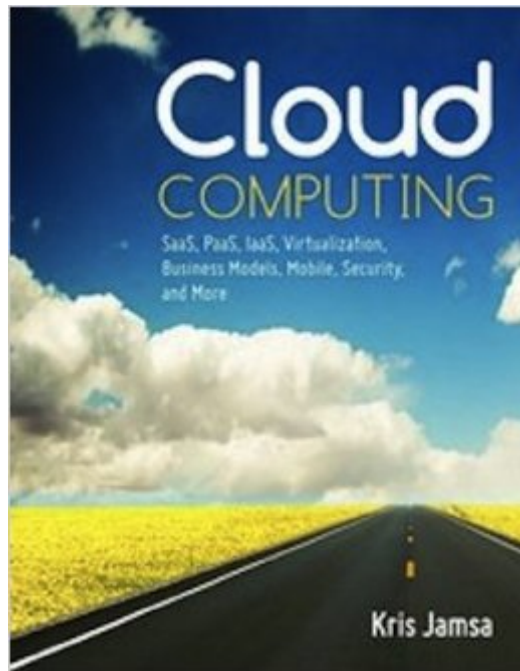


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# Cloud Computing: SaaS, PaaS, IaaS, Virtualization, Business Models, Mobile, Security And More



## Synopsis

Cloud computing is changing the way businesses and users interact with computers and mobile devices. Gone are the days of expensive data centers, racks of disk drives, and large IT support teams. In their place are software applications delivered to users on demand from the cloud, high-capacity, auto-replicated, secure cloud-based disk-storage and databases, virtualized-server and desktop environments, and cloud-based collaboration tools which support on-premise-, remote-, and hybrid-team success. Within the pages of Cloud Computing, readers will find a hands-on introduction to the cloud, which will have them using cloud-based data storage to store personal documents and to share photos and other digital media with other users and their own various devices, performing cloud-based automated backups, and using other cloud-based applications by the end of Chapter 1! Readers will learn specifics about software as a service (SaaS), platform as a service (PaaS), infrastructure as a service (IaaS), server and desktop virtualization, and much more. Each chapter of the book presents a cloud topic, examines the underlying business case, and then takes the reader on a test drive. The chapters are filled with real-world case studies. The book's content is ideal for users wanting to migrate to the cloud, IT professionals seeking knowledge on cloud fundamentals, developers who will build the cloud solutions of the future, and CIOs wanting insights on the most recent cloud solutions.

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## Customer Reviews

Background: IT professional 30 years. Cloud knowledgeable, but certainly no expert. Bought this

book because it appeared to cover all the angles: PaaS, SaaS, IaaS, Virtualization, etc. I was hoping to get new perspectives and perhaps a bit of substance. As you might imagine, I have purchased a ton of technical books over the years. There have been some books that were outstanding, and others that were just OK but had those few nuggets in them that I couldn't find elsewhere. All I can say about this book is that it was a real disappointment. As the description suggests, this book covers all of the buzzwords ... it just failed to provide any substance. There was insufficient background on any topic at a high level to help a cloud novice build a foundation ... too much assumption on the author's part. And given all the assumption, neither was there depth on any topic that someone more informed might hope to find to become more well-versed in the topic. Never have I seen a book that devotes such a high percentage of its content to screen shots from vendors' websites (, Google, VMware, and the list goes on and on) ... probably 20% of the book. Never have I seen a book "pretend" to be a textbook when it wasn't ("review this website ... discuss. answer these questions.") Then there was the abundance of fluff that was not terribly pertinent to the conversation (a section on "Business Economics 101" ... really?) Finally, never have I seen a publication take so many pages to say so little of substance on the topic at hand. In my opinion, the entire book could have been reduced to one lengthy magazine article and been far more effective. Last point: I have never felt so strongly about a book (good or bad) to want to take the time to write a review like this ... but with a \$60+ price tag, I felt obligated to speak up. This one will go to my "give away" pile rather than my reference shelf.

Didn't find anything in this book that 5 minutes with Google would not have provided me with. I don't anticipate this being a big seller outside of to those who are required to get it for a class.

I am by no means a cloud expert but this book (especially at this price) provides too little information. It is already out of date and while the book is decently organized according to topic, the actual material in the chapters is a little disorganized (especially past chapter 6). While the book has a companion website with power points and corresponding quizzes to go with it some of the quiz questions have the wrong answers listed and there is no way to contact the author to correct it. You would be much better off finding articles in technical journals that discuss the topics of this book than by reading said book. I got this book for a class I was taking and you get the distinct impression that this book was produced just so the publisher could say "look we have a text book on cloud computing." This text is strictly for those who have no idea what cloud computing is and have no desire to simply google the topic. If you want to learn about cloud computing either start goggling

SaaS, IaaS, and PaaS or look for a better text book.

Felt more like a Marketing or Advertisement book which you are forced to read as a part of your syllabus. Too many useless screenshots. Not worth for the money.

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