Abstract

The intersection of mobile applications and computing with the promising concept of cloud computing resulted in the birth of Mobile Cloud Computing (MCC). MCC has emerged as a remarkable milestone for global mobile services. Enriching its efficiency and productivity to many dimensions, MCC serves a unique blend of mobile computing and cloud computing seamlessly integrated and tries to overcome issues related to environment (e.g.,
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heterogeneity, availability), security (e.g., reliability and privacy) and performance issues (e.g., bandwidth, storage capacity, battery life). This paper provides an introduction of MCC discussing its architecture and advantages; it then takes a look at various existing application models to MCC. The issues, challenges are discussed. In addition, Future research directions of MCC are also studied.

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