



Welcome to the Cloud!

Cloud Computing is an expression that has gained much popularity in recent years, and even though more than 50% of all businesses report using cloud computing, most people don't know what it means. Here is an easy way to "wrap your head" around the concept of "going to the cloud."

In technical terms, the cloud is a large network of servers that are connected, in real-time, typically through the Internet. This network of servers and computers allows for the ability of the software programs and applications to run simultaneously while multiple users can access the programs through a wide variety of devices. Since the programs and applications are housed on these networks, upgrades are available immediately to all users. The benefits of "going to the cloud" are numerous, but most significant is the economic benefit of subscribing to the software or application used – paying as you go – and the ability to share resources easily and efficiently.

The diagram below, courtesy of Wikipedia, shows the components of cloud computing and the ability of all devices to access the cloud from any location.

