

01 Introduction to Cloud Computing

Course Objectives



- At the end of this course, you will have a better understanding of:
 - The history of data centers
 - The features of cloud computing
 - Cloud computing technologies
 - The impact and market of cloud computing
 - Tencent Cloud







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1.1 Enterprise Data Centers (EDCs)

Challenges:

- Difficult to build, involves complex Ops management
 - Hard to scale and make adjustments, involves long launch cycle

High TCO
 TCO = CapEx + OpeEx + OppCost

Uncertain TVO
 TVO = Business value and benefits from IT



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1.1 Enterprise Data Centers (EDCs)

- IDC Tiers: T1-T4
 - Reliability and security
 - OPS management capabilities
 - Infrastructure availability

Availability = Promised service time – downtime Promised service time x 100%

Tencent Cloud data centers must be above T3

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DC Tier	Description	Availability	Annual Downtime
T4	Active/activ e fault tolerance	99.995%	0.8 h
Т3	Parallel maintenanc e	99.982%	1.6 h
Т2	Redundant component s	99.741%	22.0 h
T1	Basic capacity	99.671%	28.8 h





1.1 Self-built Internet Data Centers (IDCs)

All the work needs to be done by the enterprise itself:

Planning and construction: IDC design, civil engineering...

Deployment: servers, storage...

Ops: monitoring, alarming, security Ops... Business system deployment, security Ops, availability, and reliability

Disadvantage:

High costs



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What are the challenges involved in self-built IDCs?

1.2 Hosted/Rented IDC



- Two types of leasing of IDC resources such as storage, servers, and bandwidth: hosting and renting
- Advantages of hosted/rented IDCs over self-built EDCs:
 - Lower costs
 - Faster IDC launch
 - Carrier-grade reliability
 - Standardization
 - Ops management

Responsibl e Entity	Hosted	Rented
The ISP provides:	Facilities Bandwidth Power	Facilities Bandwidth Power Hardware Management Maintenance
The enterprise provides:	Hardware Management Maintenance Business systems	Business systems



1.3 Cloud Computing: Service on Demand, 企 時讯云 Pay-as-you-go

• **Origin**: More and more, companies will fulfill their IT requirements simply by purchasing fee-based "Web services" from third parties—similar to the way they currently buy electric power or telecommunications services.

– IT Doesn't Matter, Nicholas Carr, 2003

- Proposal: In 2006, Google CEO Eric Schmidt proposed the concept of cloud computing. AWS was founded in 2006, marking the birth of cloud computing.
- NIST's definition: Cloud computing is a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, and on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources.



Feature	Description
Massive scale	A public cloud often has hundreds of thousands or even millions of servers; a private cloud can have hundreds to thousands of servers.
High reliability	Multi-replica fault tolerance provides high reliability.
Isolation of tenants	Multiple tenants share the underlying hardware resources, but are logically isolated at the upper layers.
Elastic scaling	Dynamic scaling helps clients cope with the growth of applications and user base.
Service on demand	Cloud provides a large pool of resources which clients can purchase on demand.
Monitorable and measurable resources	Cloud platforms provide features for monitoring and measuring resources.
Low costs	Users only pay only for the resources they use, not the entire infrastructure.

1.3 Cloud Computing: IT as a Utility

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1.4 Comparison

ltem	EDC	Traditional IDC	Cloud computing
Rental Scope	None	L0, L1, and part of L2	L0-L4
Overall Costs	High	Moderate	Low
Launch Cycle	Long	Moderate	Very Short
OPS Management	Complicated	Moderate	Simple
Scalability	Difficult	Moderate	Elastic scaling
Independence and Controllability	High	Medium	(Public cloud/ private cloud)

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2.1 Cloud Computing Reference Model

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2.3 Cloud Computing Service Models

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SaaS

SaaS (Software as a Service) focuses on services and provides software and program services over the Internet.

PaaS

PaaS (Platform as a Service) focuses on platforms and provides server platforms or development environments in the form of services.

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IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service) focuses on the sharing of computing resources, allowing clients to get IT infrastructure resources from the resource pool over the Internet.

2.3 Cloud Computing Service Models

Basic Assessment

Cloud Service Layers

Advantages

Do we need a unified solution for different departments?

Do we need a shared operation platform such as databases, middleware, APIs, etc.?

Do we need to share hardware resources?

2.3 Technical Architecture of Cloud Computing

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2.4 Public Cloud and Private Cloud

No.	ltem	Public cloud	Private cloud
1	Cloud vendor and cloud tenants	Different organizations and multiple tenants	Same organization and single tenant
2	Underlying resources	Resources owned by service providers and used by clients	Resources owned and used by the client
3	Overall costs	Low	High
4	Ops complexity	Simple	Complex
5	Independence and controllability	Low	High

Type 1: Public Cloud + Private Cloud

- Critical applications and data are deployed on the private cloud (which is independent and controllable).
- Non-critical applications are deployed on the public cloud (which provides cost optimization and scalability).

Type 2: Multi-cloud

- Clients are not locked into a single vendor, improving service quality and bargaining power.
- Load balancing and disaster backup and recovery can be carried out across multiple clouds.

2.4 Community Cloud

Business difficulty:

 Public clouds are not suitable for the specific needs of certain industries, due to a lack of business knowledge, insufficient technological reserves, and high customization costs.

Solutions:

- Community cloud: a public cloud that is highly optimized for specific industries. You can think of it as an Internet of industries.
- **Type I:** Public cloud vendors work with industry partners to develop industry-specific solutions, such as Tencent Cloud Smart Retail.
- Type II: Leading industry vendors integrate IT capabilities and sell them to others, such as MBCloud.

Gaming
E-commerce
Finance
Financial risk control
Health
Travel
Smart tourist attractions NEW
Government
Enterprise
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Smart logistics
Rendering
Biology and genomics
Smart retail
Intelligent transportation
Intelligent manufacturing
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3.1 Virtualization

Before Virtualization

- Each machine runs a single operating system.
- Software is strongly coupled with hardware resources.
- Low resource utilization, poor scalability, and low fault tolerance.

- A bare-metal architecture, where the virtualization layer runs directly on the hardware.
- The virtual CPU and memory resource pools are shared among multiple VMs.
- Decoupling of hardware from software enables fault recovery and elastic scaling.

3.1 Types of Virtualization

- Full virtualization: The guest OS runs directly on the virtualization layer, and no modification is needed, such as ESXi.
- Paravirtualization: The guest OS needs modification and additional drivers to function. For example, a Linux VM in Xen requires the installation of the PV Driver, while a Windows VM is fully virtualized and requires no modification.

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3.1 Comparison of Virtualization Types

Item	ESXi	Xen	KVM	
Type of virtualization	Full virtualization	Full/Paravirtualization	Full virtualization	
CPU and memory virtualization	ESXi kernel	Xen kernel	KVM kernel	
Disk/Network I/O virtualization	Virtualization kernel	Dom0	QEMU	
Scheduling and management of virtualization	Virtualization kernel	Dom0	Linux process management	

3.1 Virtualization - KVM

- KVM was released as a Linux kernel module since Linux version 2.6.20. VM is a system process which is scheduled and managed through Linux processes.
- The KVM kernel is responsible for CPU and memory virtualization, and QEMU is responsible for I/O virtualization (device emulation).
 Hardware virtualization powered by Intel-VT and AMD-V is required.
- Due to the advantages of KVM, such as superior performance, high scalability, and easy management, many vendors are gradually migrating to KVM.

3.2 Distributed Data Storage Technology

- Runs on **multiple** nodes with automatic integration.
- Integrates all storage resources in the cluster, virtualizes them, and provides file access services.
- Provides better scalability and larger capacity, making it more suitable for the performance requirements of massive data.

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3.2 Distributed Data Storage Technology -HDFS

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3.3 Network Virtualization - SDN

3.3 SDN vs. NFV

ltem		Software-defined Network (SDN)		Network Function Virtualization (NFV)	SDN8	NEV
Features	•	Separation of control plane from data plane Universal routers and	•	Decoupling of network functions from hardware Replacement of proprietary	Application Layer	Application Layer
	•	switches Programmable control plane	olane •	hardware with commercial hardware Programmable data plane	Presentation Layer	Presentation Layer
Use cases	•	Campus networks and IDC networks	•	ISP networks	Session Layer	Session Layer
Optimizations • Processes data on OSI layers 2-3 and optimizes switches, routers, and wireless capabilities	 Processes data on OSI layers 2-3 and optimizes switches. 	•	 Processes data on OSI layers 4-7 and optimizes network functions. 	Transport Layer	Transport Layer	
		load balancing, firewall, and WAN	Network Layer	Network Layer		
Benefits	•	Cost optimization, fast launch, s	simp	lified Ops, and elastic scaling	Link Layer	Link Layer
					Physical Layer	Physical Layer
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3.4 OpenStack Cloud Management Platform

- OpenStack is an open-source cloud computing management platform, which provides the following service components:
- Pros:
 - Open source
 - Compatible with many cloud platforms
 - Standardized

• Cons:

- Complex deployment, Ops, and upgrade
- Poor performance and scalability
- Inadequate disaster recovery capabilities

Service Name	Function
Nova	Computing service
Neutron	Network service
Keystone	Verification and authorization service
Glance	Image service
Swift	Object storage service
Cinder	Block storage service
Horizon	Graphical management interface
Ceilometer	Monitoring and measurement service
Heat	Orchestration and scheduling

3.4 Tencent Cloud Management Platform - VStation

• VStation is a cloud computing management platform developed by Tencent.

Parallel extension, simple and efficient, and asynchronous

Design Principles Fail-fast, stateless, and highly available

Shared channels (such as Ethernet)

Transaction processing (such as SQL)

Logical separation (such as CGI)

Easy to trace (such as Git)

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3.4 OpenStack vs. VStation

OpenStack		VStation
Tens of millions of lines	Code Length	Hundreds of thousands of lines
Thousands of servers	Cluster scale	Hundreds of thousands of servers
Requires other open source components	recovery	Disaster recovery can be deployed on any module across data centers
Separate development is required	Ops	Monitoring and alarming and visualized Ops
Hundreds of people	HR investment	Dozens of people
Normally only supports creating fewer than 100 servers simultaneously	Performance	Supports creating tens of thousands of virtual machines in minutes

3.5 Application Virtualization: Containers

 A Container is a lightweight virtualization technology that packages and encapsulates an application and the resources and configurations it depends on through process isolation. A container provides an independent and portable runtime environment.

Virtualization Machines

Containers

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3.5 Application Virtualization: Containers

Docker:

The most popular container technology, known for its standardization and portability. Its motto is: Build, Ship and Run Any App, Anywhere

• Container management:

Kubernetes (K8S) is an open source container orchestration and scheduling technology.

Container benefits:

- Extremely lightweight: lightweight packaging, fewer resources, and good performance
- Deployment in seconds: containers deployed in milliseconds or seconds
- Portable: standardized, build once and deploy anywhere
- Elastic scaling: rapid scaling using an orchestration tool

3.6 Big Data & Artificial Intelligence

- In the future, the Internet will use AI to process big data in the cloud.
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- Applications: Big data is used in precision marketing, decision-making support, and risk control. Al is used in image, voice, and self-driving technologies.

The Four V's of Big Data

The Four Elements of Al

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4.1 Development History of Cloud Computing

4.2 Impact of Cloud Computing on Industries^{公腾讯云}

Software Vendors

 Changes in demand
 Product transformation

Server Vendors

Software delivery methods
Sales and release methods
Technological changes Cloud Terminal Vendors

- Increased demand
- Terminal-type evolution

Cloud Providers

- Larger scale
- Lower costs
- Stable business

4.2 Impact of Cloud Computing on Industries^{公腾讯云}

- What is Industrial Internet?
 - Internet

Internet+

Industrial Internet

Connects People

Helps people better communicate and build social connections by improving the efficiency of information exchange.

Connects Services

Helps services better reach users by providing efficient and convenient service distribution methods.

Connects Industries

Helps enterprises in different industries to improve services and work together to meet users' demand.

4.2 Impact of Cloud Computing on Industries 公 腾讯云

Information technology facilitates the smart transformation of industries.

Convergence - the digital world interacts with the real world

Digital twins

Virtual

- reality/Augmented
- reality/Mixed reality
- Robots

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• 3D/4D printing

Networking - the digital world connects with the real world
Internet/Mobile Internet/IoT
5G
Blockchain

Digitization and
intelligentization - data
conversion, storage, and
processing in the two worlds
Al
Big data
Cloud computing

4.2 Impact of Cloud Computing on Industries^{公腾讯云}

Five characteristics of the Industrial Internet framework

Conventional industries

Industrial Internet

4.3 Impact of Cloud Computing on Organizations: Clients

Cost Optimization

- Procurement & Ops costs
- Higher resource utilization
- Use services on demand and pay as you go

Business Flexibility

- Shorter launch cycle
- Elastic resource scaling
- Precision marketing and risk control

- Service metering and billing
- Cost optimization and control
- Support for data analysis

Organizational Optimization

- Focus on core business
- Optimization of personnel and skills
- Enhancement of organizational culture

4.3 Impact of Cloud Computing on Organizations: Vendors

Terminals	Terminal device manufacturers		Smart terminals and edge computing
Industry Applications/Solutions	Integrator/ Industry ISV	Huge	Solution deployment and cloud-based applications
Cloud Platform Layer	Cloud service providers	demand and drastic changes in production, sales, and	Diversification, industrialization, and low costs
Network Connection Layer	Internet service providers	delivery methods	Improved network bandwidth and 5G
Hardware Facilities Layer	Hardware manufacturers		ODM and decreased profit margins

4.3 Demands and Challenges of Cloud Migration

Migration to the Cloud – Influencing Factors

Migration to the Cloud – Concerns

2016

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2017

Source: CAICT

Source: CAICT survey (3,900 valid samples)

4.4 Market Size in Mainland China

 The size of mainland China's cloud computing market has exceeded 100 billion RMB and continues to grow rapidly.

Sources: CAICT, ASKCI Industrial Research Institute

4.4 Cloud Market Share in Mainland China

The market share of public clouds and private clouds is gradually increasing, and the potential and demand for cloud migration and transformation services is huge.

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Source: IDC China, 2019

4.4 Mainstream Vendors in Mainland China

Vendor Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Internet enterprise	Strong R&D capabilities, practical experience with large-scale systems, comprehensive product solutions, and scale advantages	Private cloud capabilities and service capabilities
Conventional IT enterprise	R&D capabilities, ISP service experience, private cloud and conventional IT, and service capabilities	Public cloud capabilities and product solutions
Telecom carrier	Abundant network bandwidth and IDC resources	Technical R&D and operation capabilities
International enterprise	First-mover advantage (in technology, market share, and ecosystems)	Market regulation and compliance and capabilities to provide service locally
Other vendors	Focus on specific fields or markets, alliance clouds	Technical R&D, highly specialized, and high costs

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5.1 Development History of Tencent Cloud

Growth Period

2013: Tencent Cloud was released to the public. 2014: Tencent Cloud Computing was founded. 2015: Tencent announced an ambitious plan to build a ten-billion RMB ecosystem.

2018 Takeoff Period

Tencent CSIG was established in 2018. It strives to facilitate the smart transformation of enterprises and unleash their potential through Industrial Internet.

1999

Incubation Period

With the rapid rise of QQ, Tencent accumulated vast experience in large-scale system development and OPS.

Start-up Period

2013

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2010

5.2 Competitive Advantages of Tencent Cloud

Diversified	Global	Practical	R&D	Economies
Services	Presence	Experience	Capabilities	of Scale
 Hundreds of cloud products 190+ solutions Exploration of new technologies and solutions 	 25 regions around the world 53 availability zones 1300+ cache nodes 80 Tbps of overall bandwidth 	Development and Ops experience with massive apps: QQ, WeChat, and WeChat Pay	 Leading contributor to KVM Leading cloud host performance Leading database performance 	 Low purchase cost Low Ops costs Cost-effective services

5.2.1 Strong R&D

MySQL 5.7 I/O Thread **Performance Sampling**

Logbus I/O Performance

Sampling

As shown in the charts:

After optimization, the 36.79% futex in the left chart was eliminated, the 56.15% file I/O overhead was reduced to 19.16% under the same stress, were optimized to I/O bound threads.

5.2.1 Tencent Cloud: A Global Contributor to 公時讯云 KVM

Tencent Cloud KVM virtualization technology leads the world

In 2018, Tencent Cloud contributed 40 patches to the KVM kernel, ranking 7th in the world. It is the second time Tencent Cloud was named in the KVM contributors list. Tencent Cloud is the only contributor from Mainland China on the list.

• Contributed to one of the five core KVM breakthroughs in 2018

The performance optimization solutions proposed by Tencent Cloud, including PV TLB shootdown and PV IPI, can enhance the performance of high-end VMs by reducing virtualization layer loss. In some cases, this improvement can be as high as 130% to 150%.

5.2.1 Tencent Cloud Broke Four Performance Testing World Records

- Gray Sort: Sorted 100 TB of data in 98.8 seconds.
- Minute Sort: Sorted 55 TB of data in 60 seconds.

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	Daytona	Indy			
	2016, 44.8 TB/min	2016, 60.7 TB/min			
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5.2.2 Procurement Capabilities

5.2.3 Service Delivery

5.3 Tencent Cloud Success Stories

100,000+ enterprise clients and 2 million+ long tail customers

 Hybrid cloud, combining public clouds and private clouds with interconnection, is one of the latest trends in cloud computing. What are the forces driving the development of hybrid clouds and what are the challenges faced by this technology?

Course Summary

This course covered the following topics:

- The evolution of data centers: EDCs, IDCs, and Cloud Computing
- The key features of cloud computing: Five features, four deployment methods, and three service modes
- Key cloud computing technologies: Computing virtualization, distributed storage, network virtualization, cloud management platforms, containers, AI, and big data
- The impact and market of cloud computing: Development history of cloud computing, Industrial Internet, and the features of mainstream cloud vendors
- The development and advantages of Tencent Cloud: Development history, competitive advantages, and success stories

Thank you