

Cloud Provider

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Discussion

A Cloud Provider is a [Provider](#) that supplies remotely accessible, service-managed computing, storage, networking, platform, application, or management capabilities.

The Cloud Provider exposes its capabilities through service interfaces, application programming interfaces, management consoles, command-line tools, or automation mechanisms.

A Cloud Provider may operate public, private, community, sovereign, or specialized cloud services. The term identifies the provider role rather than a specific commercial or deployment model.

Within the Crucible architecture, a provider plugin encapsulates Cloud Provider-specific behavior so that core orchestration functions do not depend directly on a cloud-specific software development kit or service interface.

Definition

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Source

Generalized from cloud-computing, infrastructure-service, platform-service, and service-provider usage and specialized for the Crucible architecture and operational model.

Note

A Cloud Provider may be a commercial organization, government organization, internal enterprise service, consortium, or other operating body.

A Cloud Provider differs from a [Cloud Environment](#). The provider supplies or operates the service, while the environment contains the resources and services made available for use.

Example

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure acts as a Cloud Provider by supplying compute, networking, storage,

identity, image, and load-balancing services through managed service interfaces.

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