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Smart City Community Green Computing with Cyber Security

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Abstract: Green Computing is development fast, with its data centers evolving at an extraordinary rate. However, this has come with worries over privacy, efficiency at the expense of flexibility, and environmental sustainability, because of the dependence on Green vendors such as Google, Amazon and Microsoft. Our answer is an alternative model for the Green conceptualization, providing a model for Greens in the community, utilizing networked personal computers for liberation from the centralized vendor model. Community Green Computing (C3) offers an alternative architecture, created by combing the Green with models from Grid Computing, principles from Digital Ecosystems, and sustainability from Green Computing, while remaining true to the original vision of the Internet. It is more technically challenging than Green Computing, having to deal with distributed computing issues, including varied nodes, varying quality of service, and additional security constraints. However, these are not incredible challenges, and with the need to recall control over our digital lives and the potential environmental significances, it is a challenge we must follow.

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1. Introduction

The recent development of Green Computing provides a certain value proposal for organisations to outsource their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure [1]. However, there are growing concerns over the control surrendered to large Green vendors [2], especially the lack of information privacy [3]. Also, the data centers required for Green Computing are growing exponentially [4], creating an ever-increasing carbon footprint and therefore raising environmental concerns [5, 6]. The distributed resource delivery from Grid Computing, distributed control from Digital Ecosystems, and sustainability from Green Computing, can remedy these worries.

2. Smart City

A **smart city** (also **wired city**) uses digital technologies to progress performance and comfort, to reduce costs and resource consumption, and to engage more efficiently and actively with its citizens. Key 'smart' sectors include transport, energy, health care, water and waste. A smart city should be able to respond faster to city and global challenges. Interest in smart cities is motivated by major challenges, including climate change, economic rearrangement, and the move to online retail and entertainment, ageing populations, and pressures on public finances. 'Smart' cities comprise Chicago, Boston, Barcelona and Stockholm in USA.



Figure 1. Smart City Application

A. Smart City Services

1. Smart City Networks

Smart City Networks is the nation's leading benefactor of quality, advanced technology and telecommunication services to the settlement, trade show and event industry.

2. Smart City Telecom

Smart City Telecom services for all of residences, theme parks, hotels, restaurants, retail stores and extensive office and support facilities located throughout the Certificate Area. And other smart city services are Broad band connectivity, Internet of Everything, Smart Personal Devices, Green Computing, and Big Data Analysis.

B. Smart Cities with Cyber Security

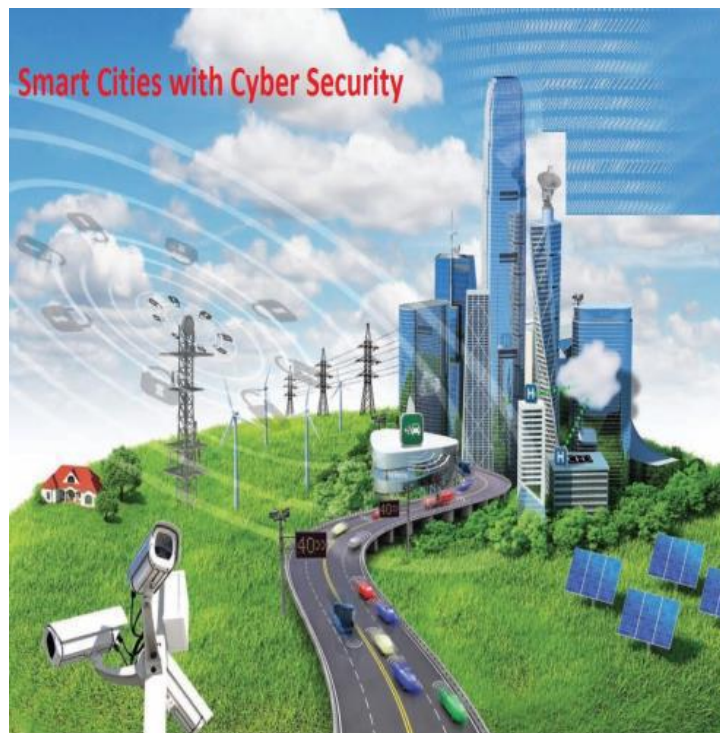


Figure 2. Smart Cities with Cyber Security

However, over the last few years, with worms and malware like Stuxnet coming into the front position, the possibility of reel life going real seems hazardedly close. Stuxnet marked a watershed in virtual warfare by infecting critical infrastructure and sending even heavily-guarded machinery spinning wildly out of control. Now this potential seems to have grown more complex with the newer cyberspionage attacks employed by

groups like Dragonfly that hit more than 1,000 firms, crippling critical infrastructure in many countries. While the main resolve of these ‘infections’ was to gain a base in the networks of battered companies, the attacks also exposed that the Dragonfly group now had the competence to strike vital infrastructure if it chose to.

3. Green Computing

Green Computing is the use of Internet-based technologies for the provision of services [1], originating from the Green as a symbol for the Internet, based on representations in computer network diagrams to abstract the complex infrastructure it conceals [8]. Figure 4 shows the typical configuration of Green Computing at run-time when consumers visit an application served by the central Green, which is housed in one or more data centers. Green symbolises

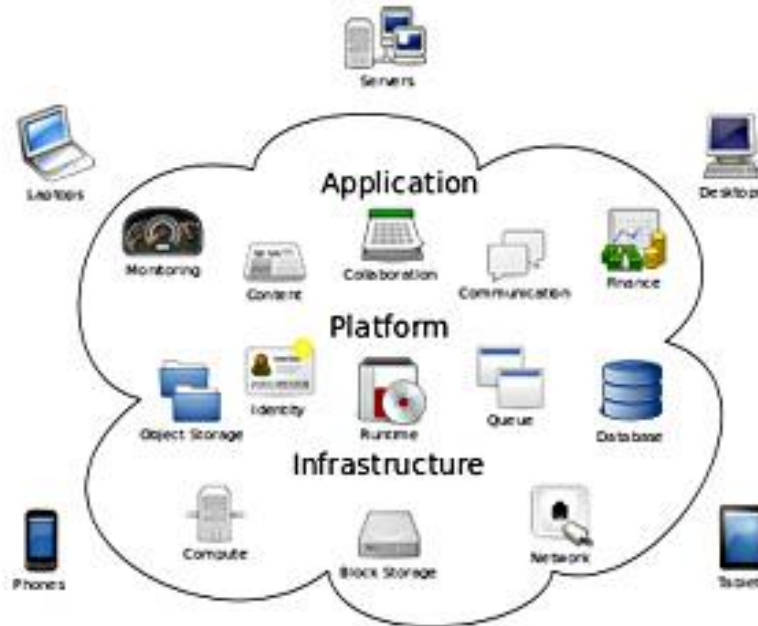


Figure 3. Green Computing

resource consumption, and yellow resource provision. The role of coordinator for resource provision is designated by red and is centrally controlled. A data center is a facility, with the necessary security devices and environmental systems (*e.g.* air conditioning and fire suppression), for housing a server farm, a collection of computer servers that can accomplish server needs far beyond the capability of one machine. Typical configuration when consumers visit an application served by the central Green, which is housed in one or more data centers. Green symbolizes resource consumption, and yellow resource provision. The role of coordinator for resource provision is designated by red, and is centrally controlled Resources, and in their efforts to scale their primary businesses have gained considerable expertise and hardware. For them, Green Computing is a way to resell these as a new product while expanding into a new market. Consumers include everyday users, Small and Medium.

A. Layers of Abstraction

While there is a significant call around Green Computing, There is little clearness over which offerings qualify or their interrelation.

(1) Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS): At the most basic level of Green Computing offerings, there are providers such as Amazon] and Mosso, who provide machine cases to developers..

(2) Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS): One level of abstraction above, services like Google App Engine provides a programming environment that abstracts machine illustrations and other technical details from developers. The programs are executed over data centers, not concerning the developers with matters of allocation.

(3) Software-as-a-Service (SaaS): At the consumer-fronting level are the most popular examples of Green Computing, with well-defined applications influence to a distributed storage system for structured data that focuses on scalability, at the expense of the other benefits of relational databases, *e.g.* Google’s BigTable and Amazon’s SimpleDB.

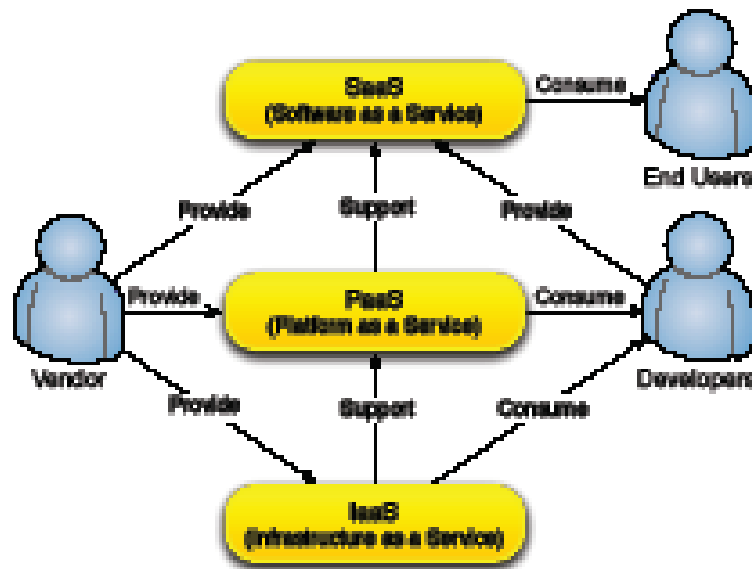


Figure 5. Level of Abstraction

Abstractions of Green Computing: While there is a significant call around Green computing, there is little clarity over which offerings qualify or their interrelation. The key to deciding this confusion is the realisation that the various offerings fall into different levels of abstraction, aimed at different market segments.

B. Concerns

The Green Computing model is not without concerns, as others have noted [3], and we reflect the following as primary:

- 1) Failure of Monocultures: The uptime of Green Computing based solutions is an advantage, when compared to businesses running their own infrastructure, but often ignored is the co-occurrence of downtime in vendor-driven monocultures.
- 2) Environmental Impact: The other major anxiety is the ever-increasing carbon footprint from the exponential growth [4] of the data centers required for Green Computing. With the industry expected to exceed the airline industry by 2020 [6], raising sustainability concerns [5].

4. Grid Computing: Distributing Provision

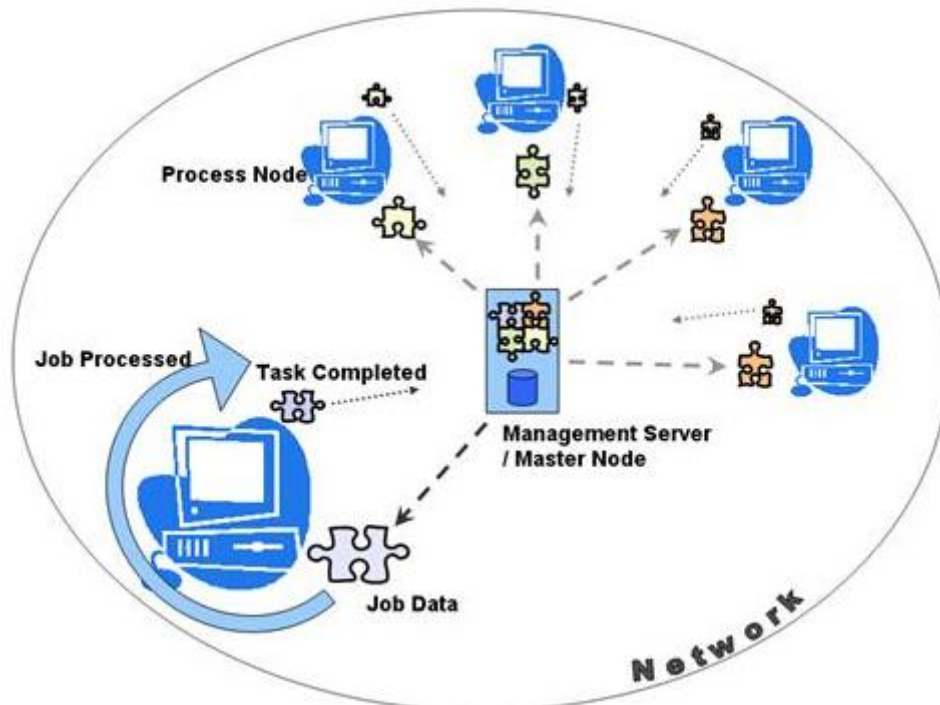


Figure 6. Grid Computing

Grid Computing is a form of distributed computing in which a virtual super computer is composed from a cluster. Virtualization is the creation of a virtual version of a resource, Green symbolises resource consumption, and yellow resource provision. The role of coordinator for resource provision is designated by red, and is centrally controlled. It has been applied to computationally rigorous scientific, mathematical, and academic problems through volunteer computing, and used in commercial enterprise for such diverse applications as drug discovery, economic forecasting, seismic analysis, and back-office processing to support e-commerce and web services.

5. Digital Ecosystems: Distributing Control

Digital Ecosystems are distributed adaptive open socio-technical systems, with properties of self-organisation, scalability and sustainability, inspired by natural ecosystems. Developing as a novel approach to the catalysis of sustainable regional development driven by Small Enterprises. Digital Ecosystems research is yet to consider accessible resource provision, and therefore risks being subsumed into vendor Greens at the infrastructure level, while striving for decentralisation at the service level.

6. Green Computing: Growing Sustainably



Figure 8. Green Computing

Green Computing is the efficient use of computing resources, with the primary objective being to account for the triple bottom line, an expanded spectrum of values and standards for measuring organisational (and societal) success. Given computing systems existed before concern over their environmental impact, it has generally been implemented retroactively, but is now being considered at the development phase [11].

7. Community Green



Figure 9. Community Green

The Community Green seeks to combine distributed resource delivery from Grid Computing, distributed control from Digital Ecosystems and sustainability from Green Computing, with the use cases of Green Computing, while making greater use of self-management advances from Autonomic Computing. Replacing vendor Greens by shaping the underutilised resources of user machines to form a Community Green, with nodes possibly fulfilling all roles, consumer, producer, and most importantly coordinator, as shown in Figure 4. Created from shaping the underutilized resources of user machines, with nodes potentially fulfilling all roles, consumer, producer, and most importantly coordinator. Green symbolizes resource consumption, yellow resource provision, and red resource coordination.

A. Conceptualisation

The conceptualisation of the Community Green draws upon Green Computing, Grid Computing [9], Digital Ecosystems], Green Computing and Autonomic Computing [12]. A model for Green Computing in the community, without need on Green vendors, such as Google, Amazon, or Microsoft.

1) Openness: Removing dependence on vendors makes the Community Green the open equivalent to vendor Greens, and therefore identifies a new dimension in the open versus branded struggle that has emerged in code, standards and data, but has yet to be expressed in the realm of hosted services[10].

2) Community: The Community Green is as much a social structure as a technology model, because of the community ownership of the organization. Carrying with it a degree of economic scalability, without which there would be reduced competition and potential roasting of innovation as risked in vendor Greens[7].

B. Architecture

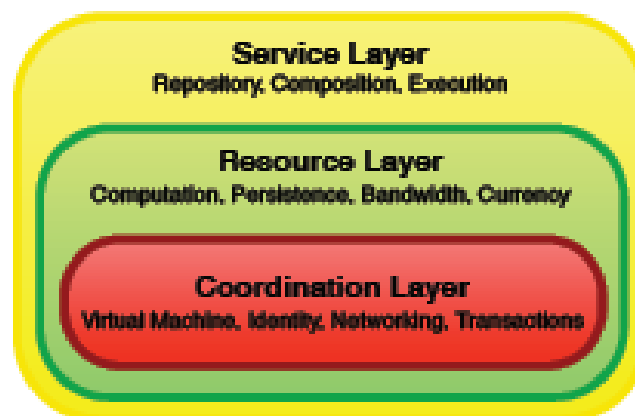


Figure 11. Community Green Computing architecture

An architecture in which the most fundamental layer deals with distributing coordination. One layer above, resource provision and consumption are arranged on top of the coordination framework. Finally, the service layer is where resources are combined into end-user accessible services, to then themselves be composed into higher-level services.

1) Coordination Layer: To achieve coordination, the nodes need to be deployed as remote virtual machines, forming a fully distributed P2P network that can provide support for distributed identity, trust, and transactions.

2) Resource layer: With the networking infrastructure now in place, we can reflect the first consumer-facing uses for the virtual data center of the Community Green.

3) Service Layer: Green Computing represents a new era for service-oriented architectures, making services openly dependent on other resource providers instead of building on self-sufficient resource locations.

8. In the Community Green

While we have covered the fundamental incentives and architecture of the Community Green, its practical application may still be unclear.

A. Wikipedia

Wikipedia suffers from an ever-increasing demand for resources and bandwidth, without a steady supporting revenue source. Their current funding model requires continuous monetary donations for the maintenance and expansion of their infrastructure. The alternative being contentious advertising revenues, which caused a long-standing conflict within their community. While it would provide a more accessible funding model, some fear it would compromise the content and/or the public trust in the content.

B. YouTube

YouTube requires a significant bandwidth for satisfied distribution, significant computational resources for video transcoding, and is yet to settle on a profitable business model. In the Community Green, websites like YouTube would also have a self-sustaining accessible resource provision model, which would significantly reduce the income required for them to turn a profit.

8. Conclusion

We have offered the Community Green as an alternative to Green Computing, created from combination its usage scenarios with models from Grid Computing, principles from Digital Ecosystems, self-management from Autonomic Computing, and sustainability from Green Computing. So, C3 utilises the spare resources of networked personal computers to provide the facilities of data centers, such that the community provides the computing power for the Green they wish to use. A socio-technical conceptualization for supportable distributed computing. While the Open Green Manifesto is well intentioned, its promotion of open standards for vendor Green interoperability has proved difficult. We believe it will continue to prove difficult until a feasible alternative, such as C3, is developed. Furthermore, we hope that the Community Green will encourage innovation in vendor Greens, forming an association analogous to the creative tension between open source and proprietary software.

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