

Westminster eForum keynote seminar: Cloud computing

Date: Morning, Wednesday 10th February 2010

Venue: Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ

Agenda subject to change

- 8.45 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 Chairman's opening remarks
Mark Pritchard MP, Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cyber-Security
- 9.05 - 9.35 The Cloud as a platform for business and Government
Theme: How is the cloud being adopted by business and Government?
Simone Brunozi, Web Services Evangelist, EMEA, Amazon
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.15 An overview - cloud computing
Themes: What is cloud computing and what are the types of services available, and what can it do? Who are the key providers, and how widespread is usage? What are the advantages and disadvantages of cloud computing for businesses and individuals? How does UK usage of cloud computing compare internationally? What demands will cloud computing place on the broadband infrastructure, and is the UK's network capable of supporting widespread adoption?
Stephen McGibbon, Regional Technology Officer, Europe, Microsoft Corporation
Steve Hughes, CMS Product Manager, COLT
Ian Osborne, Director, Digital Systems Knowledge Transfer Network, Intellect
Matt Yardley, Partner, Analysys Mason
Ron Brown, Director, Cloud Computing EMEA, CSC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 11.00 Security and reliability
Themes: How secure is the cloud compared to local storage? With high profile 'outages' of services, how reliable is the cloud as a platform for business? Is the cloud suitable for Government, and other organisations holding sensitive data? What are the legal issues surrounding the storage of data online? Who is responsible for safe storage, and the contents of files, in the cloud?
Tom Greenbank, Solicitor, Outsourcing, Technology and Commercial, Pinsent Masons
Rik Ferguson, Senior Security Advisor, Trend Micro
Trevor Dearing, Head of Enterprise Marketing, Juniper Networks
John Colley, Managing Director, EMEA, (ISC)²
Peter Bradley, Staff Officer Operations (Communications & Information), RNLI
Richard Prodger, Technical Director, Active Web Solutions
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 Chairman's closing remarks
Mark Pritchard MP, Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cyber-Security
- 11.05 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 Chairman's opening remarks
Lord Harris of Haringey, Treasurer, Parliamentary Information Technology Committee
- 11.35 - 12.05 The future for working in the cloud
Themes: The future prospects for cloud computing. Lessons from one of the thought leaders.
Reuven Cohen, Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Enomaly
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.55 The business case for cloud computing
Themes: What is the economic case for cloud computing compared to managed services and internal IT management? What are the comparative set up and running costs? Aside from the financial, what are the drivers for take up? What types of business are best suited to move their work into the cloud? How do utility and subscription models of billing work in practice?
Simon Abrahams, Head of Product Marketing, EMEA, Rackspace
Guy Mucklow, Managing Director and Co-founder, postcodeanywhere.com
Mostafa Afifi, Internal IaaS Cloud, Morgan Stanley
Mike Brookbanks, Leader, Global Cloud Programme, IBM
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 Chairman's and Westminster eForum closing remarks
Lord Harris of Haringey, Treasurer, Parliamentary Information Technology Committee
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster eForum