

Do we know where and how our data is stored and processed? These topics are seldom discussed and are not the most pressing issues around the coffee table. Why should we care?

This is not a thesis about cloud computing technology. The focus is, rather, on how stakeholders talk about cloud computing. Every new technology involves language innovations as we cannot imagine, implement, learn about, or use new artefacts without first adopting a language that enables us to think and talk about novel functionalities.

This thesis sheds light on the period in which cloud services became increasingly accepted and taken for granted in society at large, in the organisational management of information, and in individuals' daily lives. The research project included the writing of four peer-reviewed articles between 2011 and 2016. During this time period, cloud computing emerged as a relatively new concept understood as information processing capacity and storage over the internet. This thesis captures nascent discussions during this time of change, particularly in the early 2010s, when information processing and storage began moving from dedicated servers to more vaguely specified resources. The research project underpinning this thesis was ongoing while cloud computing as a phenomenon developed and expanded.

Even though this thesis's focus is on talk about cloud computing, the results are relevant to accounts about various forms of information technologies. This thesis can, therefore, contribute to a multifaceted discussion on the implementation of new information technology in general and of cloud computing specifically.



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