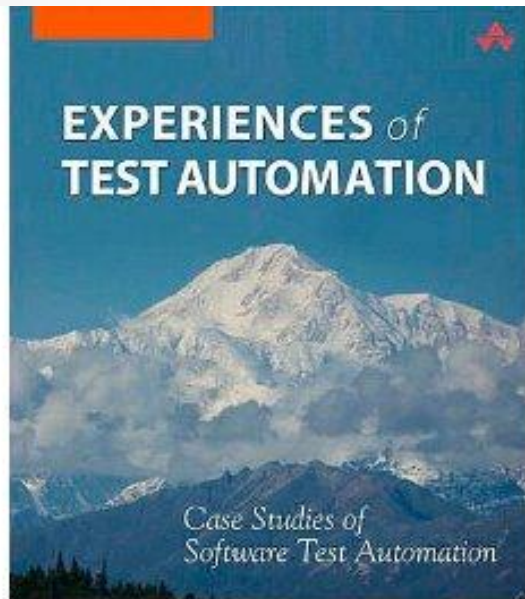
- Automated roll forward
- Rollback triggered by live site monitors
- Canary deployment zones



# Practical TOA

- Automated Tests and Monitors are the same thing

Heavy Test Automation



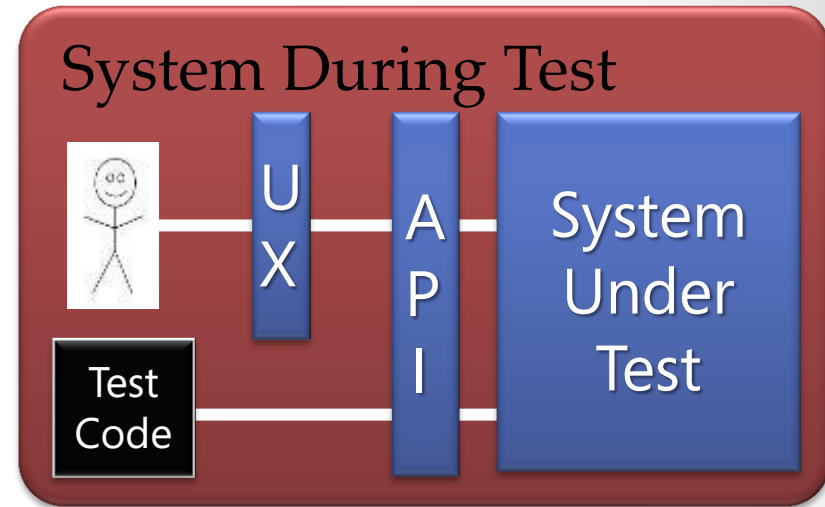
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Big Live Service Monitors

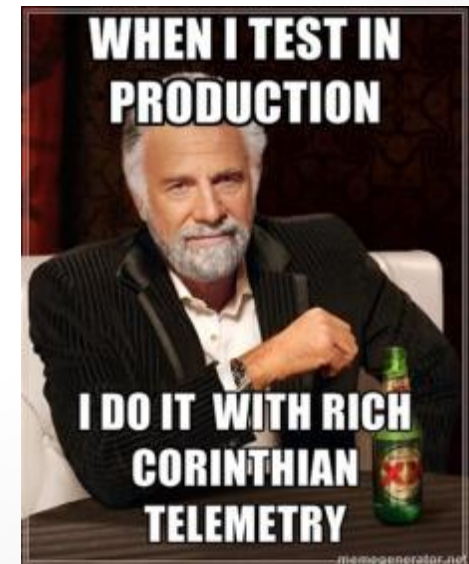


# Practical TOA

- Ship Test Hooks into production
  - Runtime Flags to access test path
  - Isolated Data Centers and Hosts
  - Runtime routing of traffic from v-Current to v-Next
- Rich Telemetry
  - Your services telemetry
  - Runtime flags for richer debug telemetry
  - Fix the bugs users are seeing



From Alan Myrvold "Patterns of Testability"



# Summary

- About Clouds
- Cloud Rewards
- Getting Into The Cloud
- 5 Amazing Cloud Case Studies
  - Rewards, Risks & Mitigations
- Testing in The Cloud



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## Leaping into “The Cloud”: Rewards, Risks, and Mitigations





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