

# From Zero to Secure in 1 Minute

## Securing IaaS

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# About us

**Moshe Ferber**

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- **Passionate about information security.**
- **Involved in numerous startups and initiatives** – sometimes with success 😊, sometimes not 😞
- **Popular industry speakers and lecturers** – that's why we are here.

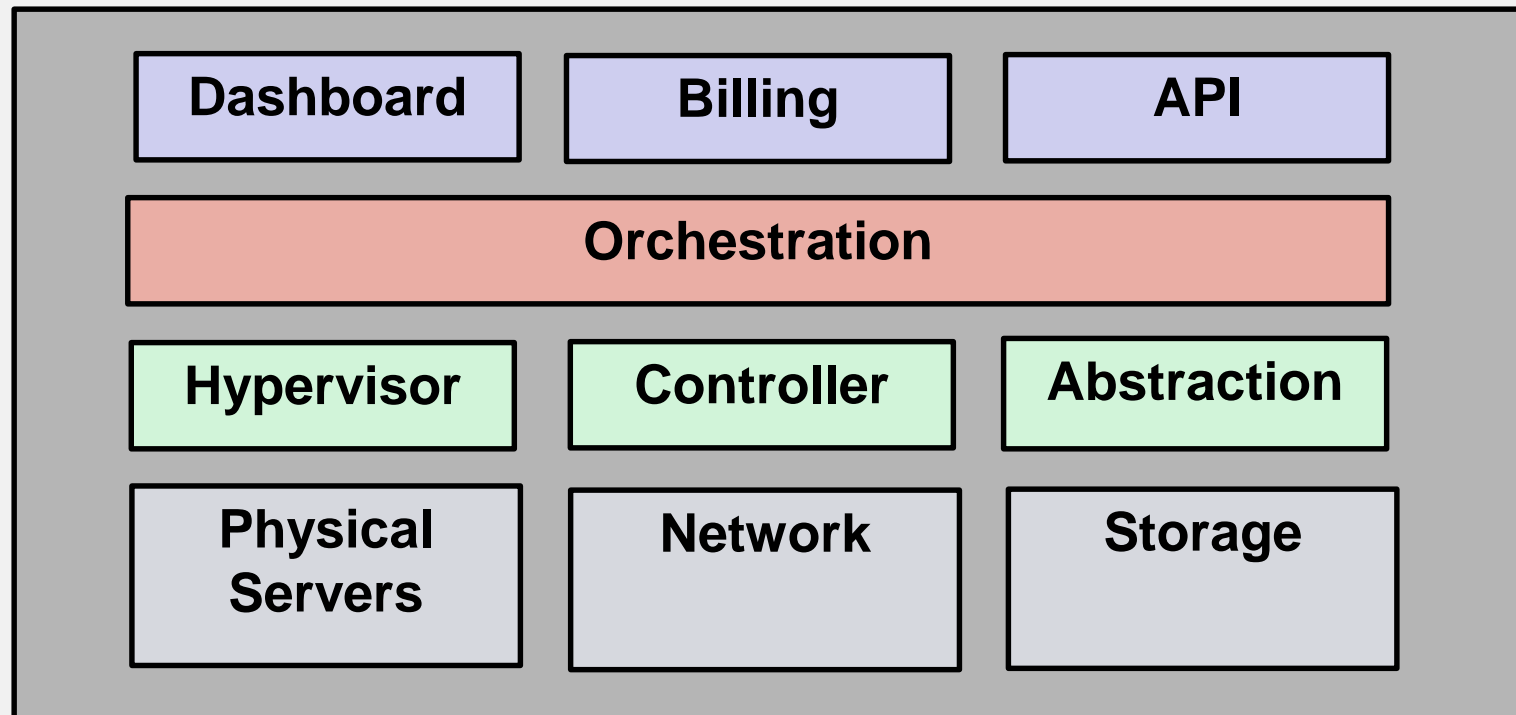
- **Instructor for Cloud Security (CCSK)** – that is what I really like doing.

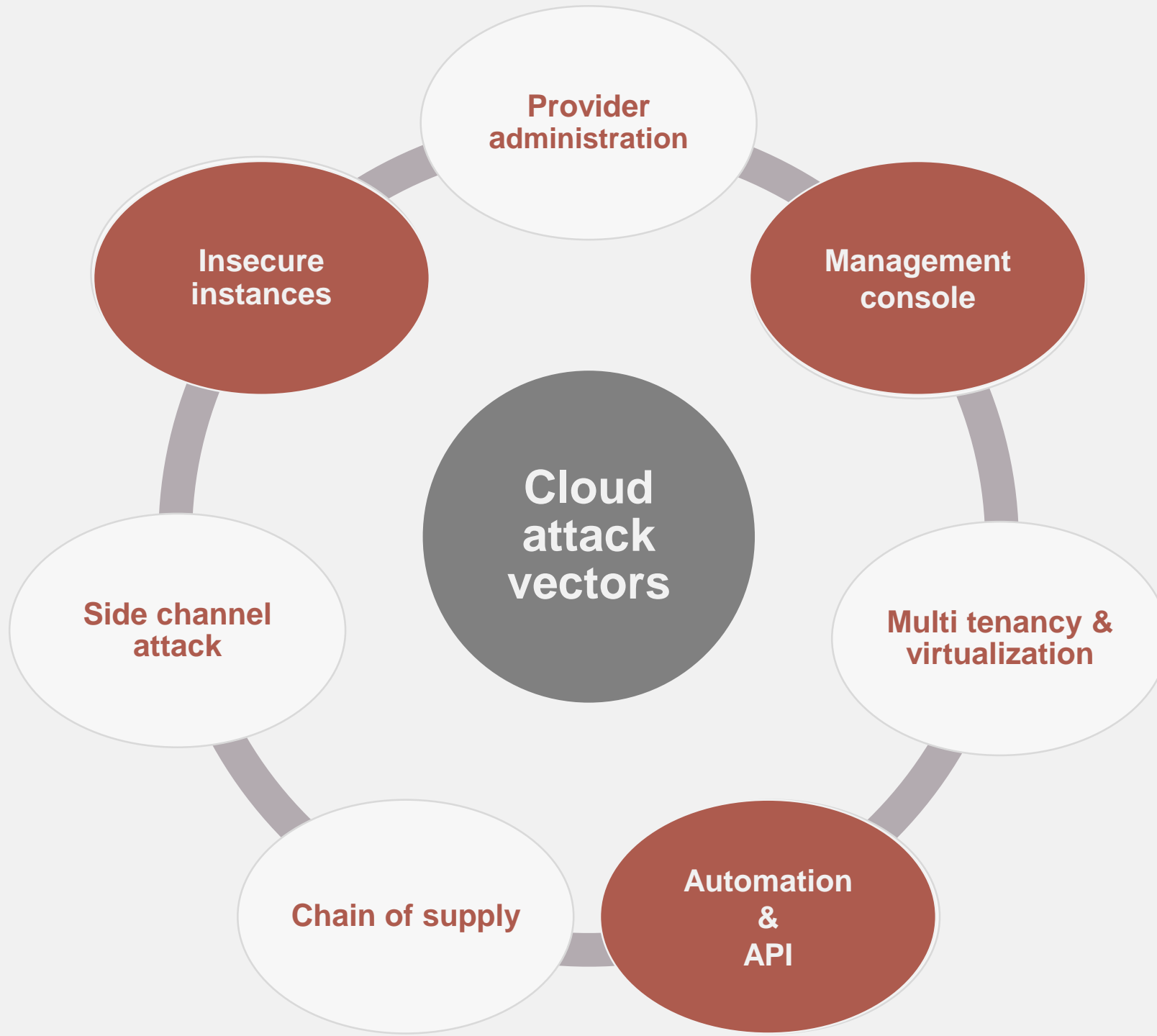
- **CISO Retail in NCR Corporation.**
  - We own a private cloud & offering SaaS
  - Yes... we do security!

# About the talk

## Cloud security challenges and benefits

And more specifically, using IaaS automation and orchestration features for increasing security on our servers.





# Anatomy of a cloud hack – BrowserStack story

Shell shock  
vulnerability  
on unused  
server

Found API  
key on  
hacked  
server

Using API  
key opened  
a firewall  
rule and  
launch an  
instance

Attached a  
backup  
volume to  
the instance

Found  
database  
credential  
on backup  
device

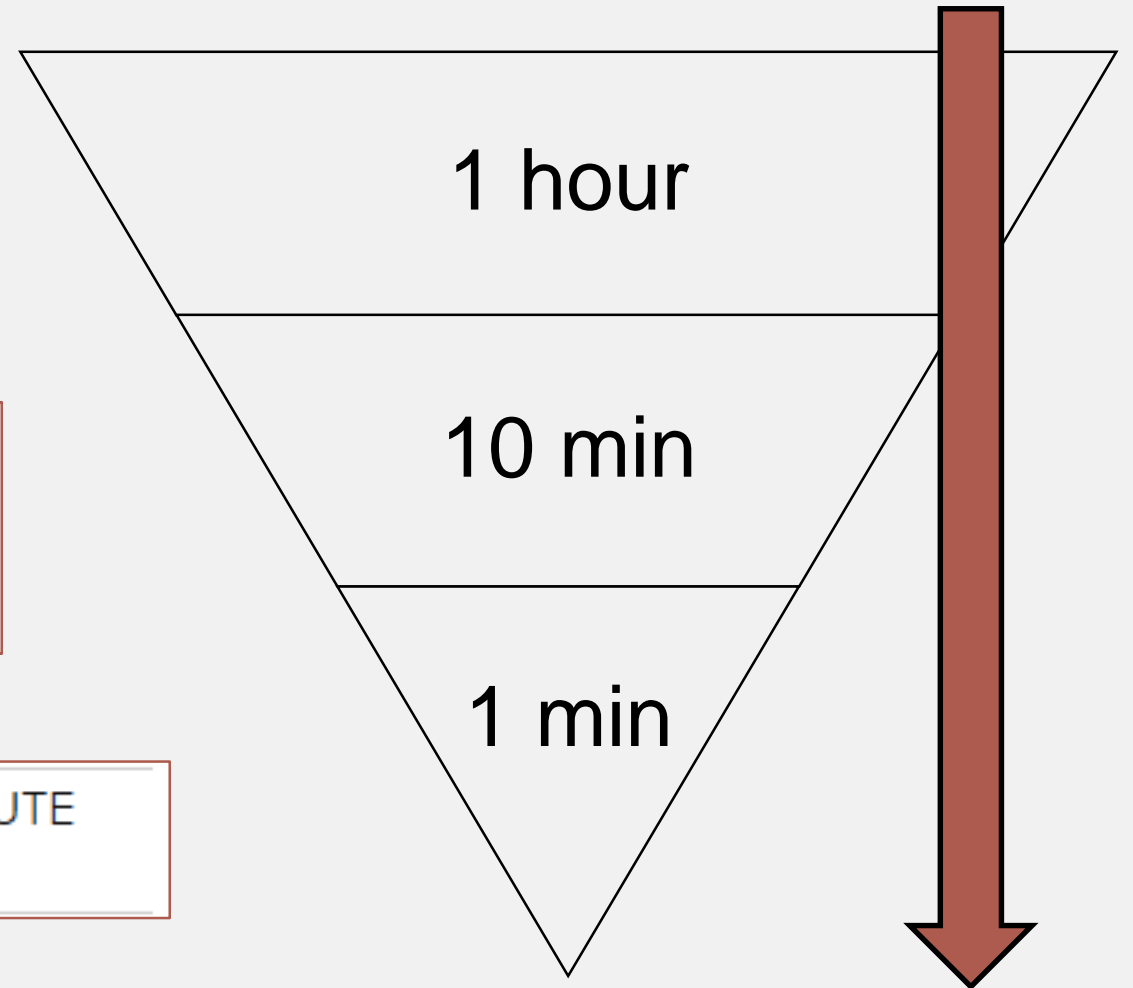
Connected  
to DB

# The billing cycle is reducing

Google slashes cloud platform prices ... again

Microsoft will offer Azure by the minute to take on Amazon's cloud

MICROSOFT FOLLOWS GOOGLE WITH BY-THE-MINUTE CLOUD BILLING



# How to do security when servers alive for 10 minutes?

Patch  
management

Maintenance  
windows

Periodic  
vulnerability  
scanning

Hardening

# Introducing Cloudefigo

A fully automatic tool for:

Launch

Configure  
and harden

Scan

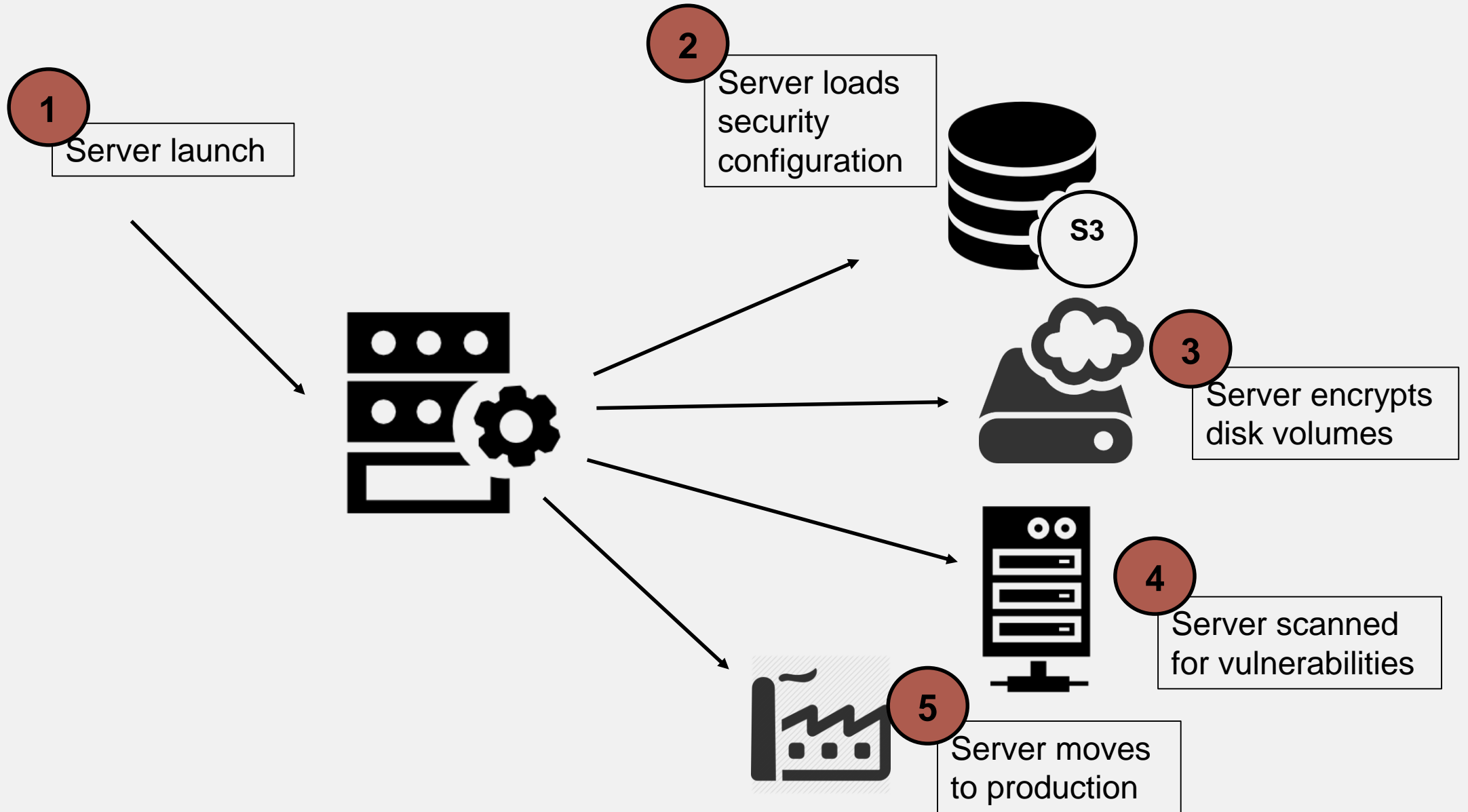
Move to  
production

Source code: <http://www.cloudefigo.org/>

Based on the work made by Rich Mogull from Securosis  
<https://github.com/rmogull/PragmaticNetSecManagement>



# Cloudefigo Lifecycle



# Components

## Object Storage - AWS S3

A storage architecture that manage data as object. Files are stored along with metadata and unique identifier. Access is usually by HTTP/S.



## Security Scanner

We use Nessus since it's very popular. There are commercial products with built in integration to AWS though:

<http://www.tenable.com/products/nessus>



## CloudInit

CloudInit is a package (originally introduced by Ubuntu) that handles early initialization of a cloud instance.

## Configuration management

We have used Chef, because it is open source and very integrative to our environment.

<https://www.getchef.com/>.



## AWS IAM Role

IAM roles provide permissions for resources. Instances can be assign with an IAM Roles that will determine which resources inside AWS the instance can access.

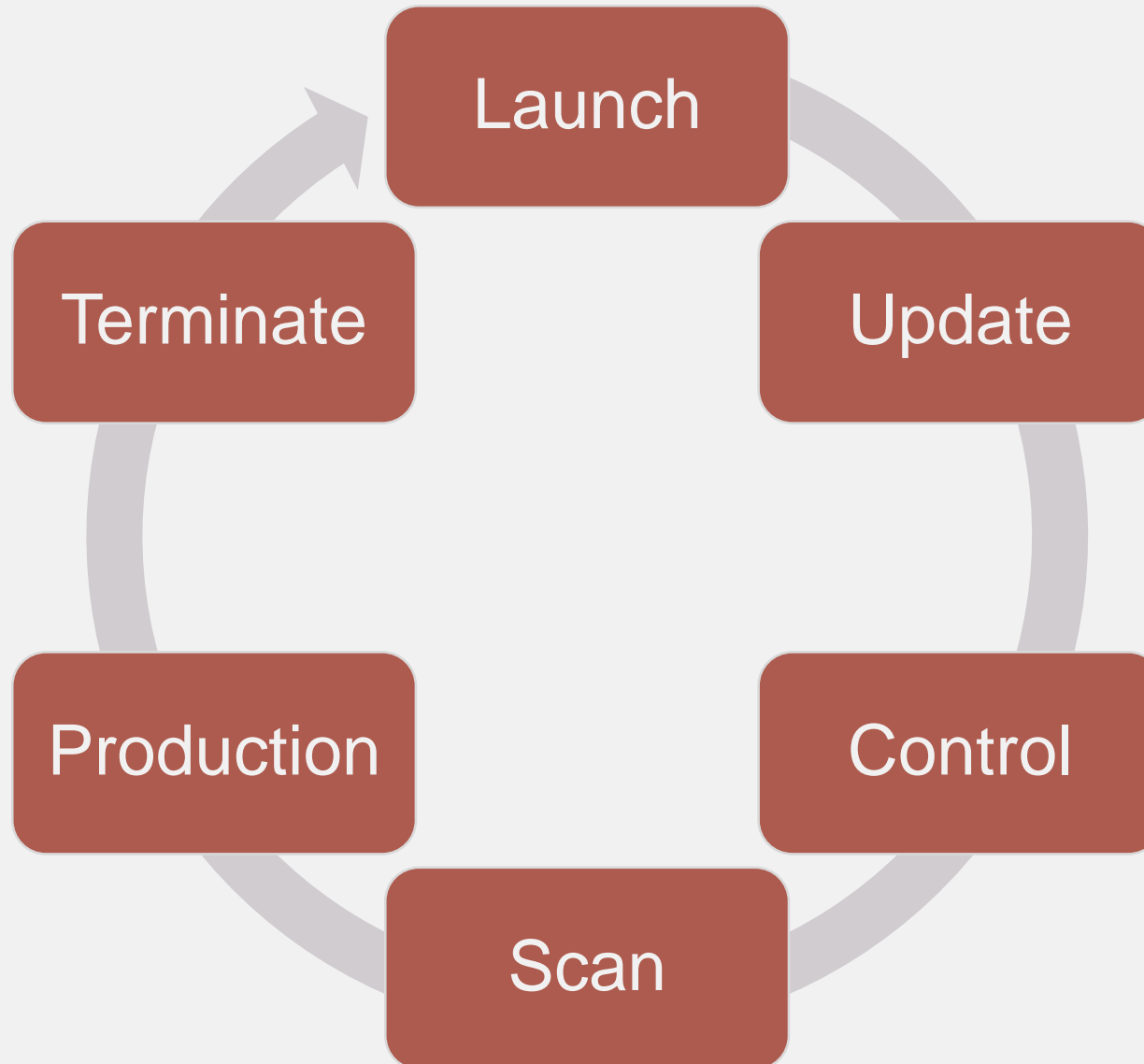
## Encryption

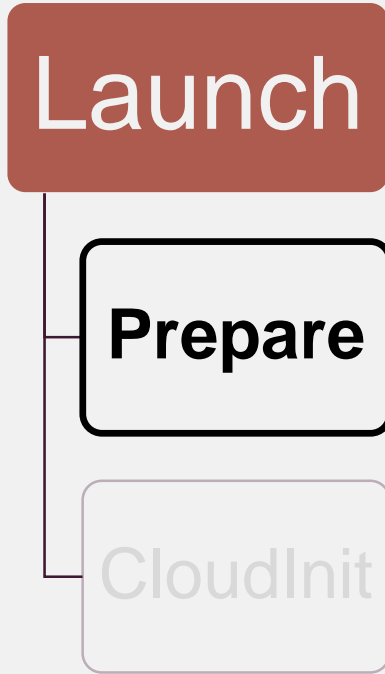
We have used Full Disk Encryption open source software called "dm-crypt".

<https://code.google.com/p/cryptsetup/wiki/DMCrypt>



# Instance Lifecycle





- Each machine manage its own attributes
  - Encryption keys
  - Remediation vs production groups.
- Management of these attributes require permissions.
- Permissions during launch > production
- Thus, a dynamic IAM role is required.

Launch

Prepare

CloudInit

```
IAMBasicPolicy.config
File Path: ~/PycharmProjects/CloudInit/AWS/IAMBasicPolicy.config
IAMBasicPolicy.config
4   {
5     "Sid": "Stmt1413488885000",
6     "Effect": "Allow",
7     "Action": [
8       "s3:CreateBucket",
9       "s3>DeleteBucket",
10      "s3:GetObject",
11      "s3:ListBucket",
12      "s3:PutBucketPolicy",
13      "s3:PutObject"
14    ],
15    "Resource": [
16      "arn:aws:s3:::BUCKETNAME"
17    ]
18  },
19  {
20    "Sid": "Stmt1413489080000",
21    "Effect": "Allow",
22    "Action": [
23      "s3:GetObject",
24      "s3:ListBucket"
25    ],
26    "Resource": [
27      "arn:aws:s3:::config-cloudsec"
28    ]
29  },
30  {
31    "Sid": "Stmt1413548658000",
32    "Effect": "Allow",
33    "Action": [
34      "ec2:DescribeInstanceAttribute",
35      "ec2:DescribeInstances",
36      "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
37      "ec2:ModifyInstanceAttribute",
38      "ec2:RunInstances",
39      "ec2:CreateTags"
40    ],
41    "Resource": [
42      "*"
43    ]
44  },
```

Line 2 Col 27 (none) Unicode (UTF-8) Unix (LF) 1,301 / 82 / 64

# Launch



Prepare

**CloudInit**

- Executed in root permissions when image is launching.
- Responsible for building the infrastructure for the following steps.

# Launch

Prepare

CloudInit



# Update



**OS  
update**

Pre-  
requisites

- CloudInit to update & upgrade software packages.
- Primary goal is to make sure the cloud instance is secure once upgraded.



# Update

```
graph TD; Update[Update] --- OS[OS update]; Update --- Pre[Pre-requisites];
```

OS  
update

Pre-  
requisites

- Cloudinit to install the software packages required to operate:
  - Python + pip + wheel.
  - AWS SDK (Boto)
  - Chef Client + Chef SDK (PyChef)
- Download configurations and scripts from S3:
  - Cloudefigo script.
  - Chef client initialization files.
- Cloudinit to create and attach a volume for application files and data.

# Update

OS  
update

Pre-  
requisites



# Control



- The Chef clients register to the Chef Management server using the initialization files loaded from S3.
- Once the client is registered, a policy is loaded and enforced on the instance.



- The volume to be encrypted using randomly generated key.
  - The key is kept in S3 for later use.
- The application database to be installed in the encrypted volume.

# Control

Chef  
Registration

Encrypt

- Dynamic S3 policy: access to key require a referrer header that is generated based on attributes from the instance.



**Bucket Policy Editor** Cancel

Policy for Bucket : "cloudsec-9c38ff27946953d5fcc8990683d86738d9d3b3e2"

Add a new policy or edit an existing bucket policy in the text area below.

```
{
  "Version": "2008-10-17",
  "Id": "Policy1413445476875",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "Stmt1413445471788",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::561504255978:root"
      },
      "Action": "s3:*",
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::cloudsec-9c38ff27946953d5fcc8990683d86738d9d3b3e2",
        "arn:aws:s3:::cloudsec-9c38ff27946953d5fcc8990683d86738d9d3b3e2/*"
      ],
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:Referer":
            "5852103bac2d779e16f85a04d7a285b756a40d56b8c9ced7c5bdf39d38d1e444376eb10fb4a29f2b48482bba98e68b6393622cfa5ef503f3abb6f20f7176445f"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

[AWS Policy Generator](#) | [Sample Bucket Policies](#) Save Delete Close

# Control

Chef  
Registration

Encrypt



# Scan

```
graph TD; Scan[Scan] --- AutomaticScan[Automatic Scan]; Scan --- Analyze[Analyze];
```

**Automatic  
Scan**

Analyze

- A vulnerability scan to be launched automatically by CloudInit script.
- The deeper the scan, the longer it takes to move to production.

# Scan

Automatic  
Scan

Analyze

- The results of the scan are analyzed by the Cloudefigo script.
- Based on scan results – the instance to move to production or remain in the remediation group.
- The lowest security risk severity can be defined.



# Scan

Automatic  
Scan

Analyze

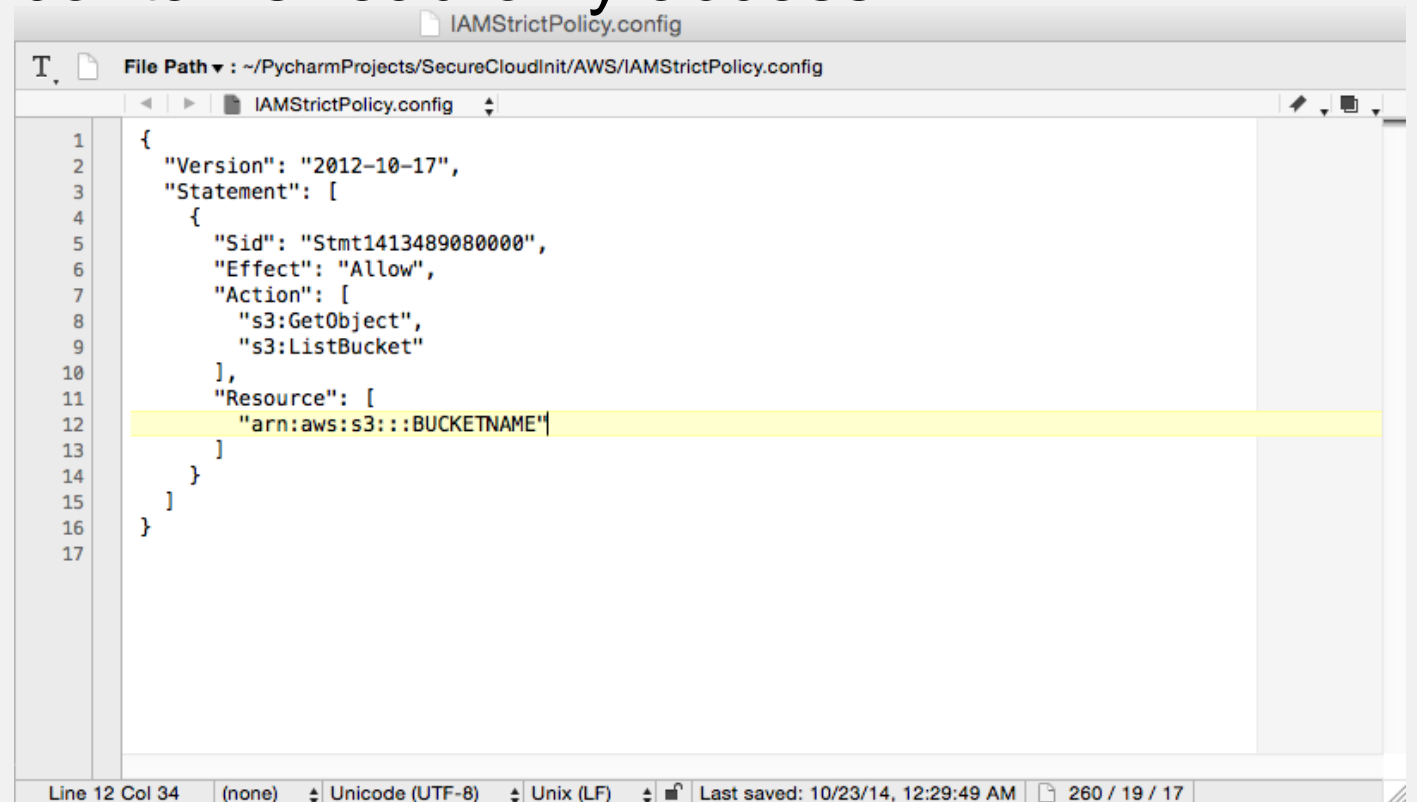


# Production

**Least  
privileged  
role**

Manage

- Reminder: Permissions in launch > production
- IAM role permissions reduced dynamically - contains read only access



```
1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Sid": "Stmt1413489080000",
6       "Effect": "Allow",
7       "Action": [
8         "s3:GetObject",
9         "s3:ListBucket"
10      ],
11      "Resource": [
12        "arn:aws:s3::BUCKETNAME"
13      ]
14    }
15  ]
16 }
17
```

The screenshot shows a code editor window titled 'IAMStrictPolicy.config'. The file path is '~/.PycharmProjects/SecureCloudInit/AWS/IAMStrictPolicy.config'. The code is a JSON policy document with a single statement that allows 's3:GetObject' and 's3:ListBucket' actions on the resource 'arn:aws:s3::BUCKETNAME'. The resource line is highlighted in yellow. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Line 12 Col 34', '(none)', 'Unicode (UTF-8)', 'Unix (LF)', and 'Last saved: 10/23/14, 12:29:49 AM'.

# Production



Least  
privileged  
role

**Manage**

- For the ongoing operations – a compensating control is required to locate unmanaged instances.
- Cloudefigo management script lists cloud instances and validates they are managed by Chef.
- Unmanaged instance can move to remediation, forensics (not implemented in the current version)

Production

Least  
privileged  
role

Manage



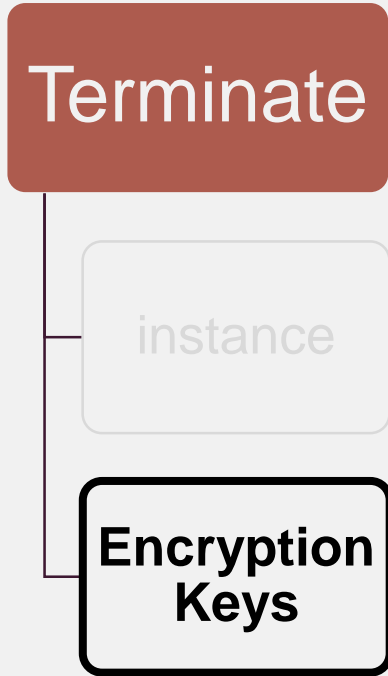
# Terminate



instance

Encryption  
Keys

- The life cycle ends once a server is terminated along with:
  - Attached volumes
  - IAM role



- The instance data still exist in backups/snapshots or provider storage.
- Encryption keys to be deleted with instance in order to make sure the backup data remain inaccessible (not implemented in this version)

# Wrapping up

- Instance launched using Cloudefigo management script
- Installed security configurations.
- Encrypted the volume.
- Scanned for vulnerabilities.
- Moved to production.

And all of it is automatic and secured

# Questions

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