Cloud is the ubiquitous on-demand consumption model that underpins today’s technology usage and innovation – it’s now critical for enterprises to understand the value of cloud economics and the costs it may bring, or else risk their opportunities for growth and market development. Cloud is an enabler of business revenue, but it also impacts competitive differentiation, financial stability, time to market and gross margins.

The Cloud Price Index isn’t just data on pricing, but insights and commentary on what the market is offering today and where the opportunities and risks lie ahead.

What has the Cloud Price Index found?

In the past six years, the Cloud Price Index has revealed a range of insights that have given service providers, vendors, enterprises and financial firms an industry-leading view of the economics behind the cloud opportunity, such as:

- A multicloud approach can save 85% on cloud costs when multiple commitments are made.
- For smaller IoT deployments, AWS is on average the cheapest provider but for larger projects, IBM generally has lower prices.
- Public cloud on-prem models are putting hyperscalers at the center of enterprise IT procurement.
- Providers use five metrics to bill for CDN, but only two really dictate the cheapest provider – requests and bandwidth.
- Google Cloud provides viable migration paths to reduce carbon and costs, without significantly impacting latency.
- Hyperscaler-developed chips are bringing significant price drops, contributing to the steepest annual decline in the CPI compute benchmark (15%) since we started tracking in 2015.
- In 2021, the hyperscalers added over a million capabilities to their portfolios, including in robotics, satellite and healthcare.
- The major cloud providers plan to grow their global datacenter footprint by 20% in the next few years, including first-time deployments in Israel, Spain and New Zealand.
Who is the CPI for?

**Service Providers**
Build differentiated services based on demand in your target market, create data-led business cases, understand TCO and ROI, benchmark your pricing against industry averages, stay abreast of price cuts in the market to stay competitive, justify your value in meetings and proposals, highlight your selling points in collateral.

**Tech Vendors**
Show the value in hybrid and multicloud enabling technologies, demonstrate profitability to service provider partners, evaluate growth areas for new development, understand key targets through TCO assessments, create marketing collateral and sales pitches.

**Enterprises**
Know where your provider is cutting/raising prices, negotiate with providers, assess value of managed services, benchmark operational costs against cloud prices, evaluate private and hybrid cloud options, select providers for RFPs based on service capability.

The Cloud Price Index unravels the complexity of cloud economics to deliver easily accessible and rapid insights on best value.

### Cloud Complexity
- Different pricing metrics
- Different definitions
- Different products

### Cloud Price Index
**Data + Expertise**

#### Simple & Rapid Analyses
- Cost estimates
- Internal benchmarking
- Procurement
- Negotiations
- Price setting

### Economics of cloud services
- Quarterly benchmarks
- Over 450 price benchmarks across 10 regions
- Compute, storage, cloud native, network, databases
- Standard and committed prices
- Web-tool and Excel calculators

### Price change alerts and portfolio analysis
- Weekly alerts on price changes and service additions across AWS, Google Cloud and Microsoft Azure
- More than 3 million SKUs tracked

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