

## Can You Really Be More Secure in the Cloud?

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## Background Story



A leader faces the decision regarding whether to move certain sensitive workloads into the cloud.

There are well-documented breaches and very public outages that raise the stakes

#### Can I trust the cloud?

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#### The Problem

Company management clearly believes that they can save money and improve operations by transitioning to the cloud.

Management has assigned this "digital transformation initiative" to this technical leader and made it very clear everything that is at stake.

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- Fear, Uncertainty & Doubt
- Can I trust the cloud?
- What if everything goes wrong?
- I don't feel prepared to lead this
- I know that I don't know what I don't know
- What if they find out that I am faking it?



## The Public Cloud Challenge



THE MAJOR CLOUD PROVIDERS HAVE NUMEROUS SERVICES EACH SERVICE CAN BE CONFIGURED IN VARIOUS WAYS. THE DEFAULT CONFIGURATIONS ARE TYPICALLY INSECURE

INDUSTRY MARKETING EFFORTS LEAVE ONE'S HEAD SPINNING.

Can the cloud be properly secured so that it is safe enough for my company's sensitive data?



We owe it to our customers and stakeholders to protect their sensitive data!



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Introduction to Cloud Computing and Security Ground school for cloud security



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**Enterprise Cloud Security Architecture** Design it right from the start.



**Cloud Security Essentials** License to learn cloud security.



**Cloud Security Continuous Compliance** Measure what matters, not what's easy.



SEC 522

**Public Cloud Security: AWS, Azure & GCP** Multiple clouds require multiple solutions.



**Cloud Penetration Testing** Aim your arrows to the sky and penetrate the cloud.



Application Security: Securing Web Apps.		
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**Enterprise Cloud Forensics & Incident Response** Find the storm in the cloud.



Not a matter of "if" but "when." Be prepared for a web attack. We'll teach you how.



**Cloud Security Attacker Techniques,** Monitoring, and Threat Detection

Attackers can run but not hide. Our radar sees all threats.



**Cloud Security & DevSecOps Automation** The cloud moves fast. Automate to keep up.



Managing Security Vulnerabilities: Enterprise and Cloud

Stop treating the symptoms. Cure the disease.



**Leading Cloud Security Design and** 

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## Can You Really Be More Secure in the Cloud?

## **Ten Reasons Why**

#### **1. API-First Cloud Control Plane**

- Well-documented REST Application Programming Interface (API)
- Strong authentication and granular access control
- All API calls are logged
- All changes are made via API Calls
  - Web Console
  - Command Line Interface (CLI)
  - Software Development Kits (SDK)
  - Other Tools
  - Other Cloud Services

#### **REST API Calls**

CLI Example

#### aws ec2 describe-instances

```
"Reservations": [
        "Groups": [],
        "Instances": [
            "AmiLaunchIndex": 0,
            "ImageId": "ami-0abcdef1234567890,
            "InstanceId": "i-1234567890abcdef0,
            "InstanceType": "t2.micro",
            "KeyName": "MyKeyPair",
            "LaunchTime": "2018-05-10T08:05:20.000Z",
            "Monitoring": {
                "State": "disabled"
            },
            "Placement": {
                "AvailabilityZone": "us-east-2a",
                "GroupName": "",
                "Tenancy": "default"
            },
            "PrivateDnsName": "ip-10-0-0-157.us-east-2.compute.internal",
            "PrivateIpAddress": "10.0.0.157",
            "ProductCodes": [],
            "PublicDnsName": "",
            "State": {
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#### One-Line CLI Script Example

For region in \$(aws ec2 describe-regions \
-query 'Regions[].RegionName'output text); \
lo aws ec2 describe-instancesregion \$region \
-output tablequery
<pre>Reservations[].Instances[*].[InstanceId,State.Name,Placement.Avail</pre>
abilityZone,PublicIpAddress,LaunchTime]'; done

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## CIS Controls Cloud Companion Guide Applicability Overvi



#### **Applicability Overview for Each Service Model**

Defenses



- More than 60% of CIS Safeguards Apply
- Between 60% and 0% of the CIS Safeguards Apply
- **○0%**

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#### 2. Pay-as-you-go Billing

- You pay for every resource that you use
- You pay only when you use the resource
- Precise metering of resource utilization
- Detect fraud and abuse
- Detect abandoned resources

The Cuckoo's Egg is a story about a Unix admin who investigated a \$0.75 system charge and discovered "a maze of computer espionage." Published in 1990.



#### 3. Infrastructure as Code (IaC)

- Infrastructure as Code is the managing and provisioning of infrastructure via code rather than using a manual process
- IaC can be stored in a Source Code Control System
- Repeatable. Test environments exactly like Prod

**WARNING:** Do not deploy half the environment using IaC and the other half manually.

#### HashiCorp Terraform

resource "aws\_instance" "web" {
 ami = data.aws\_ami.ubuntu.id
 instance\_type = "t2.micro"

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tags = {
   Name = "SANS-System1"
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https://www.terraform.io/language/syntax/configuration

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#### ~/tf-vm\_in3csps\$ cat terraform.tfvars.example # AWS Variables aws region = "us-east-1" aws\_creds\_file = "~/.aws/credentials" aws\_profile = "default" # Azure Variables azure location = "Central US" # GCP Variables gcp\_project = "PROJECT\_ID" gcp\_region = "us-central1" gcp zone = "us-central1-a" gcp key file = "~/accesskey/service account.json" # Common Variables ssh user ="ubuntu" ssh\_pub\_key\_file = "~/.ssh/id\_rsa.pub"

ssh\_priv\_key\_file = "~/.ssh/id\_rsa"

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## What if we could check our Infrastructure-as-Code for security vulnerabilities before deployment?

#### 4. Policy as Code

An approach to policy management in which policies are defined, updated, shared, and enforced using code.

- The idea of writing code in a high-level language to manage and automate policies.
- Move more quickly and reduce the potential for mistakes due to human error.
- By representing policies as code in text files, proven software development best practices can be adopted such as version control, automated testing, and automated deployment.

Examples of Policy as Code Tools

- Chef InSpec an open-source testing framework for infrastructure with a human- and machine-readable language for specifying compliance, security and policy requirements.
- Open Policy Agent (OPA) an open source, general-purpose policy engine that enables unified, context-aware policy enforcement across the entire stack.
- Hashicorp Sentinel a language and framework for policy built to be embedded in existing software to enable fine-grained, logic-based policy decisions. A policy describes under what circumstances certain behaviors are allowed.
- **Pulumi CrossGuard** empowers you to set guardrails to enforce compliance for resources so developers within an organization can provision their own infrastructure while sticking to best practices and security compliance.
- PacBot a platform for continuous compliance monitoring, compliance reporting and security automation for the cloud. In PacBot, security and compliance policies are implemented as code.



https://www.checkov.io/

Checkov is a static code analysis tool for scanning infrastructure as code (IaC) files for misconfigurations that may lead to security or compliance problems.

Checkov includes more than 750 predefined policies to check for common misconfiguration issues.

Checkov also supports the creation and contribution of custom policies.

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# 5. Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery (CI/CD) Pipelines

- A CI/CD pipeline **automates your software delivery process.** The pipeline builds code, runs tests, and safely deploys a new version of the application.
- Automated pipelines remove manual errors, provide standardized feedback loops to developers, and enable fast product iterations.
- Any systems not deployed using IaC and CI/CD <u>should be considered</u> <u>technical debt.</u>

*Electrify the Fence* – Anything new that is not deployed by CI/CD and any Administrative Access to a Production System should be treated as an "Incident" and require a root cause analysis.



Developers can stay focused on writing code and monitoring the behavior of the system in production.



OA and product stakeholders have easy access to the latest, or any, version of the system.



Product updates are not stressful.



Logs of all code changes, tests and deployments are available for inspection at any time.



Rolling back to a previous version in the event of a problem is a routine push-button action.



A fast feedback loop helps build an organizational culture of learning and responsibility.

CI/CD Benefits & Advantages

#### Stages of a CI/CD Pipeline



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#### Security at Velocity



HOW LONG CAN YOU WORK ON MAKING A ROUTINE TASK MORE EFFICIENT BEFORE YOU'RE SPENDING MORE TIME THAN YOU SAVE? (ACROSS FIVE YEARS) HOW OFTEN YOU DO THE TASK 50/DAY 5/DAY DAILY WEEKLY MONTHLY YEARLY 30 MINUTES 4 5 SECONDS 1 SECOND 2 HOURS 1 DAY MINUTE MINUTES 5 21 5 MINUTES MINUTES 25 SECONDS 5 SECONDS 5 DAYS 12 HOURS 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES 2 MINUTES 4 WEEKS 3 DAYS 12 HOURS 2 HOURS 30 SECONDS 5 HOW 8 WEEKS 6 DAYS 1 DAY 1 MINUTE 4 HOURS 1 HOUR MINUTES MUCH 25 MINUTES TIME 5 MINUTES 9 MONTHS 4 WEEKS 6 DAYS 21 HOURS 5 HOURS YOU SHAVE 6 MONTHS 5 WEEKS **30 MINUTES** 5 DAYS 1 DAY 2 HOURS OFF IO MONTHS 2 MONTHS 10 DAYS 2 DAYS 1 HOUR 5 HOURS 2 MONTHS 2 WEEKS 6 HOURS 1 DAY 1 DAY 5 DAYS 8 WEEKS

https://xkcd.com/1205/

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#### 6. Immutable Infrastructure

What if our services were already patched, hardened, configured, and tested **<u>before</u>** they were provisioned into production?

 $\rightarrow$  Wait, that should be the goal of CI/CD!

How can we be secure if we do not patch our Virtual machines in place?
→ Rotate VMs frequently using a fresh image

What if we need to SSH in and make a configuration change?

➔ Do a root cause analysis and determine how to avoid changes outside of the CI/CD pipeline

### Image Hardening

Launch VM from Base Image

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Harden, Patch & Configure VM

#### Publish Hardened Image

- *Perform this as a service for other teams to consume!*
- "Hardened Images-as-a-Service"

#### Automate the VM Image Baking Process

- HashiCorp Packer <u>https://www.packer.io/</u>
- Azure Image Builder <u>https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-machines/image-builder-overview</u>
- AWS EC2 Image Builder <u>https://aws.amazon.com/image-builder/</u>



## How does one manage cloud security at scale?

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#### 7. Cloud Security Posture Management (CPSM)

- A class of security tools that are designed to identify misconfiguration issues and compliance risks in the cloud.
- Continuously monitors cloud infrastructure for gaps in security policy enforcement.
- These tools compare a cloud environment against a defined set of best practices and known security risks.
- Some CSPM tools will alert the cloud customer when there is a need to remediate a security risk, while other more sophisticated CSPM tools will use robotic process automation (RPA) to remediate issues automatically.



#### Key capabilities of CSPM

- Detect and perhaps automatically remediate cloud misconfigurations;
- Maintain an inventory of best practices for different cloud configurations and services;
- Map current configuration statuses to a security control framework or regulatory standard;
- Work with IaaS, SaaS and PaaS platforms in containerized, hybrid cloud and multi-cloud environments; and
- Monitor storage buckets, encryption and account permissions for misconfigurations and compliance risks.



#### **CSP Security Management Services**







AWS Security Hub

Azure Defender for Cloud Google Cloud Security Command Center

#### CLOUD SECURITY SERVICE MATRIX



Used for	Amazon Web Services (AWS)	Azure	Google Cloud Platform (GCP)
Manage user access and encryption keys	AWS Identity & Access Management (IAM)	Azure Active Directory (Azure AD)	GCP Identity & Access Management (IAM)
Cloud single-sign-on (SSO) service	AWS Single Sign-On	Azure Active Directory (Azure AD)	Cloud Identity
Identity management for your apps	Amazon Cognito	Azure Active Directory (Azure AD)	Firebase Authentication
Managed Microsoft Active Directory	AWS Directory Service	Azure Active Directory Domain Services	Managed Service for Microsoft Active Directory
Secure service to share resources	AWS Resource Access Manager	Azure Resource Manager	Resource Manager
Centrally governing and management across accounts	AWS Organizations	Azure Governance	
Security and compliance center	AWS Security Hub	Microsoft Defender for Cloud	Security Command Center
Threat detection	Amazon GuardDuty	Microsoft Defender for Cloud	Security Command Center

#### Auditing Cloud Security Posture

#### <u>Multi-Cloud</u>

- CloudSploit by Aqua <u>https://github.com/aquasecurity/cloudsploit</u>
- Scout Suite by NCC Group <u>https://github.com/nccgroup/ScoutSuite</u>

#### <u>AWS</u>

Prowler - <u>https://github.com/prowler-cloud/prowler</u>

#### <u>Azure</u>

• Azucar - <u>https://github.com/nccgroup/azucar</u>

#### <u>GCP</u>

• Forseti Security - <u>https://forsetisecurity.org/</u>

#### 8. Cloud Workload Protection Platforms (CWPP)

- Hardening, configuration, and vulnerability management
- Network firewalling, visibility, and microsegmentation
- System integrity assurance
- Application control and allow listing
- Exploit prevention and memory protection
- Server workload endpoint detection and response (EDR), behavioral monitoring, and threat detection and response
- Host-based intrusion prevention with vulnerability shielding
- Anti-malware scanning

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## **Cloud Security Tool Groups**



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#### Securing Cloud Environments at Scale





#### 9. Zero Trust Architectures

#### The Zero Trust Model

#### Based on "Never Trust, Always Verify" Principle



Verify Every User



Validate Every Device



Enforce Least Privilege Access

ZT is a data-centric security architecture centered on the belief that organizations should not automatically trust anything inside or outside its perimeters and must verify everything trying to connect to its resources before granting access - based on identity, device and data/resource.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56VRwg7apkY

ls Zero Trust a Buzz Word Yet?





#### Google's BeyondCorp Initiative



Perimeterless Design Connecting from a particular network must not determine which services you can access.



**Context-Aware** 

Access to services is granted based on what we know about you and your device.



Dynamic Access Controls

All access to services must be authenticated, authorized and encrypted.

#### www.beyondcorp.com

What is conditional access? | Azure Active Directory

**Azure Conditional Access** 



#### Zero Trust: Over-Simplified



Do not allow network connectivity between two systems that do not need to communicate.



Require strong authentication between any two systems that do need to communicate.

#### **10. Software Defined Cloud Networking**

- Global & Regional Load Balancers
- Web Application Firewalls
- Virtual Private Clouds
- Public & Private Subnets
- Custom Routing
- VPN Termination
- Private Service Endpoints
- API Gateways
- Service Mesh





https://www.whizlabs.com/blog/aws-virtual-private-cloud-guide/

#### What to Expect at a SANS Cloud Course

- Drink from the firehose
- Immersive learning
- We listen and iterate
- Get ready for certification

The SANS Promise: Return to work with practical skills that you can apply on Day 1





#### **CALL TO ACTION:**

Jump in and dive deep, participate and collaborate.

Leverage the SANS Cloud Security Flight Plan.

**Embrace the transformational journey with us.** 



#### Make the Most of This Week!



- Explore the SANS free resources:
  - Tools, posters, webcasts, blog posts, etc.
  - <u>www.sans.org/free</u>
- Learn how SANS involvement has helped others (ask them)
- Chat with those that have certifications
- Network with fellow students
- Participate in class, use Slack and join Discord.
- Get to know your Instructor, vTAs, and Facilitators.

#### Murder in the Amazon Cloud

#### **Code Spaces Status**

Code Spaces will not be able to operate beyond this point, the cost of resolving this issue to date and the expected cost of refunding customers who have been left without the service they paid for will put Code Spaces in a irreversible position both financially and in terms of on going credibility.

As such at this point in time we have no alternative but to cease trading and concentrate on supporting our affected customers in exporting any remaining data they have left with us.

All that we can say at this point is how sorry we are to both our customers and to the people who make a living at Code Spaces for the chain of events that lead us here.

In order to get any remaining data exported please email us at support[at]codespaces.com with your account url and we will endeavour to process the request as soon as possible.

On behalf of everyone at Code Spaces, please accept our sincere apologies for the inconvenience this has caused to you, and ask for your understanding during this time! We hope that one day we will be able to and reinstate the service and credibility that Code Spaces once had!

https://www.infoworld.com/article/2608076/data-center/murder-in-the-amazon-cloud.html

#### Information on the Capital One Cyber Incident

English | <u>Español</u>

Important updates

#### April 22, 2022 update:

**2019 Cyber Incident Settlement Reached**. On February 7, 2022, a U.S. federal court preliminarily approved a class action settlement relating to the cyber incident Capital One announced in July 2019. Please visit <u>www.CapitalOneSettlement.com</u> for additional details.

**80,000 linked bank account numbers** 

history, contact information.

140,000 Social Security numbers

#### February 22, 2021 update:

On January 27, 2021, as a result of Capital One's ongoing analysis of the files stolen by the unauthorized individual in the 2019 Cybersecurity Incident, we discovered approximately 4,700 U.S. credit card customers or applicants whose Social Security Numbers were among the data accessed, but not previously known. Capital One is directly notifying these affected individuals and will make two years of free credit monitoring and identity protection available at no cost to them.

100 Million individuals in US and 6 Million n Canada

Customer status data, e.g., credit scores, credit limits, balances, payment

https://www.capitalone.com/digital/facts2019/

#### CRYPTOCURRENCY JACKING -

# Tesla cloud resources are hacked to run cryptocurrency-mining malware

Crooks find poorly secured access credentials, use them to install stealth miner.

DAN GOODIN - 2/20/2018, 12:21 PM

- Hackers accessed one of Tesla's Amazon cloud accounts and used it to run currency-mining software.
- The initial point of entry was an unsecured administrative console for Kubernetes.
- Within one Kubernetes pod, access credentials were exposed to Tesla's AWS environment which contained an Amazon S3 (Amazon Simple Storage Service) bucket that had sensitive data

https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2018/02/tesla-cloud-resources-are-hacked-to-run-cryptocurrency-mining-malware/

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- Have a track record of success

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