

CloudServer vs. Microsoft Azure



CloudServer is RapidScale's Infrastructure as a Service offering. With your servers and RapidScale's cloud, you will receive the best service in the industry. RapidScale offers on-demand capacity with the best infrastructure tools and utilities. CloudServer is backed by vCloud hypervisors, NetApp storage, and Cisco UCS blade chassis.

Microsoft Azure vs. RapidScale's CloudServer

Microsoft Azure

Microsoft is a big player in the public cloud space, especially because it already has such a strong footing in business due to its popular Office products. Those looking for public cloud IaaS offerings will find an affordable option with Microsoft Azure. Microsoft's virtual server solution is Azure Virtual Machines.

However...

Microsoft Azure has experienced major outages, leading a Gartner analyst to suggest that businesses consider disaster recovery capabilities away from Azure for their critical applications in the cloud. Azure also experienced nearly 11 hours of downtime in 2015. Microsoft data is hosted globally, so businesses with data restrictions may face complications and will have to verify where their data is located with Azure. It also has varied support based on the customer plan or service level, and the customer is required to manage their own environment. Though Azure supports non-Microsoft and Linux operating systems, these are not embraced and lead to less-than-ideal implementation.

CloudServer

In comparison, RapidScale's CloudServer offers public, private and hybrid cloud options. We excel in deployment, management and monitoring - Azure cannot offer this same level of attention to each of its clients. CloudServer offers complete management and around-the-clock support for all managed customers, and supports a variety of operating systems. We have a 100% uptime SLA guarantee, in comparison to Azure's 99.9% uptime SLA. Additionally, all RapidScale data is kept domestic and at a location selected by the customer.

Azure Virtual Machines and CloudServer are different virtual server offerings. Businesses need to decide if they want to work with a huge cloud player with minimal management options, or with a managed cloud provider that can be there every step of the way.

Service Features

| | Microsoft Azure | CloudServer |
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| Management | Customer responsible for management — | Full RapidScale management option ✓ |
| Support | Support varies with plan/service level — | 24x7x365 enterprise-grade support ✓ |
| Deployment | A public cloud focus — | Public, private or hybrid cloud ✓ |
| Uptime | 99.9% uptime SLA — | 100% uptime SLA ✓ |

The RapidScale Difference

Managed Cloud

RapidScale offers a unique managed cloud solution that complements any organization’s current IT efforts. With a global presence, enterprise-grade infrastructure, and a team of highly knowledgeable cloud experts, RapidScale provides the most comprehensive cloud solutions available in the industry. RapidScale’s team of experts is available at every stage of the process, from designing a custom cloud road map to complete account management. Our white-glove service is second to none. We provide 24x7x365 “We Care” Support and complete management and monitoring of a client’s environment.

Infrastructure

RapidScale’s redundant and SAS70 Type II, SSAE16-certified data centers offer clean and continuous power, high capacity redundant generators, and around-the-clock infrastructure protection. Our data centers include on-premises guards, exterior security, digital surveillance and recording, biometric scanning, secured cages, and more. They are equipped with enterprise-level technology from Cisco, NetApp, VMware, Citrix, Microsoft, SonicWALL and more.

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