# To the Cloud, and Beyond! Back to the Future Again, and Again, and Again...

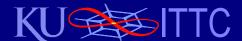
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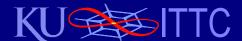
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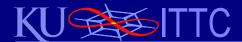
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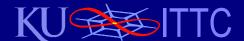
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- There's something familiar about this...
- Have we been here before? ...multiple times?
- Not news to us old farts
  - but I wanted to document the cycles



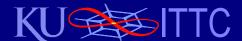
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#### Motivation

- curiosity on the number and periodicity of cycles
- comparison to other cycles

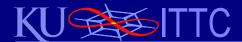
#### Disclaimer

- difficult to pin exact dates on majority paradigm
- overlapping technologies
  - consumer cycle a bit different in early years
- based in part on personal observation since early 1970s
  - Basic timesharing; had PDP-8/L in high school
  - IBM mainframe batch and PDP-11 RSX / VAX/VMS undergrad
  - personal IBM 370/158 in early 1980s



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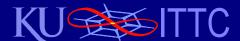
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  - IBM 701 1952, IBM 709 1958
  - ICT/ICL, RCA, Univac, Burroughs, Honeywell, NCR, CDC, ...



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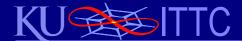
- 1950s: single user mainframes
- 1960s: time sharing and multitasking
  - Plato  $\sim$ 1960 UIUC ILLIAC I → CDC 6600
  - CTSS 7090 MIT 1961
  - DTSS GE-200 Dartmouth 1964
  - SDS-940 1966 Tymshare and other outsourced services
  - MULTICS, TSS/360 ...
  - mainframes go multitasking (batch) to timesharing

Motivation: cost saving and resource sharing



## Minicomputers to Workstations Swing 2

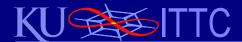
- 1970s: minicomputers
  - some timeshared, but many single user
  - e.g. PDP-8/L 1968, -8/E 1971
  - IBM 3270 terminals 3272 controllers 1971
    - for time sharing, but could have evolved to workstations
    - block I/O: 300 ms response time 10s users 1 MIPS 370/158



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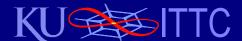
- 1970s: minicomputers; many single user
- 1980s: dickless workstations and file servers
  - IBM PC 1981
    - Note: IBM 3270 terminals 3272 controllers 1971
  - workstations originally had local disc
    - e.g. Apollo 1980, Sun-2 1983, Sun-3 1985, ...
    - fileservers and remote mounts (e.g. NFS)
    - discless: network boot and swap

Motivation: cost saving and resource sharing with terrible performance discless



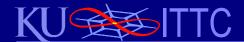
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- 1990s: individual machines
  - powerful workstations e.g. SPARC, RS/6000
  - home PCs; initially only modem access to services
    - AOL, Compuserve, Prodigy
  - laptops, e.g. IBM ThinkPad 700 1992
- 1990s: thin clients (minor off-cycle swing)
  - brief flirt at moving processing back to the cloud
  - WebTV 1996 and other thin-client STBs
  - as bad an idea as were discless workstations



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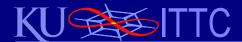
- 1990s: individual machines
- 2000s: individual machines on the Web
  - broadband Internet access allows access to the "cloud"



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  - \*aaS NIST architecture 2011

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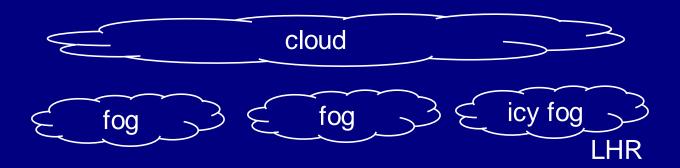


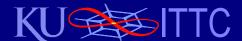


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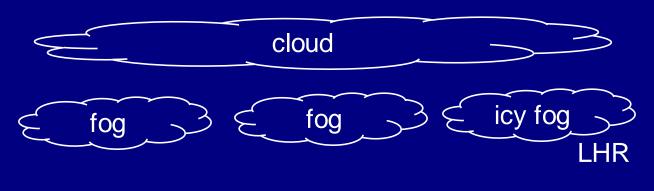




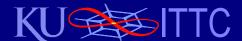
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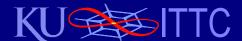
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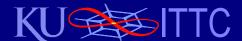


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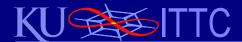
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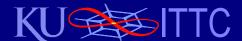
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- 2010s: Internet of Sh@# and The Cloud
  - diskless and thin client redux
  - outsourcing (timesharing service) isn't necessarily cheaper
  - assumes constant connectivity
    - bad assumption for mobile devices
- 2020s: ?



# To the Cloud and Beyond! Summary

- Exhaustive non-rigourous qualitative analysis
- local—remote shift ~every decade (20 year cycle)
  - doesn't accelerate with Moore's Law
  - last period a bit longer
- Prediction: we'll dump the cloud in the 2020s
  - and be reinventing it in the 2030s
- Similar period to other reinventions
  - programmable networks: AN/IN → SDR
  - parallel computing: multicomputers → parallel → multicore



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