



Roundtable discussion:

“Cloud Computing and Interoperability”

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Cloud computing represents the next generation of information technology, enabling greater productivity, efficiency and accessibility for users. While users and policymakers alike are keen to enable this next advance, there is also a common concern this next generation of technology will be interoperable, with any vendor's products and services being able to work with another vendor's.

To enable discussion on this, Microsoft hosted a roundtable on this topic in December 2009 and we feel the time is right to develop the discussion in light of developments in this evolving field. This event will highlight continuing research, standardisation activity and hands-on efforts to ensure customers can use different systems.

The roundtable discussion will bring together practitioners and policy makers to discuss what efforts are being made today to ensure that interoperability is a permanent feature of cloud computing, and how industry can satisfy the needs of users and governments alike.

AGENDA

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| 09.30 | <u>Coffee and Registration</u> |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | Welcome and introduction
Andreas Ebert, Regional Technology Officer, Microsoft (moderator) |
| 10.15 – 11.15 | <u>How interoperability enables Cloud Computing</u>
Rainer Zimmermann, Head of Unit, Software & Service Architectures & Infrastructures, DG Information Society, European Commission
Tim Cowen, Founder of Open Computing Alliance
Roundtable discussion |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | <u>Coffee Break</u> |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | <u>Cloud Computing: practical efforts to achieve interoperability and data portability</u>
Gregg Brown, Senior Director, Interoperability Group, Microsoft
Kristof van Tomme, CEO of Pronovix and Permanent Member of the Drupal Association
Roundtable discussion |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <u>Lunch reception</u> |