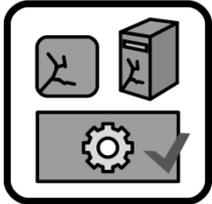


Environment-based Availability

A cloud provider guarantees the availability of the environment hosting individual nodes, such as virtual servers or hosted application components.



How can providers express availability in an environmental-centric fashion, so that customers may estimate the availability of hosted applications?

