





# Clouds in the Caribbean Sky

Data Sovereignty, Security and Privacy for Local Online Services

#### WHAT DOES "CLOUD" MEAN TO US?













Microsoft 365



#### WHAT DOES "CLOUD" MEAN...

#### **To Consumers**

- Wide accessibility
- -Disposable computing
- -Low cost
- -Simplicity
- -Transferred operations responsibility



#### WHAT DOES "CLOUD" MEAN...

#### **To Governments**

- -Platform for citizen services
- -Improved processes and greater efficiencies
- -Standardization of infrastructure



#### WHAT DOES "CLOUD" MEAN...

#### **To Service Providers**

- -Speed to market
- -Global presence
- -Scalability
- -Redundancy
- -Reduced operations cost



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**HOW CAN THERE BE A "CARIBBEAN CLOUD"?** 

# NIST DEFINITION (SP 800-145)

Cloud computing is a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction

https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-145/final



#### **CLOUD CHARACTERISTICS**

On-Demand Self-Service

Broad Network Access

Resource Pooling

Rapid Elasticity Measured Service





## CLOUD = PHYSICAL LOCATION

## **Google Cloud Platform**

Located in the Americas, Europe and Asia

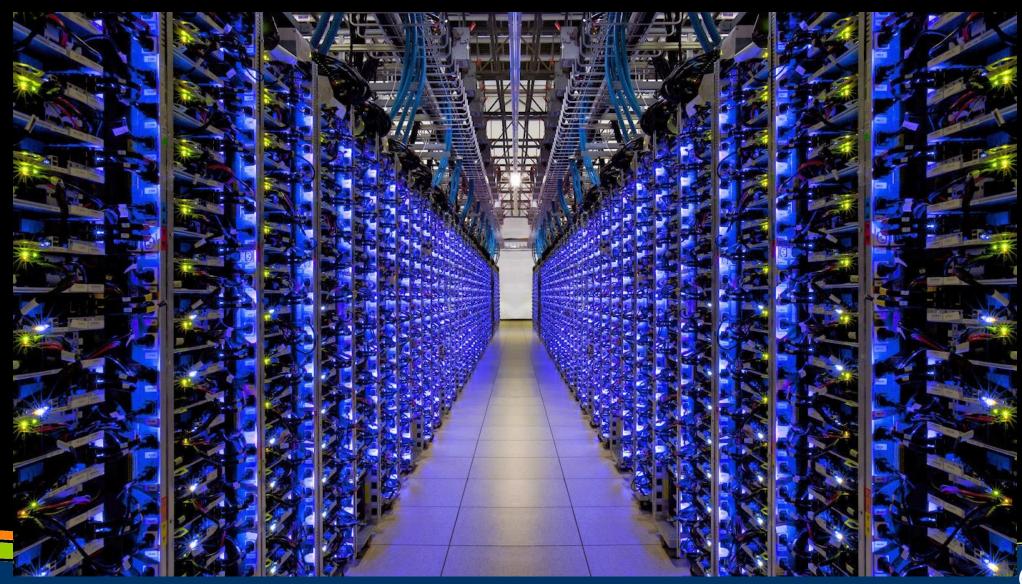
- -22 Regions
- -61 Zones
- 100+ Points of Presence

https://peering.google.com/#/infrastructure





# GOOGLE DATACENTER





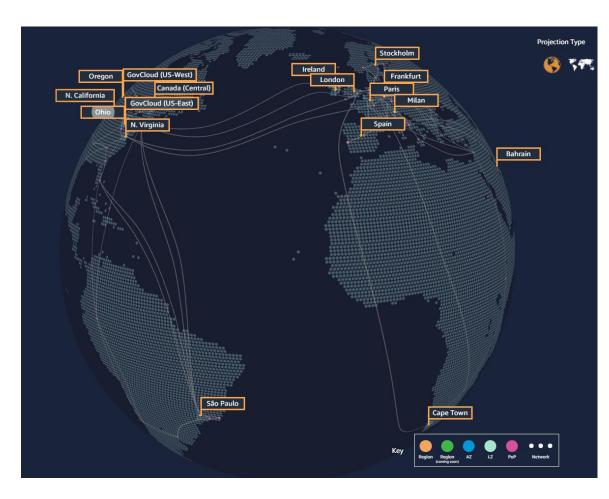
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#### **Amazon Web Services**

Located in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa

- -24 Regions
- -77 Availability Zones
- -216 Points of Presence

https://www.infrastructure.aws





### **CLOUD = PHYSICAL LOCATION**

#### **Azure Global Network**

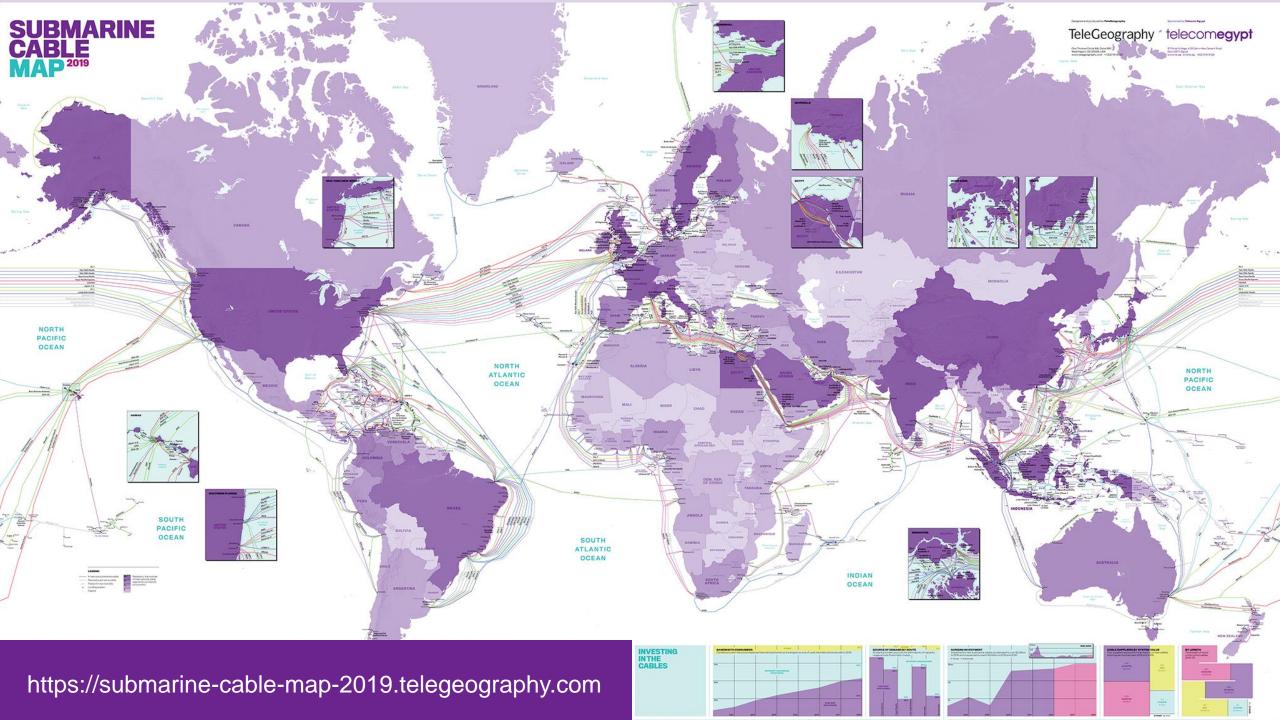
Located in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa

- -60+ Regions
- 170+ Points of Presence



https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/networking/microsoft-global-network





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DATA SOVEREIGNTY AND PRIVACY ISSUES

## **BUILD REQUIREMENTS**

Connectivity

Power

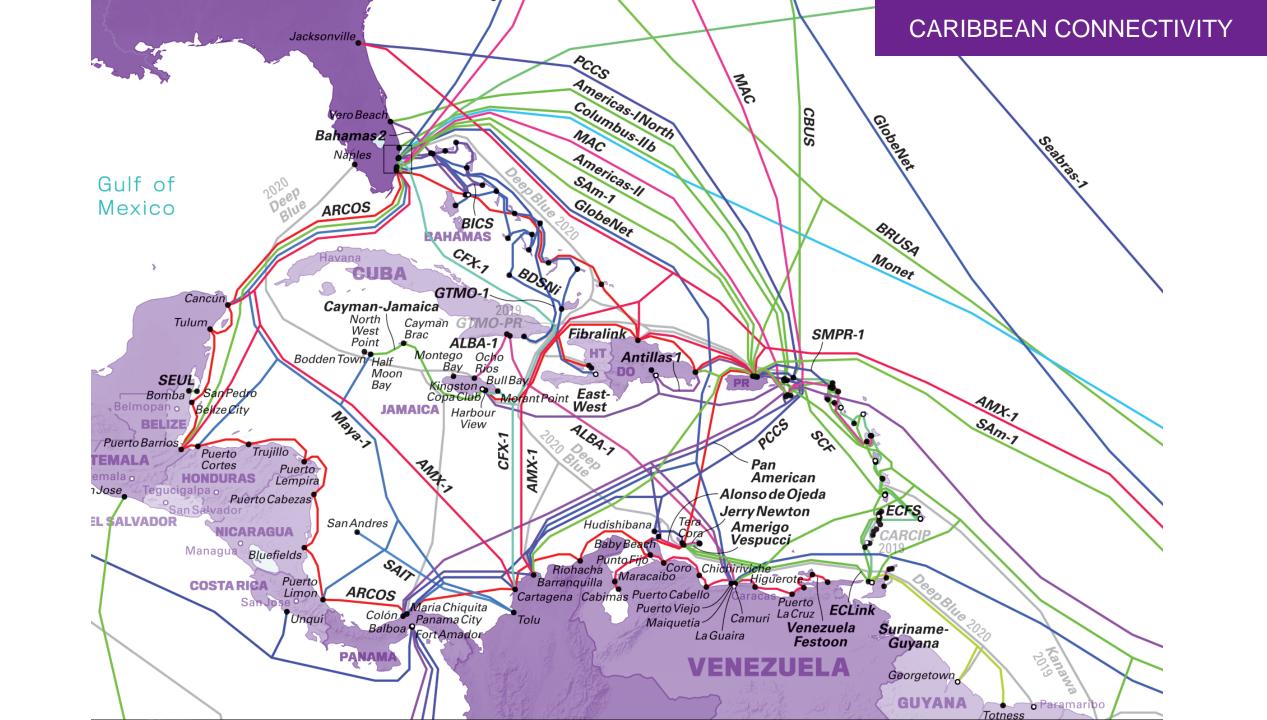
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Hardware & Software

Operations
Capacity

Services

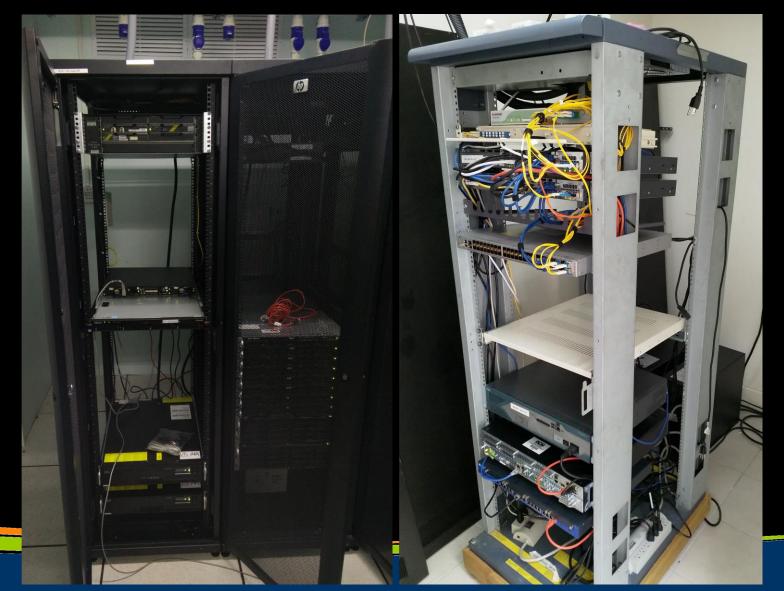




# **GREX 2012**



# SLIX 2016 GREX 2019



# **CLOUD CARIB**

#### Locations

- Nassau, the Bahamas
- Freeport, the Bahamas
- Jamaica
- Barbados
- Panama
- Ecuador
- Paraguay



#### **REGIONAL SCAN**

- Internet Exchange Points
  - Grenada, Belize, BVI, St Lucia, Curação, St Marteen, Dominica, Trinidad
- Commercial Data Centers
  - Cloud Carib, Fujitsu, Blue NAP Americas, SMEs
- Telecom Service Providers
  - TSTT, Flow, Digicel
- Private Operators
  - Governments, financial institutions, educational institutions, hospitality



#### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- For Service Providers
  - -Local and regional expertise
  - -Infrastructure cost, especially at scale
  - -Business model
  - -Enabling environment



#### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- For Consumers
  - -Services desired
  - -Level of automation
  - -Level of scale
  - -Acceptable service levels



# What is an acceptable level of "cloud" service, and how much are we willing to pay?







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