

Great future in cloud computing: Experts

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PARTICIPANTS at the cloud computing conference, which was held in the city recently, stressed making the technology more applicable to enhance productivity in different sectors.

The two-day annual indicthreads.com conference on cloud computing, which started on Friday, was attended by professionals from diverse backgrounds. Manjusha Madabushi, co-founder and CTO of Talentica software, said, "Cloud computing is no longer a buzz term but a reality."

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"With a great opportunity for huge financial savings and demand for software-as-a-service product, developing products for the cloud is something that cannot be ignored. The role of a developer is going to change to platform developer or an integrator who uses different resources

on cloud and integrates them into forming a product. Internet should be treated as an operating system and cloud as a platform," she said.

Madabushi said cloud computing will grow dramatically in next 2-3 years as it has several advantages like flexibility, elasticity and a back-up of technology and tools. Harshad Oak, founder of IndicThreads, said, "Cloud computing is in a sense turning software development and even the software business on its head. So while last year's conference got delegates started with cloud computing, this year's conference takes things further, diving into advanced topics and is-

suess that cloud adopters are facing today."

The sessions at the conference dealt with topics like cloud lock-in, cloud security, openstack and Xen cloud platform, amazon elastic beanstalk. Other issues covered were legal issues in cloud computing, rails and couchDB on the cloud, cloudfoundry, gigapaces PAAS and monitoring cloud applications. The speakers at the conference were Abhijit Sharma, an architect and researcher BMC software, Chirag Jog, CTO clogeny technologies, Allahbaksh Asadullah, product technology lead, Infosys Labs among others.