## The Technology of Cloud Computing



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## What is OnStar?

- In-vehicle safety, security and information services system offering 24-hour access to live assistance
- Launched in North America in 1996 on Cadillacs
- Launched in China in Dec 2009
- Over 6 million active subscribers



- Over 350 million customer interactions to date
- OnStar aftermarket product on target for launch summer 2011





## **Key OnStar Services**



Automatic Crash Response 2,450/month



Emergency Service 10,000/month





Stolen Vehicle Assistance 440/month



Remote Door Unlock 61,000/month



Roadside Assistance 29,600/month



Turn-by-Turn Routes Delivered\* *Over 1.9 million routes / month* 



OnStar Vehicle Diagnostics Over 3.7 million emails / month



OnStar Hands-Free Calling 175+ million mins purchased / month



OnStar Mobile Apps 489,000+ downloads / month



On-Demand Diagnostics 55,900/month



One Very Hardworking Button Over 367 million Cumulative Service Interactions

3 Month Rolling Average (Feb - Apr '11) U.S. and Canada

\* Includes Advisor and TBT delivered routes

## Cloud Computing

a style of computing where scalable and elastic information technology capabilities are provided 'as a service' to customers using internet technologies with pay-as-you-go pricing



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### **Cloud Service Models**



## Key Characteristics of a Cloud

## Multi-tenant elasticity is the definitive attribute of cloud computing



- **Elasticity**: the ability of software to meet changing capacity demands without interrupting operations
  - deploying and releasing necessary resources ondemand, and
  - automatically spreading (or contracting) over multiple physical or virtual machines
- Multi-tenancy: the ability of a single shared instance of a software to serve multiple customers (tenants) with each tenant operating as logically isolated



### Value Proposition

- Useful for business applications that require:
  - On-demand scalability and elasticity
  - Speed-to-market



## **Enabling Technologies**



#### Blade Infrastructure

- Modular form of computing where a system is aggregated from separate building-block modules (processor, memory, I/O, and offload modules) connected over a switched backplane
- Commodity Servers







#### Solid State Storage

- Data storage device that uses solid-state memory, typically flash memory, to store persistent data
- Faster, more energy efficient, more rugged and more compact

## **Enabling Technologies**

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- Virtualization
  - Abstraction of single computing resource into separate logical components
  - Allows greater flexibility and utilization of the underlying computing resource
- Grid Computing
  - Loosely coupled, heterogeneous compute resources connected across a network working together as one large compute resource
  - Originally conceived to tackle complex computations



- Service Oriented Architecture
  - An approach to organizing software into independent, interoperable loosely-coupled modules that can be composed and recomposed to fulfill multiple business functions

#### Network Connectivity

 Fast local area / wide area, wireline and short range / long range and wireless network technologies

## Putting it all together...



A model for on-demand access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources that can be rapidly provisioned and released

## Key Concerns for Cloud Implementations





Lack of standards

## Integration with internal resources

## Lack of guaranteed availability

Limited configurability and monitoring

# Thank You