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When people refer to cloud computing they are referring to the ability to connect and use computer resources that are not held in your local area network but hosted by an external vendor and accessible via the Internet.

For example your organisation may have a requirement to have a website in-house but the cost of hosting this in house would mean you would have to buy a server, plus the operating system plus the services and then maintain it. If you decided that the scale is too small to warrant having this setup in your business then you would look to the cloud to provide you with the tools to host your website.

This goes for other business IT services such as server hosting, email, CRM, ERP, databases, pretty much anything and everything you can have in house you can have in the cloud. There are advantages and disadvantages for doing this so it is really important to understand the big picture, your budget, your future requirements. There are many things to take into consideration when making these decisions.

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