
The Evolving IBM Cloud Customer Reference Architecture

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Abstract and Agenda

In this session I will give an introduction to how IBM is evolving the cloud reference architecture based on its experiences in the field helping customers with adoption. You don't just wake up one day and decide to 'go on the cloud'. Although cloud is a commodity, each business still needs to consider their objectives and business benefits together with the right workloads to 'move to' the cloud.

- A bit of history
- Standards
- Where are we now
- What next

A bit of history



IBM CCRA V2 submitted to [Open Group](#), used by NIST, submitted to ISO/IEC JTC1 SC38 as input to joint work with ITUT

Published in 2014:

Cloud Computing Reference Architecture (ISO/IEC 17789)

Cloud Computing Vocabulary (ISO/IEC 17788)

(you can download it from [their website](#))

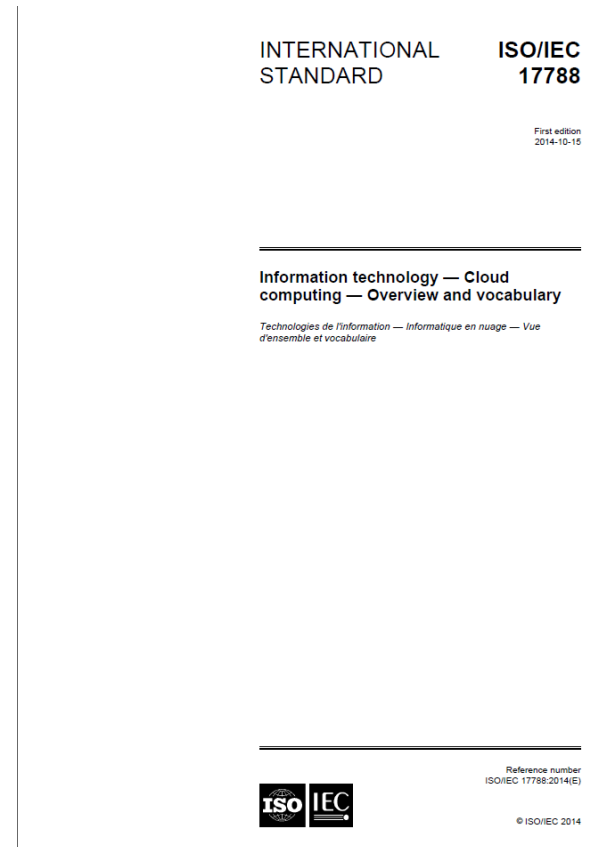
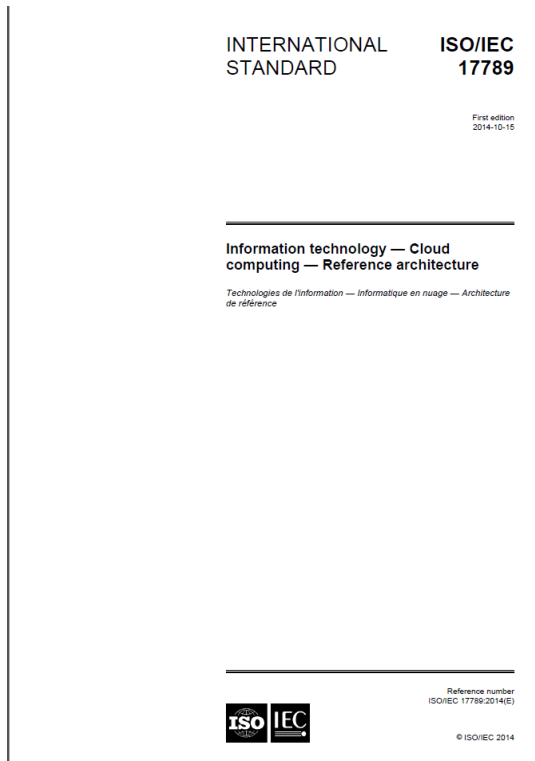
We are now at V5 (more later) and the [IBM Architecture Center](#) is the place to go.



Standards

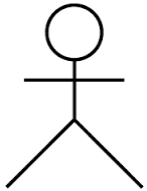
ISO/IEC 17789: Cloud Computing - Reference Architecture

ISO/IEC 17789: Cloud Computing – Overview and Vocabulary

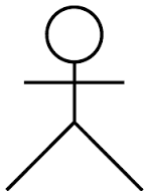




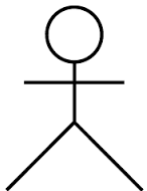
ISO/IEC 17789:2014 defines



cloud service customer (CSC): A party which is in a business relationship for the purpose of using **cloud services**.

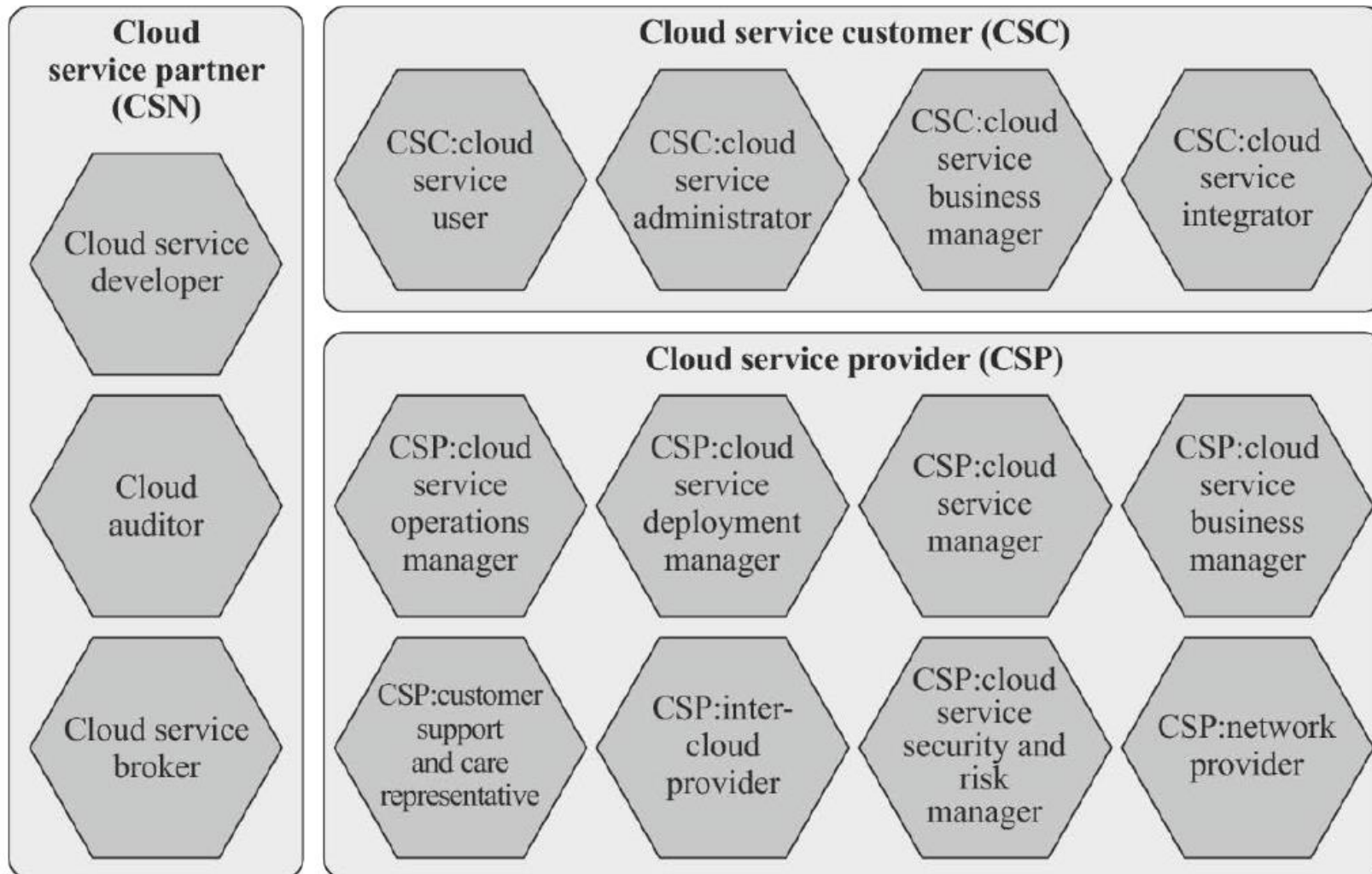


cloud service provider (CSP): A party which makes **cloud services** available.



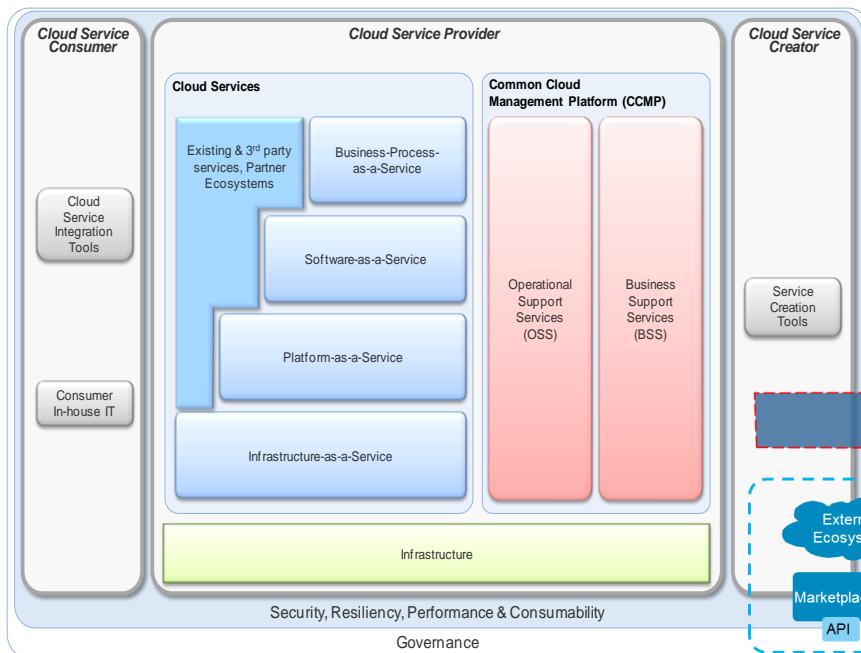
cloud service partner (CSN): A party which is engaged in support of, or auxiliary to, **activities** of either the **cloud service provider** or the **cloud service customer**, or both.

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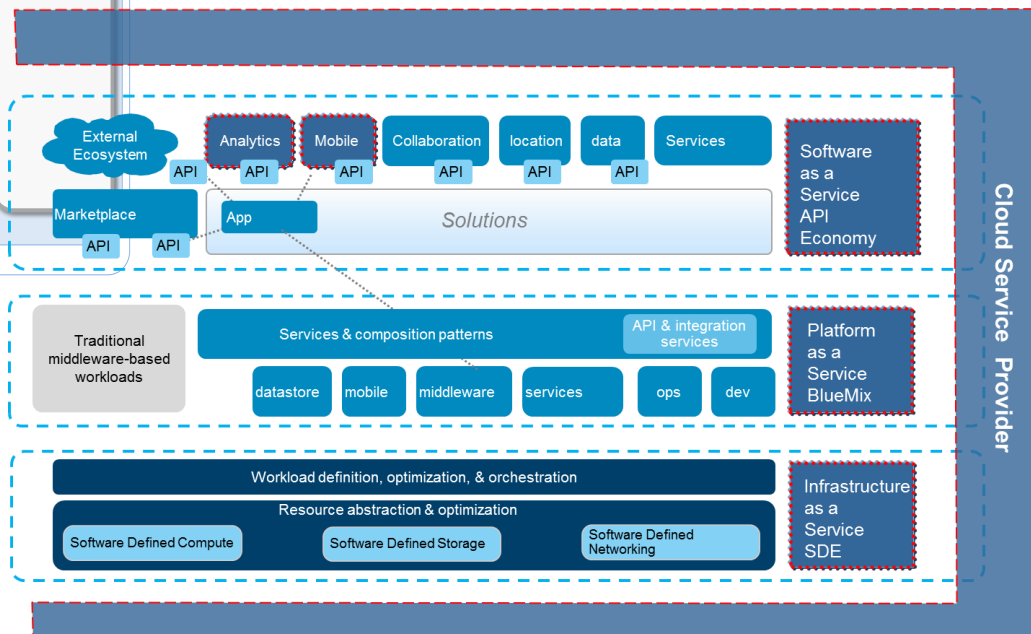
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The IBM CCRA v4

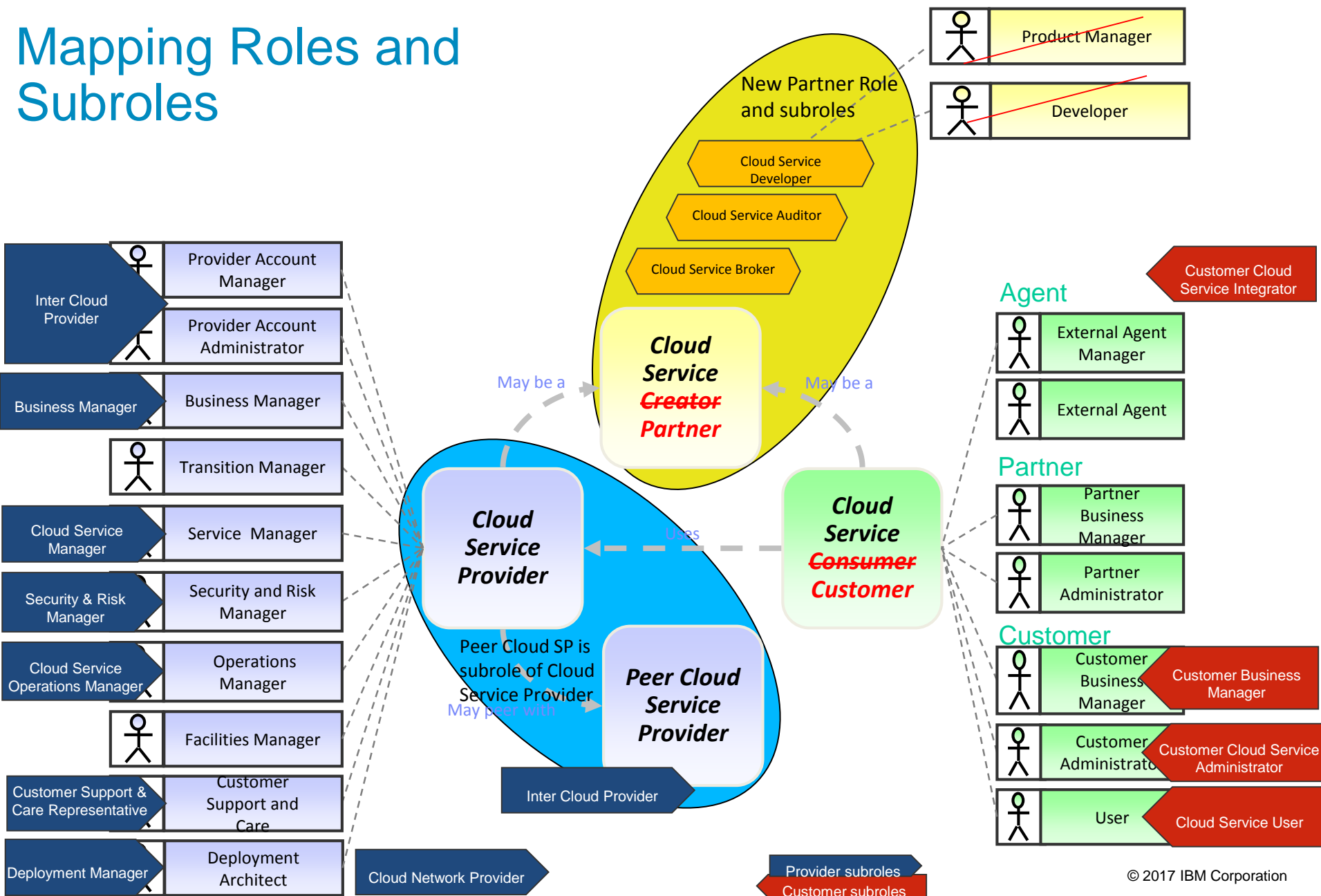


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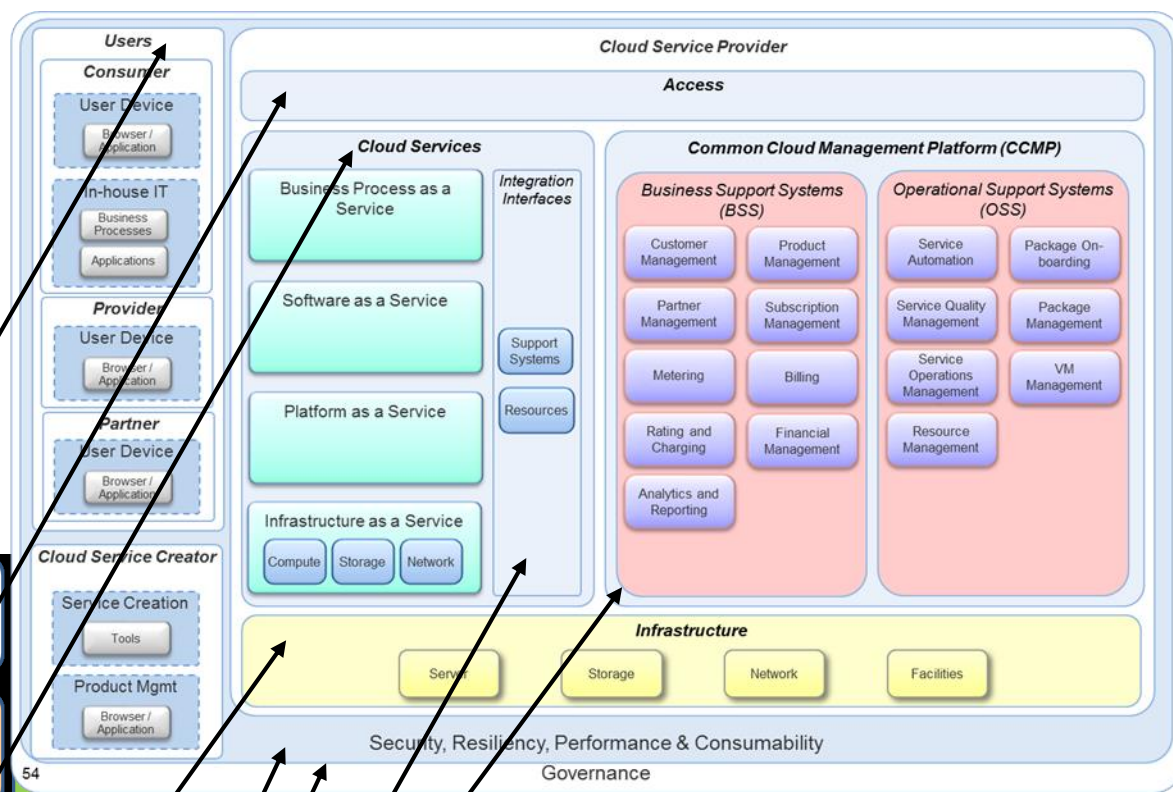
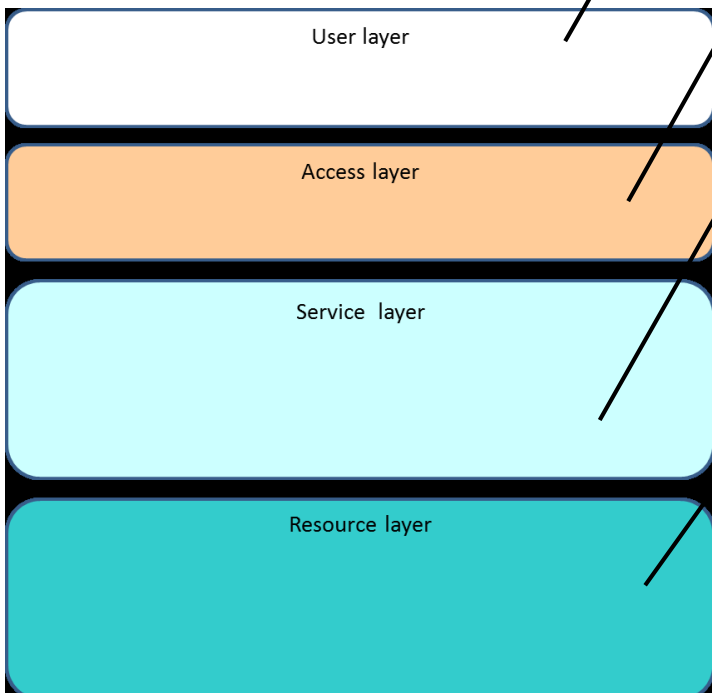
Cloud Adoption Patterns



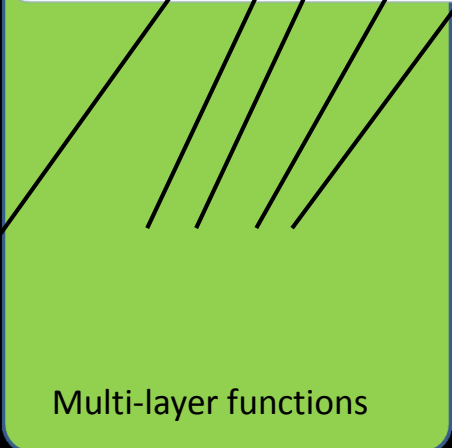
Mapping Roles and Subroles



Mapping Functional Layers



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Standards

The [Cloud Standards Customer Council](#)



Is chartered to:

- Deliver customer-focused content in the form of best practices, patterns, case studies, use cases, and standards roadmaps
- Influence the standards development process for new cloud standards
- Facilitate the exchange of real-world stories, practices, lessons and insights

Mission, strategies, and tactics center on the following premises:

- Cloud computing adoption is a key enabler for the 21st century enterprise
- Achieving the benefits of cloud computing requires significant changes for both IT and business executives
- Cloud computing is perceived by business executives as an IT integration and productivity story, rather than a business agility story
- Cloud computing practitioners would greatly benefit from a vibrant practitioner community to drive local, business-driven, cloud success, and to spur broader enterprise, and industry-wide, cloud adoption



Where are we now

The Focus since 2015 has been on providing reference architectures for creating cloud applications and cross-app capabilities.

➤ Which are...

- straightforward description of elements needed to implement particular application solutions using cloud infrastructure, cloud platforms, cloud software, and cloud services
- vendor neutral & open

➤ To ...

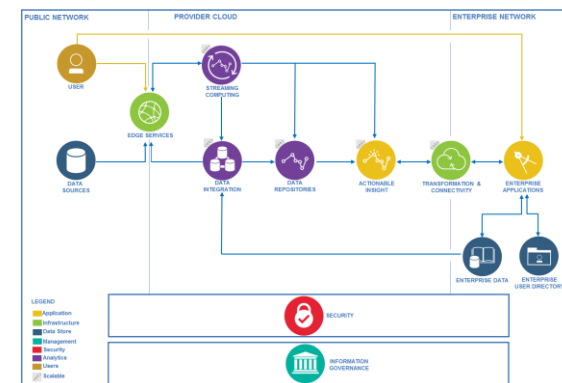
- Enable customers to understand unique features & advantages of using cloud computing
- Provide practical guidance on how common business applications can be realized
- Are stable anchors in a rapidly innovating cloud landscape

➤ Useful when...

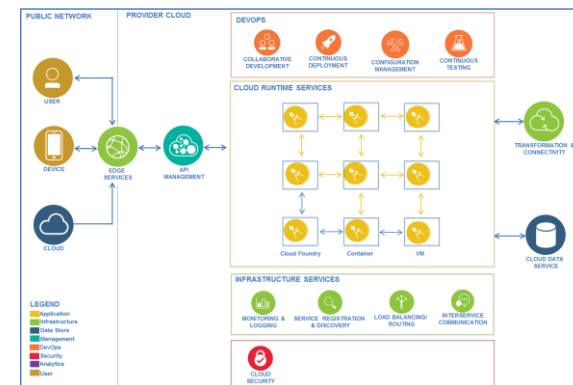
- Planning to build cloud based applications
- Talking with cloud providers about their offerings
- Understanding of the common elements and relationships in relevant solutions

- Consistent with ISO/IEC 17789 International Standard Cloud Computing Reference Architecture

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An architecture would contain some of the following

Business Challenge

Functional Requirements

Reference Architecture showing

- Components
- Flows
- Mapping to IBM capabilities

Example Architectures

- Code on Github

Best practices

Resources

The Architecture Center

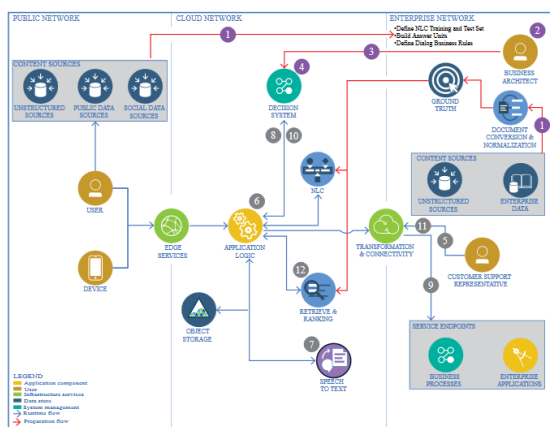
The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud Garage Method Architecture Center. The header includes the IBM Cloud Garage Method logo and a search bar. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with "Architecture Center" selected. The main content area features a title "Architecture Center" and a brief description: "IBM's architectures provide practices for building apps on the cloud. The reference architectures define the basic pattern, while implementations provide specific technology, practices, and tool choices to build and deploy that pattern." There are social media icons for Twitter and LinkedIn. A prominent banner offers a video resource: "New to using architectures? We'll show you the basics." with a button labeled "Architectures basics video". Below this, there are filters for "Develop your Architecture expertise:" with buttons for "Blogs", "Videos", and "Guides". At the bottom, there are three featured sections: "Cognitive" (Gain business advantage by unlocking new intelligence from vast quantities of structured and unstructured data and by developing), "Microservices" (Take a cloud-native approach to building mobile and web applications with a), and "Data and analytics" (Build solutions that gather data from any type of source, including web and social. With those solutions, you can store, analyze,).

The Architecture Center

A Tour

The Architecture Center

The Cognitive context Driven example



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<p>Cognitive Gain business advantage by unlocking new intelligence from vast quantities of structured and unstructured data and by developing deep, predictive insights.</p>	<p>Microservices Take a cloud-native approach to building mobile and web applications with a microservices architecture.</p>	<p>Data and analytics Build solutions that gather data from any type of source, including web and social. With those solutions, you can store, analyze, and report on data by using analytic engines to drive actionable insights and visualization.</p>
<p>DevOps Rapidly execute and scale the IBM Bluemix Garage method. The DevOps architecture includes the best of Design Thinking, Lean Startup, Agile Development, DevOps, and Cloud to help enterprise organizations</p>	<p>Hybrid Create applications whose components are split across cloud and on-premises environments, or across different clouds.</p>	<p>Internet of Things Connect to IoT devices and quickly build scalable apps and visualization dashboards to gain insights from IoT data, using Bluemix IoT, data, and cognitive services.</p>
<p>Mobile With IBM® Cloud, develop, deploy, and manage scalable native and hybrid apps for mobile devices while you are securely connected to back-end infrastructure on the cloud or in an enterprise.</p>	<p>Security Understand the security components that are needed for secure cloud deployment, development, and operations.</p>	<p>Service management Cloud service management and operations refers to all of the activities that are performed by an organization to plan, design, deliver, operate, and control IT and cloud services that are offered to customers.</p>
<p>Blockchain (Experimental) Record a history of transactions in a shared immutable ledger for transactional applications. Transactions are trusted, accountable, and transparent.</p>	<p>Social A social platform provides a collaborative information exchange with intelligent and secure applications. Deliver an integrated, single-source ecosystem of collaboration and communication applications and services.</p>	<p>Virtualization Extend your data center to the cloud simply and quickly. IBM Cloud for VMware Solutions let you deploy a software defined datacenter to the cloud while reusing your existing skill set, tooling, and processes.</p>
<p>e-commerce Leverage IBM Cloud to develop, deploy, and manage scalable e-commerce solutions while connecting securely to backend infrastructure on the cloud or in the enterprise.</p>	<p>Web application With IBM® Cloud, access the open runtimes, tools, and integrated services that you need to simplify the development, testing, and deployment of web applications.</p>	<p>Global Business Services Garage Design, build, and maintain enterprise applications for the cloud, with the innovation of a startup.</p>
<p>DevOps transformation The DevOps transformation track provides internal IBM teams with a customized set of practices that can guide them through the transition to use modern development</p>		

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The Architecture Center

Demo

- A Tour of the Architecture center
- An example of deploying code to IBM Bluemix Platform-as-a-Service

The Architecture Center

Part of the [IBM Bluemix Garage Method Site](https://www.ibm.com/devops/method)

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Accelerate delivery of innovation to the market

Practices

The IBM Cloud Garage Method combines practices from design thinking, agile development, Lean Startup, and DevOps to build innovative solutions

Culture Think Code Deliver Run Manage Learn

DevOps Toolchains

Integrated tools accelerate development, deployment, and operations.

What next

Continue to add to the Architecture Center

- New reference architectures
- Example implementations with code
- Education material (blogs, videos, guides)

Continue support of CSCC

Continue support of open projects

Continue supporting our customers



What next

