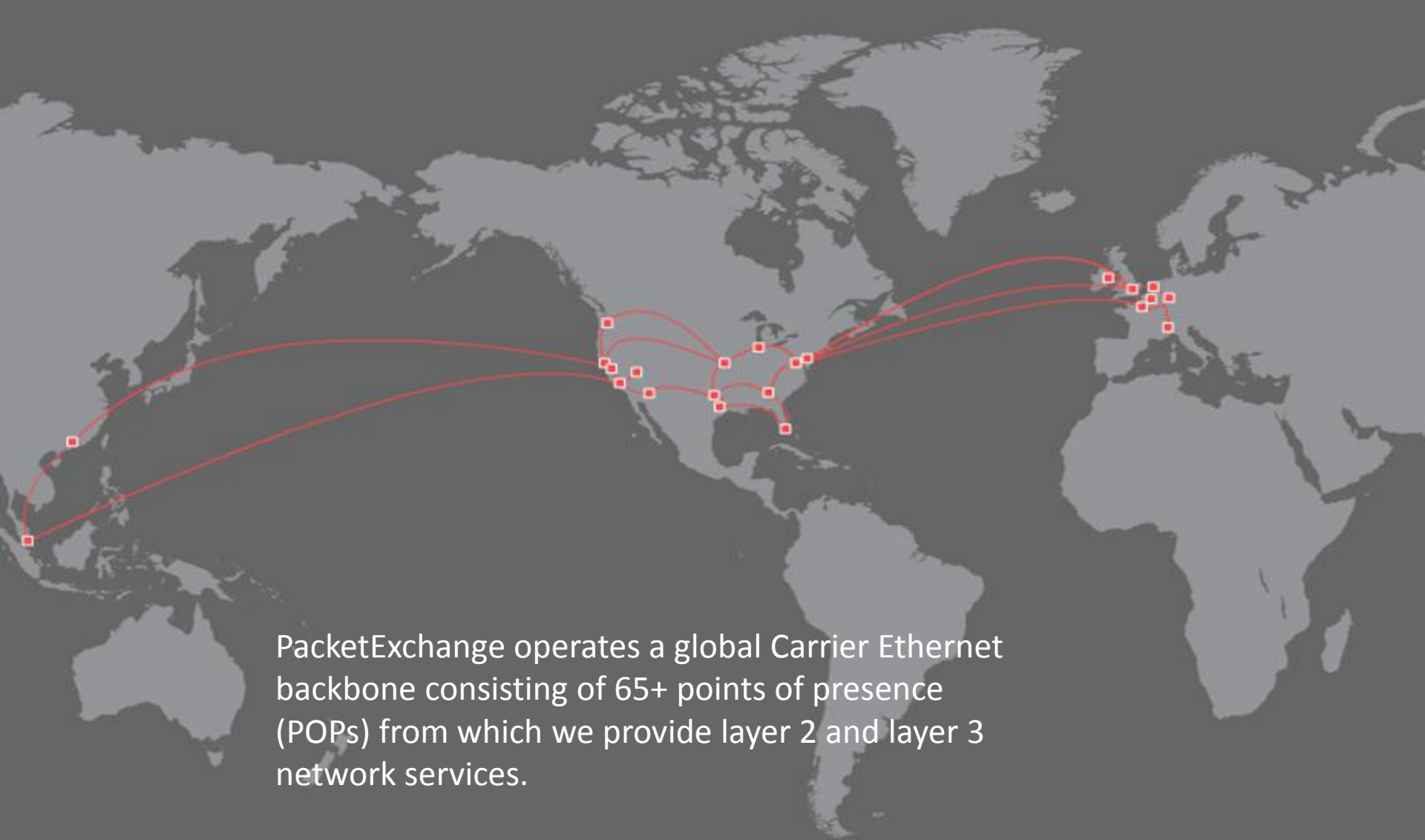


# Cloud Computing and the Network

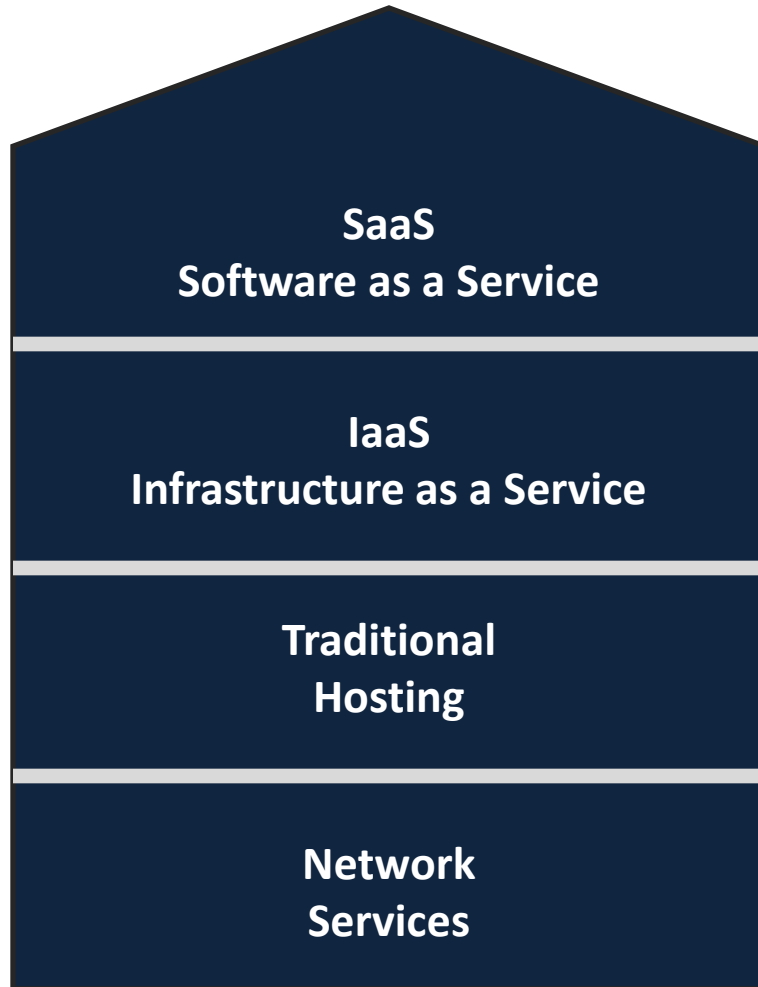
*Strategies for Public and Private Cloud Computing with  
Carrier Ethernet Services*

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## ***Layers of Cloud Computing***

Applications on the cloud are accessed directly by users via public or private networks.

Computational resources delivered as a service – ability to provision/manage resources.

Shared hosting, managed hosting, dedicated servers, traditional colocation. Content delivery.

Basic network connectivity – enables users to access services on the Internet.

Cloud Computing provides numerous advantages to both users and service providers:

- Reduced CAPEX on hardware – pay only for what you need
- Reduced OPEX – more efficient utilization of resources
- Multiple customers share the same infrastructure, creating economies of scale
- Enables SME customers access to better IT infrastructure
- Quickly scalable based on computing requirements
- Security – can provide data integrity via massive parallel backup systems
- Reliability – ability to separate resources physically provides insurance against disasters
- Infrastructure and user location independence
- Maintenance of cloud applications is easier, as they don't have to be updated on each user's computer
- Greener – lower overall power consumption and environmental impact



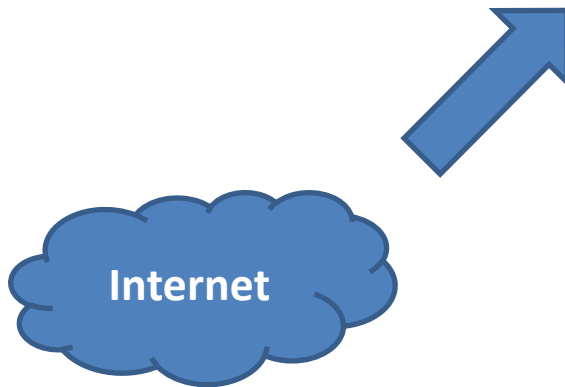
## **Mainframe / UNIX – based computing model: the original “Cloud Computing”**

In the early days of network computing, resources were shared. CPU capacity was comparatively expensive and thusly centralized. “Dumb terminals” enabled multiple users to access the central computing resources simultaneously.

*The application lived on the central computer – the early cloud.*

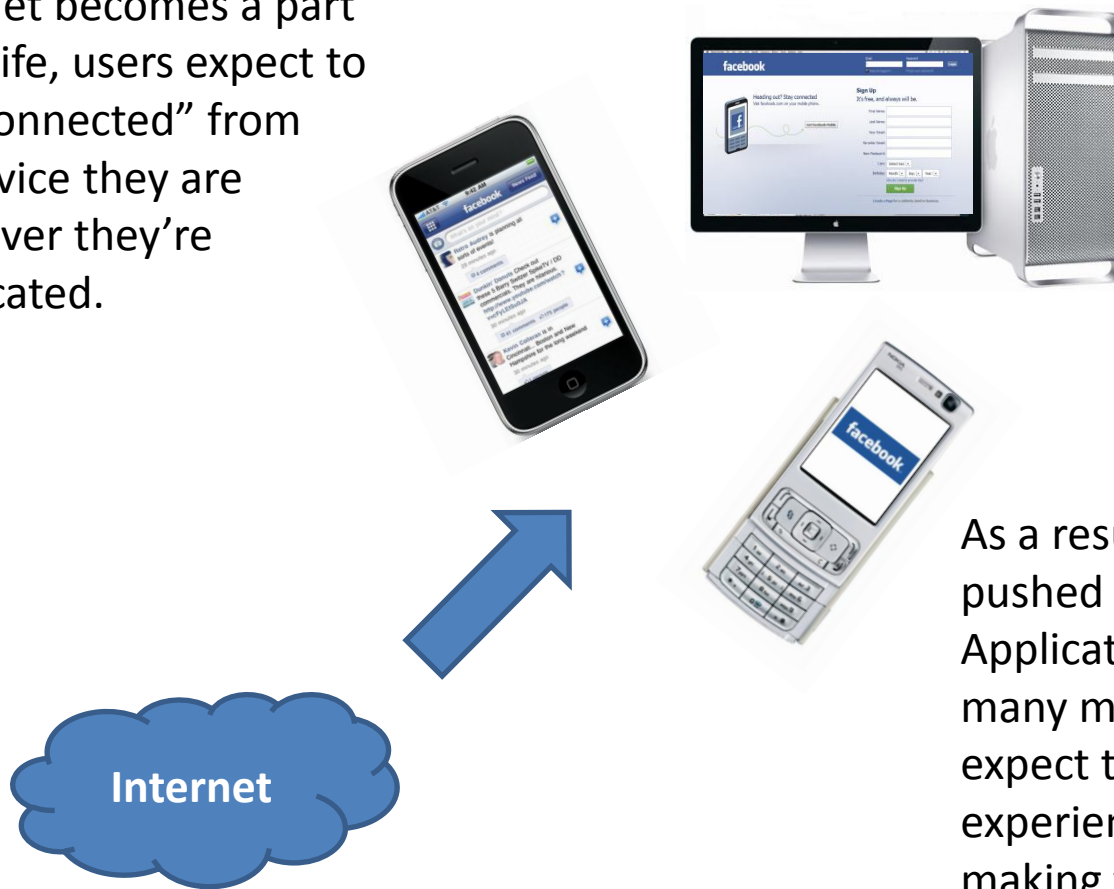
Advancements in CPU technology enabled a rich, immersive desktop experience for users. Computing resources moved away from a centralized model, instead putting immense CPU capability on the desktop.

*The application lived on the desktop.*



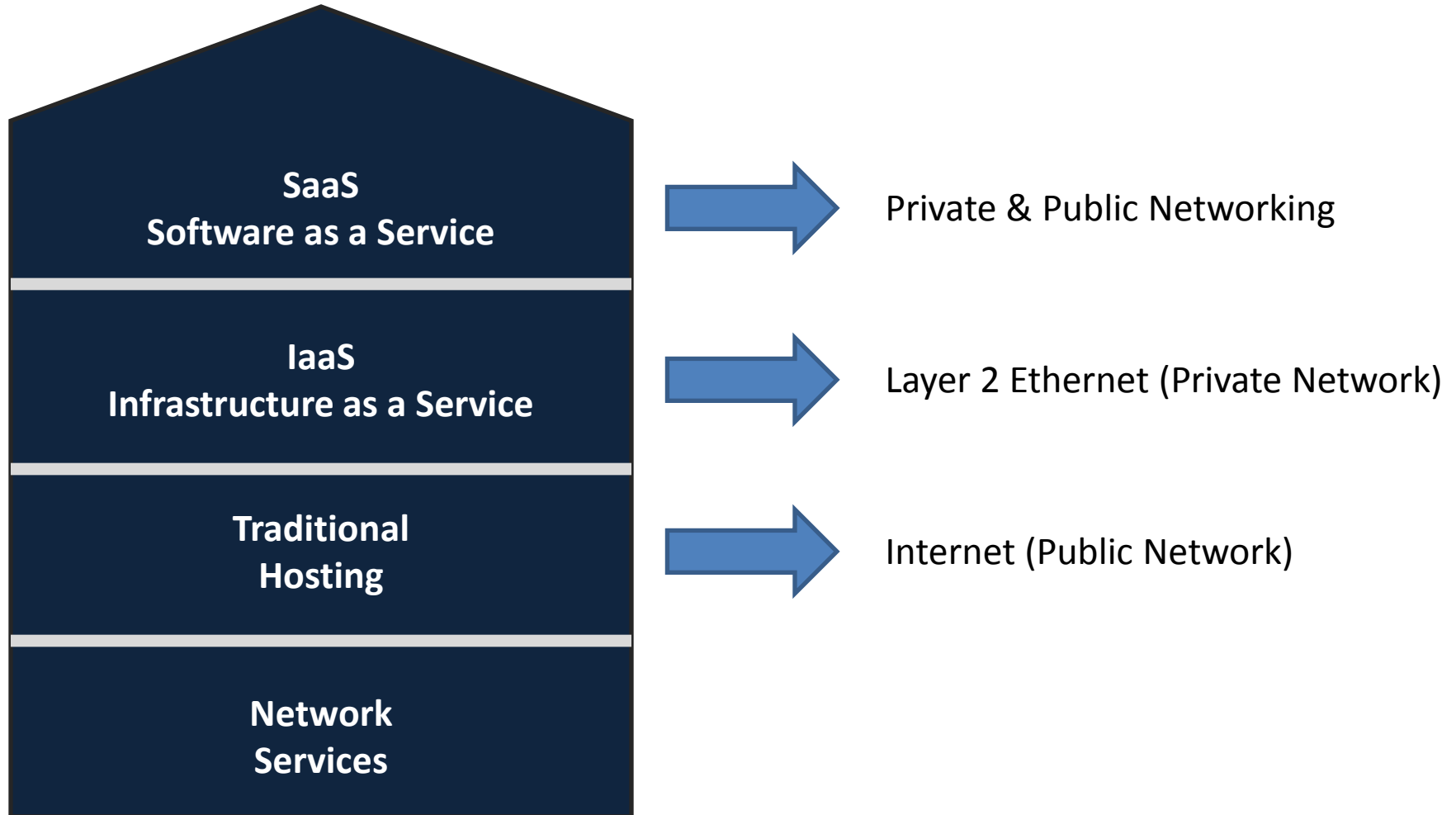
As powerful desktop computers became ubiquitous, so did the Internet – albeit as a data source that was “browsed.”

As the Internet becomes a part of everyday life, users expect to be “always connected” from whatever device they are using, wherever they’re physically located.



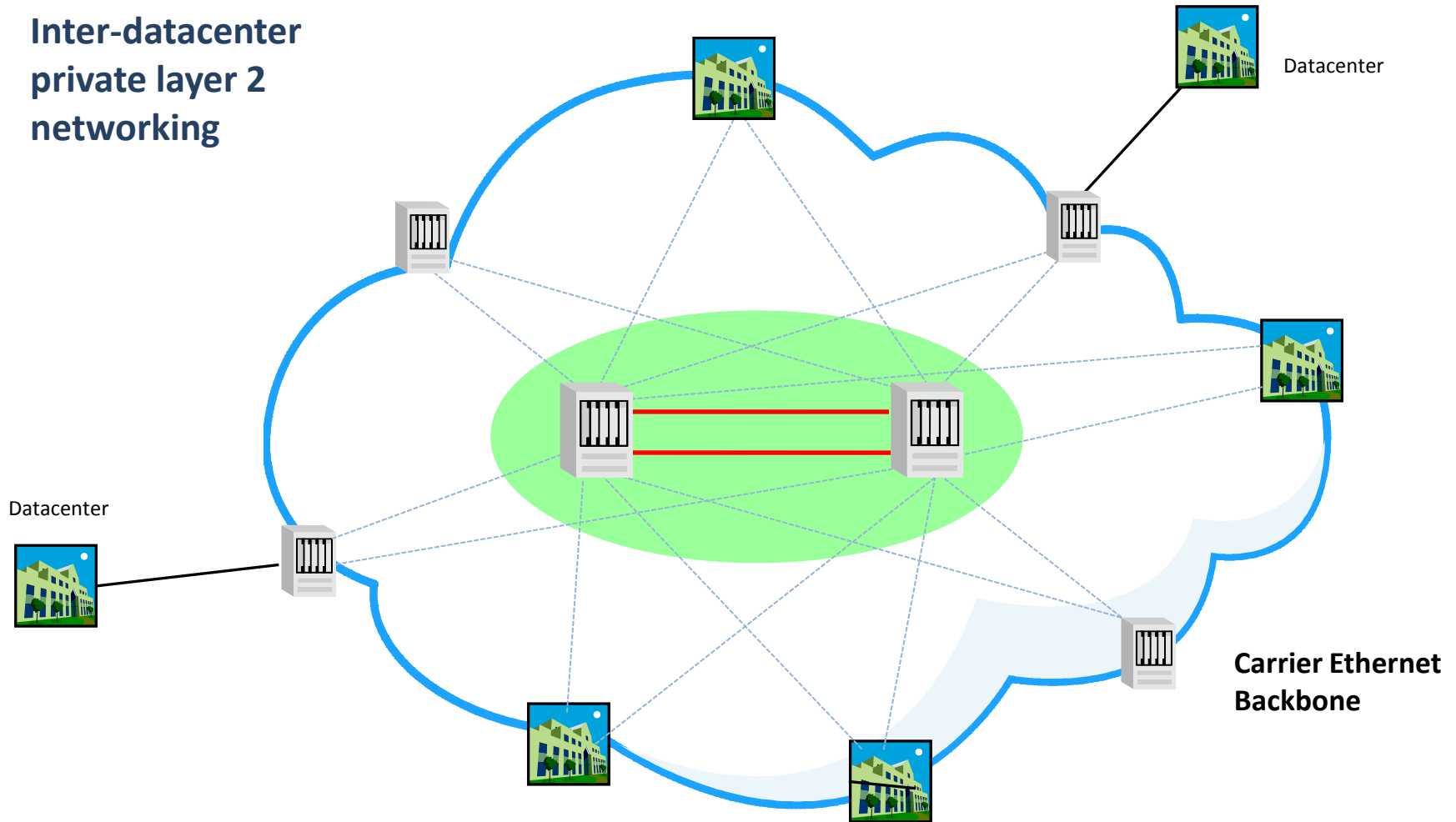
*The application lives on the network.*

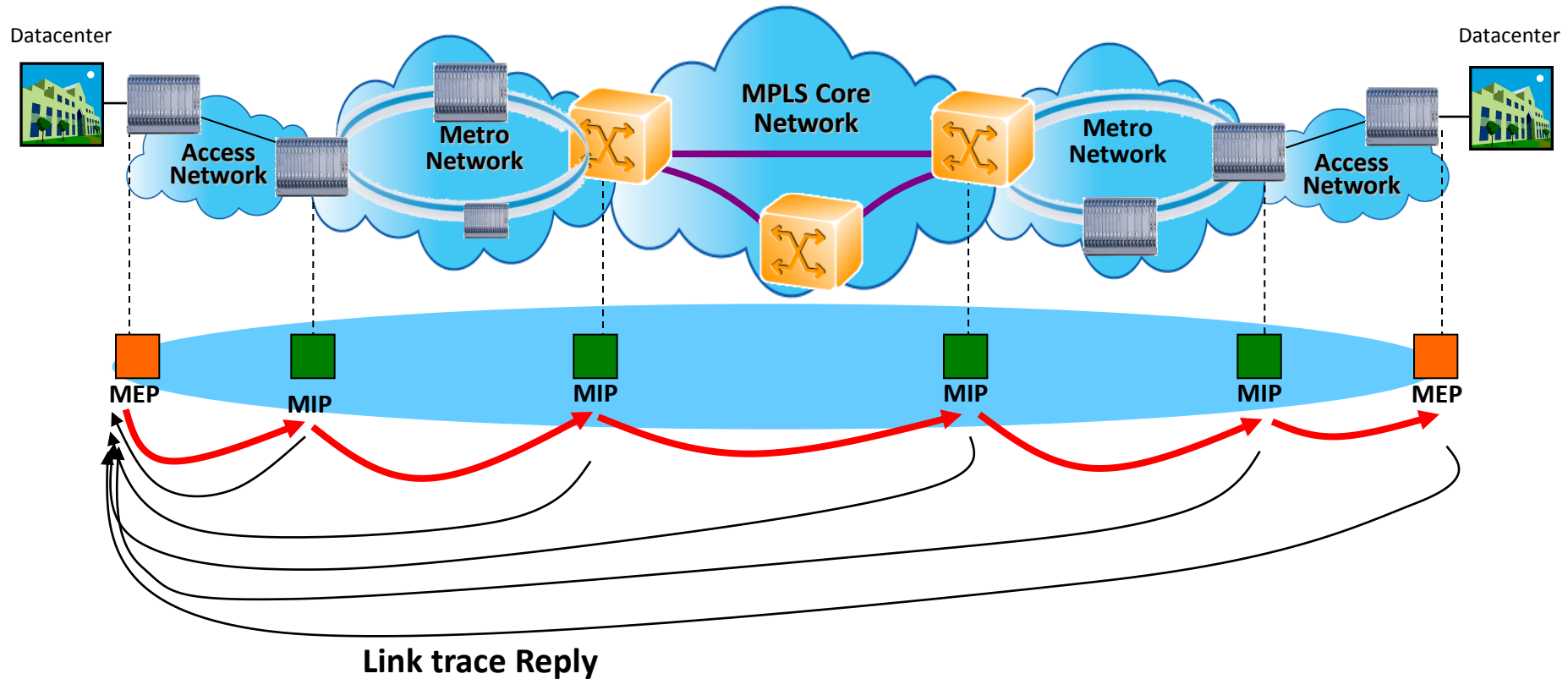
As a result, applications are pushed back into the cloud. Applications are accessed via many mediums, but users expect the same desktop-like experience they’re used to – making the network more important than ever.





## Inter-datacenter private layer 2 networking



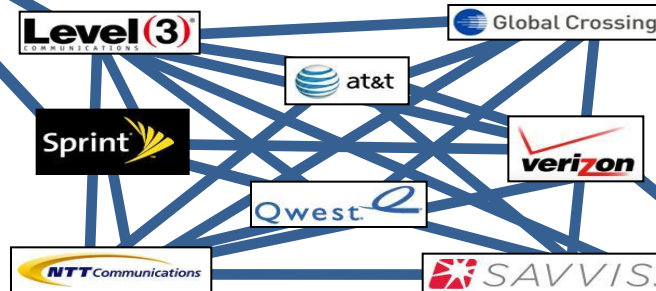


Y.1731 Performance Management – ensure layer 2 network performance between physical locations.



Application  
Cloud Network

The public Internet is not always suited to providing a rich, real-time application environment.



User Network

By creating layer 3 "shortcut" routes directly to user networks, network performance can be guaranteed.



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