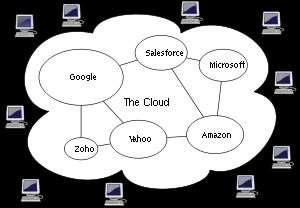
Cloud Computing

"Cloud computing" is a buzzword that's tossed around a lot these days to describe the direction in which information infrastructure seems to be moving. The concept, quite simply, is that vast computing resources will reside somewhere out there in the ether (rather than in your computer room) and we'll connect to them and use them as needed.

The term *cloud* is used as a metaphor for the Internet, based on how the Internet is depicted in [computer network diagrams](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_network_diagram), and is an abstraction for the complex infrastructure it conceals.[[11]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud_computing#cite_note-The_Internet_Cloud-10)



At TCS we already practise Cloud Computing: we use Google, survey monkey, and some people use eportfolios etc. You may have used sorted.org.nz or the Virtual Super 14 programme. You do not need to have the software or capacity at home to run these programmes, but you can access them. This is cloud computing.

Here are some links if you are interested in finding out more:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud_computing>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJncFirhjPg&feature=related>

Derek Wenmouth’s blog (CORE Education) <http://blog.core-ed.net/derek/2008/11/education-in-the-age-of-cloud-computing.html>