We use the cloud every day. Your friends, children, parents and grandparents do, too, but they may not know it.

Cloud computing plays a role in everyone’s lives in some way – whether it’s checking a bank account balance, posting to Facebook or Twitter, making purchases online, streaming movies or getting a prescription filled at a pharmacy. Even a phone call to the Internal Revenue Service to inquire about your tax return involves someone accessing your records in the cloud.

So how do you answer when you’re asked what cloud computing is...in terms they’ll understand?

Check out the Cloud At-A-Glance, which includes an infographic and talk track, for a high-level snapshot of cloud computing that can help you better understand and explain cloud computing. The simple language is designed to help novices and seasoned cloud experts talk about the cloud in basic terms.