

The Cloud Migration Playbook

Part 1: A Simple Primer To Complexity



Who Am I?



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Background

Web Application Developer
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Who Are You?



I am...

- A CISO
- A Technical Director
- An Engineering Manager
- A Security-Minded Advocate

I want to...

- Lift and shift existing on-prem applications to AWS
- Understand the attack surface of our AWS resources
- Validate that proper security measures are in place in our AWS environment



What do we want to accomplish today?

Data Breaches and Amazon shoppers exposed ...

Imperva Data Breach The Capital One Data Breach

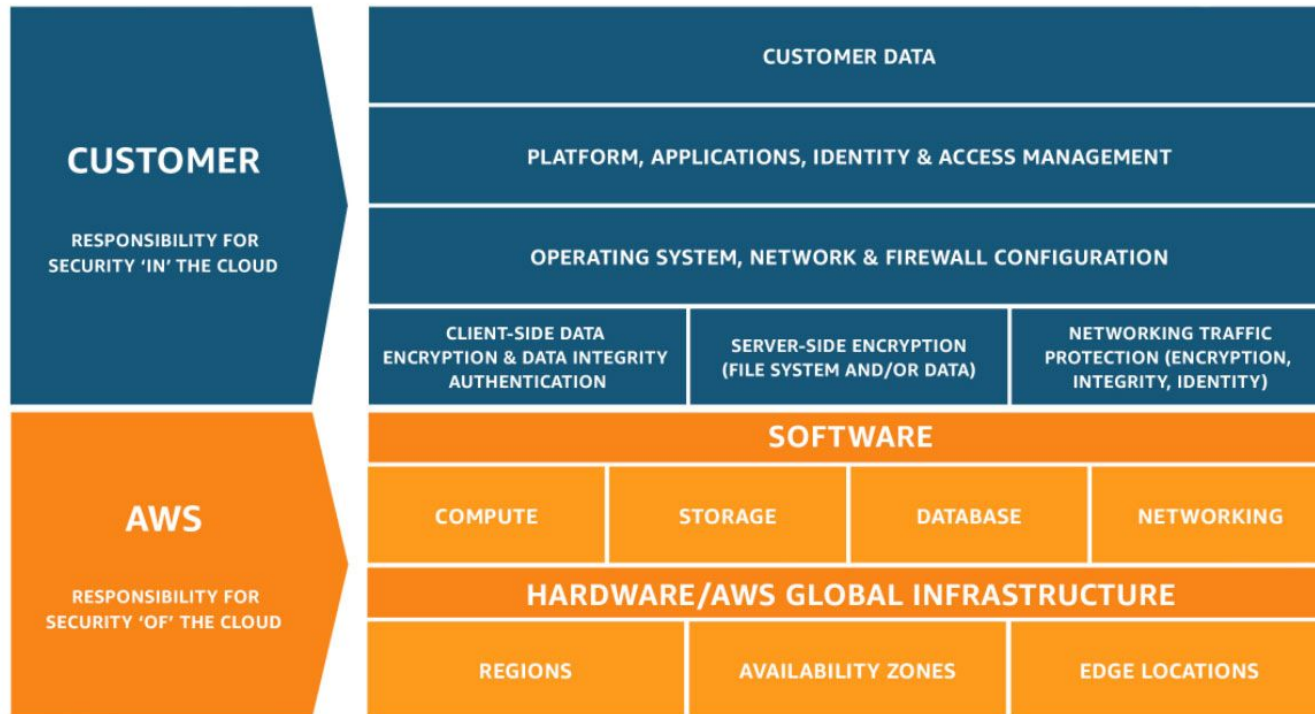
Cloud Infrastructure Configurations Still Plague Industry

Unprotected AWS Server exposes over 350m passwords -
Look at What ...

Eight million EU retail sales records exposed on AWS MongoDB



Where To Begin?



The AWS Shared Security Model

But is it really shared..?

“Through 2025, 99% of cloud security failures will be the customer’s fault.”



Q: What's the main thing we have to worry about?

A: Misconfigurations



Year over year from 2018 to 2019, the number of records exposed by cloud misconfigurations rose by 80%, as did the total cost to companies associated with those lost records.

In 2018 and 2019, 68% of the companies that suffered a data breach caused by a cloud misconfiguration were founded prior to 2010.

Know Your Defaults

Convenience vs Security



DISCLAIMER: Also easier said than done...



“It’s the same stuff, just in the cloud right?”

Kinda.



First Things First

When performing a lift-and-shift or cloud migration you should start threat modeling and hardening 4 common areas:

- Identity
- Data Storage
- Networking
- Compute



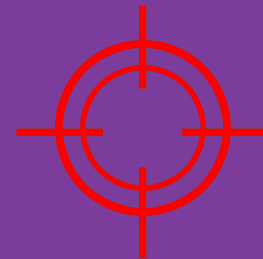
Identity

IAM

*“Identity is the new
perimeter”*

- Over 6000 unique permissions in AWS
 - ...and growing
- Difficult to manage and visualize permission boundaries
- IAM is hard





Attacks

- Account Takeover
 - Brute Force Attempts
 - Password Spraying
 - Social Engineering
- Credential Theft
 - Privilege Escalation
 - Resource Allocation
 - Persistence



IAM (not gonna do this)

```
Show Policy
```

```
{  
  "Version": "2012-10-17",  
  "Statement": [  
    {  
      "Effect": "Allow",  
      "Action": "*",  
      "Resource": "*" }  
    ]  
}
```

Cancel

IAM > Groups > badmins

Summary

Group ARN: arn:aws:iam::086629858357:group/badmins

Users (in this group): 9

Path: /

Creation Time: 2020-09-20 16:52 HST

Users Permissions Access Advisor

This view shows all users in this group: 9 Users

hong-networking	Remove User from Group
past-employee	Remove User from Group
jill	Remove User from Group
contractor-person	Remove User from Group
brian	Remove User from Group
jon-developer	Remove User from Group
new-employee	Remove User from Group
jennifer	Remove User from Group

Users > contractor-person

Summary

User ARN arn:aws:iam::086629858357:user/contractor-person

Path /

Creation time 2020-09-20 16:56 HST

Permissions Groups (1) Tags (1) Security credentials Access Advisor

Sign-in credentials

Summary

- Console sign-in link signin.aws.amazon.com/console

Console password	Enabled	(never signed in) Manage
Assigned MFA device	Not assigned	Manage
Signing certificates	None	

Access keys

Use access keys to make secure REST or HTTP Query protocol requests to AWS service APIs. For your protection, you should never share practice, we recommend frequent key rotation. [Learn more](#)

Create access key

Access key ID	Created	Last used
	2020-09-20 16:56 HST	N/A



- Single Sign On/Federation (SSO)
- MFA Enforcement
- No Root User API keys
- User Key Rotation
- Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)
- Least Privilege IAM policies
 - Use conditional policies
 - No wildcards
 - No AdministratorAccess
- Disable unused regions

Defenses



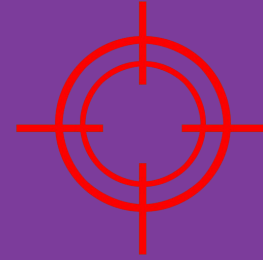
Data Storage

S3

“Your favorite data breach news source”

- S3
- RDS
- DynamoDB
- ElastiCache
- SQS
- ...more





Attacks

- Bucket Enumeration
- Data Exfiltration
- Resource Tampering
- Payload Staging



Bucket Enumeration



Home

Filter Buckets

Search Files

Docs / API

Top Keywords



Files

1.197 of **3.639 billion** (?)

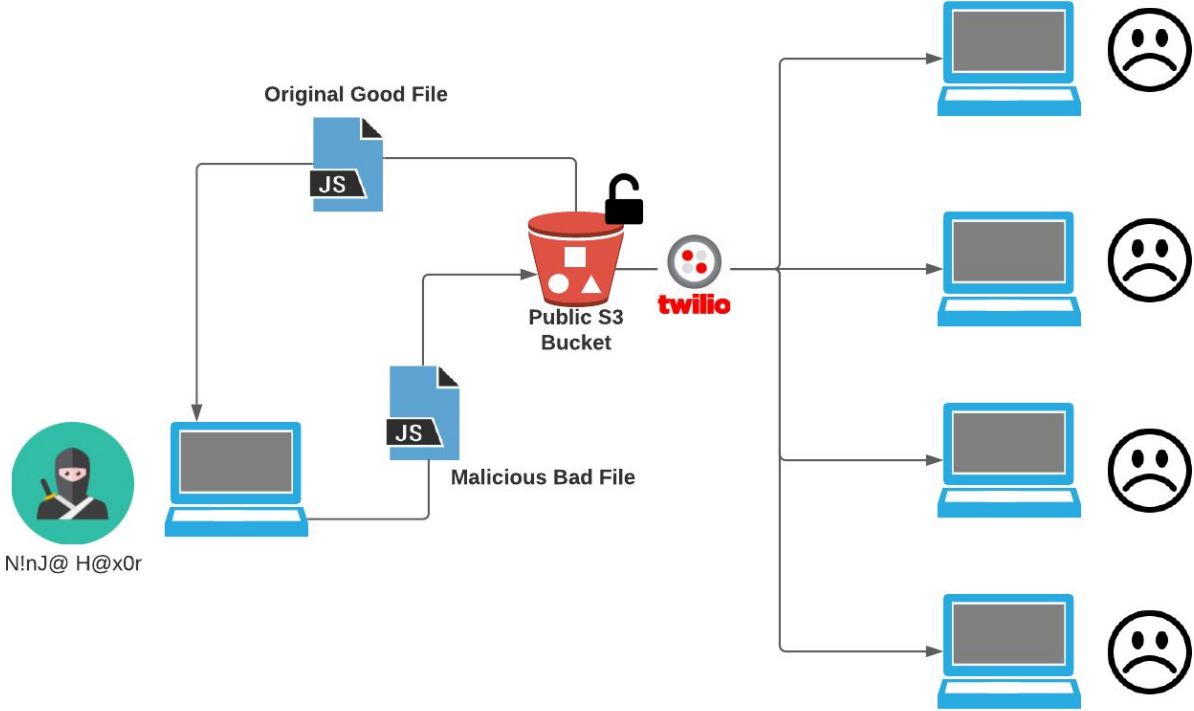


Buckets

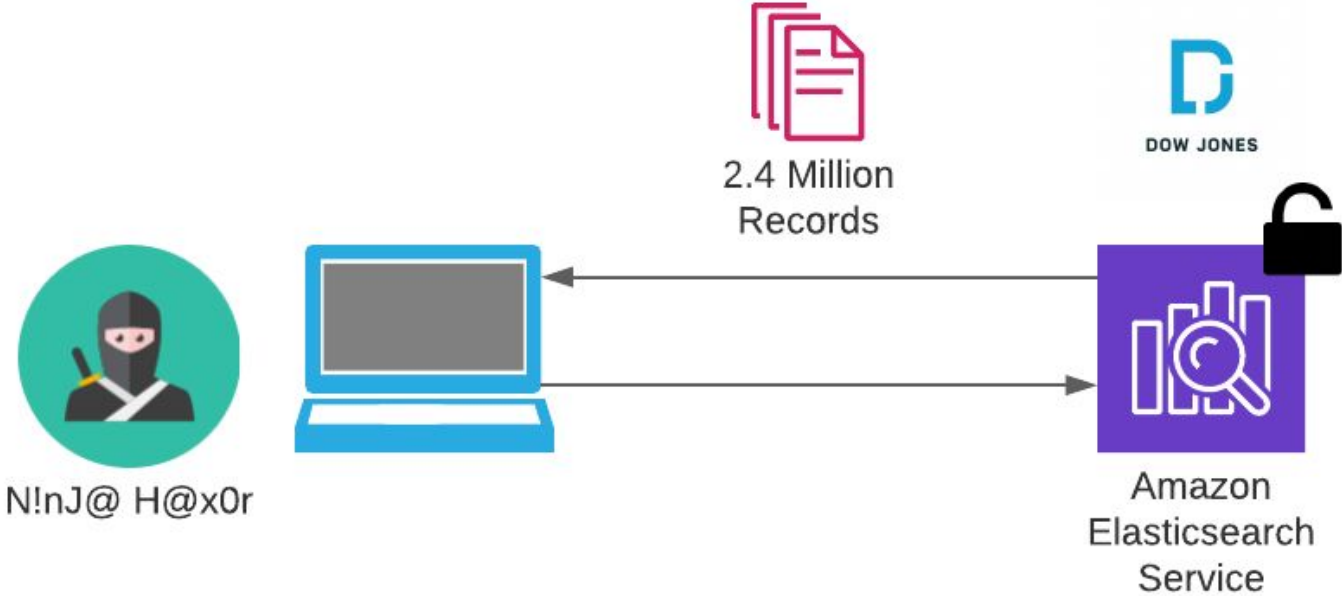
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Resource Tampering



Data Exfiltration



- S3: Turn on Block Public Access
- S3: Strict Bucket Policies
- RDS/Elasticache: No public access, encrypt snapshots
- SQS: No public queues, encrypt messages
- DynamoDB: Strict IAM controls

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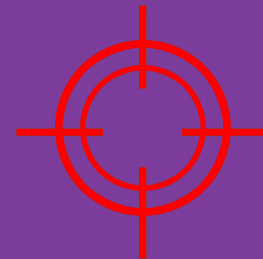
Compute

EC2

*The same old servers,
except different.*

- It's still a server..
- ...but in a whole new environment.



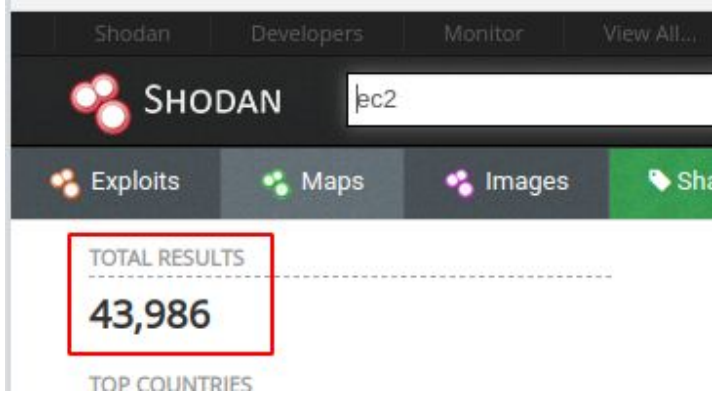


Attacks

- Service Enumeration
- Application Exploit
 - SSRF
 - RCE
- Post-Exploit
 - Instance Metadata Access
 - Lateral Movement
 - Cryptojacking
 - Unencrypted Volume Access



Service Enumeration



Shodan Developers Monitor View All...

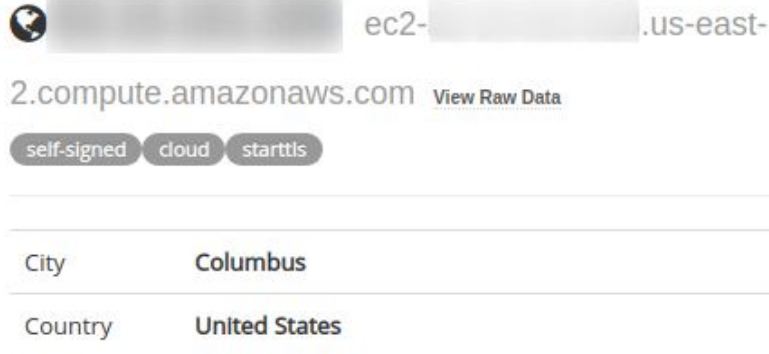
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Exploits Maps Images Share

TOTAL RESULTS

43,986

TOP COUNTRIES

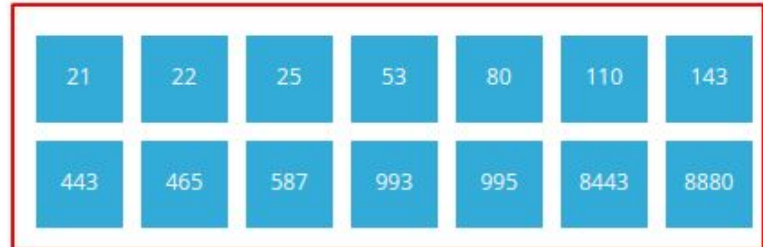


ec2-...us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com [View Raw Data](#)

self-signed cloud starttls

City	Columbus
Country	United States

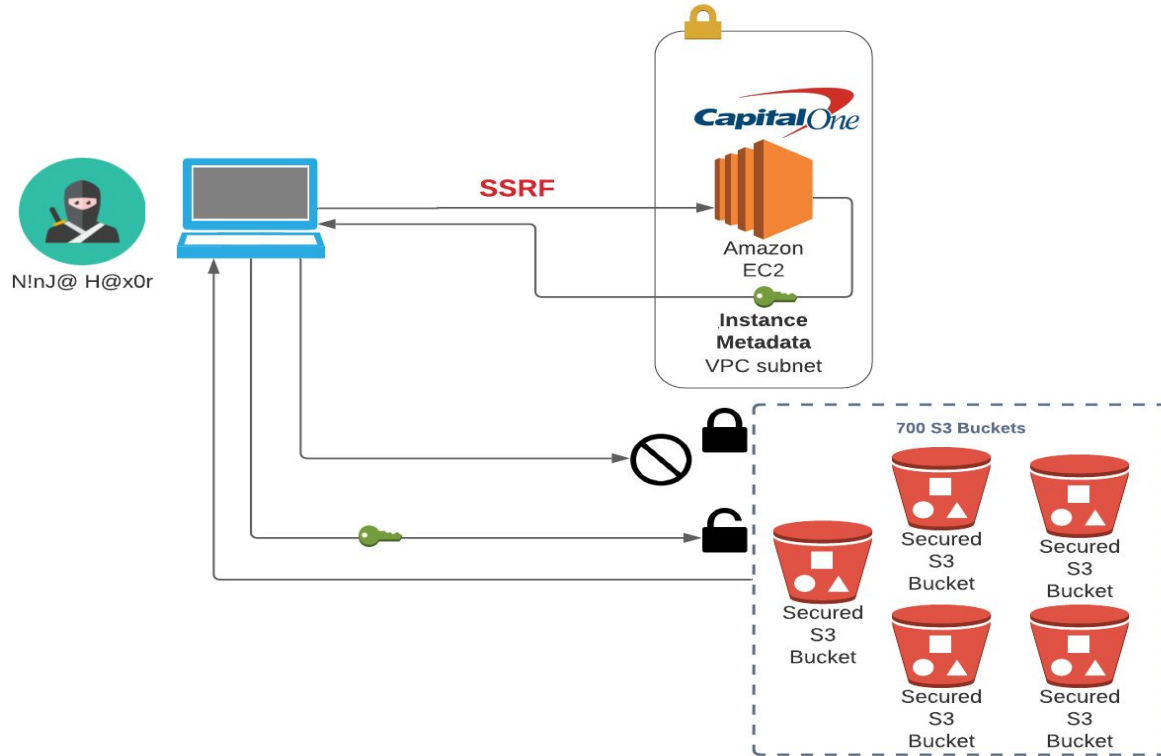
Ports



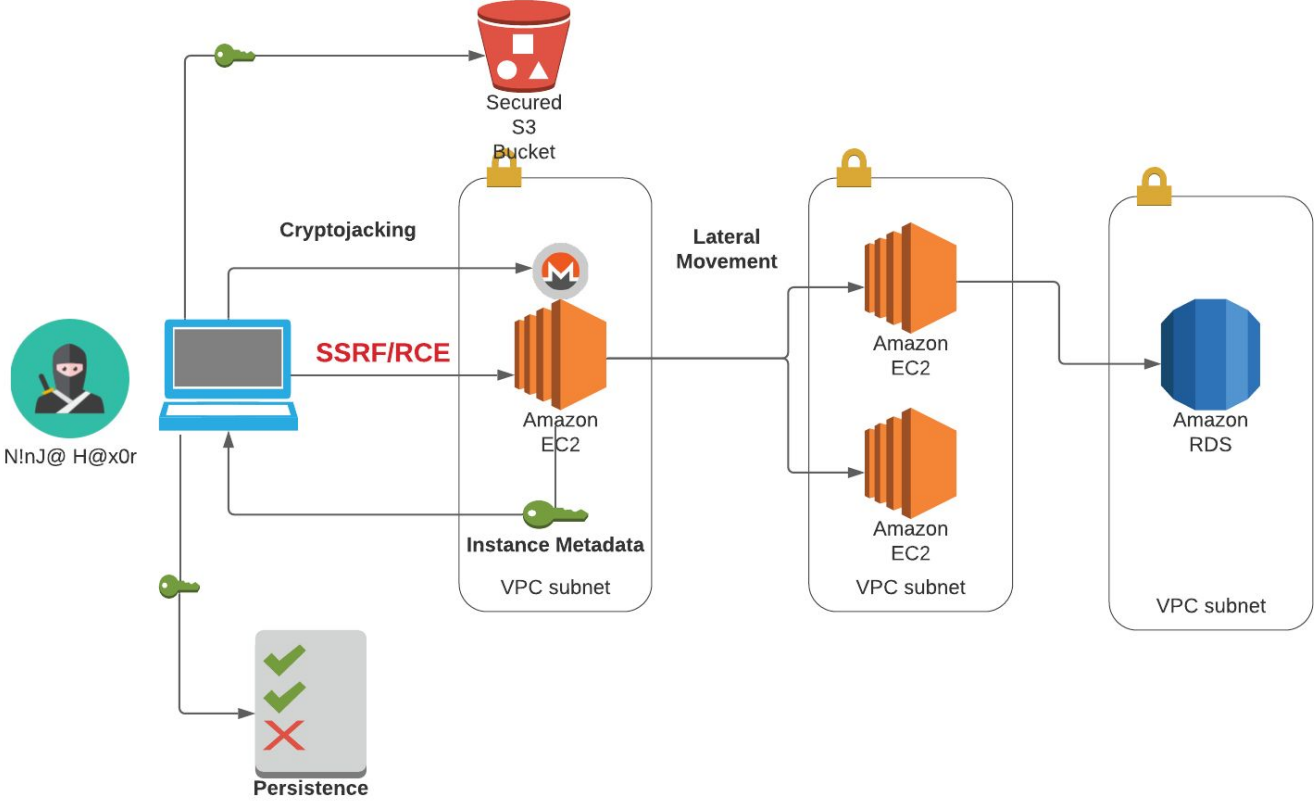
21	22	25	53	80	110	143
443	465	587	993	995	8443	8880



Application Exploit (SSRF)



Post-Exploitation



- Server Hardening
- Remove Default Users
- Load Balancers & WAF
- Encrypt Volumes
- Protect Instance Metadata

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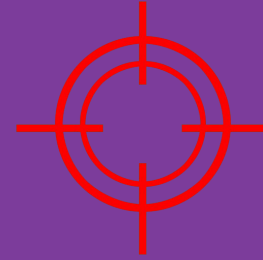
Networking

VPC

*The same old network,
except different.*

- Networking is hard
- Networking in the cloud is hard AND different





Attacks

- Service Discovery
- Data Exfiltration
- Lateral Movement (VPC Peering, VPN, Direct Connect)
- Security Group Backdoor (IAM/EC2)
- Traffic Monitoring



- Network Segmentation
- Create Strict Security Group and NACL Rules
- Assign SG Rules to Other Internal SGs
- Use VPC Endpoints for Internal Traffic

Defenses



OK..so how do we manage this?

Migrate Your Practices, Not Just Your Applications.



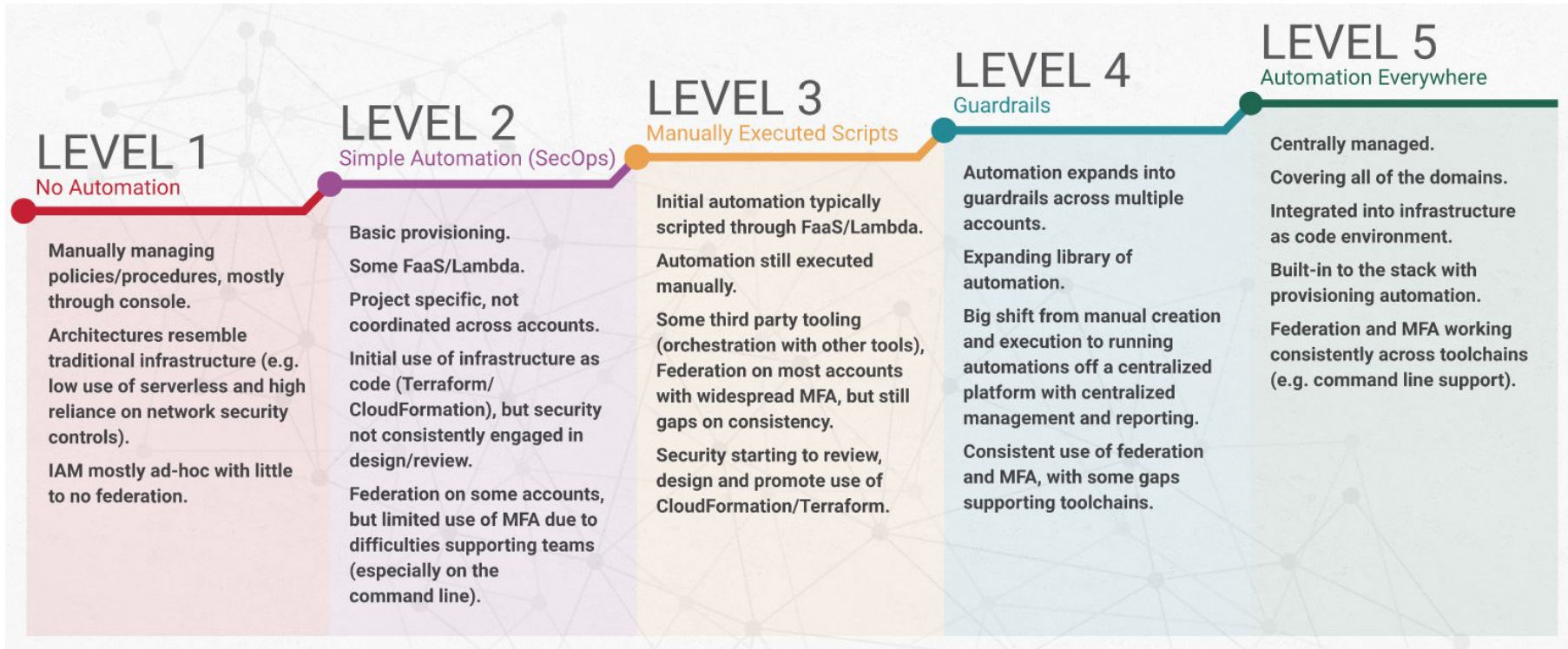
Automation

Unleash the robot army.

- DevSecOps / Security Engineering
- Infrastructure as Code
- Monitor Events
- Automate Remediation
- Vulnerability Scanning



Cloud Security Maturity Model





Where do you go from here...?

Thank You.

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