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- cloud computing terminology has been moved to ISO/IEC 22123-1;
- the descriptions of the key characteristics have been expanded;
- the number and descriptions of the cloud service categories have been expanded;
- the cloud deployment model descriptions have been expanded and corrected;
- added differentiation between cloud computing parties and role;
- the descriptions of the cross-cutting aspects have been expanded;
- a new [Clause 8](#) was added to address data and cloud services concepts;
- a new [Clause 9](#) was added to address virtualization concepts;
- a new [Clause 10](#) was added to address considerations when using multiple CSPs;
- a new [Clause 11](#) was added to address logical and physical organization of cloud computing;
- [Annex A](#) was expanded to identify additional cloud service categories, not described in this document.

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# Information technology — Cloud computing —

## Part 2: Concepts

### 1 Scope

This document specifies concepts used in the field of cloud computing. These concepts expand upon the cloud computing vocabulary defined in ISO/IEC 22123-1 and provide a foundation for other documents that are associated with cloud computing.

This document also provides detailed descriptions on the application of these concepts in cloud computing.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 22123-1, *Information technology — Cloud computing — Part 1: Vocabulary*