**Ist Discussion**

A cloud environment that I interact with regularly is Microsoft OneDrive. If I am working on a project on my desktop, but then want to go study at a coffee shop, I can save my work to OneDrive and pick back up on my laptop. OneDrive was a very early cloud storage and syncing service, that incorporates Microsofts Office apps and has both web and mobile interfaces (Muchmore, M. 2022). On top of all of that, it is free! Which is a huge plus to any cloud based service. Anything that you place into a OneDrive folder is automatically uploaded to the cloud and is instantly available on any other device using your OneDrive. This also allows me to use my Microsoft 365 apps on any device that I log into on my OneDrive. Another really cool feature is that you can use your phone to scan documents and upload the to your drive as well!

Thank you and have a great rest of your week!

Muchmore, M. (Dec 30, 2022) Microsoft OneDrive Review: The best online storage and syncing service. PCMag <https://www.pcmag.com/reviews/microsoft-onedrive>

2nd Discussion

I use Gmail everyday for personal use to send, receive and use to gain access to multiple accounts such as Netflix, Amazon, etc. I also use iCloud to gain storage for my iPhone videos and photos, etc. on a monthly paid basis for 50Gb of storage at .99 cents. Gmail is a software. The use of which is sold to you and me as a service - making Gmail a software as a service (SaaS) business. The key identifier of a SaaS is if the service you are using online is all carried out without any human involvement. Compare it to using an eCommerce store where, yes, you can potentially have your own account and order products on the website, but the delivery of those products is carried out by humans.(Gregory Elfrink 2021) iCloud is Apple’s cloud file storage and services platform. The service permits users to leverage secure and highly reliable cloud computing features and capabilities to store and share a wide variety of files, locate lost equipment, and synchronize information across multiple devices. (Erik Eckel 2023)