

# What makes cloud computing an economical alternative information system platform?

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## Virtualization

- **Server virtualization:** the ability to make one larger computer work like a lot of smaller independent computers
- **Storage virtualization:** the ability to provision a big storage array of disk drives as if it were a lot of smaller disk drives.

## Secure (Virtual Private) Networking

## Automation: management, monitoring, deployment

## Why is cloud computing useful to caBIG adopters?

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caBIG: a portfolio of highly functional, open source applications for Life Science and Clinical Research.

It is just like any other open source application set!

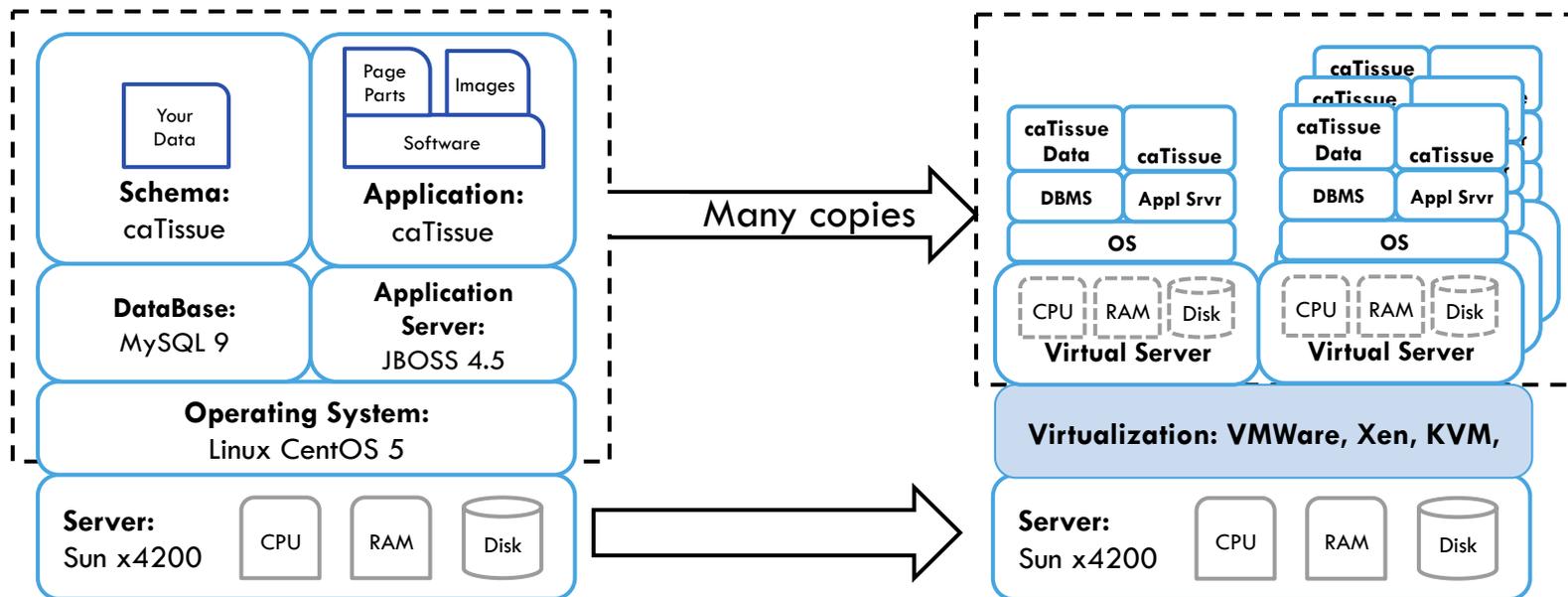
- Not perfect: applications are engineered and delivered as 'post-development' stage products
- Not free: adopters contribute quality improvements
- Some assembly is required: adopters are responsible for QA of their deployed application

# Anatomy of a typical caBIG web application deployment: Non-virtual and Virtual

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One instance of caTissue running on one server supporting one biobank in one enterprise.

Many instances of caTissue running on one server supporting many biobank in many enterprises.



# Advantages of virtualizing / cloud

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- **Manage-ability:** easier to make adjustments
- **Economy:** better use of hardware resources
- **Reliability:** easier to create fail-over configurations
- **Distribute-ability:** easier to deploy systems across a network
- **Recover-ability:** simpler and faster to recover from system failures

# The real test for the cloud: caCURE – an application for use by the public

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caCURE  
Form Builder

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Data Collector

caHOPE  
Analytics

# caCURE Builder: web based data collection instrument development, review, and approval

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## caCURE Form Builder

**Edit Question** CANCEL

Question Text: Does patient have DIRECT patient care responsibilities?  Question Visibility  
Required:   
Short Name: patient care responsibilities  
Learn More:

Question Type:  Single Answer  Multi-Answer  
Category: Selected categories: 1 New

Add Skip

Show this question when answer: Yes for question "Is the individual

**Answers**

Answer Type: RADIO

Select the alignment to use:  Vertical  Horizontal

Text: Yes Value: 1  
Text: No Value: 2  
Text: Unknown Value: 3

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Home > Public Health

#### Manage Sections

ADD SECTION

Name	Author	Status	Last Update	Last Update By
<a href="#">SAR Surveillance-1-Personal Details</a>	admin	In progress	3/25/11 3:39 PM	pmills
<a href="#">SAR Surveillance-2-Epidemiologic Risk Factors</a>	pgupta	In progress	3/25/11 3:39 PM	pmills
<a href="#">SAR Surveillance-3-Contact History</a>	pgupta	In progress	3/25/11 3:39 PM	pmills
<a href="#">SAR Surveillance-4-Travel History</a>	pgupta	In progress	3/25/11 3:39 PM	pmills

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#### SAR Surveillance-2-Epidemiologic ...

ADD CONTENT ADD QUESTION ADD TABLE QUESTION IMPORT QUESTION

#### EPIDEMIOLOGIC RISK FACTORS

**Occupation**

Is the individual a healthcare worker?  
 Yes  No  Unknown

Add a new answer value

# Form Builder: Modules, Form and Questions

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## EPIDEMIOLOGIC RISK FACTORS



### Occupation



Is the individual a healthcare worker?

Yes  No  Unknown



Please specify healthcare worker type:

Physician

Nurse/PA

Lab

Other



Please specify other healthcare work type:

Specify:



Does patient have DIRECT patient care responsibilities?

Yes  No  Unknown



If not a healthcare worker, please list occupation:

Please list occupation:



Question Text: Does patient have DIRECT patient care responsibilities?  Question Visibility

Required:

Short Name: patient care responsibilities

Learn More:

Question Type:  Single Answer  Multi-Answer

Category: Selected categories: 1

Show this question when answer: Yes for question "Is the individual a healthcare worker?" is selected

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# caCURE Collector: web based data collection enabled to integrate with community website

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## caCURE Data Collector

The screenshot shows the main page of the caCURE Data Collector. At the top, it says "National Institute of Health" and features the "CURE" logo. Below the logo is a navigation bar with "HOME", "CURE SUITE", "MY FORMS", "SWITCH THEME", "NEWS", and "ABOUT". A central banner reads "Welcome to the CURE™ Demonstration Site" and includes a brief description of the tool. On the left, there are links for "My Current Questionnaire", "My Submitted Questionnaires", and "My Notes". Below that is a "Posts" section with several news items, including "Situation Update: Summary of Weekly FluView" and "FluView - Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report".

This screenshot displays a specific data collection form titled "SAR Surveillance-2-Epidemiologic Risk Factors". The form is divided into sections: "EPIDEMIOLOGIC RISK FACTORS", "Occupation", "Contact and Travel", and "Need help?". The "Occupation" section includes a question "Is the individual a healthcare worker?" with radio buttons for "Yes", "No", and "Unknown", followed by a list of healthcare worker types: "Physician", "Nurse/PA", "Lab", and "Other". The "Contact and Travel" section asks about "DIRECT patient care responsibilities" and "Close contact in the 10 days prior to symptom onset" with various sub-questions and radio button options. A "Need help?" section is partially visible on the right.



HOME

CURE SUITE

MY FORMS

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My Current Questionnaire

My Submitted Questionnaires

My Notes

## Welcome to the CURE™ Demonstration Site

*CURE™ is an innovative, breakthrough healthcare data collection tool that efficiently captures data and provides for data analysis in a completely evolutionary manner.*

This site will allow you to explore the components of the CURE™ Suite at your own pace from the convenience of your home or office.

To view and interact with the forms you will need to register and login. If you would like to just browse the site and become familiar with the CURE Suite, a login is not required. Please just click on the available menu tabs to read about the CURE™ Suite and become familiar with the site.

To obtain a free username with a password, please click on the tab "Register Now" or the link "Not a member? Click here" at the bottom of the Login block to the left. You will be taken through a short registration process.

During the registration process you will be asked to select an "Area of Interest". This will determine the content you see and the specific forms that are available for you to view and interact with. To experience multiple forms modules, you will need to register a new account for each one you wish to view.

This demonstration site is based on the open source content management system Drupal. The "Switch Theme" tab, after registration and login, will allow you to change the look and feel of the site. A similar site with your colors, logos



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Environmental Health

### Posts

**Situation Update: Summary  
of Weekly FluView**

**FluView - Weekly Influenza  
Surveillance Report**

**Seasonal Flu: International  
Situation Update**

**No es demasiado tarde para  
vacunarse (It's Not Too Late  
To Vaccinate)**

**Vacuna contra la gripe  
recomendada para todos  
(Flu Vaccine Now  
Recommended for**



**THIS IS  
PUBLIC  
HEALTH**



**CDC's  
Tracking  
Network...**



**Water Worry  
- Fluoride  
Levels in...**



**Toxic  
Chemicals in  
Seafood...**



HOME

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## My Forms



Review a summary of your recent My Account activity and get quick access to your questionnaires. You can only work on one questionnaire at a time. The process is very simple.

### It's Easy!

- 1** Fill out each part or edit each part if needed
- 2** Submit when all parts are completed then go to the next questionnaire if available

Topic: **Public Health** Time to finish: 10 minutes

= Finished

- Part 1: SAR Surveillance-1--Personal details  Add info
- Part 2: SAR Surveillance-2-Epidemiologic Risk Factors  Add info
- Part 3: SAR Surveillance-3-Contact History  Add info
- Part 4: SAR Surveillance-Travel History  Add info
- Submit: Send us your finished questionnaire  View

## Suggestions Appreciated

Please enter your suggestions.

Enter your suggestions here.

## EPIDEMIOLOGIC RISK FACTORS

### Occupation

\* Is the individual a healthcare worker?

[Need help?](#)

Yes  No  Unknown

Please specify healthcare worker type:

Physician

Nurse/PA

Lab

Other

Does patient have DIRECT patient care responsibilities?

Yes  No  Unknown

### Contact and Travel

In the 10 days prior to symptom onset, did the patient have the following:

\* Close contact in the 10 days prior to symptom onset with a confirmed SARS-CoV case or a probable SARS-CoV case?

Yes  No  Unknown

\* Close contact with a person considered an RUI-2 or RUI-3?

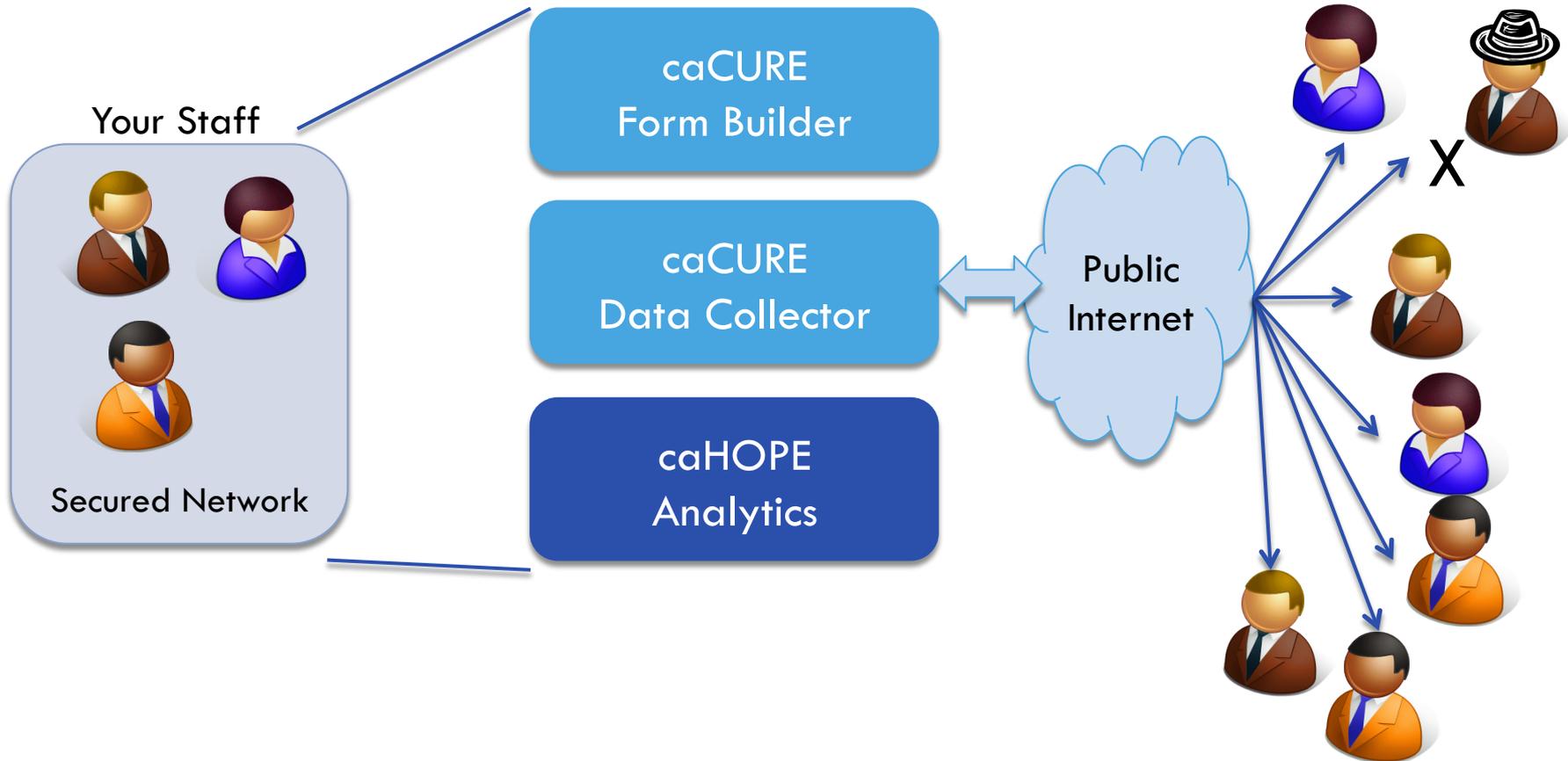
Yes  No  Unknown

\* Has patient traveled to foreign or domestic area with documented or suspected recent local transmission of SARS cases?

Yes  No  Unknown

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# caHOPE: web based data analysis and export

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## caHOPE Analytics

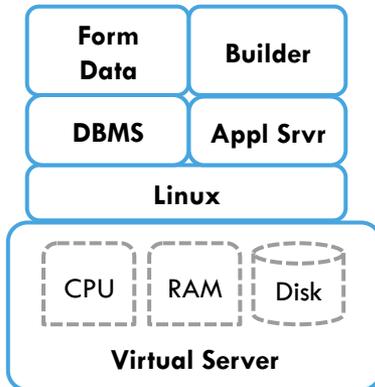
caHOPE works with caCURE's schema-less data store

- Allows for selection of data of interest and aggregations
- Generates query for data elements
- Retrieves selected data
- Applies aggregations
- Generates working data structures for analysis
- Provides a selection of graphical and tabular reporting with filtering
- Produces extract for ex-post analysis with SAS, R, Excel, etc.

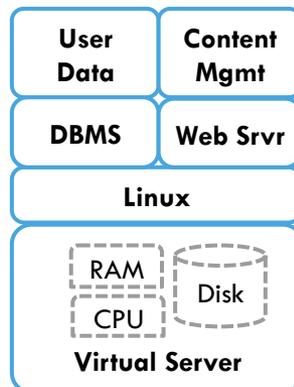
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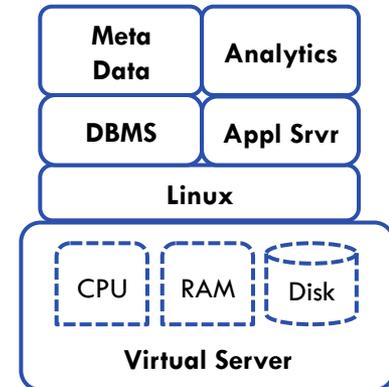
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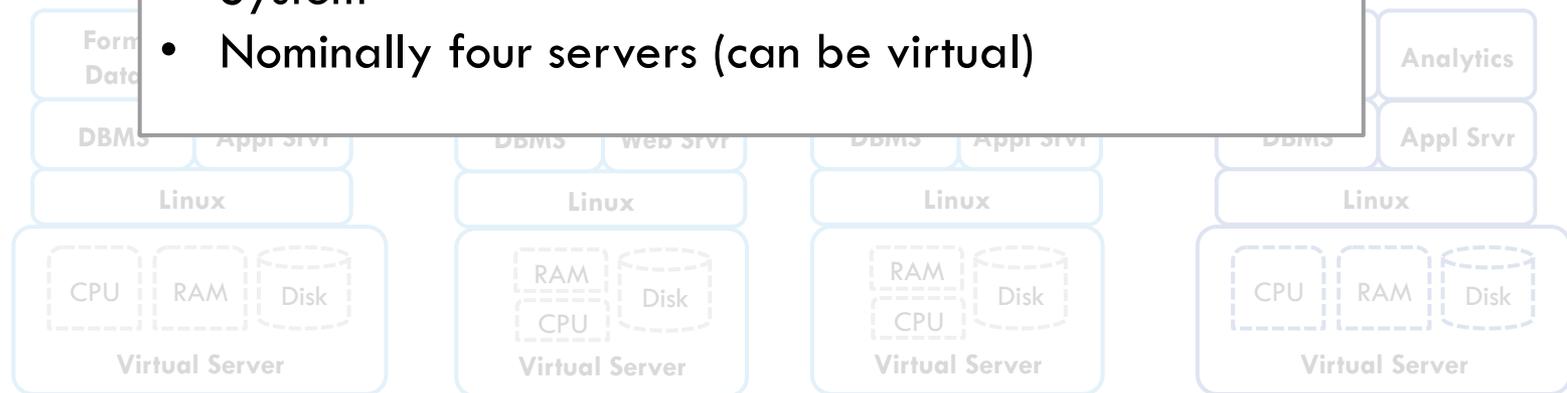
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## caCURE Employs:

- Four databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL, CouchDB)
- Three application servers for Java applications
- One web server for PHP Content Management System
- Nominally four servers (can be virtual)



# Advantages for caBIG Adopters

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- Approximately zero start-up time
- Flexibility in configuration/customization options
- Lower overall operating and maintenance cost
- Faster, safer adoption of new versions and releases
- Remote management / support
- Shared implementation enablers

# Summary

(subliminal messages in grey)

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caCURE is Awesome!

- Cloud based approaches can be used to make usage of caBIG applications (almost) as easy as commercial software – at lower cost

caCURE is super cool . . . Really. Super cool!

- caBIG ESP's like HealthCare IT, Inc. can help you

You should really consider using caCURE!

- You can also collaborate within your adopter community to leverage cloud approaches with caBIG applications

HCIT can help you if you are interested in caCURE . . .

And who wouldn't be?