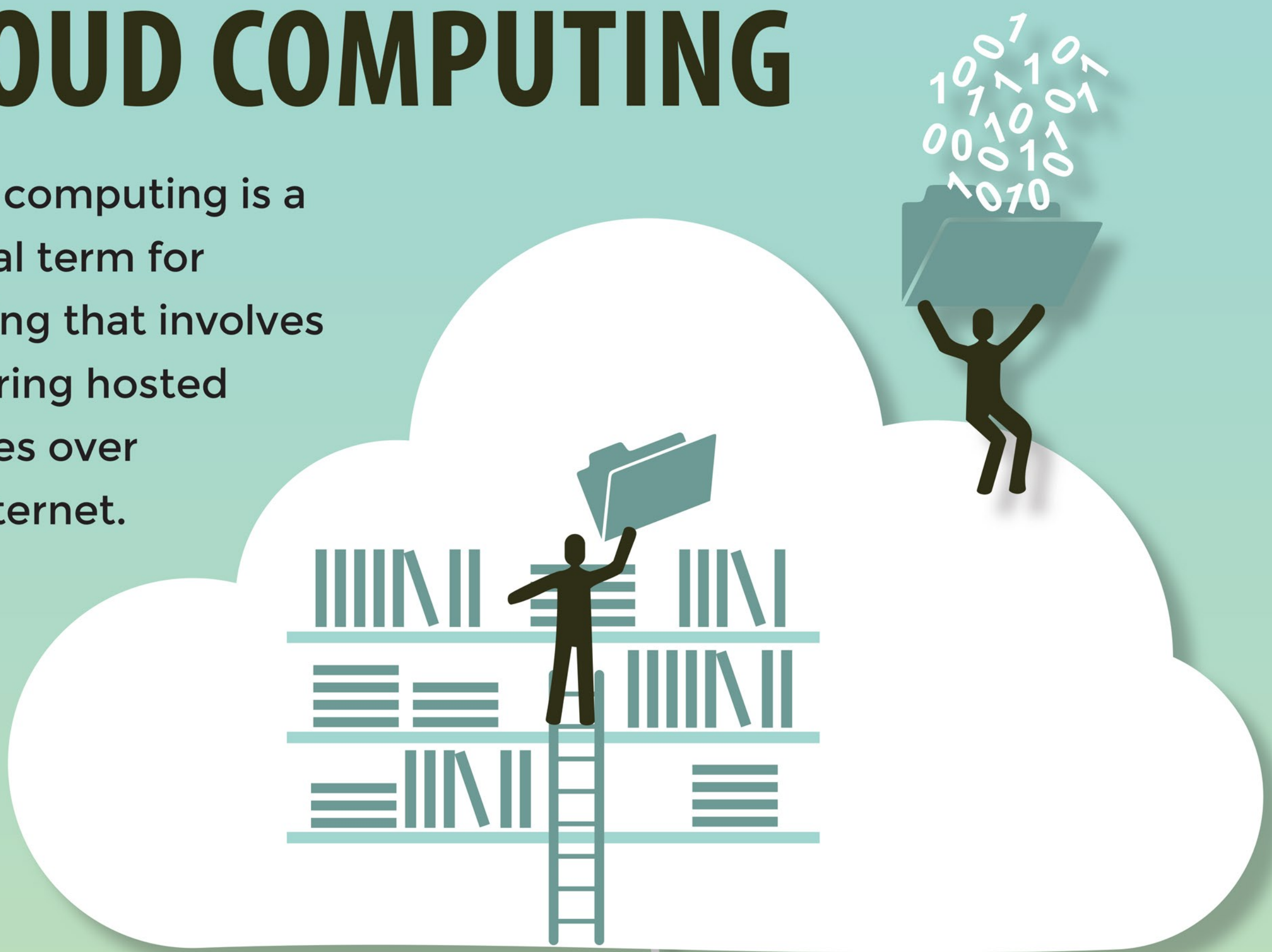


CLOUD COMPUTING

Cloud computing is a general term for anything that involves delivering hosted services over the Internet.



A cloud service has three distinct characteristics that differentiate it from traditional hosting:



It's sold on a pay-per-use, or charge-per-use basis



It's elastic - a user can have as much or as little of a service as they want at any given time



The service is fully managed by the provider

