



# Security Control Trends Across Public Cloud Providers

# Survey

- How many organizations use the following Cloud Providers?
  - Azure
  - Google Cloud
  - Amazon Web Services
- How many organizations use two Providers?
- How many organizations use all three Providers?

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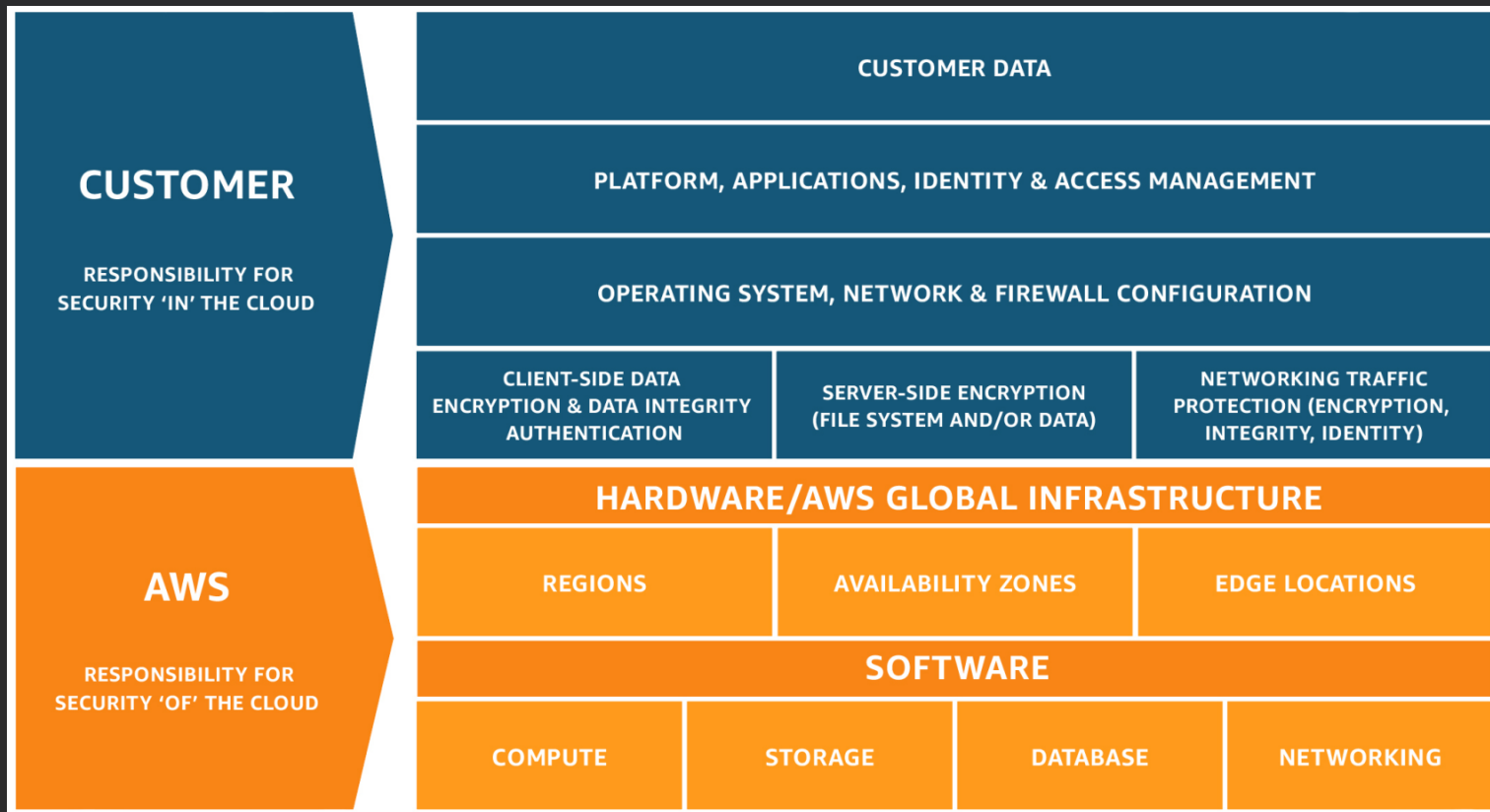
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# Scope of this Presentation

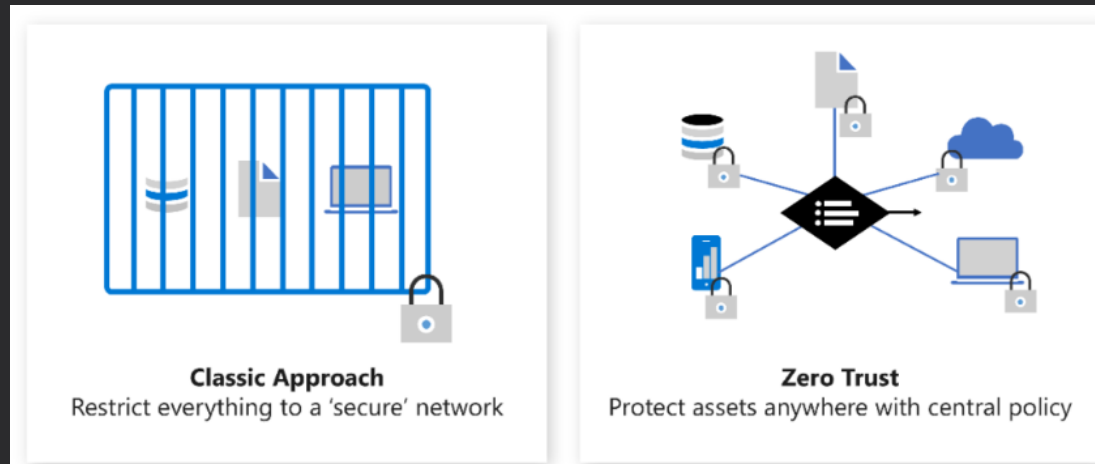
- If you attended presentation earlier this week focus was on key security controls in Microsoft 365, which is Microsoft's SaaS platform
- Focus of this presentation is on security control trends at three major IaaS/SaaS cloud providers
  - Amazon Web Services
  - Microsoft Azure
  - Google Cloud Platform

# AWS IaaS Shared Responsibility Model



# Popular Topics not Directly Discussed in this Presentation

- Some popular topics that are not direct focus of this presentation
  - **"Zero Trust" Architecture** - Implicit in almost all topics that we will discuss
    - "Assume Breach" – assume even internal communication may be malicious
    - Want to have controls at every interaction and boundary



# Popular Topics not Directly Discussed in this Presentation

- Two popular topics that are not direct focus of this presentation
- **Artificial Intelligence** – will continue to see AI ingrained in all aspects of security and audit
  - Not a direct security control, so not a focus of this presentation

# General Cloud Security Control Trends

- Introduction
- Private Connectivity and Limiting External Exposure
- Security Monitoring Infrastructure
- Privileged Identity Management
- Security Guardrails
- Infrastructure As Code



# Comparing Offerings Across Cloud Providers

- <https://cloud.google.com/docs/get-started/aws-azure-gcp-service-comparison>

Service category ▼	Service type	Google Cloud product	Google Cloud product description	AWS offering	Azure offering
API management	API management platform	<a href="#">Apigee</a>	Design, secure, analyze, and scale APIs anywhere with visibility and control.	Amazon Publisher Services, Mobile Ads	Azure API Management
API management	Monetization	<a href="#">Apigee API Monetization</a>	Create new revenue streams with flexible ways to monetize your APIs.		Azure API Management
API management	Portals	<a href="#">Apigee integrated portals</a>	Support for several developer portal solutions, ranging from simple turn-key solutions to solutions that are fully customizable and extensible.	Amazon API Gateway	Azure API Management
API management	API security	<a href="#">Advanced API Security</a>	Help protect your APIs from security threats, including attacks from malicious clients and abuse.		Azure Defender
API management	API portfolio management	<a href="#">Apigee API hub</a>	Manage, govern, and observe all your APIs in one place.		API Center
API management	Self-hosted lightweight API management	<a href="#">Cloud Endpoints</a>	An API management system that helps you secure, monitor, analyze, and set quotas on your APIs using the same infrastructure that Google uses for its own APIs.	Amazon API Gateway	Self-hosted gateway in Azure API Gateway
Artifact management	Container registry	<a href="#">Artifact Registry</a>	Store, manage, and secure your container images.	Amazon Elastic Container Registry (ECR), AWS CodeArtifact	Azure Container Registry, Azure Artifacts

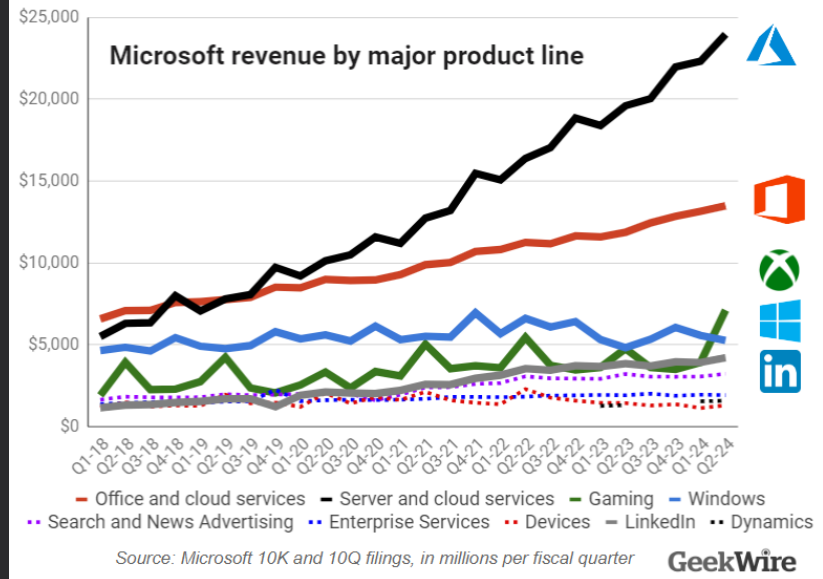
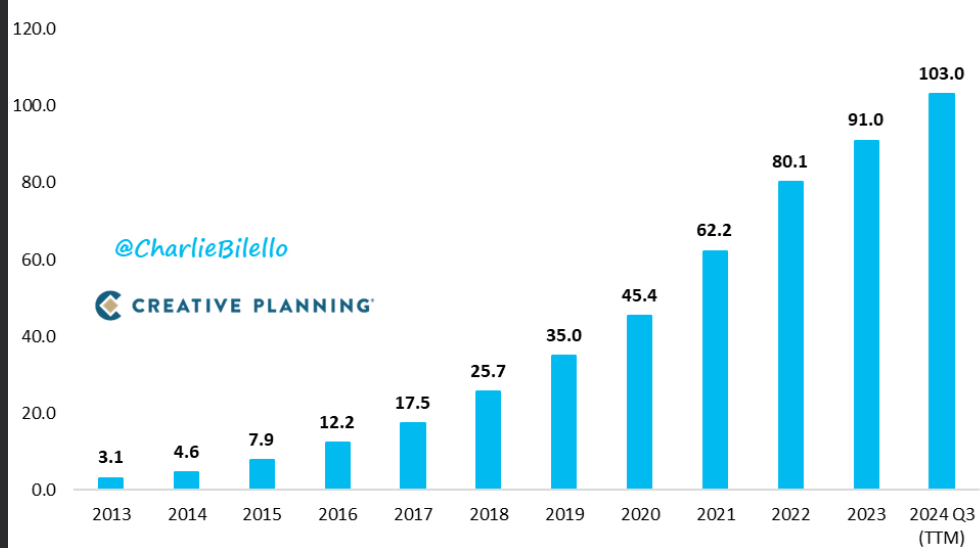
# Introduction

A teal-tinted photograph of the Charles Bridge in Prague. The bridge's cobblestone path leads towards the city skyline, which includes the prominent dome of St. Vitus Cathedral. Statues of saints line the bridge's balustrade, and ornate street lamps are visible on both sides. The sky is overcast and hazy.

# Introduction

- Continued massive growth in major cloud providers

Amazon AWS Revenue (Billions)



# Introduction

- What is driving security control trends?
  - Maturation – need to have equivalent functionality in cloud as on prem
  - Treating cloud environments as extensions of physical networks
  - How do we protect ourselves if a cloud provider is compromised?

# Private Connectivity and Limiting External Exposure

The background image is a photograph of the Charles Bridge in Prague, taken from a low angle looking down the length of the bridge. The bridge is covered in cobblestones and has several statues on pedestals along its sides. In the distance, the city skyline is visible through a thick fog or mist. The entire image has a teal or greenish-blue color cast.

# Private Connectivity and Limiting External Exposure

- Private Connectivity to Cloud Endpoints
- Private Connectivity Between On-Premise and Cloud Environments
- Private Connectivity Between Cloud Resources

# Private Connectivity to Cloud Endpoints

# Security Problem Statement

- Administrators and users require ability to access cloud-based virtual machines.
- Historically, this access has required organizations to expose remote access services (most commonly SSH and Remote Desktop/Terminal Services) to the Internet.
- This makes the devices vulnerable to brute force attacks
- Additionally, since these devices can be created and spun up by developers, they may not have passwords that comply with organizational standards
- Cloud Service Providers have developed services to enable Virtual Machines over the Internet without assigning public IP addresses to the Virtual Machines. Azure Bastion provides Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) and Secure Shell (SSH) access to Virtual Machines using TLS within a web browser.



# CSP Solutions

- Cloud providers have services that permit remote access to cloud devices without exposure of services to the Internet
  - Protects devices from brute force / password spray attacks
  - Ensures that service provider level authentication is required prior to accessing devices
- From an auditing perspective, organizations should ensure that these services are used wherever possible.
- Solutions provide in-browser access to SSH / RDP services on virtual instances in cloud environments.

# Screen Shots of Azure Bastion

The image is a collage of three screenshots from the Microsoft Azure portal, demonstrating the process of connecting to a virtual machine (myWinVM) using Azure Bastion.

**Top Left Screenshot:** Shows the Azure portal dashboard for the resource group 'MyBastionPreview'. The 'myWinVM' virtual machine is selected, and the 'Overview' tab is active. The 'Connect' button is highlighted. The 'Connect' button is labeled 'Connect' and has a sub-label 'Start'. The 'Connect' button is also labeled 'Restart', 'Stop', 'Capture', 'Delete', and 'Rel'. The 'Connect' button is also labeled 'Advisors (1 of 6): Just-In-Time network access control should be applied on virtual machine'.

**Top Right Screenshot:** Shows the 'Connect to virtual machine' dialog box. The 'BASTION' tab is selected. The 'Username' field is filled with 'ashishj' and the 'Password' field is empty. The 'Open in new window' checkbox is checked. The dialog box also displays a warning: 'To improve security, enable just-in-time access on this VM.' and instructions: 'To connect to your virtual machine over the web, enter login credentials and click connect (opens a new browser window).'

**Bottom Screenshot:** Shows a web browser window displaying the Azure Bastion connection page. The URL is 'https://bst-c3e7cf82-f361-42cc-a780-5ba923f13b48-1.bastion.azure.com/#/client/L3N1YnNjcmldw...'. The page shows a 'Dashboard' with a 'WELCOME TO SERVER MANAGER' message and a 'QUICK START' section. A 'Server Manager' window is also visible, showing a 'Dashboard' with a 'WELCOME TO SERVER MANAGER' message and a 'QUICK START' section. A 'Windows PowerShell' window is also open, showing a 'Server Manager' window with a 'Dashboard' and a 'WELCOME TO SERVER MANAGER' message.

# Service References

Cloud Provider	Service Name	URL to Service Documentation
Amazon Web Services	AWS Systems Manager Session Manager	<a href="#">AWS Systems Manager Session Manager</a>
Microsoft Azure	Azure Bastion	<a href="#">Azure Bastion</a>
Google Cloud Platform	SSH-in-browser Identity-Aware Proxy	<a href="#">SSH-in-browser Identity Aware Proxy</a>

# Private Connectivity Between On-Premise and Cloud Environments

# Security Problem Statement

- Organizations need to connect from on-premises network to Cloud Service Providers
- Connections have historically occurred via
  - API access
  - Exposing services to the Internet
  - VPN (All major cloud providers provide VPN services )

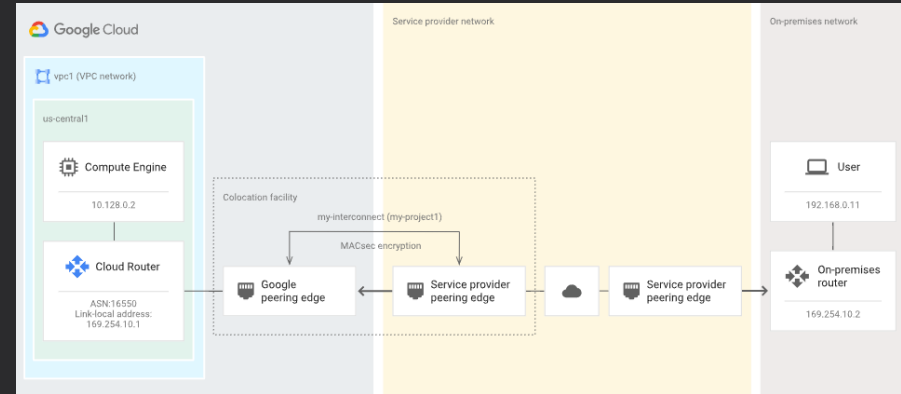
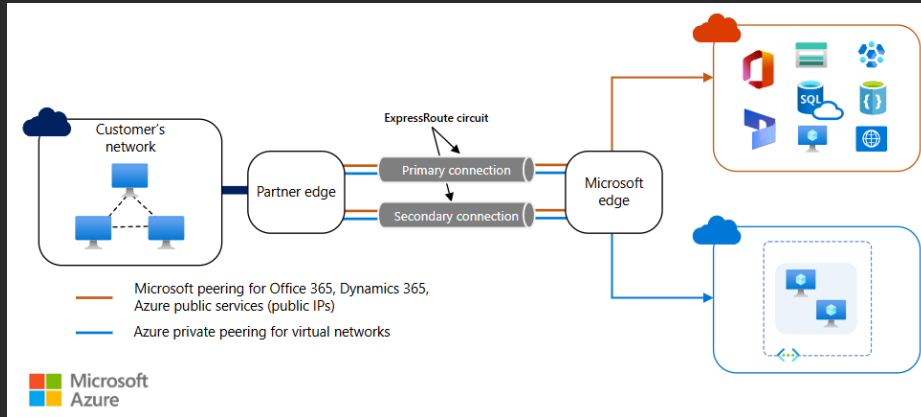
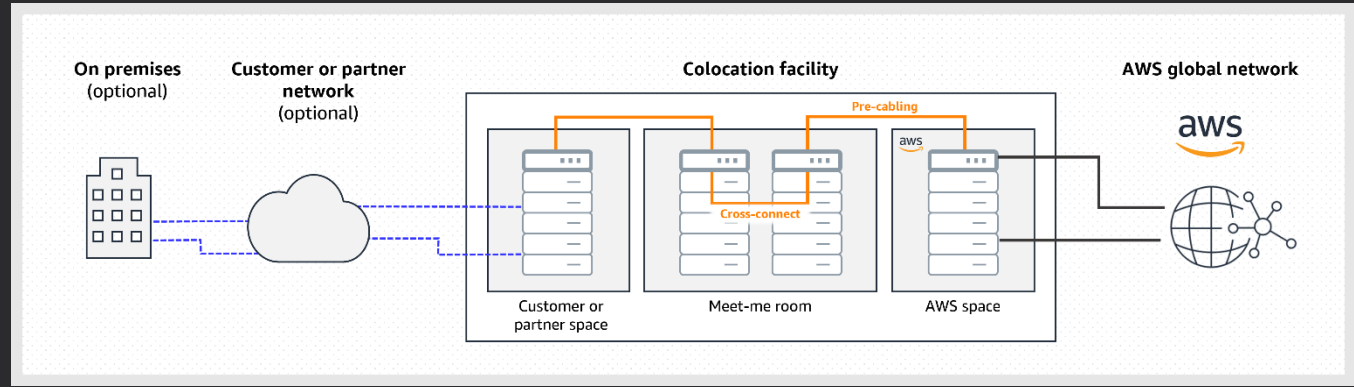
# Security Problem Statement

- As organizations move more services and infrastructure to cloud environments, cloud environments need to be treated as extension of corporate environment.
  - High performance
  - Dedicated, private connectivity
- Major cloud service providers all have services that address this issue.
- Data travels over a private connection rather than the public internet, reducing exposure to potential security threats, ensuring a private and secure pathway for your data to the cloud.

# CSP Solutions

- Cloud Service Providers have developed a mix of private connectivity solutions:
- Google
  - Dedicated Interconnect – Direct connection to Google via colocation facilities
  - Partner Interconnect – Private, high-speed connection to Google via Service Provider
- AWS DirectConnect
  - Dedicated Connect (up to 400 GBPS)
  - Hosted Connect
- Azure ExpressRoute

# Similar Offerings Across Providers





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Amazon Web Services	AWS Direct Connect	<a href="#"><u>AWS DirectConnect</u></a>
Microsoft Azure	Azure ExpressRoute	<a href="#"><u>Azure ExpressRoute</u></a>
Google Cloud Platform	Cloud Interconnect	<a href="#"><u>Google Cloud Interconnect</u></a>

# Private Connectivity Between Cloud Resources

# Security Problem Statement

- Standard mechanisms for interconnection between cloud services have been complex.
- Let's say we wanted to add a database to an Azure environment to begin storing customer data. We would need to:
  1. Enable service endpoint on subnet(s)
  2. Configure multiple SQL firewall rules
  3. Update NSG rules for outbound traffic
  4. Manage DNS resolution and potential region issues
  5. Repeat for each VNet requiring access

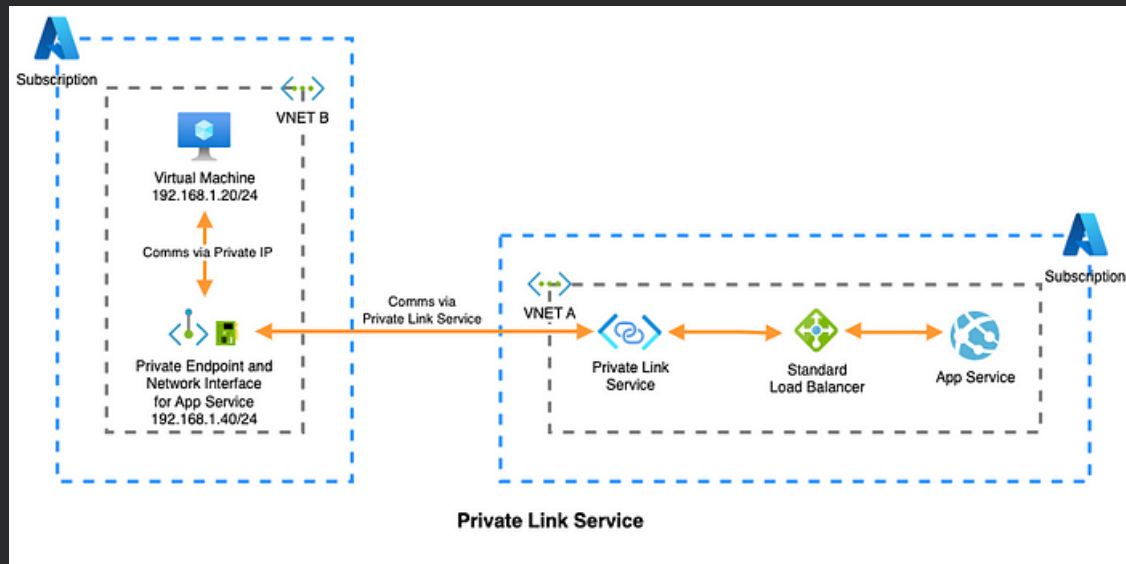
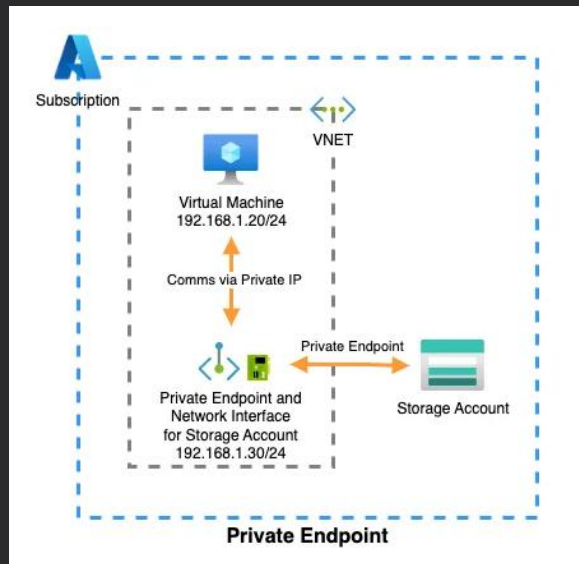
# Security Problem Statement

- In many instances, connections between services requires access to public APIs, use of public IP addresses
- Management of resources can become complex
- Service complexity can lead to security misconfigurations, inadvertent resource exposures

# Azure Solution – Private Links / Private Endpoints

## 1. Create private endpoint for SQL Database

- Automatically registers DNS entries
  - Creates network interface in VNet with private IP
  - Networking managed by Microsoft
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- The most significant simplification is eliminating the need to manage service endpoints, firewall rules, and complex networking configurations while gaining true private connectivity. Your SQL server now appears as if it's directly deployed in your VNet with a private IP address.



# Service Names in Different Cloud Environments

Cloud Provider	Service Name	URL to Service Documentation
Amazon Web Services	AWS PrivateLink	
Microsoft Azure	Azure Private Link	<a href="#">Private Links vs Private Endpoints</a>
Google Cloud Platform	Private Service Connect	<a href="#">Google Private Service Connect</a>

## Consume services faster

Easily and securely connect your private network to access services on Google (Cloud Storage, Bigtable), third parties (Snowflake, MongoDB), or services you own.

## Protect your network traffic

Prevent your network traffic from being exposed to the public internet. Data remains secure on Google's backbone network.

## Simplify service management

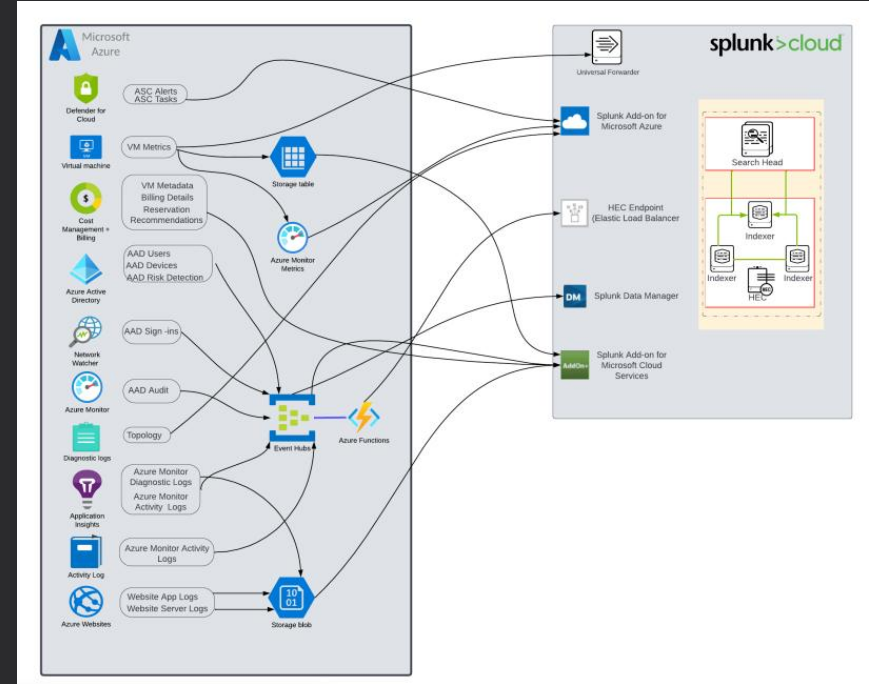
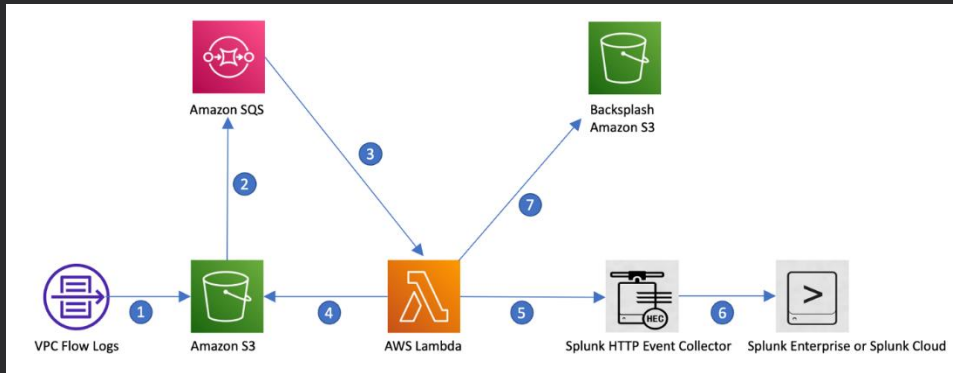
Removes the need to configure an internet gateway or a VPC peering connection. Simplify the management of complicated cloud network architectures.

# Security Monitoring Infrastructure





# Azure and AWS Logging to send to Splunk



# Security Problem Statement

- Complexity involved to get logs out of cloud environments
- Enterprise policies require using industry standard Infrastructure as Code tools and processes for production cloud deployments
- Ensuring that when new resources are created that they implement desired control set (familiar – we are solving a similar problem as GuardRails)
- There are multiple ways to deploy infrastructure as code in cloud providers – every provider has custom solution, and Terraform is widely adopted as industry standard

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Microsoft Azure		
Google Cloud Platform		

# Security Guardrails

The background image is a teal-tinted photograph of the Charles Bridge in Prague. The bridge's stone walkway leads towards the horizon, flanked by ornate statues and traditional street lamps. In the distance, the silhouettes of various church spires and domes are visible against a hazy sky.

# Security Problem Statement

- Enforcement of consistent configuration
- Reducing likelihood of user error
- Ensuring that when new resources are created that they implement desired control set

# Types of Guardrail Controls

















- **Preventive** – Do not permit this setting to be put in place
- **Detective** – Notify when this setting is in place
- **Corrective** – Implement correct setting when incorrect setting is detected.

# Different Guardrails across Providers

- Azure
  - Azure Policy
- AWS
  - AWS Config
  - AWS Control Tower
  - AWS Organizations Service Control Policies
- GCP
  - Organization Policy Service

# Azure Policy – Audit Private Link Implementation

- **Detective Controls** - Built In Azure Policies audit if Azure Private Link is in use.

Policy ↑↓	
	Azure Event Grid domains should use private link
	Azure Event Grid topics should use private link
	Azure HDInsight should use private link
	Azure Key Vaults should use private link
	Azure Machine Learning workspaces should use private link
	Azure Purview accounts should use private link
	Azure Recovery Services vaults should use private link for backup
	Azure AI Search services should use private link
	Azure Service Bus namespaces should use private link
	Azure SignalR Service should use private link
	Azure Web PubSub Service should use private link
	Private endpoint connections on Azure SQL Database should be enabled
	Storage accounts should use private link
	Azure File Sync should use private link
	Azure Synapse workspaces should use private link
	App Service apps should use private link



# Azure Policy Initiative – Public Access to SQL Servers Should be Disabled

- Preventive Controls – Deny creation of resources that are not in compliance

**Azure SQL Managed Instances should disable public network access** ...

Policy definition

[Assign policy](#) [Edit definition](#) [Duplicate definition](#) [Select version \(preview\)](#) [Delete definition](#)

^ Essentials

Name	: Azure SQL Managed Instances should disable public network access
Version (preview)	: 1.0.0
Description	: Disabling public network access (public endpoint) on Azure SQL Managed Instances improves security by ensuring that they c
Available Effects	: Audit
Category	: SQL

Definition Assignments (0) Parameters (1)

```
4  "policyType": "BuiltIn",
5  "mode": "Indexed",
6  "description": "Disabling public network access (public endpoint) on Azure SQL Managed Instances improves security by e
7  "metadata": {
8    "version": "1.0.0",
9    "category": "SQL"
10 },
11 "version": "1.0.0",
12 "parameters": {
13   "effect": {
14     "type": "String",
15     "metadata": {
16       "displayName": "Effect",
17       "description": "Enable or disable the execution of the policy"
18     },
19     "allowedValues": [
20       "Audit",
21       "Deny",
22       "Disabled"
```

# Azure Policy Initiative – Enable Logging for SQL Databases

- **Corrective Control** – if the correct setting is not enabled, it is turned on – 'DeployIfNotExists'.

Dashboard > Policy | Definitions >

## Enable logging by category group for SQL databases (microsoft.sql/servers/databases)

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^ Essentials

Name	: Enable logging by category group for SQL databases (microsoft.sql/servers/databases) to Event Hub
Version (preview)	: 1.2.0
Description	: Resource logs should be enabled to track activities and events that take place on your resources and give you visibility into their state
Available Effects	: DeployIfNotExists
Category	: Monitoring














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Definition    Assignments (0)    Parameters (6)

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18     },
19     "allowedValues": [
20       "DeployIfNotExists",
21       "AuditIfNotExists",
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# Managing Large Numbers of Policies

Azure Policy Initiatives – policy groupings aligned to regulatory/guidance frameworks or security concepts. Example Policy Initiatives presented below:

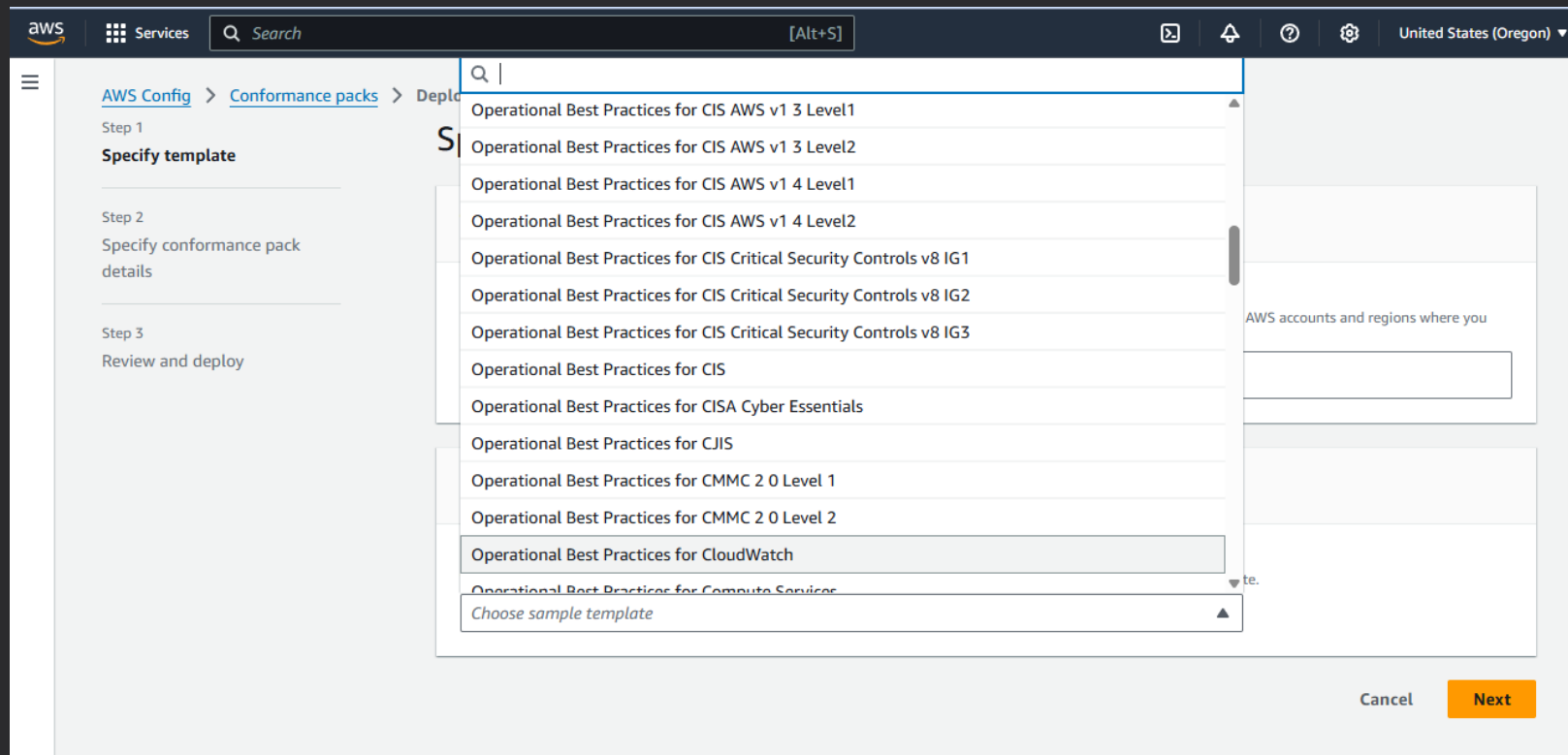
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 Canada Federal PBMM 3-1-2020	1.0.0	209	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 ISO/IEC 27017 2015	1.0.0	102	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 APRA CPS 234 2019	1.0.0	18	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 FedRAMP Moderate	17.17.0	646	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 ISO/IEC 27002 2022	1.0.0	162	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 HITRUST CSF v11.3	1.0.0	237	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 NL BIO Cloud Theme V2	2.3.0	294	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 FedRAMP High	17.18.0	715	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 [Preview]: Reserve Bank of India - IT Framework for Banks	1.18.0-preview	152	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4	17.17.0	716	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 PCI DSS v4	1.7.0	272	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance
 CIS Microsoft Azure Foundations Benchmark v1.4.0	1.12.0	168	BuiltIn	Initiative	Regulatory Compliance

# AWS Config + AWS Service Control Policies – Similar Capabilities to Azure Policy

- AWS Config are detective controls
  - AWS Config is a service that enables assessment, auditing, and evaluation of AWS resource configuration.
  - AWS Config continuously monitors and records AWS resource configurations and automatically evaluates recorded configurations against desired configurations.
- AWS Service Control Policies are preventive controls.
  - SCPs act as guardrails by defining the maximum permissions available to accounts in AWS organization.
  - SCPs work by explicitly denying access to services and actions that fall outside governance boundaries, preventing users from performing unauthorized actions before they happen.

# AWS Config Has Similar Approach – Called Conformance Packs

Examples of Conformance Packs for AWS presented:



# AWS Config Has Similar Approach – Called Conformance Packs

## Conformance Pack Outputs:

Name	Remediation ac...	Type	Controls	Compliance
<a href="#">restricted-ssh-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	✔ Compliant
<a href="#">s3-bucket-logging-enabled-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	⚠ Noncompliant
<a href="#">cloud-trail-encryption-enabled-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	⚠ Noncompliant
<a href="#">iam-password-policy-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	⚠ Noncompliant
<a href="#">vpc-flow-logs-enabled-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	⚠ Noncompliant
<a href="#">s3-bucket-level-public-access-prohibited-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	✔ Compliant
<a href="#">multi-region-cloudtrail-enabled-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	✔ Compliant
<a href="#">iam-policy-in-use-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	⚠ Noncompliant
<a href="#">s3-bucket-versioning-enabled-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	⚠ Noncompliant
<a href="#">s3-bucket-public-read-prohibited-conformance-pack-wj9odr7qg</a>	Not set	AWS manage	-	✔ Compliant

# AWS Config Has Similar Approach – Called Conformance Packs

AWS has more flexibility in remediation actions for violations – ability to build custom automated or manual responses

[AWS Config](#) > [Rules](#) > [cloud-trail-enabled](#) > Manage remediation

## Edit: Remediation action

### ▼ Select remediation method

☐ Automatic remediation

The remediation action gets triggered automatically when the resources in scope become noncompliant.

☒ Manual remediation

The selected remediation action must be able to remediate the noncompliant resource.

### ▼ Remediation action details

Remediation actions are run using AWS Systems Manager Automation.

Choose remediation action

AWS-EnableCloudTrail

Enable CloudTrail

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AWS-EnableAthenaWorkGroupEncryptionAtRest

AWS-EnableCLBAccessLogs

AWS-EnableCLBConnectionDraining

AWS-EnableCWAlarm

AWS-EnableCloudFormationStackSNSNotification

AWS-EnableCloudTrail

AWS-EnableCloudTrailCloudWatchLogs

AWS-EnableCloudTrailKmsEncryption

AWS-EnableCloudTrailLogFileValidation

AWS-EnableDocDbClusterBackupRetentionPeriod

AWS-EnableDynamoDbAutoscaling

AWS-EnableExplorer

AWS-EnableKinesisStreamEncryption

AWS-EnableNeptuneDbAuditLogsToCloudWatch

AWS-EnableCloudTrail

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Enable CloudTrail



# Service Control Policy – Preventive Examples

Service Control Policies are preventive controls – some examples

- Deny access to AWS based on the requested AWS Region
  - Prevent IAM users and roles from making certain changes
  - Prevent IAM users and roles from making specified changes, with an exception for a specified admin role
  - Require MFA to perform an API operation
  - Block service access for the root user
  - Prevent member accounts from leaving the organization
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- Prevent users from deleting Amazon VPC flow logs
  - Prevent any VPC that doesn't already have internet access from getting it

# Service Names in Different Cloud Environments

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Microsoft Azure	Azure Policy	
Google Cloud Platform	Organizational Policy Service	



# Infrastructure as Code

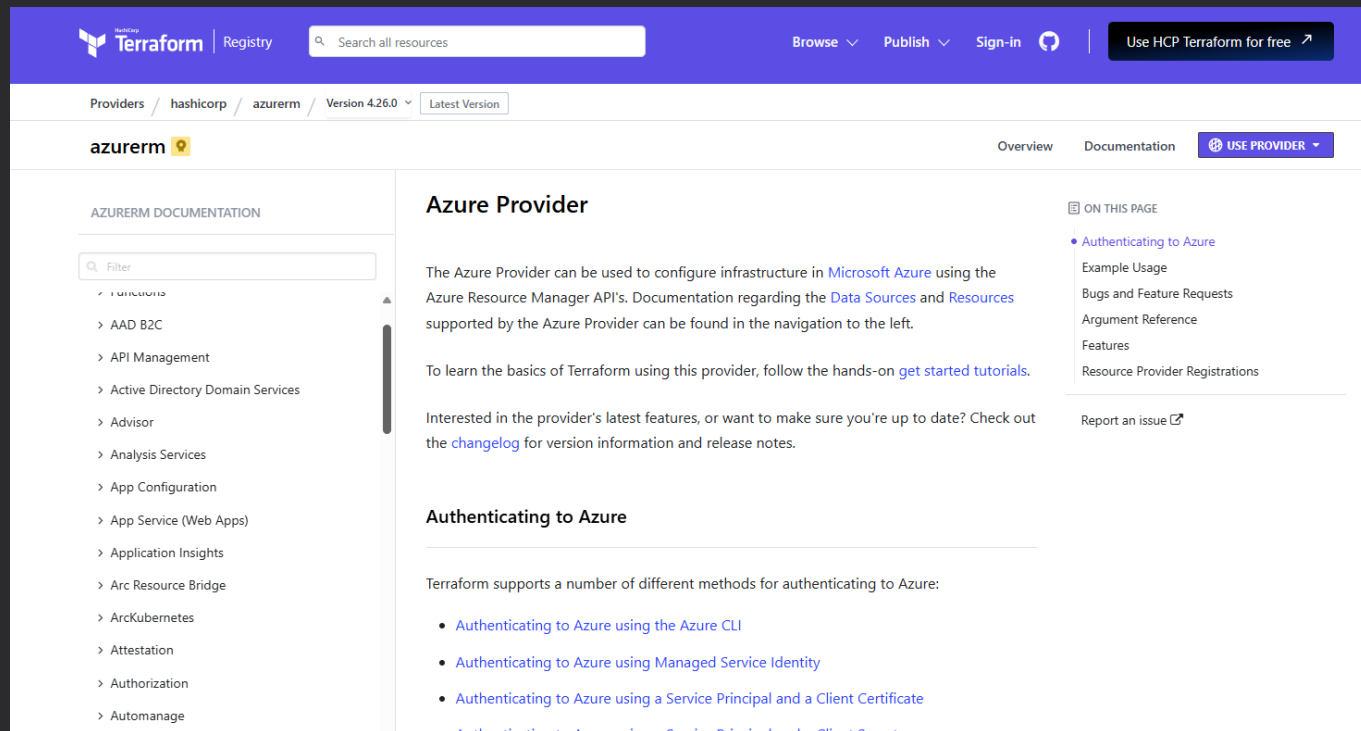
# Security Problem Statement

- ClickOps does not scale
- Enterprise policies require using industry standard Infrastructure as Code tools and processes for production cloud deployments
- Ensuring that when new resources are created that they implement desired control set (familiar – we are solving a similar problem as GuardRails)
- There are multiple ways to deploy infrastructure as code in cloud providers – every provider has custom solution, and Terraform is widely adopted as industry standard

# Infrastructure as Code in Azure – Terraform Example

## Terraform Provider for Azure

<https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/azurerm/latest/docs>



The screenshot shows the Terraform Registry page for the Azure Provider (azurerm). The page is titled "Azure Provider" and includes a search bar, navigation links, and a list of documentation topics. The main content area describes the provider's purpose and provides links to get started tutorials and the changelog. A sidebar on the left lists various documentation topics, and a right sidebar lists links for "ON THIS PAGE".

**Providers** / hashicorp / azurerm / Version 4.26.0 (Latest Version)

**azurerm** Overview Documentation [USE PROVIDER](#)

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- > Authorization
- > Automanage

### Azure Provider

The Azure Provider can be used to configure infrastructure in [Microsoft Azure](#) using the Azure Resource Manager API's. Documentation regarding the [Data Sources](#) and [Resources](#) supported by the Azure Provider can be found in the navigation to the left.

To learn the basics of Terraform using this provider, follow the hands-on [get started tutorials](#).

Interested in the provider's latest features, or want to make sure you're up to date? Check out the [changelog](#) for version information and release notes.

### Authenticating to Azure

Terraform supports a number of different methods for authenticating to Azure:

- [Authenticating to Azure using the Azure CLI](#)
- [Authenticating to Azure using Managed Service Identity](#)
- [Authenticating to Azure using a Service Principal and a Client Certificate](#)
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# Infrastructure as Code in Azure – Terraform Example

Example Terraform  
Module for  
creation of Azure  
Storage Account

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### Storage

#### Resources

- azurerm\_hpc\_cache
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- azurerm\_storage\_container
- azurerm\_storage\_container\_immutability\_policy

## Example Usage with Network Rules

```
resource "azurerm_resource_group" "example" {
  name     = "example-resources"
  location = "West Europe"
}

resource "azurerm_virtual_network" "example" {
  name            = "virtnetname"
  address_space   = ["10.0.0.0/16"]
  location        = azurerm_resource_group.example.location
  resource_group_name = azurerm_resource_group.example.name
}

resource "azurerm_subnet" "example" {
  name                 = "subnetname"
  resource_group_name  = azurerm_resource_group.example.name
  virtual_network_name = azurerm_virtual_network.example.name
  address_prefixes     = ["10.0.2.0/24"]
  service_endpoints    = ["Microsoft.Sql", "Microsoft.Storage"]
}

resource "azurerm_storage_account" "example" {
  name                     = "storageaccountname"
  resource_group_name     = azurerm_resource_group.example.name

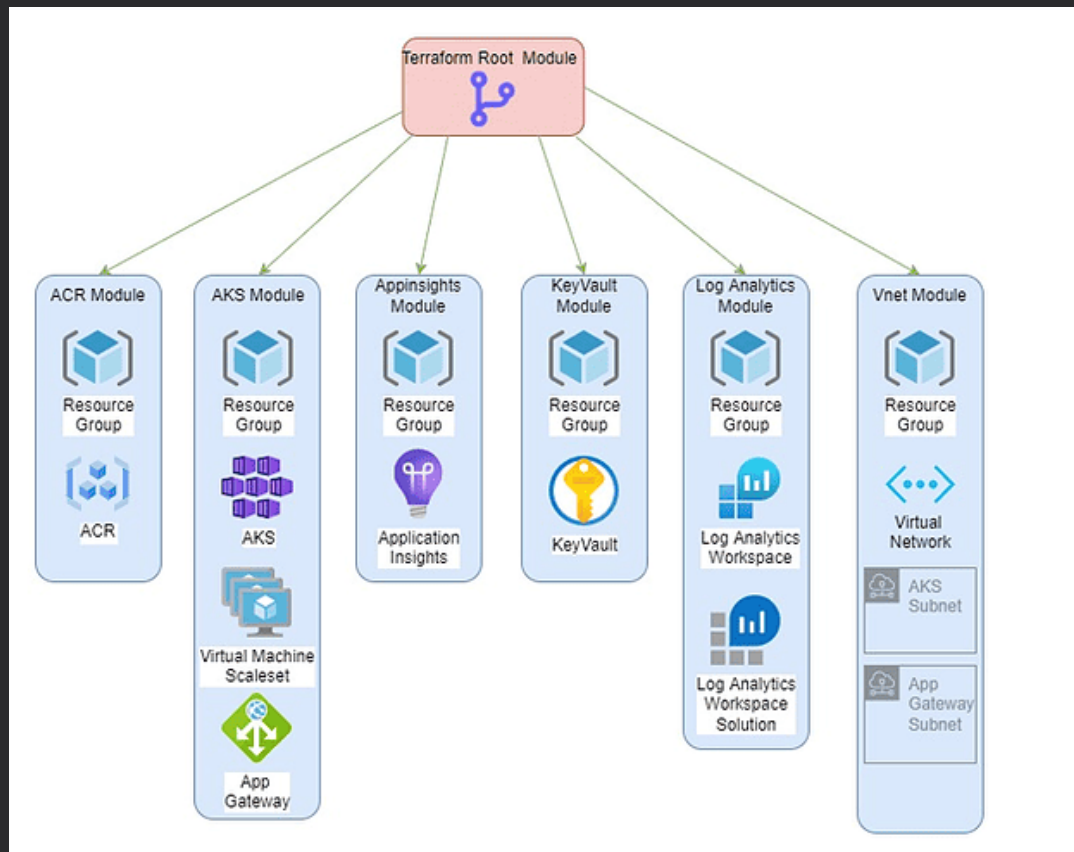
  location        = azurerm_resource_group.example.location
  account_tier    = "Standard"
  account_replication_type = "LRS"

  network_rules {
    default_action = "Deny"
  }
}
```

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# Build Module Sets in Terraform

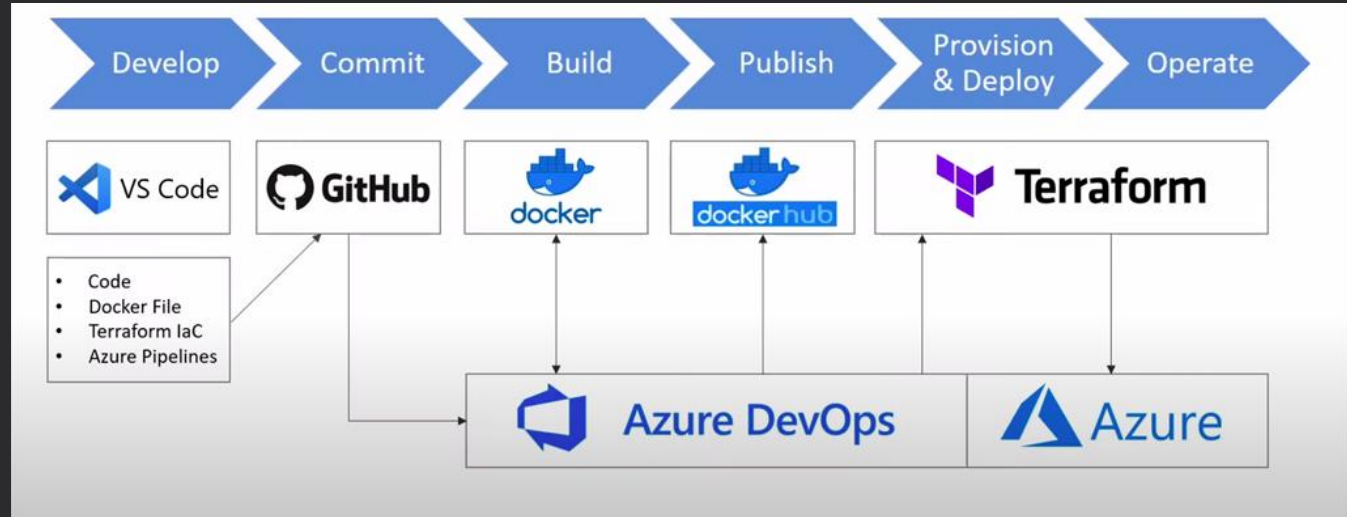
Sets of Terraform Modules  
for large environments



# How does Terraform code get deployed?

Think about software development pipelines, as in this example

[Software Deployment Pipeline Example](#)

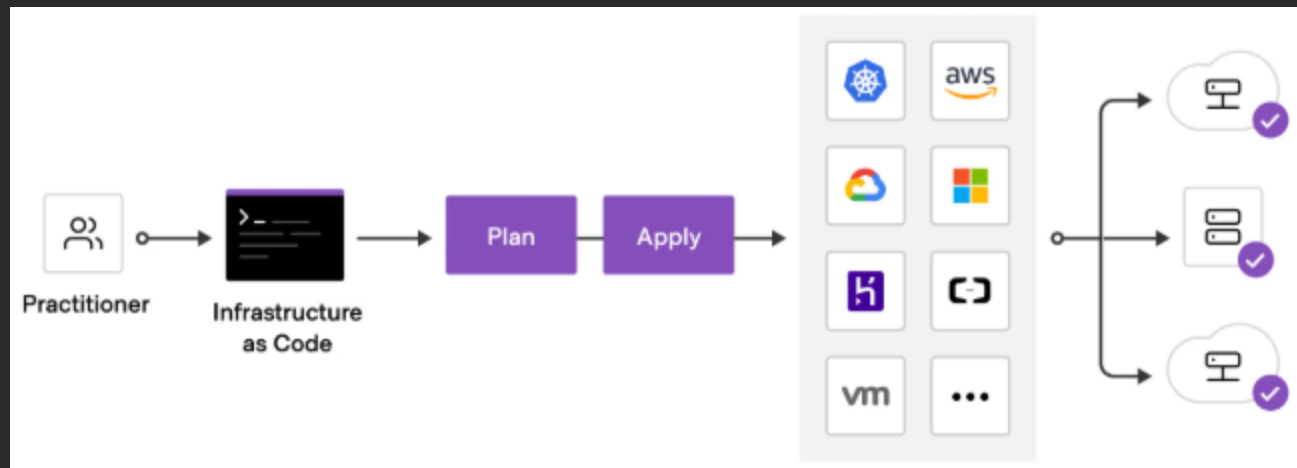




# Deployment of Infrastructure as Code

Infrastructure as Code deployed in a similar manner

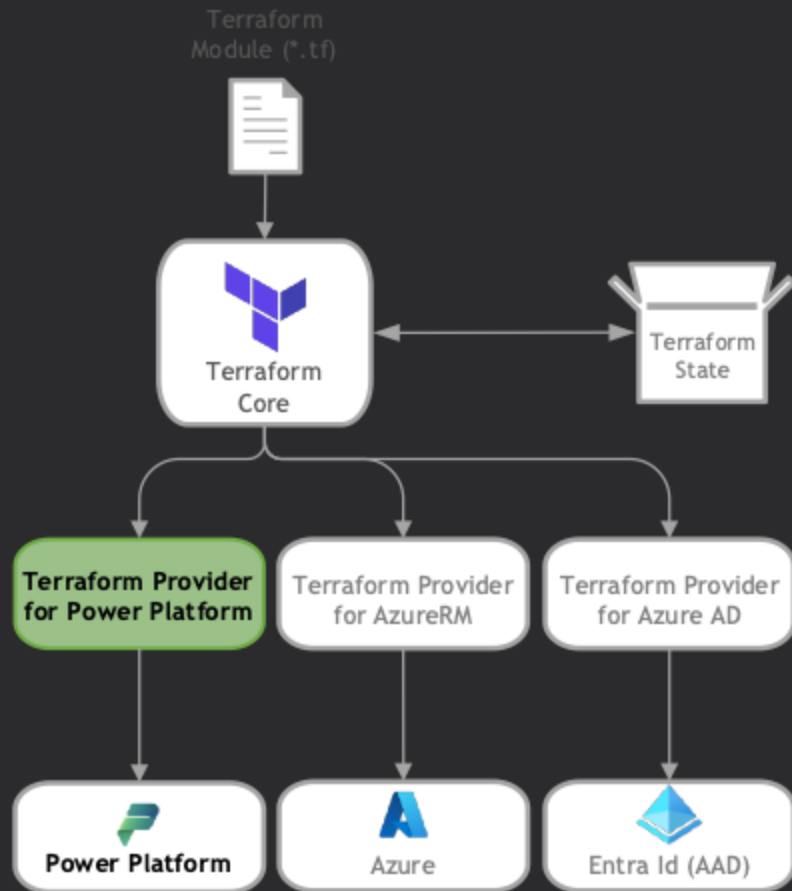
<https://developer.hashicorp.com/terraform/tutorials/aws-get-started/infrastructure-as-code>



# IAC/Terraform not just for Infrastructure

Terraform can be used to deploy  
Entra ID as well as Microsoft  
Power Platform

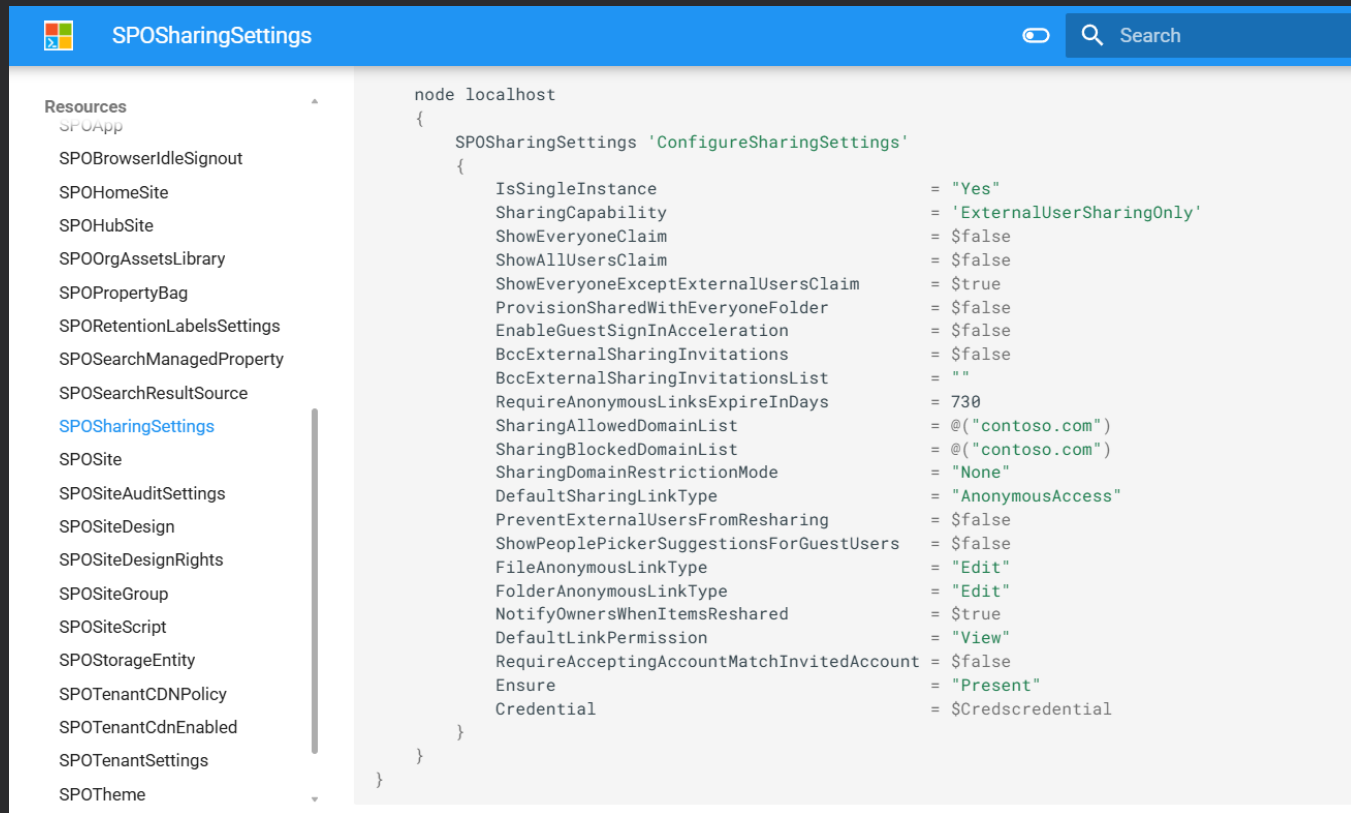
<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/business-applications/playbook/enterprise-solutions/power-platform-terraform-provider/>



# Configuration as Code in M365 – Microsoft365 DSC Example

Example  
configuration  
settings for  
SharePoint Online  
sharing

<https://microsoft365dsc.com/resource/s/sharepoint/SPOSharingSettings/>



## Service References

Cloud Provider	Service Name	URL to Service Documentation
Amazon Web Services	AWS Cloud Formation	
	Terraform	
Microsoft Azure	Azure Resource Manager	
	Bicep	
	Terraform	
Google Cloud Platform	Infrastructure Manager (replacement for Cloud Deployment Manager)	<a href="#">Infrastructure Manager</a>
	Terraform	

# Privileged Identity Management



# Privileged Identity Management

- Privileged Identity Management (PIM) provides Just-in-time (JIT) privileged access to privileged roles. PIM helps to mitigate the risk of excessive, unnecessary, or misused access rights.
- Wherever possible users should authenticate to Entra ID without any role assignments. PIM should then be used to elevate privileges for necessary activities. Service accounts should be excluded from PIM requirements.

## Use minimum permissions for role-based activity

- Users should be granted minimum roles necessary to accomplish tasks in PIM and only use privileges when required.
- For instance, a user who reviews security information day to day, but may occasionally perform more sensitive tasks, such as managing named locations should be eligible for two roles – Security Reader and Security Administrator. For their day-to-day role, the Security Reader role should be utilized, and the Security Administrator role should be utilized only when necessary.

# Privileged Identity Management

- Using Conditional Access authentication context, users who are eligible for a role in PIM can be required to satisfy Conditional Access Policy requirements prior to elevation. For example, certain roles could only be assumed from a specific IP address, or must use specific authentication methods, or require an Intune compliant device.
- **AUDIT CHECK:** All users granted eligible roles in PIM should be reviewed regularly to confirm that role eligibility remains appropriate.



# PIM Authentication Contexts

Require specific MFA authentication for specific elevations in PIM (e.g., Global admin needs to have FIDO key, can only elevate from specific location):

**Edit role setting - Global Administrator** ...

Privileged Identity Management | Azure AD roles

**Activation** Assignment Notification

Activation maximum duration (hours)

10

On activation, require

- ☐ None
- ☒ Azure MFA
- ☐ Azure AD Conditional Access authentication context (Preview)

[Learn more](#)

☒ Require justification on activation

☐ Require ticket information on activation

☐ Require approval to activate

Select approver(s)

No approver selected +

# Service Names in Different Cloud Environments

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Amazon Web Services		
Microsoft Azure	Privileged Identity Management	
Google Cloud Platform		

# Preconfigured Landing Zones

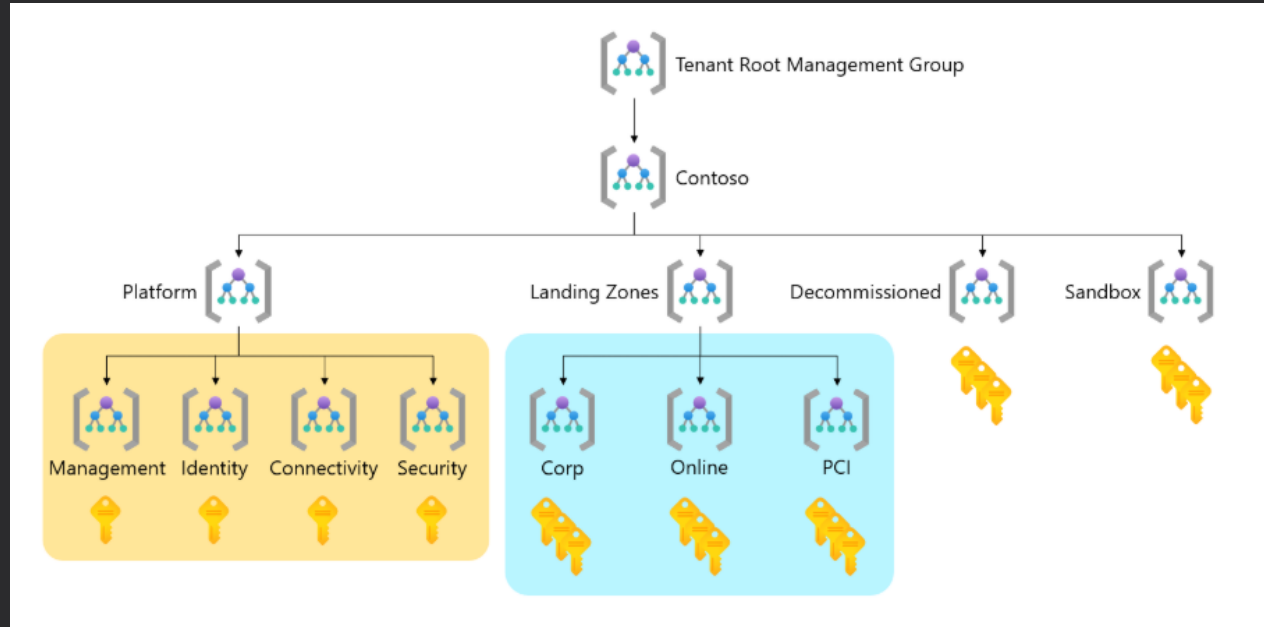
A teal-tinted photograph of the Charles Bridge in Prague, showing its statues and the city skyline in the background. The bridge is covered in cobblestones and has several statues along its sides. The city skyline is visible in the background, with various buildings and domes. The sky is a mix of green and blue.

# Preconfigured Landing Zones

- Landing Zones – preconfigured, compliant environments for organizations to develop resources:
  - Azure Landing Zones
  - AWS Control Tower
  - GCP Organizational Policy Service

# Azure Landing Zone Example

- Policy enforcement at each level of the Landing Zone



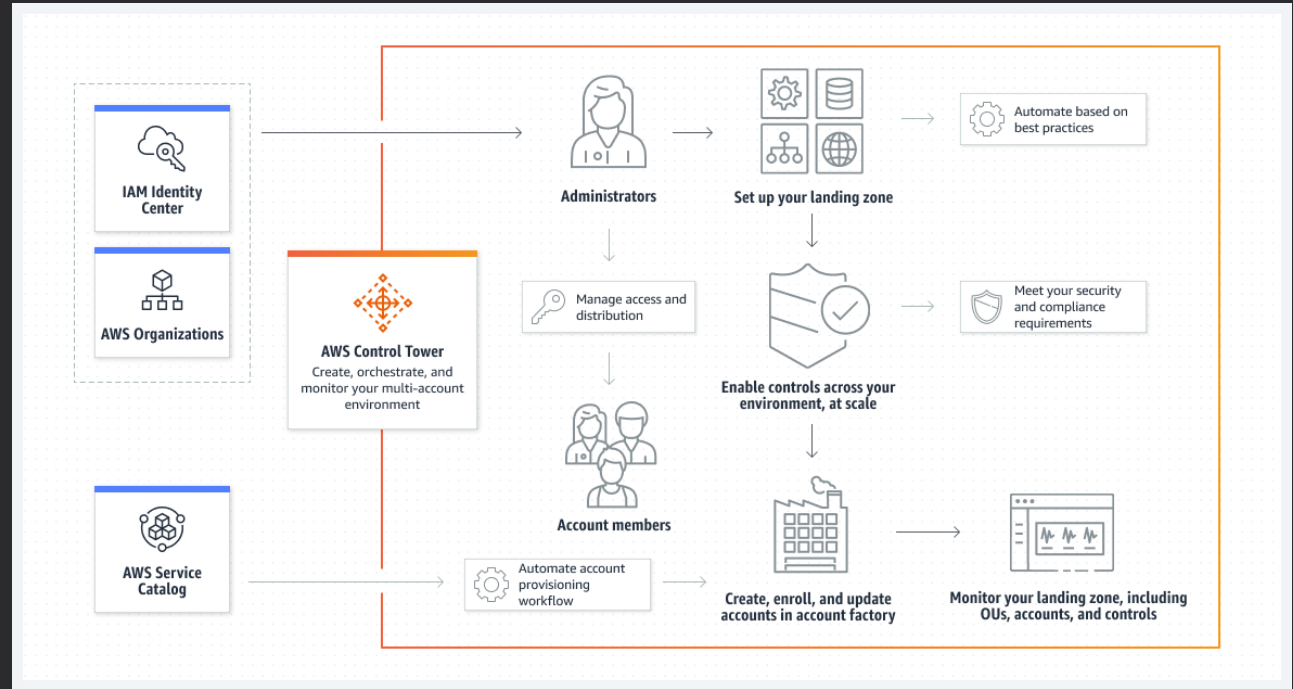
# Azure Landing Zone Example

Scenario where a new landing zone subscription is provisioned and placed in the "corp" management group. DINE and Modify policies then take the following actions for the landing zone subscription:

- Enable Microsoft Defender for Cloud. Configure Defender for Cloud exports to the central Log Analytics workspace in the management subscription.
- Enable Defender for Cloud for the different supported offerings based on the policy parameters configured on the policy assignment.
- Configure the Azure Activity logs to be sent to the central Log Analytics workspace in the management subscription.
- Configure the diagnostic settings for all resources to be sent to the central Log Analytics workspace in the management subscription.
- Deploy the required Azure Monitor agents for virtual machines and Azure Virtual Machine Scale Sets, including Azure Arc connected servers. Connect them to the central Log Analytics workspace in the management subscription.

# AWS Control Tower Example

- Policy enforcement at each level of the Landing Zone



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# Putting the Components Together

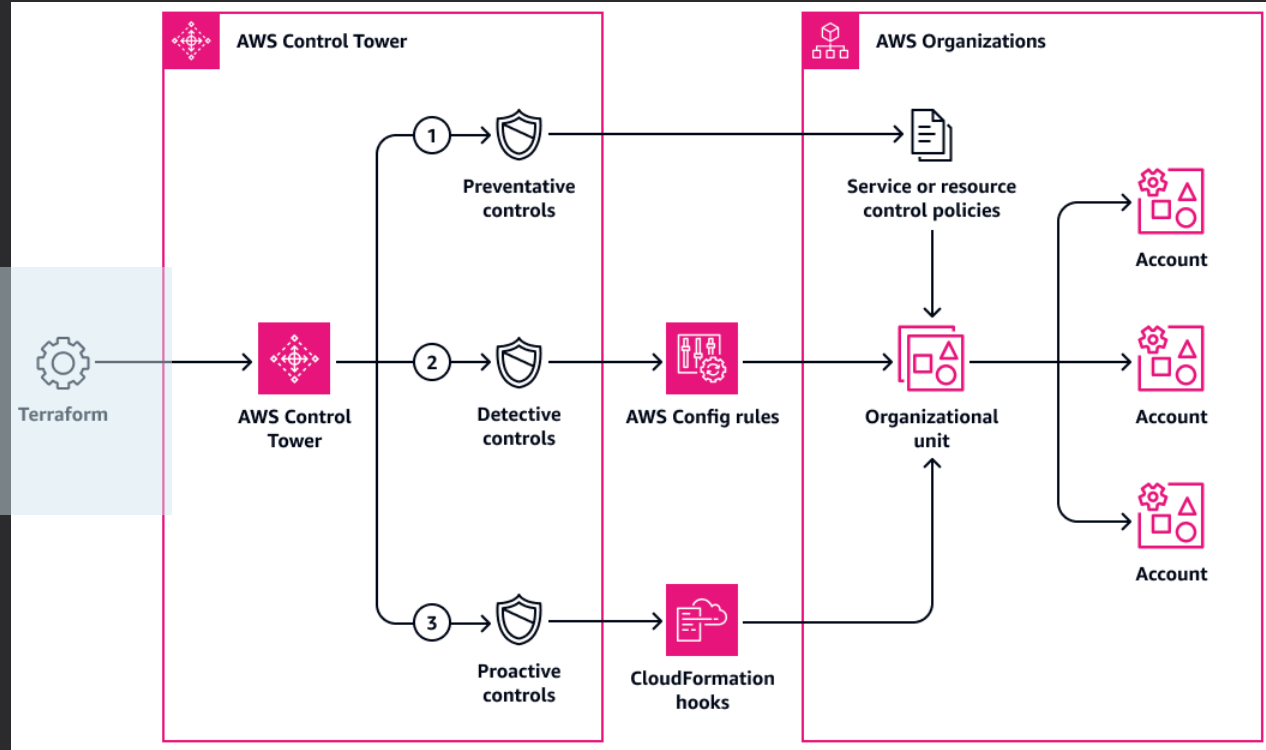
The background image is a photograph of the Charles Bridge in Prague, taken from a low angle looking down the length of the bridge. The bridge is covered in cobblestones and has several statues on pedestals along its sides. In the distance, the silhouettes of various buildings and domes are visible against a hazy, foggy sky. The entire image has a teal or cyan color overlay.

# Reference Environments

- We will review an environment that puts together most of the pieces that we discussed today.

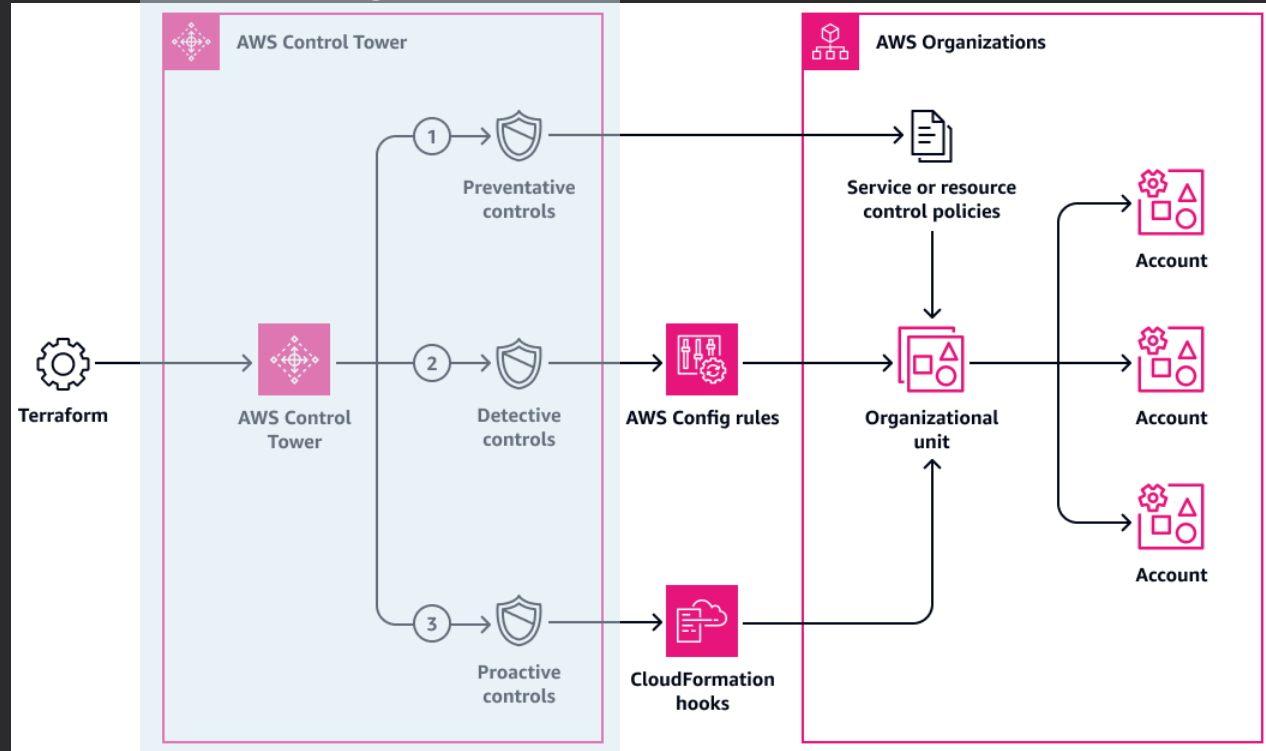
# Reference AWS Environment

## (1) Infrastructure as Code



# Reference AWS Environment

## (2) Creates Landing Zones



# Reference AWS Environment

## (3) Deploys Guardrails

