

What Cloud Savvy Customers Really Want -- Customer Care in the Era of CI/CD, SOAR, and Self-service

There are lots of innovative, brilliant solutions that can greatly benefit us as cloud customers. Many times, these messages may fall on deaf ears. Bulk email is effortless to ignore, and trade show booths are minimally effective. How do solution providers truly connect with the right customers? Just as important, what are cloud customers looking for in the relationships they have with their Cloud Service Providers and Security Solution Providers? Presented from the perspective of a Cloud Security Product Manager turned Cloud Security Engineering Leader, this talk delves into what customers need from their providers to help them overcome their concerns about cloud adoption.



"I help my clients earn and maintain the trust of their customers"

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Objectives

- Improve the dialog between security solution providers and the security teams that evaluate the security solutions.
- Provide insights to security teams as to how to maximize the relationships that they have with their vendors.
- Share recommendations with Security Solution Providers on how to engage more effectively with their customers.

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What Qualifies Me?

- 10 years as an Electrical Engineering Systems Manager working with hundreds of suppliers.
- Almost another 10 years as a VP of a Health IT SaaS Company servicing hundreds of individual customers, building brand loyalty and product excellence.
- A decade in multiple roles including Security Product Management and Cloud Security Engineering Leadership.

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Problem Statement

- The Self-Service Delivery Model can isolate service providers from their customers.
- Internet technologies enable us to <u>talk at</u> each other without necessarily listening or engaging in a meaningful dialog.
- Cloud Customers need trusted vendors to help them fully leverage the full capabilities of cloud computing, in a secure manner.

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Examples

- Automated Checkout Systems
- Voice Response Units
- Robo-Dialers
- Bulk Email and CRM systems
- Chatbots
- Recruiting and Sales on LinkedIn
- Aggressive Exhibitors at RSA
- Sales Kamikazes



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What Do Customers Want?

"There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else."

--Sam Walton

- How well do we really know our customers as individuals?
- We may feel that we know what the organization needs, but what about the individual decision makers and other stakeholders?
- What motivates each individual?

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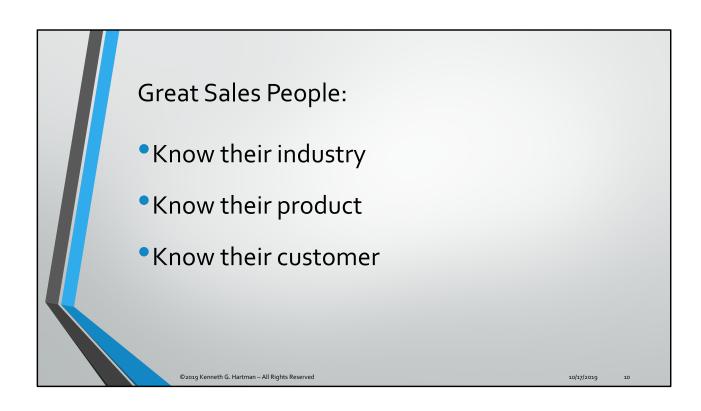
Characteristics of the Public Cloud

- Broad Network Access
- On Demand Self-Service
- Measured Service
- Rapid Elasticity and Scalability
- Resource Pooling
- Multi-tenancy

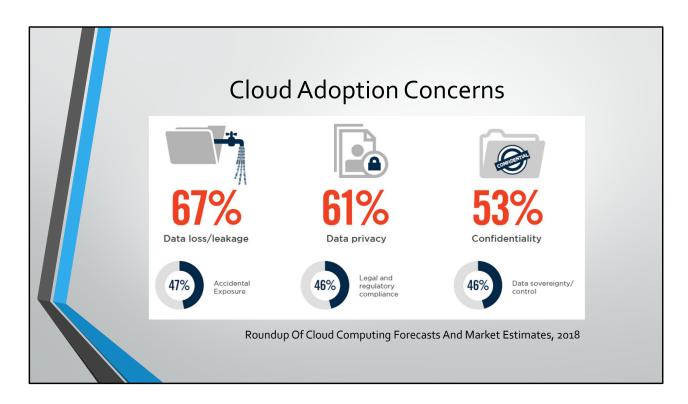
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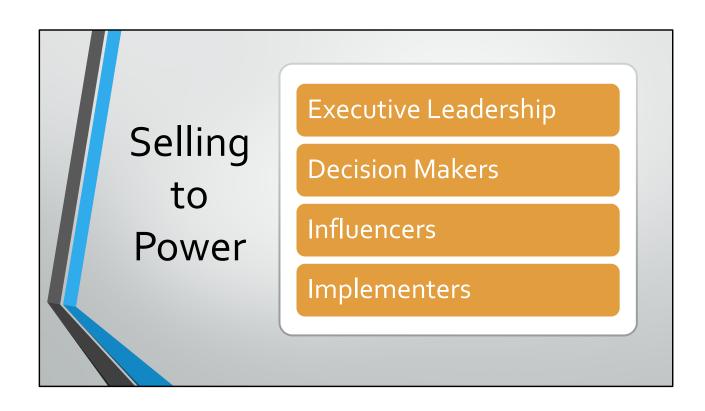
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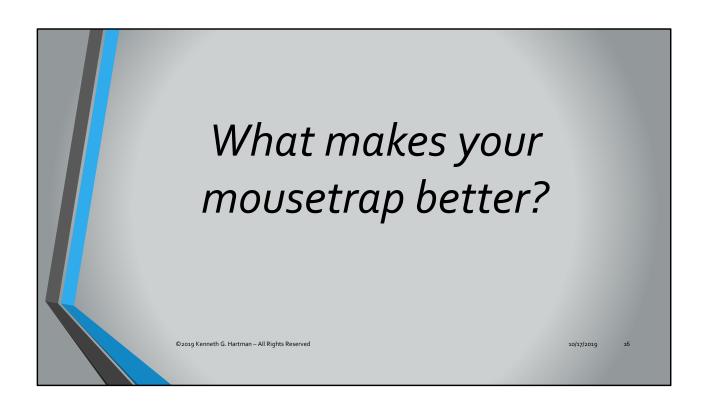
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- Confidentiality 53%
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- Data sovereignty/control 46%
- Lack of forensic data 37%
- Incident response 35%
- Visibility & transparency 34%
- Fraud (e.g., theft of SSN records) 27%
- Liability 25%
- Availability of services, systems and data 21%
- Business continuity 18%
- Disaster recovery 18%
- Performance 16%
- Other 7%

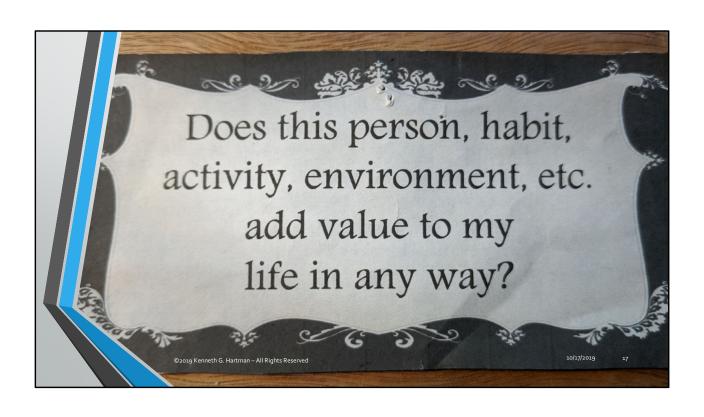
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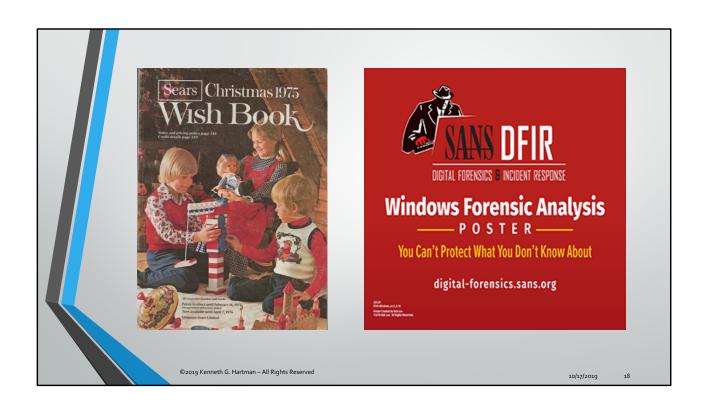














Not Important Important	Urgent Quadrant I Crisis Pressing problems Deadline-driven projects, meetings, preparations Quadrant III Interruptions, some phone calls Some mail, some reports Many proximate pressing matters Many popular activities © 1994 Covey Leadership Center, Inc.
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Trust Issues Can I trust - Where is my data? - Who is accessing my data? - Who is protecting my data Can I trust - Can I trust you? - Are you committed? - Do you care about me?

Conclusion

- Cloud Adoption Issues
 - Data Loss, Privacy, Confidentiality, Loss of Control
- Churn, Burnout, and the Tyranny of the Urgent
- Cloud Trust Issues
- The Four Human Drives

Done right, the cloud can be a great place to connect with each other around what makes us human, while still meeting business needs and generating profit.

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