# IBM's Next Cloud Generation

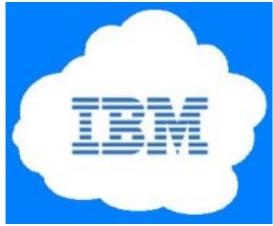Written by Marco Attard
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IBM announces its latest enterprise cloud-based offerings, saying its SmartCloud services should allow businesses to move from cloud service assessment to full-scale deployment more efficiently.



SmartCloud will be available in 2 versions-- Enterprise and Enterprise+.

Enterprise is already available, and IBM claims it reduces application development time from days to minutes (via automation and rapid provisioning) while cutting costs by 30% when compared to traditional application environments.

It runs on Linux or Windows, with a virtual and some physical security.

Meanwhile Enterprise+ will be available later this year, and offers an expanded version of Enterprise's offerings-- including multi-tenant services for virtual server, storage, network and security infrastructure management. It is also more secure, with multiple isolation levels.

Later this year IBM will also launch its SAP Managed Application services on SmartCloud, in order to automate the more common labour intensive tasks involved with SAP environments.

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