# Auditing the Cloud: How 15 Minutes Can Save You From 15 Security Mistakes or More

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#### Introduction





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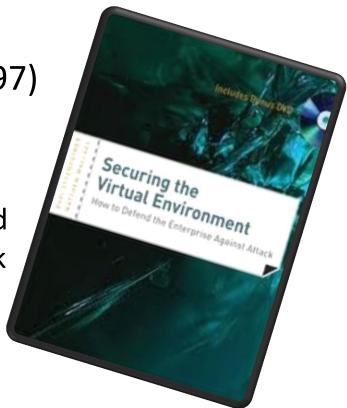
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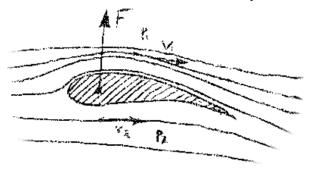


# flyingpenguin





moving with, or as with, wings; moving lightly or rapidly; intended for rapid movement



penguin \pen"guin\, n.

short-legged flightless birds of cold southern especially Antarctic regions having webbed feet and wings modified for water



# <u>Agenda</u>



- Background
- Threats
- Lessons Learned
- Control Objectives





# **Change**



- Many things the same
   Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
- Many things different
   Elasticity, Mobility, Automation, Sharing

PRIVACY
TRUST BARRIER
PERIMETER
SEGMENTATION...

VIRTUALIZATION
BROKERING
PROXYING
FEDERATION



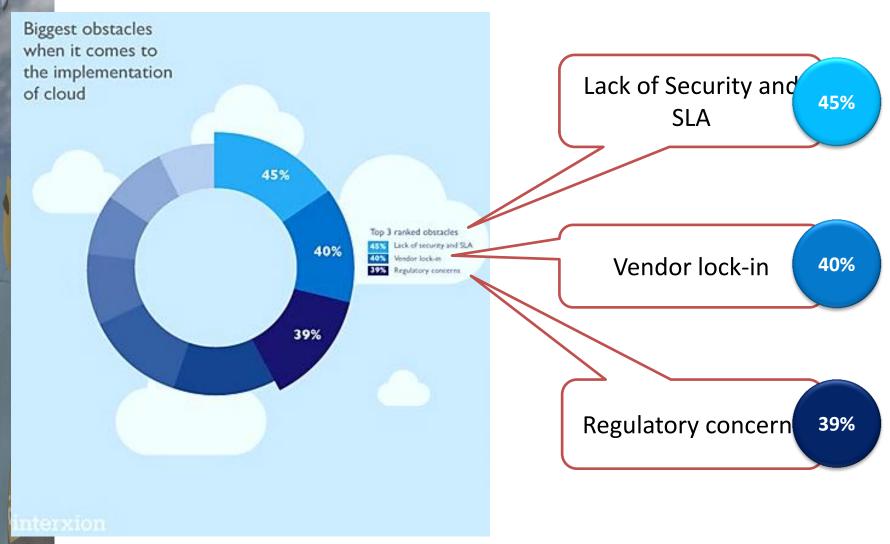


88% would use cloud more if same or better security as their internal datacenter

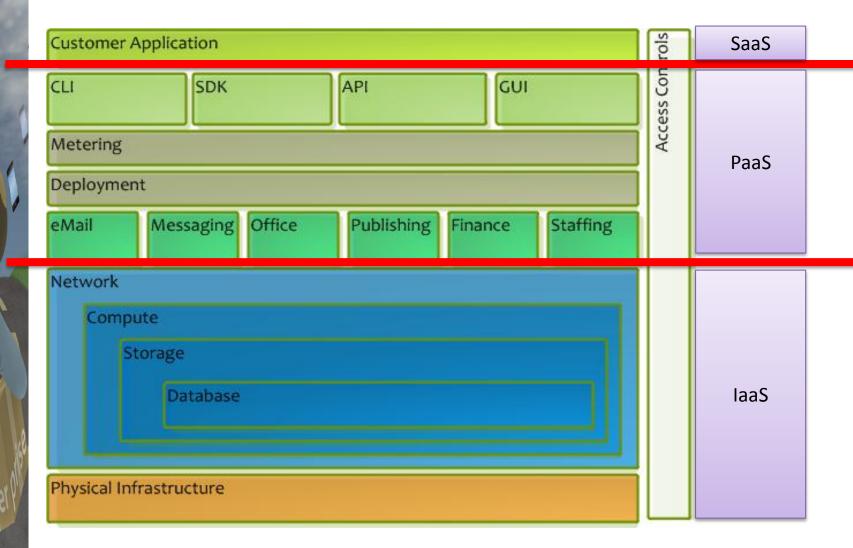
Global Study of CIOs and Top IT Decision Makers



# Cloud Security and Compliance



# Cloud Security and Compliance







# **Example Control Objectives**

- Remove Data
- Define Boundary
- Secure Access (Apps)
- Monitor
- Protect Stored Data



**Control Objectives** 

- Checklists
  - Architecture / system review
  - Detailed control list

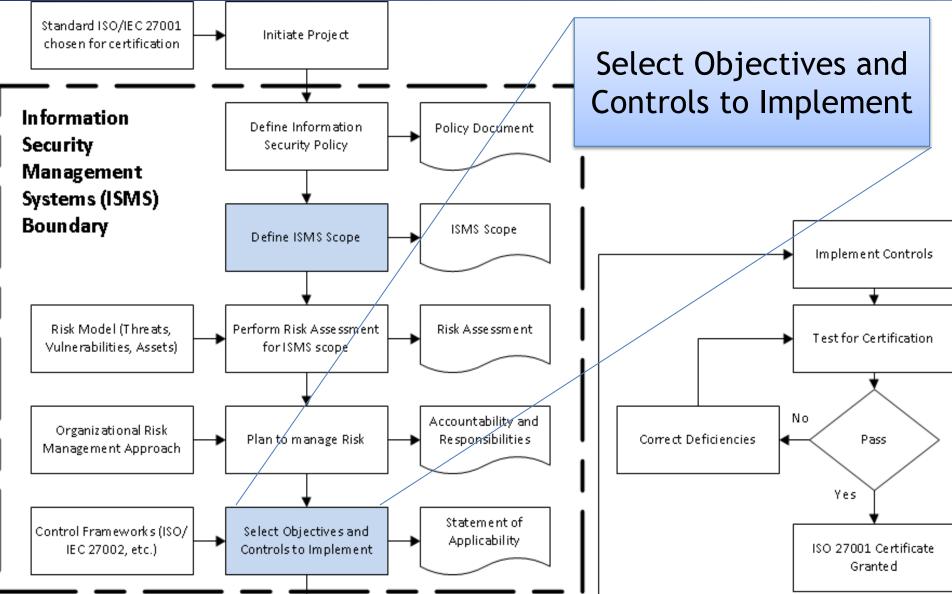


- Standards
  - ISO 27002 (ISO 27001 Certification)
  - AICPA Service Organization Control (SOC) 2
  - FISMA NIST 800-53



ISO 27001





Regulatory Control Objectives

ISO 27002	NIST	PCI DSS	sox /	HIPAA
4. Risk Assessment and Treatment	✓	✓		
5. Security Policy	✓	✓		
6. Organization of Information Security	✓		6	
7. Asset Management	✓			
8. Human Resources Management	✓			✓
9. Physical and Environmental Security	✓	✓	✓	✓
10. Communications and Operations Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
11. Access Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓
12. Information Systems Acquisition, Development and Maintenance	✓	✓	✓	✓
13. Information Security Incident Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. Business Continuity Management	✓		✓	✓
15. Compliance	✓		✓	✓





# NIST Special Publications (SP)



- 800-146: DRAFT Cloud Computing Synopsis and Recommendations
- 800-145: A NIST Definition of Cloud Computing
- 800-144: DRAFT Guidelines on Security and Privacy in Public Cloud Computing







#### Volume I, High-Priority Requirements

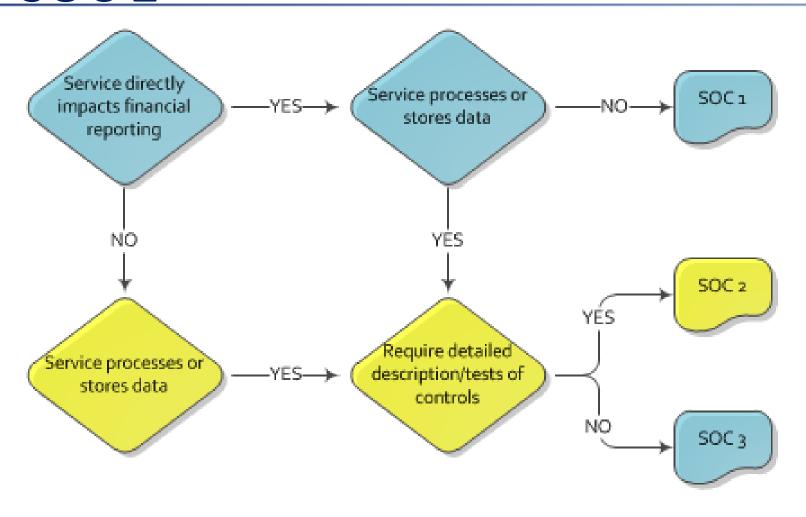
- 1. Portability
- 2. Security
- 3. Service Levels Agreements
- 4. Services
- 5. Federation
- 6. Security Assessments
- 7. Government Requirements
- 8. Future Development (Nation-size cloud)
- 9. Reliability
- 10. Metrics



# SOC 2









### SOC 2





- Availability Principle and Criteria
  - 3.0 Procedures in place to achieve documented system availability objectives in accordance with defined policies

#	Criteria	Illustrative Controls
3.15	Procedures exist to maintain system components, including configurations consistent with the defined system availability and related security policies.	<ul> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Party Opinion</li> <li>Inventory List</li> <li>Change management</li> </ul>





# **HIPAA**



#### US Code, Title 45, Part 164 Security and Privacy

Control	Description
164.310(d)(2)(iii) Accountability	Implement procedures to <u>maintain a record of the</u> <u>movements</u> of hardware and electronic media and any person responsible therefore.
164.312(a)(1) Access	Implement technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that maintain ePHI to allow access only to those persons or software programs that have been granted access rights as specified in Sec 164.308(a)(4)
164.312(b) Audit	Implement hardware, software, and/or procedural mechanisms that <u>record and examine activity</u> in information systems <u>that contain or use ePHI</u> .







- Risk-based Approach...
- PCI SSC July Guidance and August Paper
  - 1. Do not generalize each case differs
  - 2. Rely on other assessors at your own risk



"5 Mistakes Auditing Virtual Environments (That You Don't Want to Make)"

http://info.hytrust.com/pci\_top\_5.html





# Risk-Based Approach











#### **Assets**

- Process Type: Development, Test and/or Production
- Data Type: Public, Restricted and/or Sensitive

#### **Vulnerabilities**

- Change
- File Access
- Remote Managemen

#### Threats

- Motive
- Means
- Opportunity



The Highest Standards | The Most Trusted Transactions













Example of how scope and responsibility may differ\* by type of cloud service:

Cloud customer responsibility	
Cloud service provider responsibility	

#### PCI DSS Virtualization SIG GIS

Area of Responsibility

Data

Software, user applications

Operating systems, databases

Virtual infrastructure (hypervisor, virtual appliances, VMs, virtual networks etc)

Computer and network hardware (processor, memory, storage, cabling, etc.)

Data center (physical facility)

<sup>\*</sup> Note: This is an example only. Cloud service offerings should be individually reviewed to determine how responsibilities between the cloud provider and cloud customer are assigned.



#### **Liability to customers?**

- choose non-persistent state
- decline backup services

# Risk-Based Approach

#### EU Directive 2002/58/EC (ePrivacy)

- 1. French Data Protection Act of 1978
- 2. French Postal and Electronic Communications Code
- 3. French Consumer Protection Code

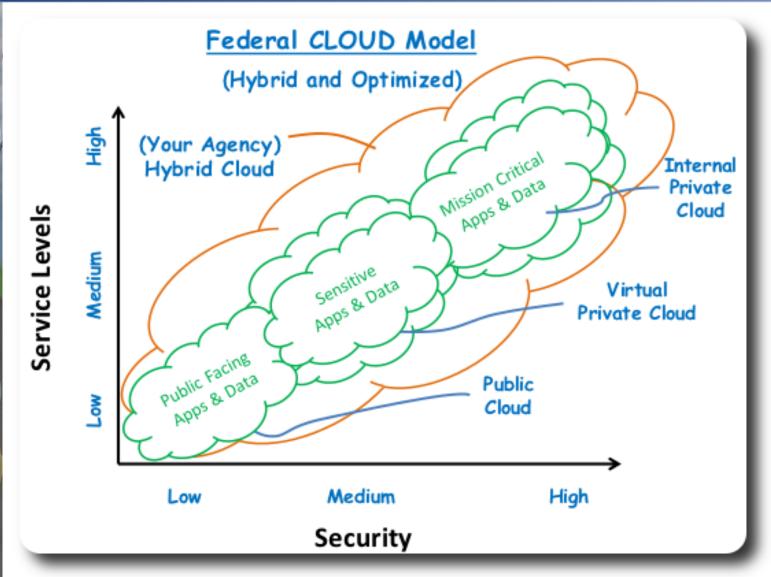
# Ordonnance n° 2011-1012 du 24 août 2011 relative aux communications électroniques

- 1. Personal data services provided to the public
- Security breach = accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, disclosure or unauthorized access
- 3. Breach description, impact and remediation





### Cloud Risk Model

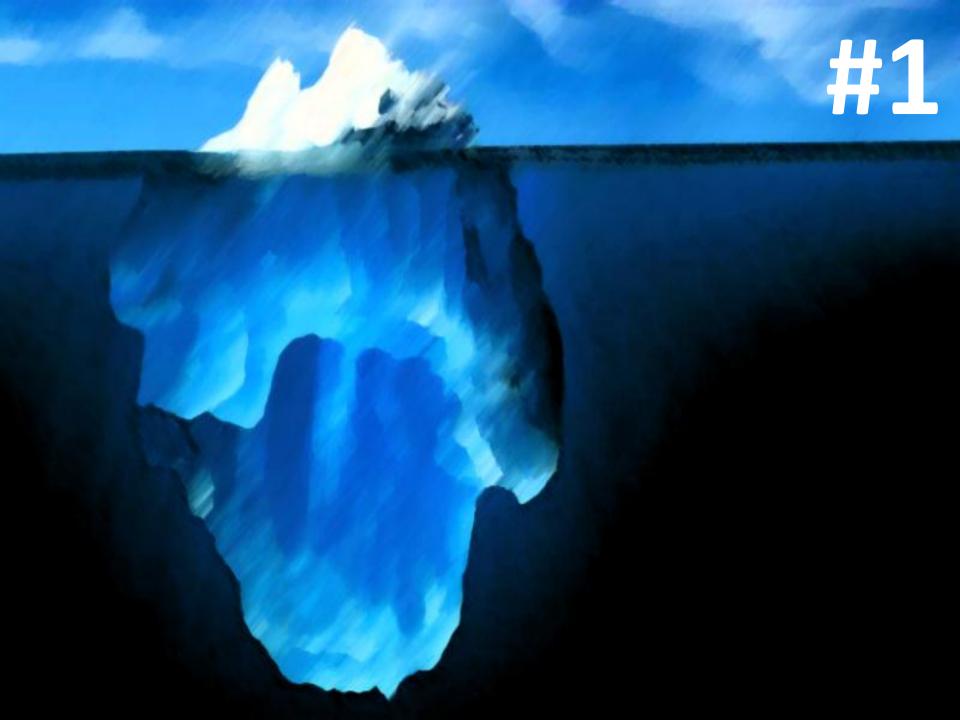




### **Threats**



- 1. The Iceberg
- 2. The Vindictive Admin
- 3. Change Control
- 4. The Barn Door





# <u>CardSystems</u>

THE ICEBERG: 2005



- 1. Unnecessary risk from stored data
- 2. Vulnerabilities not adequately assessed
- 3. "Simple, low-cost, and readily available" controls
- Failed to employ sufficient measures to detect unauthorized access to personal information or to conduct security investigations.

40M credit cards hacked

Breach at third party payment processor affects 22 mi

Breach MasterCards.

million MasterCards.

million MasterCards.

July 27, 2005: 6:16 PM EDT



# Sony





Nobody is secure. Sony is just the tip of this thing.

There's nothing from the government or regulatory industry that says anything about how to run a shop.

You would have thought a big time reputable company like Sony would be running up-to-date, patched software with an appropriate firewall. If Sony didn't do this, which other big, reputable companies aren't doing this?



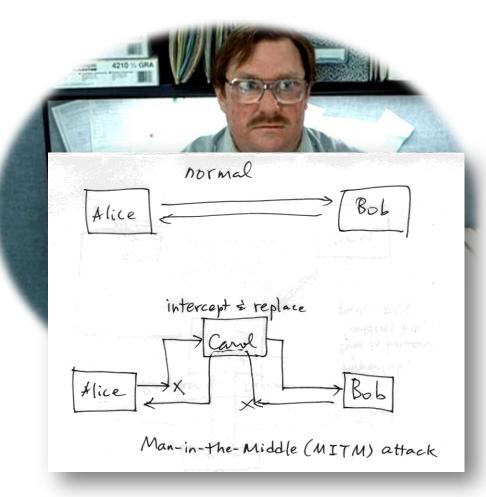




# City of San Francisco



"...not only was Childs the only admin, he was always on call, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. As the only admin with the knowledge and access to the FiberWAN, he had no help...keeping the city dependent on a sole admin for its core network."



THE VINDICTIVE ADMIN



# Shionogi



"Cornish then [deleted] the contents of each of 15 'virtual hosts' on Shionogi's computer network. These 15 virtual hosts (subdivisions on a computer designed to make it function like several computers) housed the equivalent of 88 different computer servers."



THE VINDICTIVE ADMIN



# Google



"...we are significantly increasing the amount of time we spend auditing our logs to ensure those controls are effective. That said, a limited number of people will always need to access these systems if we are to operate them properly...."

THE VINDICTIVE ADMIN







### Salesforce





# 2:46 am PDT: NA1/NA5/NA6/CS0,CS3,CS1,CS12 salesforce.com System Status

The salesforce.com NA1/NA5/NA6/CS0,CS3,CS1,CS12 instances are continuing to experience a service disruption. Power issues were detected but our technician onsite has confirmed this has been fixed. We are currently working to restore the service. Please check the status of trust.salesforce.com frequently for updates regarding this issue.









#### LinkedIn





"What has surprised customers and security experts alike is that a company that collects and profits from vast amounts of data had taken a bare-bones approach to protecting it. The breach highlights a disturbing truth about LinkedIn's computer security: there isn't much."

-- NYT 2012/06/11

"LinkedIn spent nearly \$1 million investigating and unraveling the theft of 6.5 million passwords in June and plans to spend up to \$3 million more updating security on its social networking site."

-- ZDNet 2012/08/03





- 1. Indian subsidiary Sosasta, acquired Jan 2011
- 2. Database indexed by Google
  - 300,000 users
  - e-mail addresses
  - clear-text passwords

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### **Dropbox**

- Marketing
  - Crypto Strength (e.g. AES 256 bit)
  - Process Always Encrypted
- Reality
  - Keys managed by Dropbox
  - No external review
  - No confidentiality or integrity validation











#### **Lessons Learned**

- 1. Remove (Regulated) Data
  - World
  - Large
  - Named
- 2. Define Boundary
  - Services, Ports, Listeners, Interfaces
  - Privileges, Processes and Patterns

- 3. Secure Access
- Monitor Change, "Breaches" and HR
- **Protect Data**

Social Media





# Control Objectives

Control Objectives	Cloud Marketing
1. Remove Daty	Spread Data
2. Define Boundary	Overcome Boundaries
3. Secure Access (Apps)	Access Anywhere and APIs
4. Monitor	Always Up
5. Protect Stored Data	Always Up



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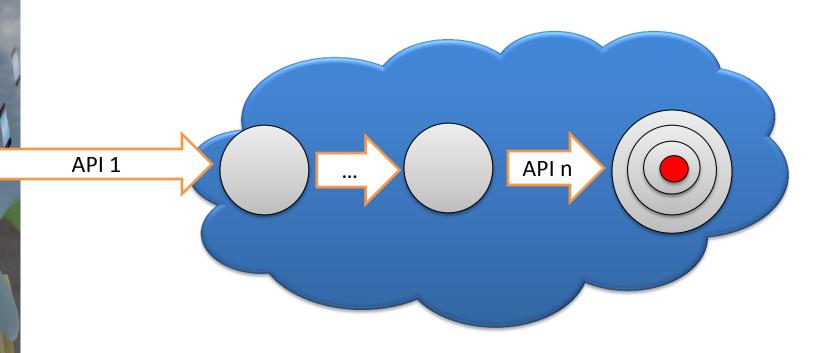




- ...directory traversal allows remote retrieval of any file from host
  - Attacker needs access to network on which host resides















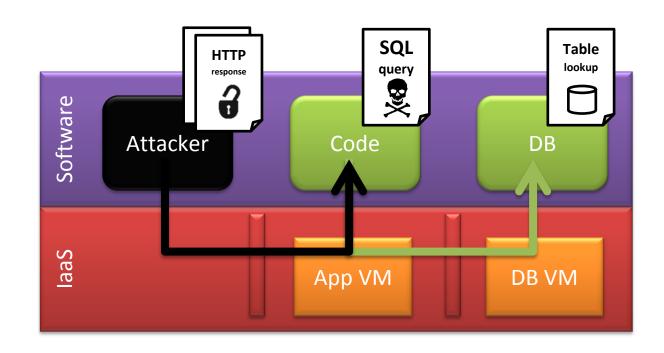


#### 3. Secure Access - Authentication

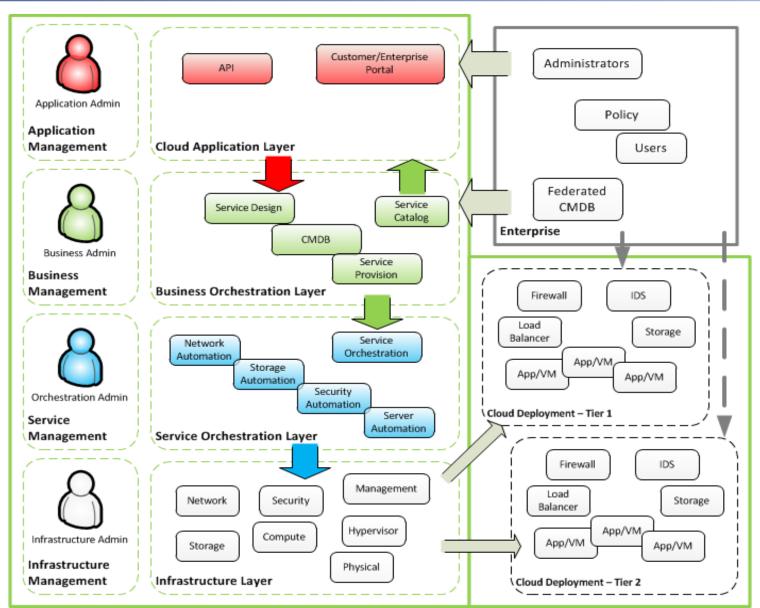
- 1) SQL injection instead of login
- 2) App converts data to SQL query
- 3) DB runs query, returns encrypted data
- 4) Application decrypts data and displays

**Users** 

Username: Kermit Frog Username: Rolph Dog Username: Fozzie Bear



## 3. Secure Access - Authorization







## 4. Monitor - File Integrity

- Dormant
- Hibernated
- Template
- Move
- Copy

WINDOWS	UNIX	
Access time	Access time	
Creation time	Change time	
Write time	Modify time	

System	Database	Network	IAM	Application	
Audit Trail					
Configs	Tables	Routes	Users	Keys	
Binaries	Indexes	Rules	Groups	Binaries	
Registry	Stored Procedures	Configs	Roles	Configs	
Permissions	Permissions	ACLs	Passwords		

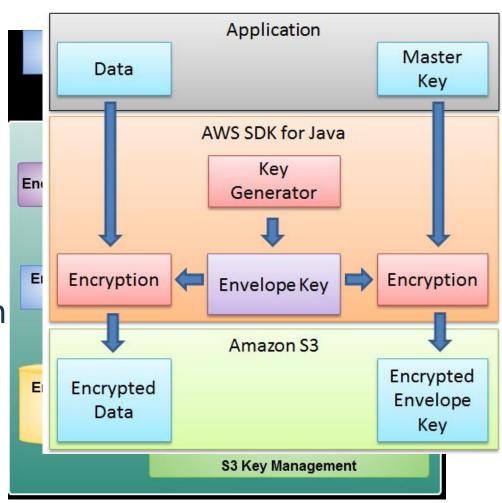






#### 5. Protect Stored Data

- Encryption
  - Client Side
  - Server Side
- Residue
  - Suspend, Hibern
  - Swap
- Tokenization
  - Randomness

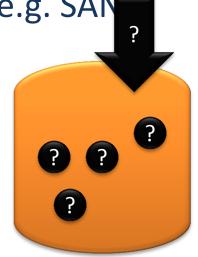








- Instance Storage (C: Drive)
  - Dependent on Machine (Non-persistent)
- Elastic Block Storage (EBS)
  - Retained Independent of Server (e.g. SAN
  - Encrypt Blocks
- Simple Storage Service (S3)
  - Independent, persistent
  - HTTP-based API
  - Encryption Library





## 5. Protect Stored Data: VMware

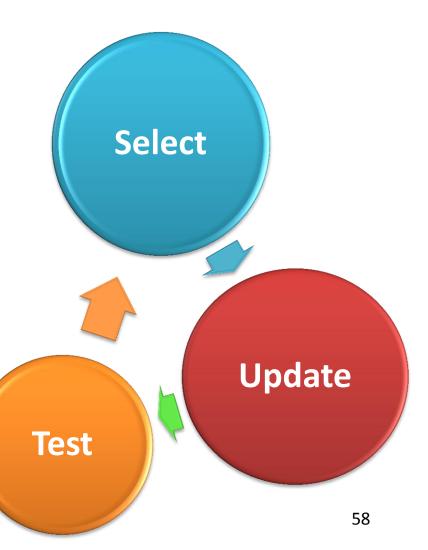
- Virtualization files
  - .vxmf teaming configuration (workstation groups)
  - .vmx machine configurations
  - .vmsd snapshot descriptor
  - .vmdk disk geometry, layout, structure (VMFS-3 max 32 physical extents)
  - .vmem paging file backup
  - .vswp swap file
  - .vmss suspended state
  - .vmsn snapshot of running state of a machine
- Suspend leaves memory on physical disk
  - .vmss created
  - .vswp removed







- Select Controls
  - 1. Remove Data
  - 2. Define Boundary
  - 3. Secure Access
  - 4. Monitor
  - 5. Protect Stored Data
- Update Controls
- Test Controls



### Thank you!

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