

Cybersecurity

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Cloudy with a Chance of Compromise



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Why We Are Here

- We want share cloud security basics
- We you to learn from our struggles
- We like to have fun



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What is the cloud?

Seriously, what is the cloud? Typical environments we see.

- 1 On Premises
- 2 Hybrid
- 3 Fully Hosted



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Quiz time!

What is the cloud for you?



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Four Lessons About Cloud Security

Learned from building audit work programs



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Ambiguous Language

When you say cloud, do you mean this?



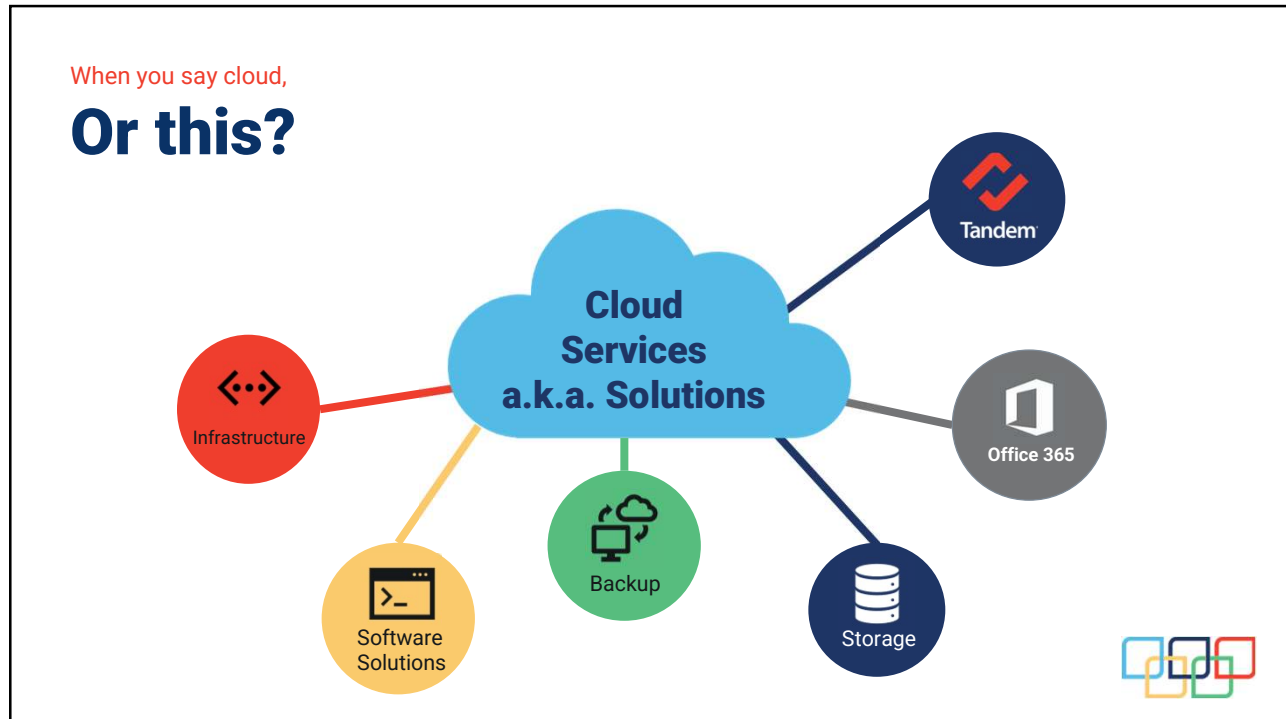
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When you say cloud,

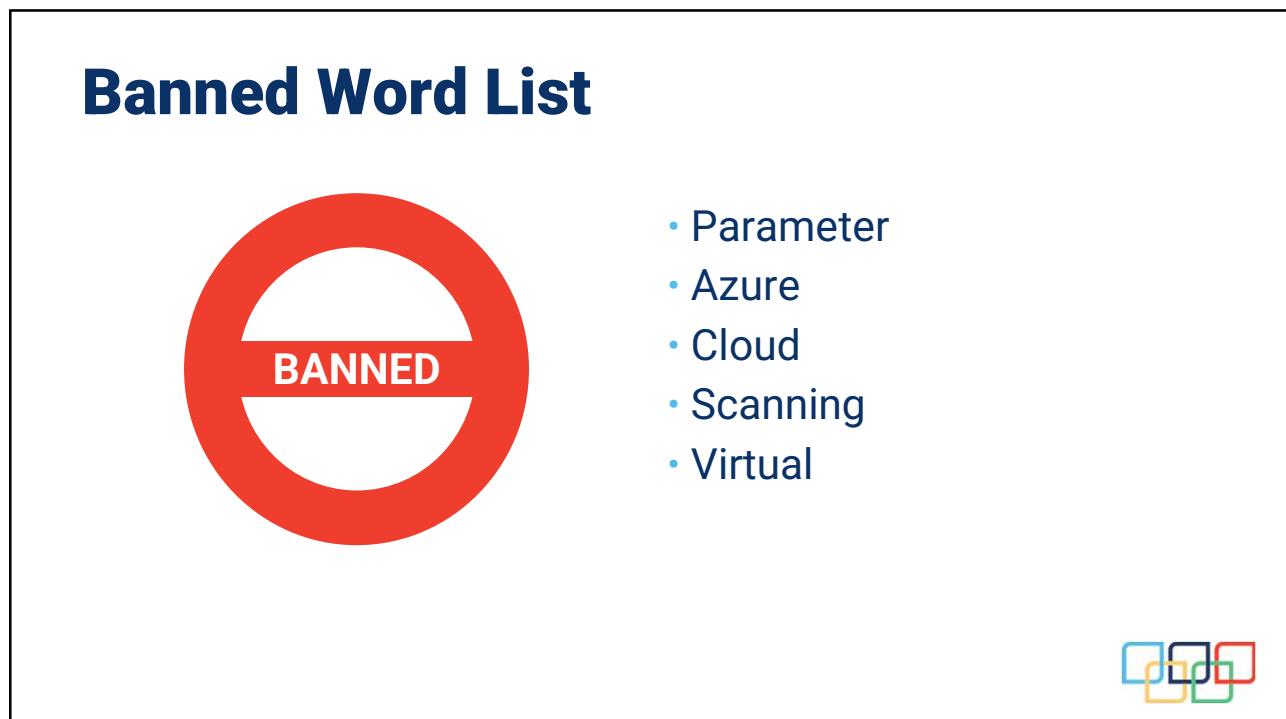
Or this?



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Parameters?



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Banned Word List



- Parameter
- Azure
- Cloud
- Scanning
- Virtual



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Positive Feedback IRL

IRL = In Real Life

I'd like to propose cloud be added to the word ban list 😊

Done!

I really like it, it's helped some conversations already just to work through ambiguity



I'm glad it helps 😊

Kelsey Hilton 3/4/2024 5:08 PM

This, of course, is only a solution for customers that are using LAPS.

EntraID LAPS to be even more specific



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Policy enforcement

Enabled

Disabled

Save

Enabled or Disabled?
It's blown up 1000% and still hard to tell



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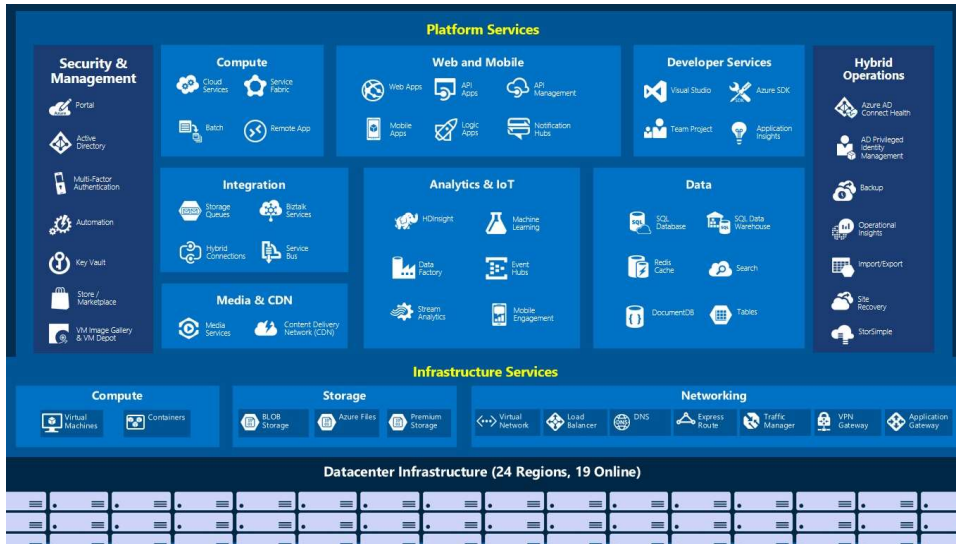
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Use Pictures

Stick figures are encouraged

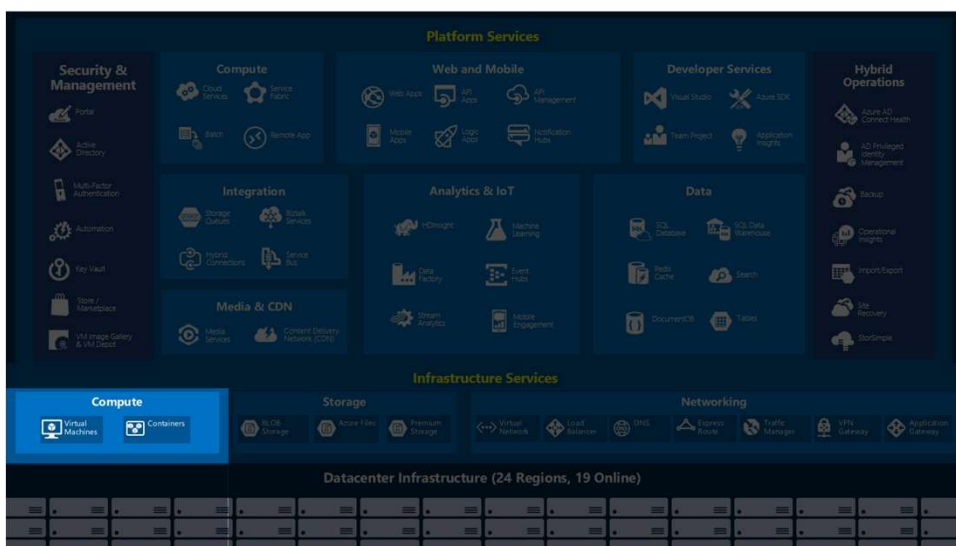
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Azure



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Azure Compute Services



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Simplify the Complex



- Be specific with your language
- Use pictures to communicate
- Train towards missing skills
 - Microsoft Learn
 - AWS Training
- Comparison



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Traditional Security vs. Zero Trust



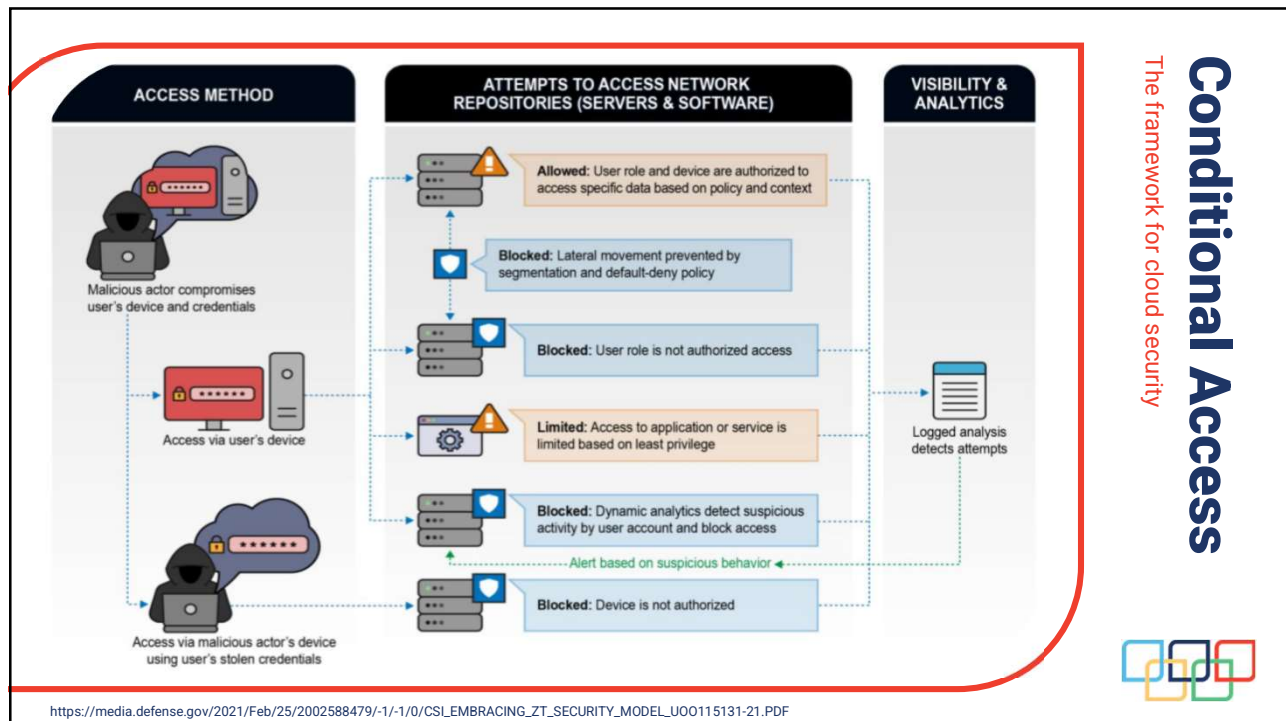
Traditional Security



Zero-Trust



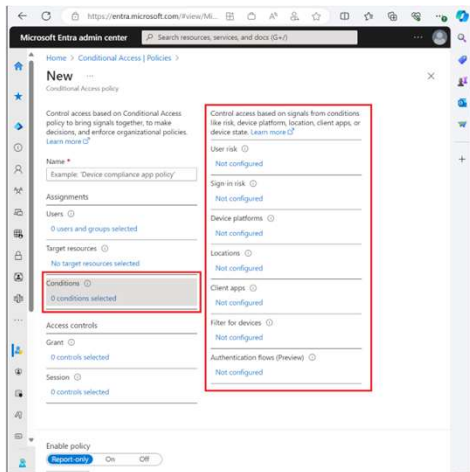
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Conditional Access Policies

Examples of commonly applied policies



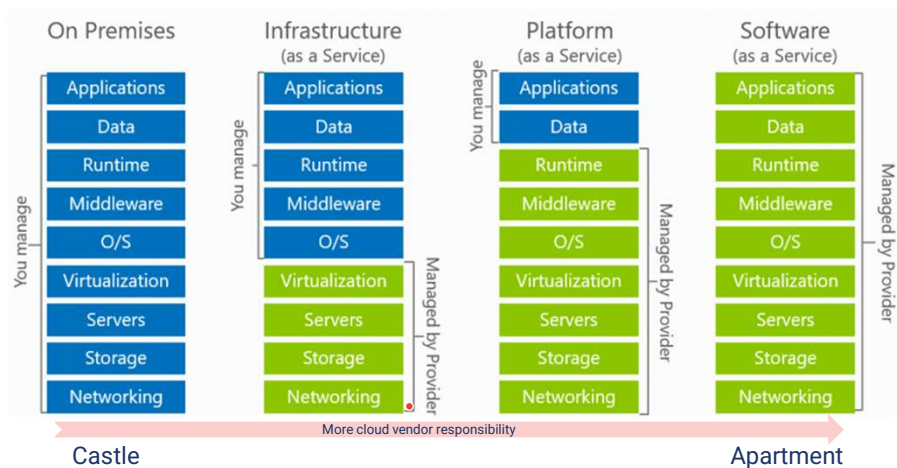
- Require multifactor for sensitive tasks
- Blocking or granting access from specific locations
- Blocking risky sign-in behaviors
- Require compliant devices



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Shared Responsibility Model

Different concept, same analogy



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Conquering the Mindshift

- Know the differences
- Understand your options
- Ensure your plan meets your organization's needs



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Continuous Change

The only constant

- Cloud services evolve rapidly
- User interface reorganization
- Configuration drift



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Announcements

Migration of Audit p Things to look forward to in the new Outlook for
Center to Purview Co Windows

Microsoft : Windows Local Administrator Password Solution with
Azure AD I Microsoft Entra ID now Generally Available!

Prompt users for reauthentication on sensitive apps and ...
high-risk actions with Conditional Access

By **Alex Weinert**

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We're **Announcement date: January 9, 2023**

name, **Estimated date for change: March 2024**

The Defender for Cloud Containers Vulnerability Assessment powered by Qualys is now on a retirement path completing on **March 1st, 2024**. If you're currently using container vulnerability assessment powered by Qualys, start planning your transition to **Vulnerability assessments for Azure with Microsoft Defender Vulnerability Management**.



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Change again? But, why?



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Progress Can Feel Like

A turtle sliding down a slippery slope



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Tips for Managing the Change

It's a journey, not a destination

- Identify what is most important
- Sign up for change notifications
- Regularly review your cloud environments
- Breathe



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We Don't Know What We Don't Know

- Education, research and more education
 - Understanding how it works requires testing and research
- Licensing is complex
 - Free, P1, P2, Microsoft 365 E3 and E5



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Vulnerability Scanning in the Cloud



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Cloud Vulnerability Scanning Issues

We had no idea

Zero-trust kills
authenticated
scanning

Vulnerability
scans vs.
compliance
scans

Review reporting
services and
conditional
access policies



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Beware of Best Practice Recommendations!

CIS 1.1.3 Ensure that between two and four global admins are designated.

- Does 2 to 4 admins work for everyone?
- Remember your break glass account.



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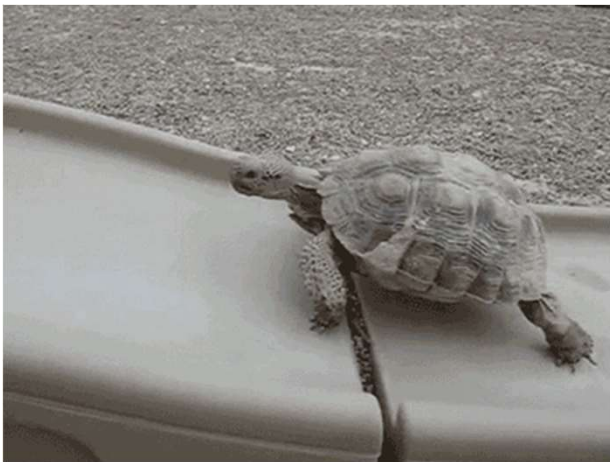
Tips for Discovering What You Don't Know

- Stay curious and open-minded
- Leverage your knowledgeable vendors
- Know your organization



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Takeaways



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See you next year for part two.



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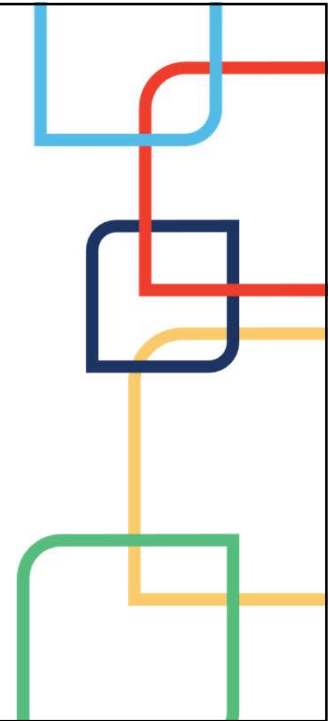
Resources

- Baseline configuration help
 - <https://setup.microsoft.com/entra/microsoft-entra-id-setup-guide>
 - CIS Azure Foundations
 - CIS M365 Foundations
- Stay updated
 - <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/updates/>
 - <https://admin.microsoft.com/Adminportal/Home#/MessageCenter>
- Training
 - [Learn about Training by Role or Solution | Digital and Classroom Training | AWS \(amazon.com\)](#)
 - [Azure on Microsoft Learn | Microsoft Learn](#)
 - <https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/alerts/2024/03/07/cisa-and-nsa-release-cybersecurity-information-sheets-cloud-security-best-practices>



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Questions?



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