Working Group Outbrief

Ground System Architectures Workshop



Session 11E

Cloud Computing and Big Data Technologies for Ground Systems IX

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- Discuss the current trends, best practices, and lessons learned in using Cloud Computing and Big Data technologies
- Key Focus Areas:
 - State of the art in Cloud Computing and Big Data
 - Cloud and Big Data reference models
 - Cloud-based ground systems
 - Cloud and Big Data technologies
 - Cloud security, standards, and compliance
 - Acquisition strategies for cloud-based systems
 - Cloud computing economics
 - Cloud performance management



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Presenters/Panelists

Title	Presenter	Organization
Introduction	Ramesh Rangachar	The Aerospace Corporation
ESOC's Successes, Complications and Opportunities in using Cloud Computing and Big Data Technology	James Eggleston	ESA/ESOC
Cloud-Enabled Architecture for the NESDIS Ground Enterprise	Kathryn Shontz	NOAA/NESDIS
Embracing Chaos	Onik Quddus	Booz Allen Hamilton
NOAA/NESDIS Enterprise Data Management (EDM) and Enterprise Product Generation (EPG) Proving Ground in the AWS Cloud	Rich Baker	Solers, Inc.
Real-Time Data Fanout in the Cloud	Jake Albrecht	The Aerospace Corporation
Town Hall Meeting: Moderated discussion on key focus areas		



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Key Points

- ESOC is using cloud computing and machine learning
 - Starting with auxiliary systems; not yet for online operational use
- NOAA/NESDIS is working on 4 cloud pilot projects
 - Focused on cloud-native implementations
- BAH: Best way to prevent failure is to "embrace the chaos" to ensure success
 - Discussed cloud resiliency reference architecture and best practices
- Solers prototyped environmental data processing services in a FedRAMPapproved Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud environment
 - Native AWS cloud services; AWS Data Lake Architecture
- Key discussion topics:
 - Data-centric design
 - How to manage performance in a shared, multi-tenant environment?
 - How to manage reliability/availability/COOP/DR in a cloud?
 - Multi-cloud
 - Containerization



- Cloud computing implies relinguishing ownership/control of something
 - Hardware, software, network, data, access, performance, etc.
- Organization confidence and trust must be established
 - Pilots, Prototypes, Proof-of-Concepts
 - Demonstrate value w/o betting the farm
- Best practices and reference architectures increase success rate and lower risk
- Consistent theme: established processes and policies can be impediments to modernization
 - Management must provide leadership
- Expand scope of workshop to include *data-centricity*
 - Natural extension of the Big Data paradigm