#### Up in the cloud:

Migrating an ArcGIS Server Application to Amazon EC2





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#### **Presentation Outline**

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#### **Conceptual Overview**

- •Cloud delivery of services over the internet
- •AWS Amazon Web Service Amazon branded cloud services that provide virtual infrastructure
- •Amazon EC2 Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud one of the many services available through AWS
- •EC2 Instance Virtual machine running on Amazon EC2
- •AMI- Amazon machine image defines OS and software on the EC2 Instance
  - •ESRI ArcGIS Server AMI
  - •ESRI GeoDB AMI

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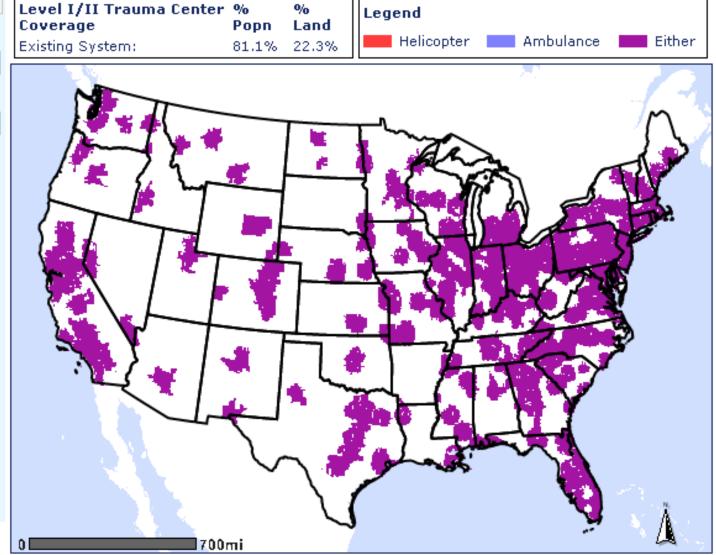
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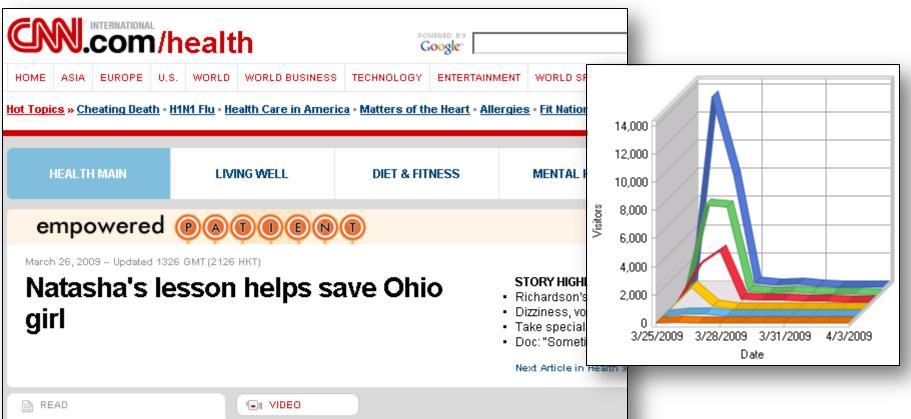
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#### Map Tool to Assess Timely Access to Trauma Centers

Hawaii





By Elizabeth Cohen CNN Senior Medical Correspondent

(CNN) -- Connie and Donald McCracken were watching CNN one evening last week when they learned of the tragic death of actress Natasha Richardson from a head injury. Immediately, their minds turned to their 7-year-old daughter, Morgan, who was upstairs getting ready for bed.



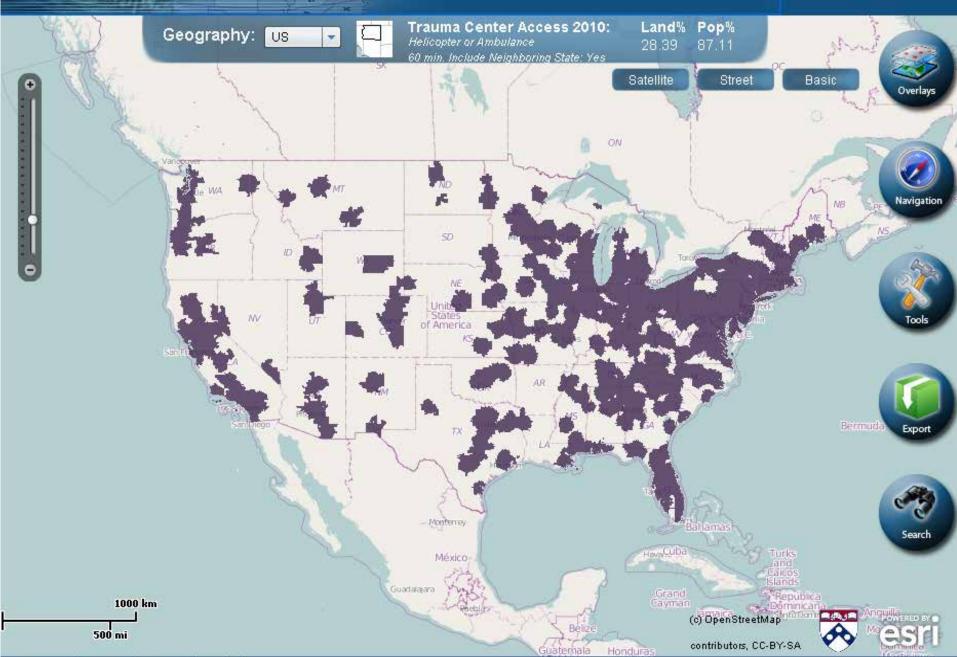


Two days earlier, Morgan, her father, and brother had been playing baseball in the yard of their Mentor, Ohio, home when her father hit a line drive that landed just above Morgan's left temple. A lump formed, but the McCrackens iced it down and the swelling subsided within an hour.

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"For the next two days, she was perfectly fine," Donald McCracken says, "She had no symptoms. She went to school both days and got an Alon her

- Average 1,000 hits/week
- Spiked at 100k in one day



## Making the case for the Cloud: Our main objectives

- 1. Ability to handle usage spikes
- 2. Reduce hosting costs
- 3. Reallocate staff time

# Making the case for the Cloud: Comparing our options

	Dedicated Servers	ArcGIS Server on Amazon EC2
Access	Physically accessible	Hosted on the Cloud
Software Maintenance	Must install patches and updates	No installation necessary
Hardware Maintenance	Drive failure, hardware replacements	Not necessary
Scalability	Require purchasing new servers	Scalable on demand
Usage Spikes	Limited resources	Emergency deployments
Prototyping	Limited resources	Easily configurable

### Making the case for the Cloud: Looking at the numbers

	Dedicated Server	AWS ArcGIS Server	AWS Web Server
Server Specs	Quad Core 2.99 GHz	8x2.2 GHz	2x2.8 GHz
	4 GB RAM	7 GB RAM	7.5 GB RAM
Estimated Transactions (per min)	49,524	101,124	
One time cost (purchase/setup)	\$8,000	\$2,800	\$1,400
Yearly Cost (hosting/usage)	\$18,000	\$4,380	\$1,752
Replacement Cost	\$8,000	0	0
Yearly Maintenance Hours	80	20	20

NEW! - New AWS Region: US West (Oregon)

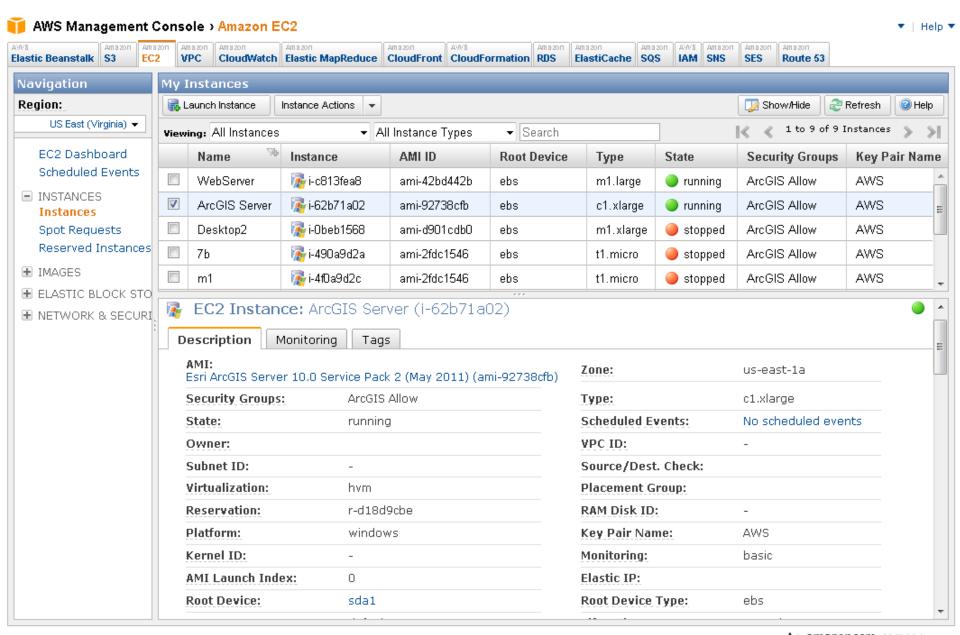
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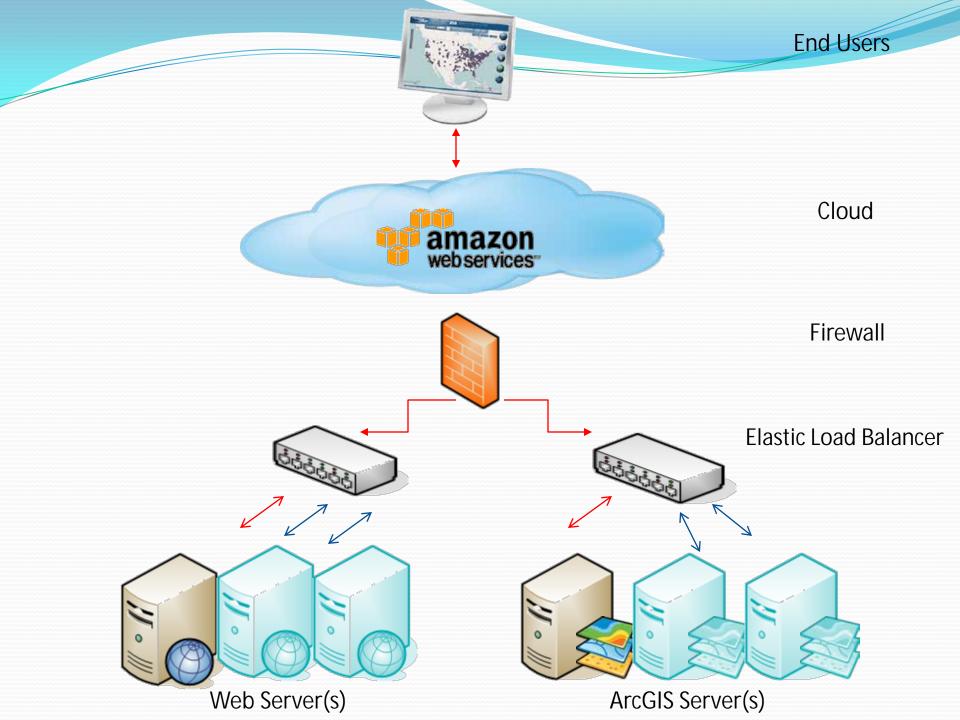
## Migrating to the Cloud Account setup

- 1. Create an Amazon Web Services (AWS) account with EC2 access
- 2. Contact Esri Customer Service with AWS account number
- 3. ESRI will enable the ready-to-use ArcGIS for Server and GeoDB AMIs

# Migrating to the Cloud Configuration

- 1. Launch an Amazon EC2 instance with ArcGIS Server AMI
- 2. Manage instances via AWS Management Console
- 3. Login to instance via remote desktop
- 4. Configure machine
- 5. Transfer project files
- 6. Create map services and applications
- 7. Save the customized AMI





### **Overall Impressions**



Easy to implement
Documentation
Optimal performance
Expedite development
Additional desktop option

Auto scaling difficult to set up
Data transfer (re-caching)
AWS tech support
Remote desktop glitches
Downtime
Potential ESRI license costs
On going costs

### **Going Forward**

- 1. Implement auto scaling
- 2. Load testing
- 3. Refine server configuration

