# Town Hall: PaaS

## It May Be Your Most Important Cloud Decision

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# What is PaaS, anyway?

- "Platform as a service" is a collection of app dev and deployment tools and technologies focused on the development, deployment, and management of applications/services delivered via the cloud. PaaS typically have at least these five elements:

- **Support for user interaction development and deployment**
- **Support for one or more application/service development patterns**
- **Support for orchestration of business processes and managed deployment of developed artifacts**
- **Service interface(s) for interoperability with external services**
- **Management services that control access to the PaaS and how the PaaS leverages system infrastructure**