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[\[edit\]](#) Abstract

[Cloud computing](#), [Internet](#) ("cloud") based development and use of computer technology ("computing"), is the first major computing [paradigm shift](#) since the migration from mainframes to client-server some 30 years ago. This [manifesto](#) (*a public declaration of principles and intentions*) covers key principles that should be adhered to by cloud computing vendors and providers for the benefit of all stakeholders. It is complementary to the [Cloud Computing Bill of Rights](#) which describes the rights of cloud computing users.

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[\[edit\]](#) Principles

1. **User centric** systems enrich the lives of individuals, education, communication, collaboration, business, entertainment and society as a whole; the end user is the primary stakeholder in cloud computing.
2. **Philanthropic** initiatives can greatly increase the well-being of mankind; they should be enabled or enhanced by cloud computing where possible.
3. **Openness** of standards, systems and software empowers and protects users; existing standards should be adopted where possible for the benefit of all stakeholders.
4. **Transparency** fosters trust and accountability; decisions should be open to public collaboration and scrutiny and never be made "behind closed doors".
5. **Interoperability** ensures effectiveness of cloud computing as a public resource; systems must be interoperable over a minimal set of community defined standards and vendor lock-in must be avoided.
6. **Representation** of all stakeholders is essential; interoperability and standards efforts should not be dominated by vendor(s).
7. **Discrimination** against any party for any reason is unacceptable; barriers to entry must be minimised.
8. **Evolution** is an ongoing process in an immature market; standards may take some time to develop and coalesce but activities should be coordinated and collaborative.

9. **Balance** of commercial and consumer interests is paramount; if in doubt consumer interests prevail.
10. **Security** is fundamental, not optional.

[\[edit\]](#) Motivation

The document was developed in response to a [call](#) by [Microsoft](#) to collaboratively create such a document following their refusal to participate in an undisclosed effort drafted in secret.^[1] *To ensure that the work on such a project is open, transparent and complete, we feel strongly that any "manifesto" should be created, from its inception, through an open mechanism like a Wiki, for public debate and comment, all available through a Creative Commons license.*^[2] It was derived in part from the [Mozilla Manifesto](#).

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[\[edit\]](#) See also

- [Cloud Computing Bill of Rights](#)

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- [Bob Sutor: Some notes on cloud computing and standards](#)
- [Moving Toward an Open Process on Cloud Computing Interoperability](#)
- [Cloud Computing and Vendor Lock-In](#)
- [Open Cloud Manifesto](#) leaked document
- [Open Cloud Manifesto](#) web site
- [Alternative version](#) by the Cloud Appreciation Society