

Both AWS and Azure offer various levels of security, high performance capabilities, and the ability to scale as needed. The differences between the two though can mean the difference between fully supporting your business requirements and not. In the following table, you can see how AWS and Azure stack up on key public cloud features.

aws		Azure
Auto Scaling, Amazon EC2 (Elastic Compute Cloud, AWS Lambda)	 Compute Services	Auto Scaling, Azure Cloud Services, Azure VM (Virtual Machines, Azure Functions)
Per Minute	 Pricing	Per hour (pre-paid or monthly)
50+ Compliance options	 Compliance	90+ Compliance options
Amazon S3 (Simple Service Storage). Amazon EBS Elastic Blog Storage, Elastic File System, Amazon Glacier	 Storage	Azure Blog Storage, Managed Disks, Azure File Storage, Azure Archive Storage.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive mature offerings • Highly flexible and instant scalability. • Rapid deployment • Global reach • Hassle free digital infrastructure transition • Dominates in configuration, monitoring and security. • VMware Cloud 	 Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended for companies already using Microsoft. • Highly operational performance • Stronger government customer base • Strong hybrid options • Ranks first in development and testing tools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgets are difficult to control and complicated to manage. • Overwhelming options 	 Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with documentation • Incomplete management tooling