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# **Cloud Computing: A Review of Features, Benefits, and Risks, and Recommendations for Secure, Efficient Implementations**

Cloud computing is an emerging area of distributed computing that offers many potential benefits to organizations by making information technology (IT) services available as a commodity. When they contract for cloud services, such as applications, software, data storage, and processing capabilities, organizations can improve their efficiency and their ability to respond more quickly and reliably to their customers' needs. At the same time, there are risks to be considered, including maintaining the security and privacy of systems and information, and assuring the wise expenditure of IT resources.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has been working in collaboration with government, industry, and standards bodies to accelerate the federal government's secure adoption of cloud computing.

Use this review to build a case for your own organization's cloud computing implementation and to ensure that strong security measures are in place.

The attached zip file includes:

- Intro Page.pdf
- Terms and Conditions.pdf
- Cloud Computing A Review of Features.pdf