

Library of Congress Designing Storage Architectures

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The Role of Standards

The role of standards or standards bodies in determining specifications that are vital for identifying integrity and reliability for long-term data storage in cloud services.

- NIST (National Standards and Technology)
 - Taxonomy and reference model for cloud computing architecture.
- SNIA (Storage Network Industry Association)
 - Nonprofit vendor neutral trade association dedicated to developing standards, technologies and providing educational services on management of information.
- CDMI (Cloud Data Management Interface)
 - Created by the SNIA to define interfaces that a use to create, retrieve, update, and delete dat elements from the Cloud

Inter-operability and portability

Cloud services will continue to influence the interoperability and portability in storage architectures.

- General increase in the adoption of Cloud from end users to enterprises.
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and extensive use of mobile devices requiring elastic data storage.
- Application design and approach to data management are moving towards the Cloud delivery model.



Integrity & Reliability

Users and developers of long-term storage applications should do the following to promote integrity and reliability in cloud services:

- Select providers/vendors who support industry wide accepted standards such as CDMI.
- Build applications with loosely coupled or simple interfaces for access to data in the Cloud such as REST (Representational State Transfer).
- Implement and regularly enforce risk assessments, audits, and monitoring regarding data storage/access.
- Create enforceable SLAs with providers/vendors.

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