

A Short Introduction to Cloud Computing

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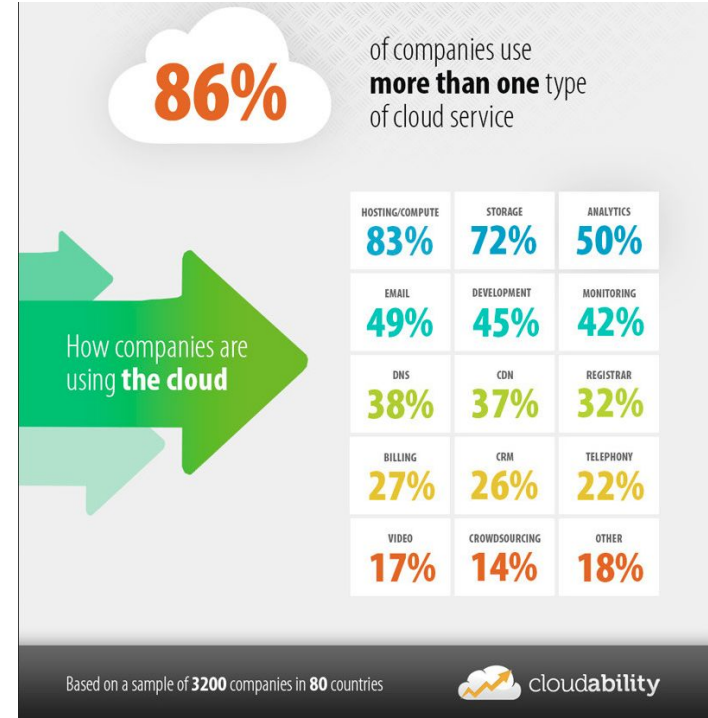
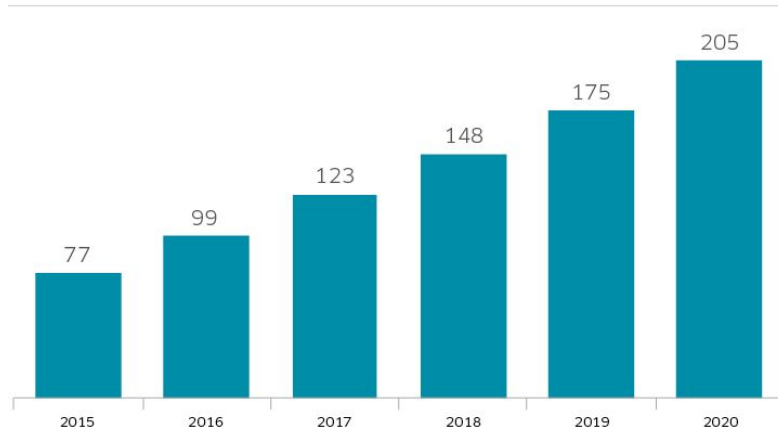
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Cloud popularity and usage at all-time high

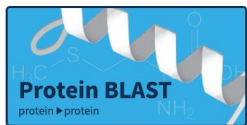
- Surveys: **86% of companies use >1 cloud service**, **>\$200B market by 2020**
- Cloud computing increasingly important
 - Improve competitive position for a company
 - Reduce costs for company & customer

Public IT Cloud Spending (\$Billions)

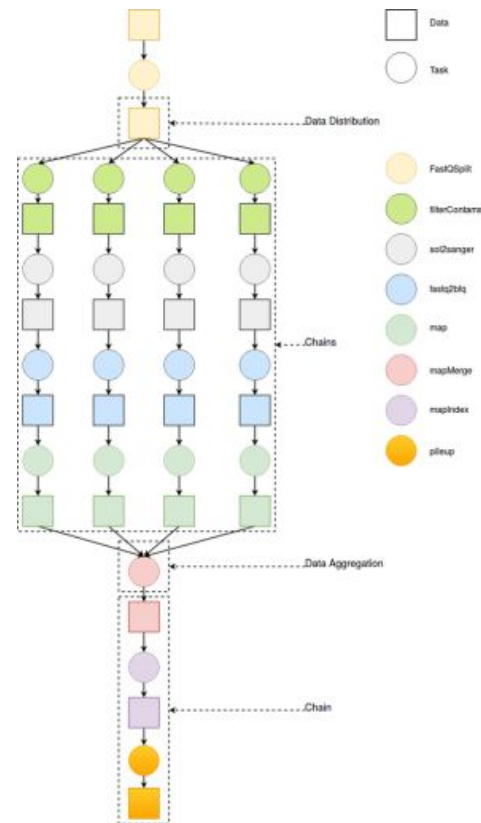
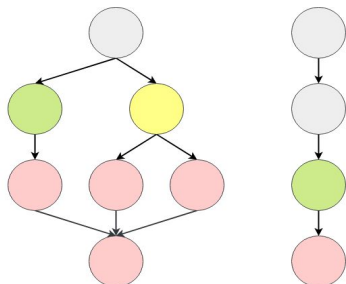


Workflow execution is common

- Workflows = set of tasks with precedence constraints
 - Usually represented as a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
 - Used to model applications in many domains
- Today: thousands of applications in use

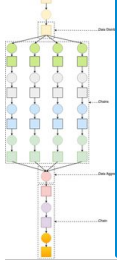


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Executing workflows in the cloud

1. Workflow
cloud



On which resource do we execute the workflow?

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How many resources to acquire and when?

Workload of workflows



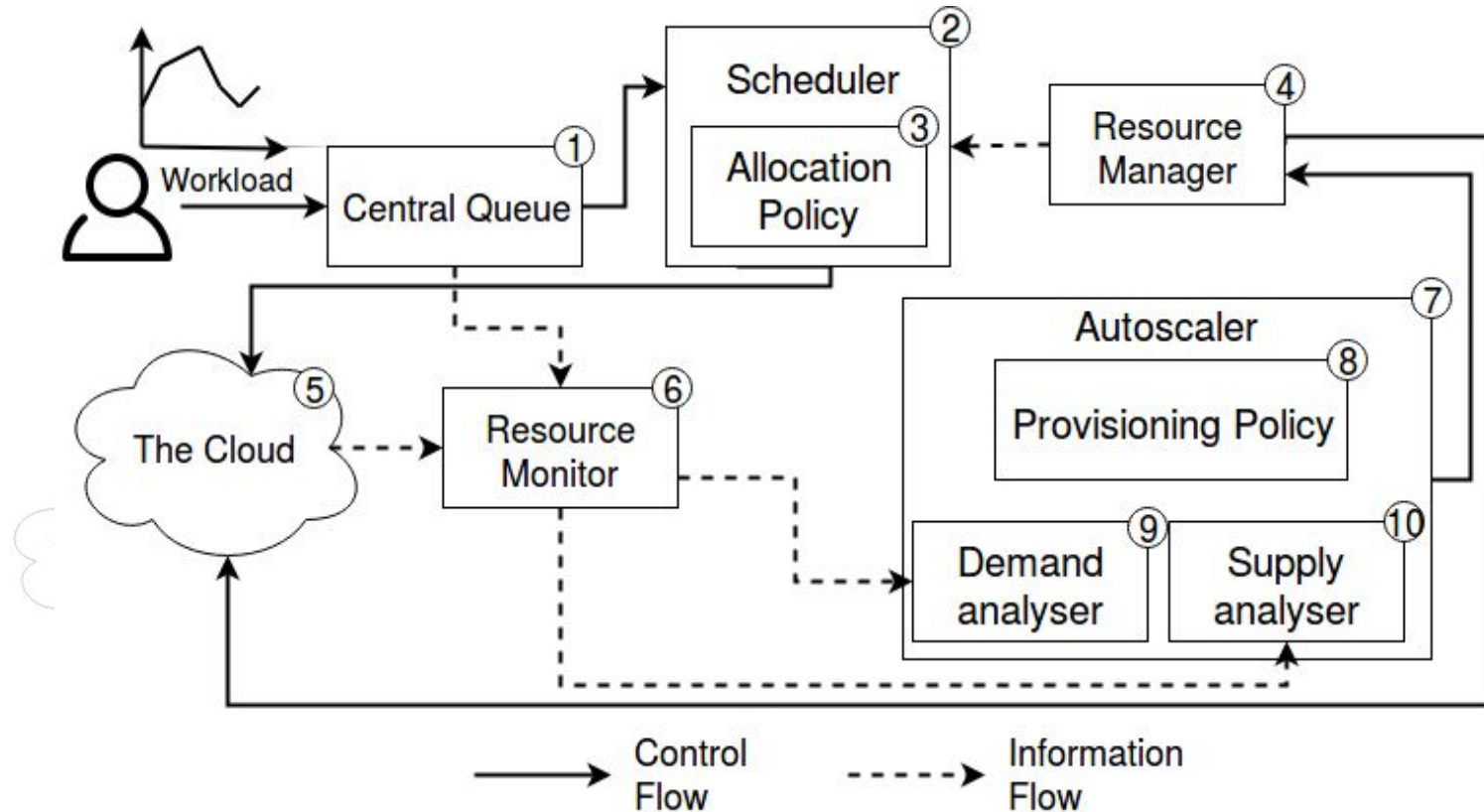
A problem for cloud providers

Cloud providers preferably want:

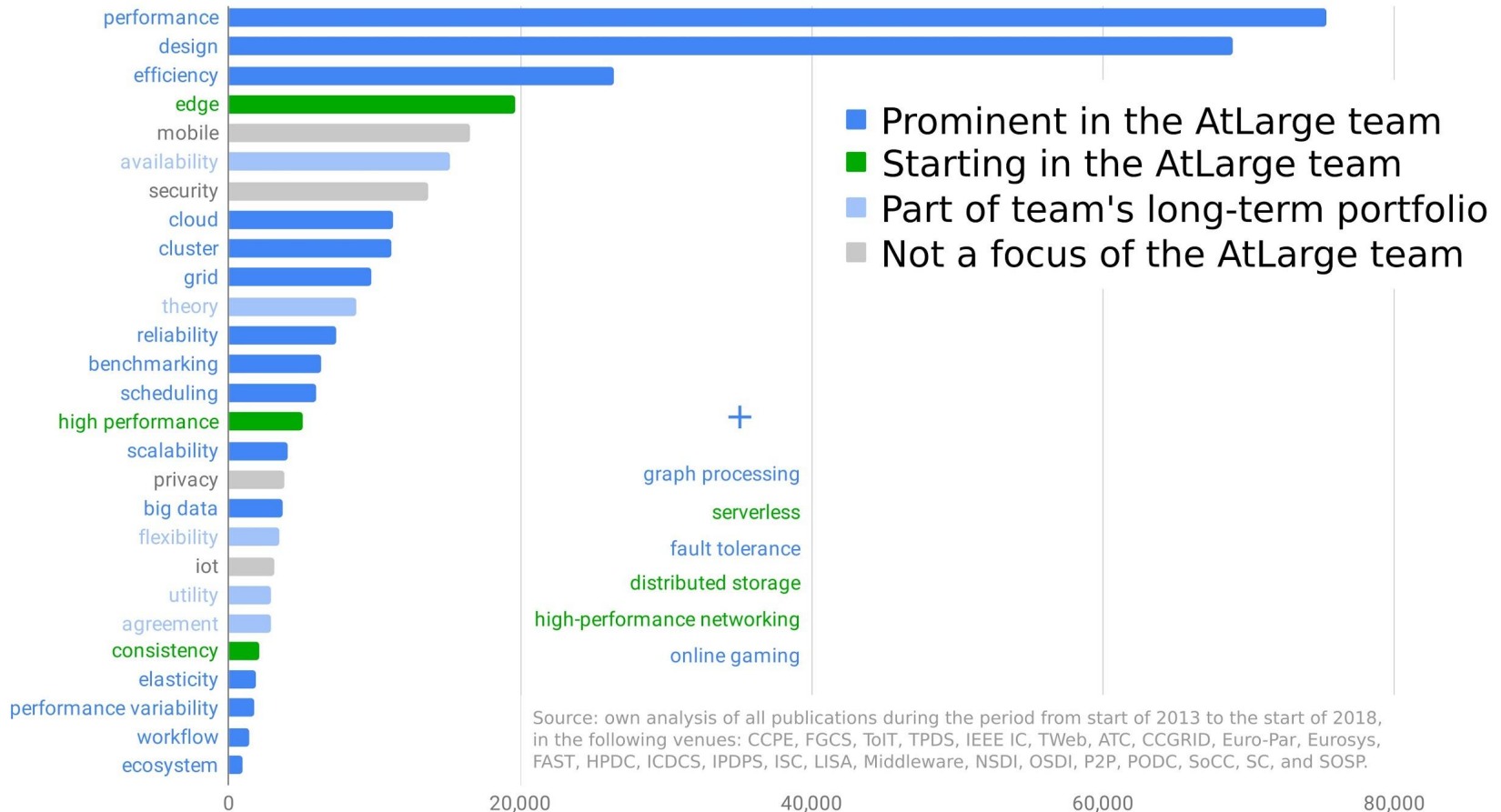
1. (Close to) optimum workflow allocation
2. Minimize overprovisioning (allocating too many resources)
 - Reduces costs
3. Adhere to the Quality-of-Service (QoS) requirements of the client
4. Automate this process
 - Poor user estimates of resource requirements



Overview of a workflow management system



We are actively working on these topics



Wrapping up

Scheduling in clouds, a complex problem:

1. Allocation (where to put tasks)
2. Provisioning (when to change resources)

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Interested in this work? Feel free to contact me/us!

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