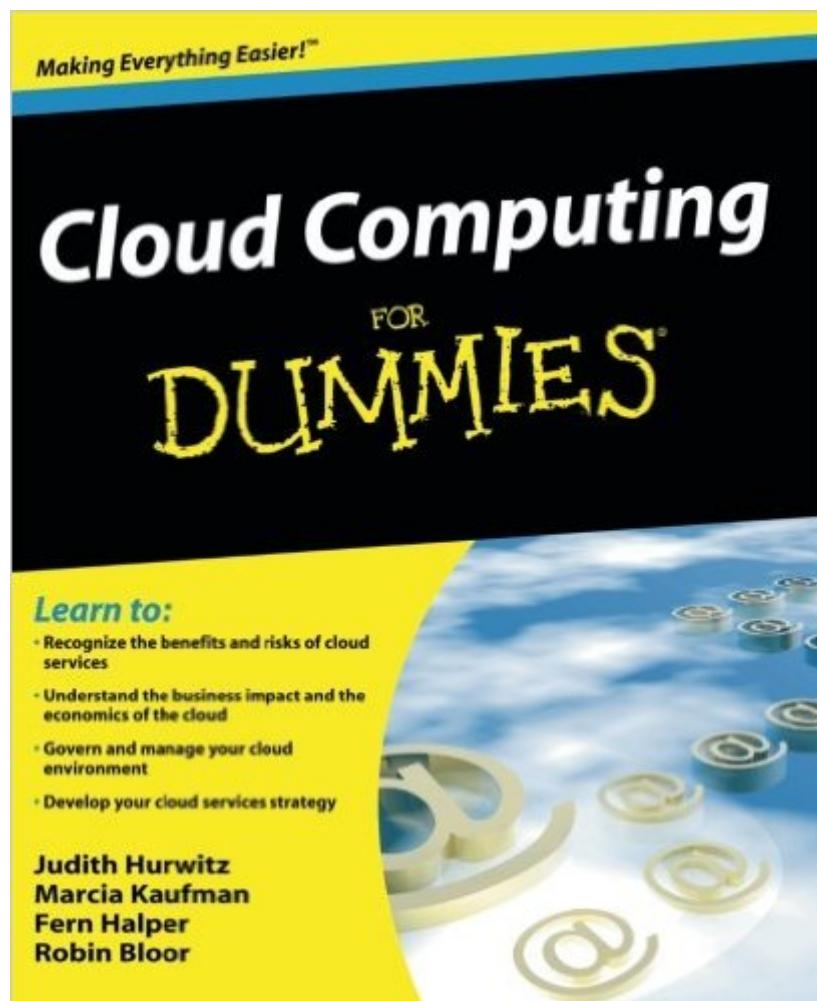


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Cloud Computing For Dummies



Synopsis

The easy way to understand and implement cloud computing technology written by a team of experts Cloud computing can be difficult to understand at first, but the cost-saving possibilities are great and many companies are getting on board. If you've been put in charge of implementing cloud computing, this straightforward, plain-English guide clears up the confusion and helps you get your plan in place. You'll learn how cloud computing enables you to run a more green IT infrastructure, and access technology-enabled services from the Internet ("in the cloud") without having to understand, manage, or invest in the technology infrastructure that supports them. You'll also find out what you need to consider when implementing a plan, how to handle security issues, and more. Cloud computing is a way for businesses to take advantage of storage and virtual services through the Internet, saving money on infrastructure and support This book provides a clear definition of cloud computing from the utility computing standpoint and also addresses security concerns Offers practical guidance on delivering and managing cloud computing services effectively and efficiently Presents a proactive and pragmatic approach to implementing cloud computing in any organization Helps IT managers and staff understand the benefits and challenges of cloud computing, how to select a service, and what's involved in getting it up and running Highly experienced author team consults and gives presentations on emerging technologies Cloud Computing For Dummies gets straight to the point, providing the practical information you need to know.

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but for a few extra dollars you can get much better bang for the buck. Hurwitz has made a great improvement over her SOA book. Cloud Computing for Dummies is well organized and keeps to the mainstream of current thought on the subject. All the same it is superficial and padded with questionable and obsolescent details such as pricing structures that were copied from vendor sites. You'll find Cloud Computing Explained (Rhoton) is easier to read and describes what cloud computing involves more thoroughly. Cloud Computing and SOA Convergence (Linthicum) presents SOA and how it relates to cloud computing very well. That's important because architecture is key to cloud computing. Cloud Application Architectures (Reese) has a narrow focus but some of his discussion of resilience applies generally. You'll also want to look at Cloud Security and Privacy (Mather). There is no way you can implement cloud services without a careful look at data security issues. The bottom line is that cloud computing is a vast subject. If you are serious about it and want to understand every aspect of it then you have to dish out a handsome sum and get at least four books. On top of that there are special focus books on each of the service providers that could be pertinent depending on which services you choose. You can get detailed information online and in the blogosphere but it's not as easy as reading it in a book. If you are on a tight budget and just want to skim the headlines this book may be just right for you. Elsewhere I advise further research.

Over the last year, I have spent an increasing amount of time trying to explain to people what cloud computing is and what it means for their business. With this book, my explaining job just got a lot easier. No, it is not perfect, but it provides a fast way to get up to speed on a very broad topic. Cloud computing has turned into everybody's favorite buzzword, complete with its own jargon (SaaS, PaaS, IaaS and many moreaaS-es). Cloud Computing For Dummies provides a plain English introduction to cloud computing. It answers basic questions like: What is cloud computing; How can cloud computing impact my business; and How can you explain cloud computing to your bosses' boss (using small, non-technical words)? Don't be fooled by the "Dummies" title - this book has good technical information as well. In particular, it discusses practical advice for how to handle issues like monitoring, data management and security. In summary this book is good for:- Business people who want a clear explanation of cloud computing with just enough detail to be dangerous- Technical people who are new to cloud computing and want a broad overview that gets them up to speed quickly. This book is probably not ideal for:- Technical specialists who want an in-depth guide to specific cloud technologies- Hardcore developers who want detailed information on a particular

cloud solution like EC2

As the name suggests, this is a dummies book, that can be read in a weekend, and should enable the reader to understand some of the basics of Cloud computing. Pros: a good “101” primer on cloud computing that introduces key concepts of IaaS, PaaS and SaaS without assuming a lot of prior knowledge. A big plus is the book is vendor agnostic, with tips for consultants and IS designers. Cons: Assumes a good knowledge of infrastructure and IS services; hence not a real “dummies” book. Those looking for hands-on “how to” or specific cloud implementation steps will be disappointed as the book aims to be broad not deep.

I did not find this book useful at all. I needed something with more practical guidance for getting started. I started reading this book and gave up about a quarter into it. There were questions and questions and questions and no answers. I really felt like the main point of this book was to make sure that the reader understands that cloud computing is really complicated, but I already knew it. I felt like I was wasting my time.

I was looking for some additional information both for the practical word as well as the ccsk. the book did explain something but I was hoping for more meat in it. I've been reading dummies book since they were published under idg. there are several chapters that are so light you're in and out in a matter of mins. I've burped longer than it took to read something like chapters 10, 13 or 16. personally I see cloud computing largely being overused for almost everything and is just the latest marketing spin on technology that's been in use for years. I'm not saying I did not learn anything or was able to put a few things into perspective but this is not quite up to the standards I expected. if there was a 3rd edition (since this was written in 2009) I think some of the areas I see lacking might be filled in better

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