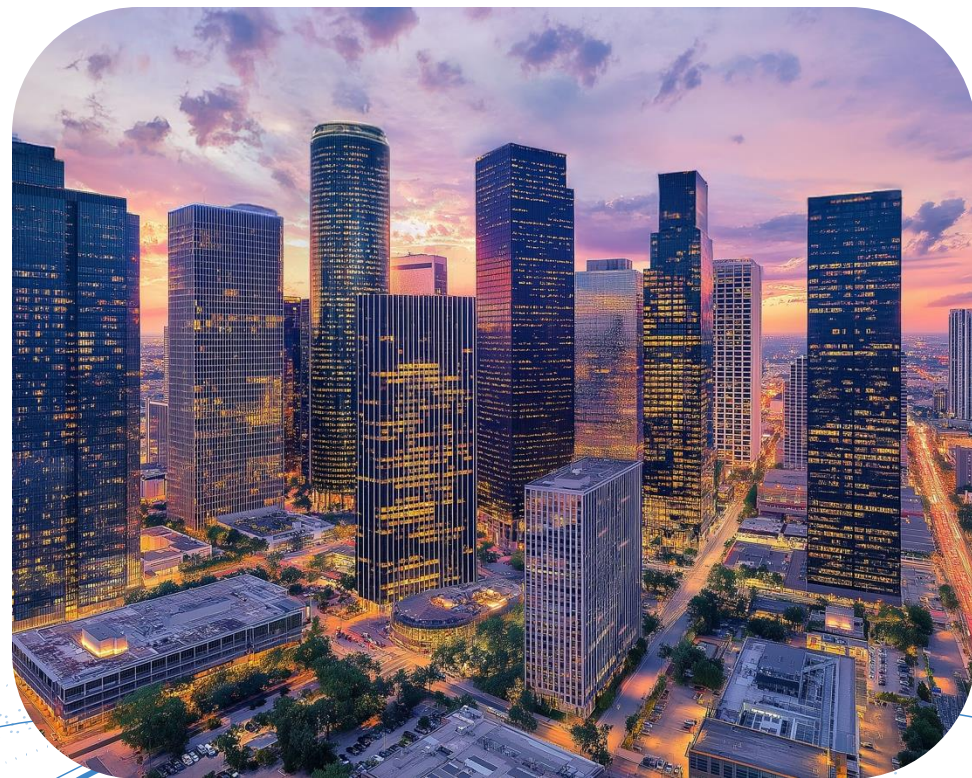


# When Cloud Risk Meets Code!

Recipe to Fix Attack Paths  
at the Source





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# Challenges in Cloud Risk Prioritization



## Cloud ROC Team

- ✓ Remediated Cloud Risks are resurfacing
- ✓ **Increased attack surface** generates more findings
- ✓ Managing risks in **ephemeral environments** is always challenging.



## Compliance Team

- ✓ Always **get exception** requests with no concrete plans to remediate
- ✓ Unaddressed compliance issues persist for a long duration
- ✓ Security Policies are evolving at a later stage

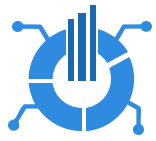


## Developers

- ✓ **Many security issues** with no context for prioritization.
- ✓ Releases are rejected at a very late stage, delaying product rollouts.
- ✓ Security concerns are addressed too late in the development process.

# Operationalize

The Risk Operations Center (ROC)



Unified Asset  
Inventory



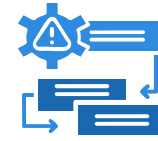
Risk Factors  
Aggregation



Threat  
Intelligence



Business  
Context



Risk  
Prioritization



Risk Response  
Orchestration



Compliance  
& Executive  
Reporting

How will you be  
**ROC Ready from Day 1**  
**For Your Cloud Deployments**

# Qualys TotalCloud for Multi-Cloud Environments

## The Risk-Minded CNAPP

### Kubernetes and Container Security (KCS)

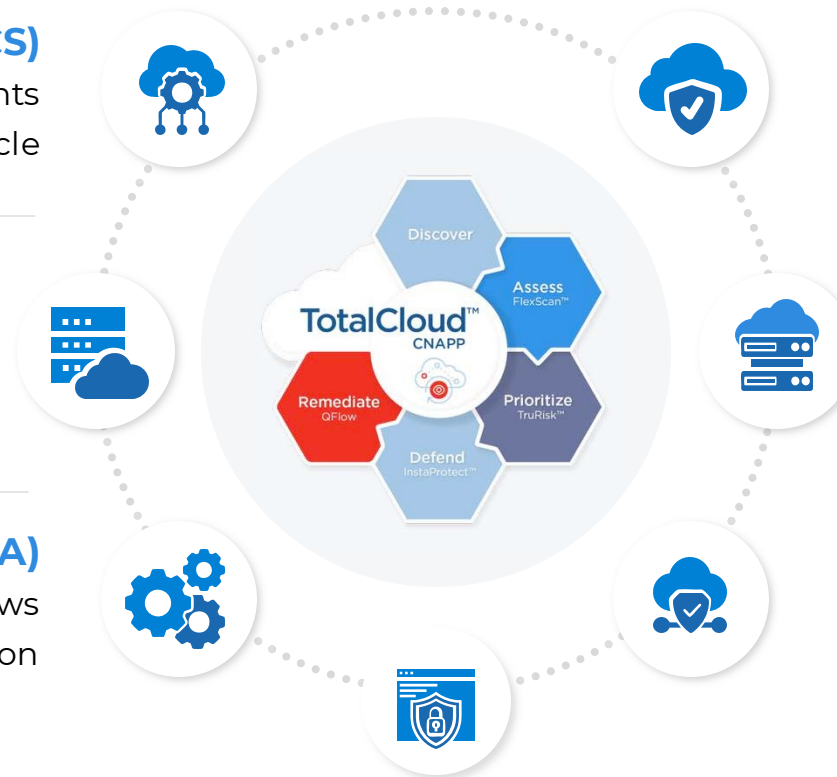
Prioritize Risks In Container Environments  
Manage Risk Across The Dev Lifecycle

### Cloud Detection & Response (CDR)

Detect Malicious Threats and Malware In Runtime  
Integrated Threat Hunting & Anomaly Detection

### Cloud Workflow Automation (CWA)

Implement Custom Remediation Workflows  
Leverage 200+ Playbooks for Remediation



### Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM)

Prioritize Risk With Attack Path Context  
Enforce Compliance From Code To Cloud (IaC)

### Cloud Infrastructure and Entitlement Management (CIEM)

Manage Excessive Permissions and Identities  
Enforce Least Privilege At Scale

### Cloud Workload Protection (CWP)

Achieve Full Vulnerability Coverage With Agent, Agentless, Network, and API Scanning

### Application Security (ASPM)

Secure Your Web Apps, APIs, and LLMs



# Visibility is a Key Part of Risk Management

Comprehensive inventory is crucial for the cloud



## All environments

Across all clouds, containers, hybrid workloads



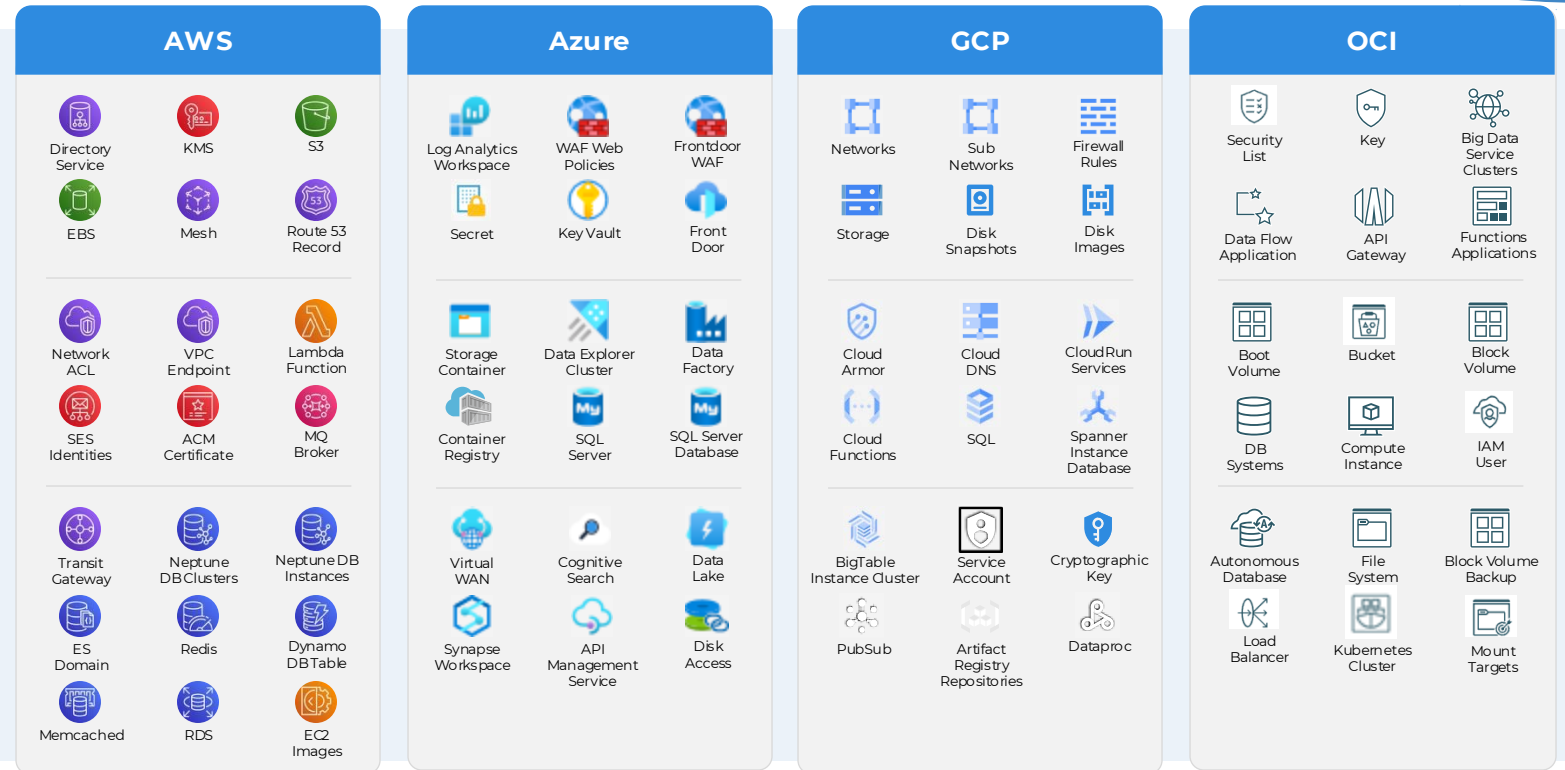
## Comprehensive Inventory Including AI Services

Across all inventory and resource types



## Accelerated Deployments

Simplified and quick onboarding driving visibility within minutes



**TotalCloud CSPM covers ~ 230 services across 4 major cloud providers**



# TotalCloud CIEM Secures Cloud Identities

Inventory, Hygiene and Risk Assessment



Complete **inventory** of identities and entitlements, including users, groups, roles, and policies



**Risky identities** determined based on analysis. Examples include Administrative privileges, IAM role creation



Risky Identities incorporated into **TruRisk Insights** to further help prioritize risk

## TruRisk Insights with CIEM

### TruRisk Insights with Identity Issues

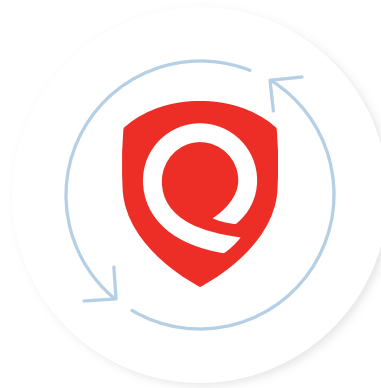
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5028	IAM User with privilege escalation or administrative privilege have console acce...	42
5025	Public VM with privilege to create IAM artifacts (User, Group, Role)	41
5031	Public VM allows access to decrypt secrets in secrets manager	41
5026	Security group tampering risk on public and vulnerable VM with 'write' permissio...	40
5029	Public VM with data destructive permissions	40
5030	Public VM with elastic IP hijacking permissions	40

# Scale Vulnerability Management with TotalCloud CWP - FlexScan

Continuously monitor cloud workloads, including newly deployed ones

## Cost-Effective Agentless Snapshot-Based Assessment

Efficiently capture snapshots and perform vulnerability assessments. Keeps cloud native costs lower.



## Shortest Scan Time API Based Assessment

CSP-provided APIs collect software inventory for results in 10 min

## Scans Entire Network Network Scanning

Quickly and accurately assess for network-related vulnerabilities



## Comprehensive Scan Qualys Agent Scanning

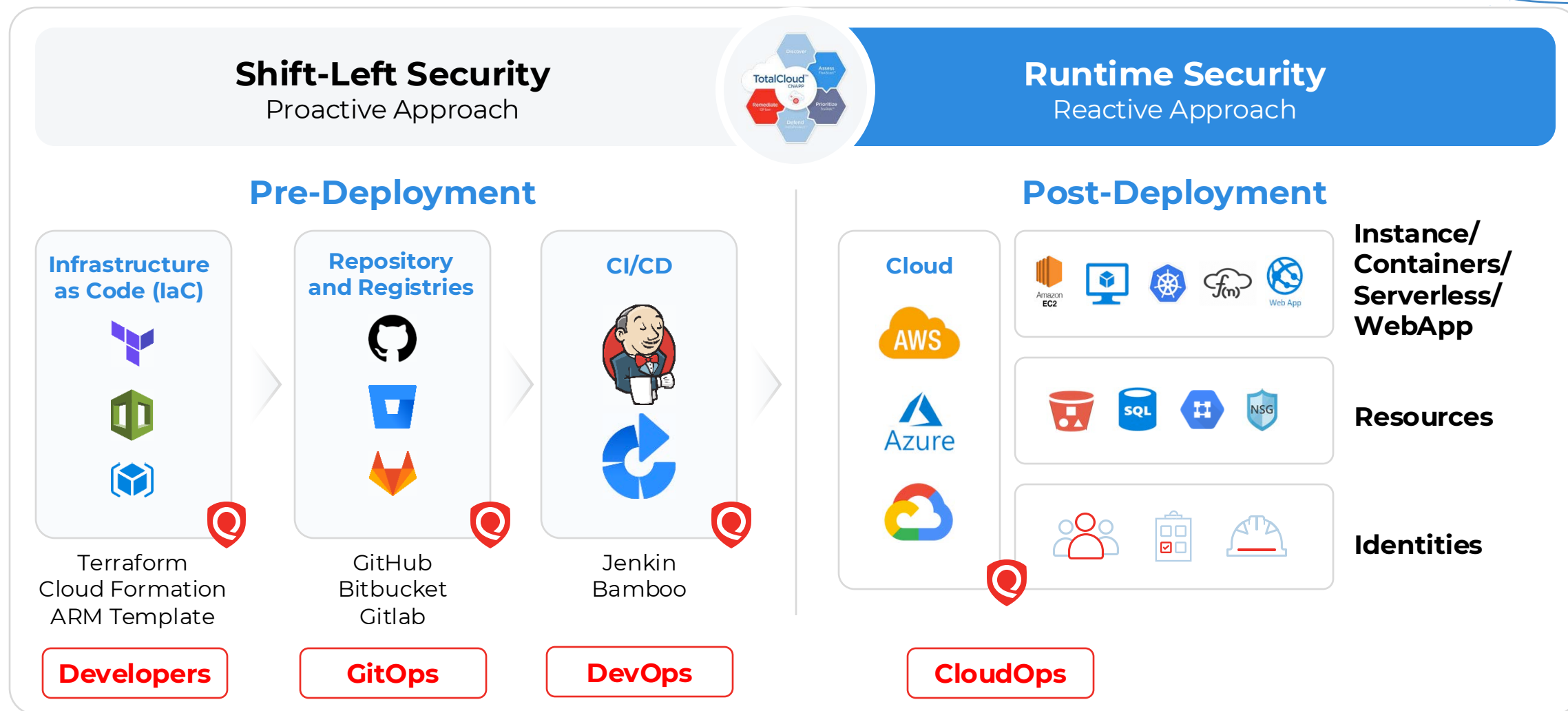
Real-time comprehensive vulnerability, configuration and security assessments

**Qualys TotalCloud secures 44 Million cloud workloads across a variety of organizations.**



# Shift Left in Cloud Security

**Evaluate Code** before deploying to the Cloud



# Risk Aggregation to Prioritization

With Qualys Enterprise TruRisk Management Platform

Asset Level Risk Score

Complete 360 Context  
with Threat Intel



**TruRisk  
Score**

Correlate signals  
from many source

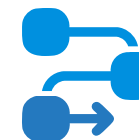
Toxic Combination



**TruRisk  
Insight**

Visualize Attack  
Path exposure

Blast Radius  
impact analysis



**Attack  
Path**

# Visualize Risks with Attack Path

## Multi-Dimensional Approach to Cloud Security



### Visualize critical resource exposure

Identify blast radius enabling proactive threat analysis



### Prioritize risk findings w/ security graph

Navigate to important findings on critical resources



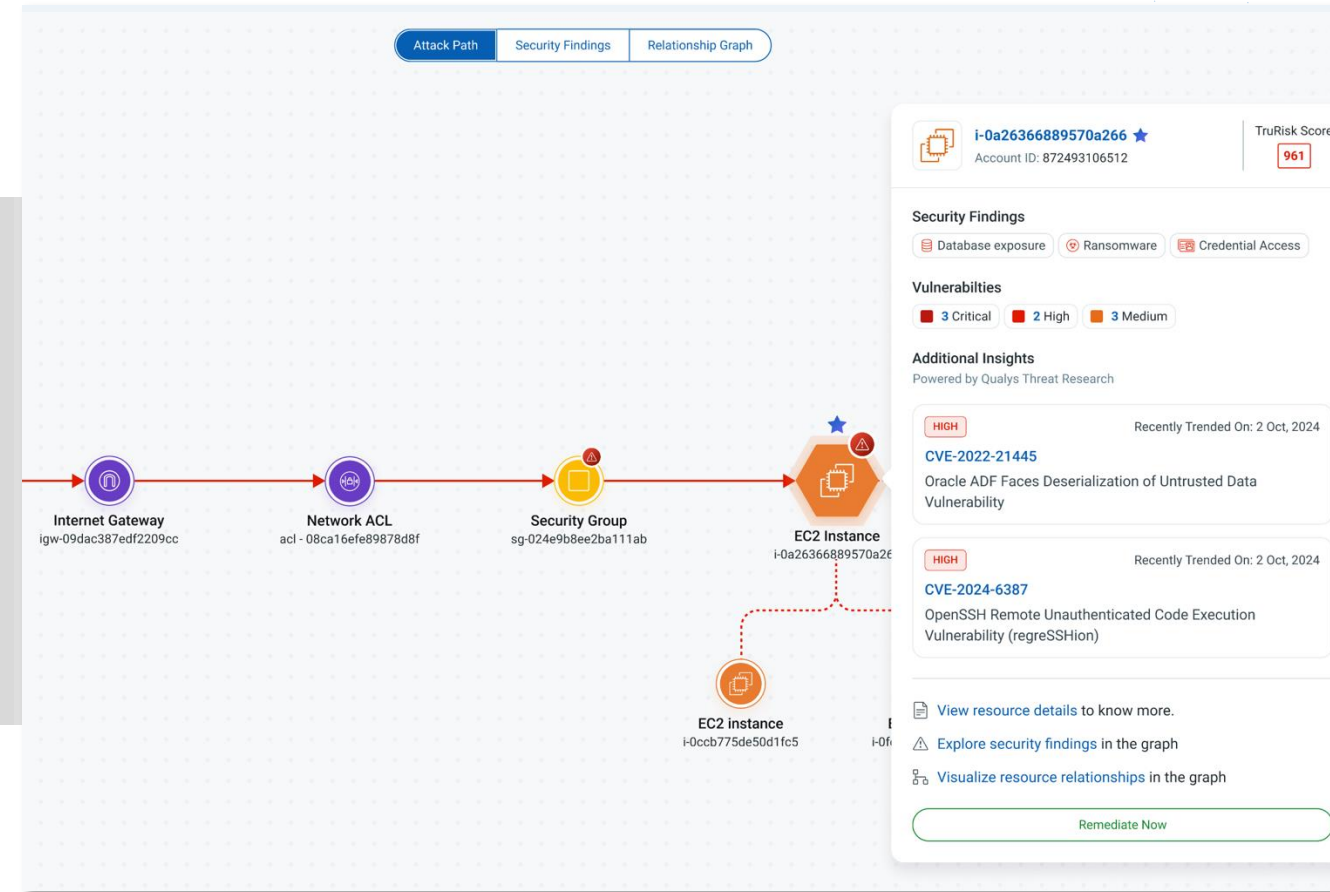
### Understand resource relationships

Capture communication flows of attached resources



### Scale with rapid remediation of risk

Drive accelerated risk-based prioritized threat remediation



# Provide Runtime Risk Context to Code

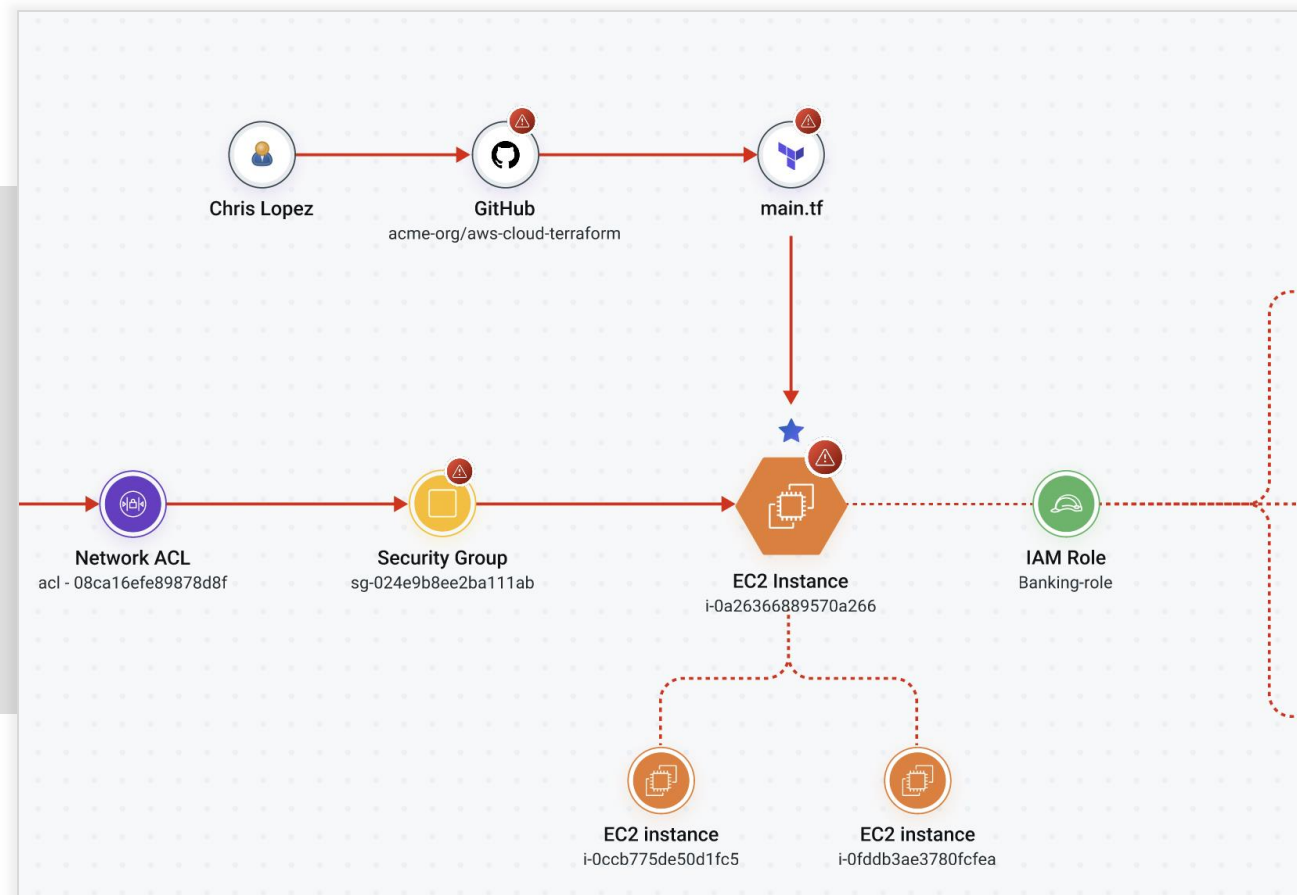
Turbocharge the risk prioritization with **Code to Cloud**

**Shift Left and Fix Left**



Developers receive **prioritized findings and context** to address critical issues **first**.

- ✓ **Empower developers** with proactive, in-workflow security
- ✓ **Correlate runtime risks** to vulnerable code
- ✓ **Enable scalable**, automated security remediation.
- ✓ **Prioritize and resolve cloud risks** using actionable insights.
- ✓ **Strengthen security posture** through informed, effective risk management strategies.



# Remediate Risks with Cloud Workflow Automation

No Code / Low Code QFlows



**Simplify** workflow creation with drag and drop visual nodes and no code



**Customize** security control workflows and scale inventory discovery

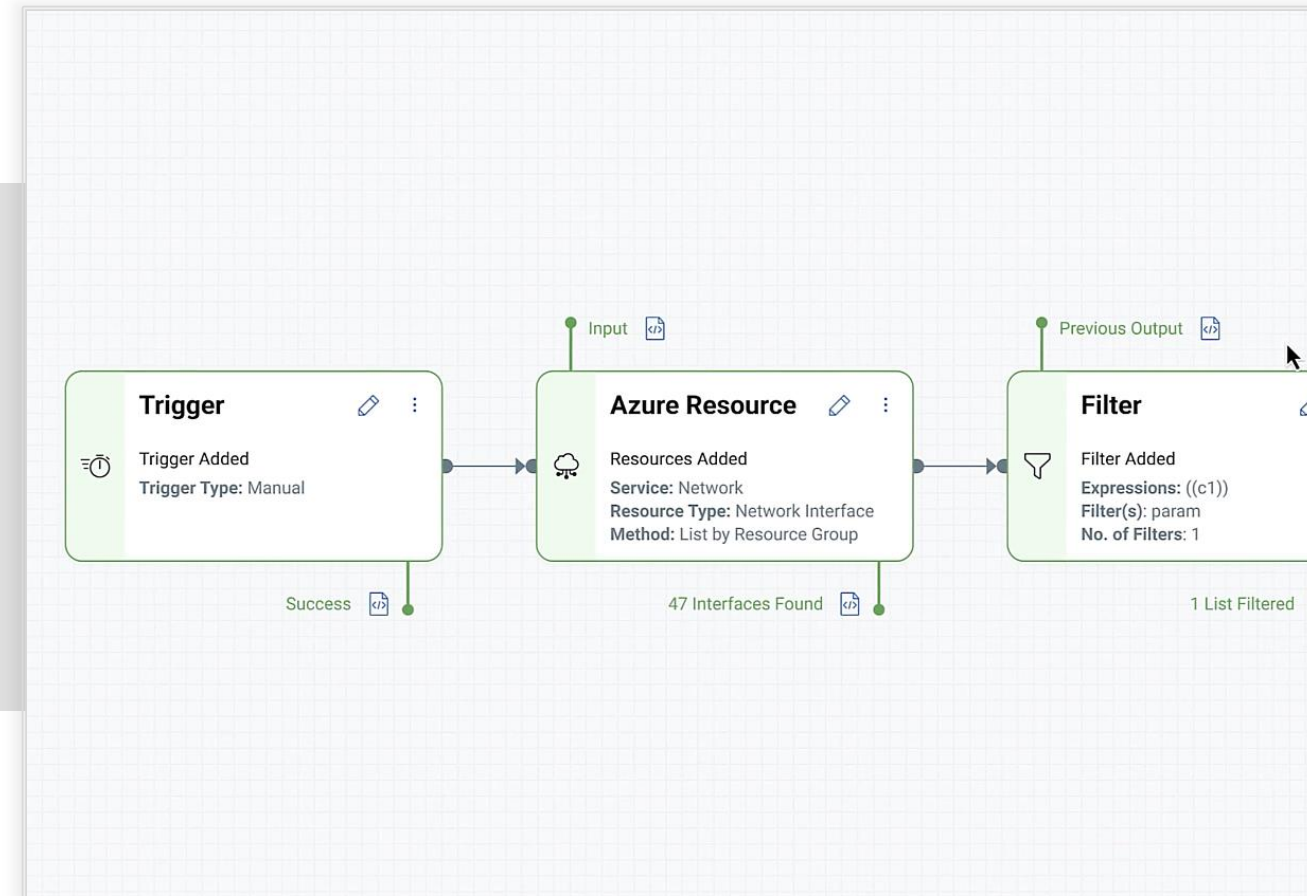


**Enrich** the security teams by automating efforts to manage security efficiently



**Orchestrate** remediation workflows and integrate with DevOps and ITSM tools

Over 300 out-of-the-box remediation playbooks



# Integrates with ServiceNow

Vulnerability/Misconfiguration Assignment and Remediation

## Meet Your Response SLAs



### Comprehensive Tracking and Action:

Enable IT team to efficiently track and take timely action.



### Automated Vulnerability Assignment:

Assign vulnerability fixes to developers based on asset ownership seamlessly.

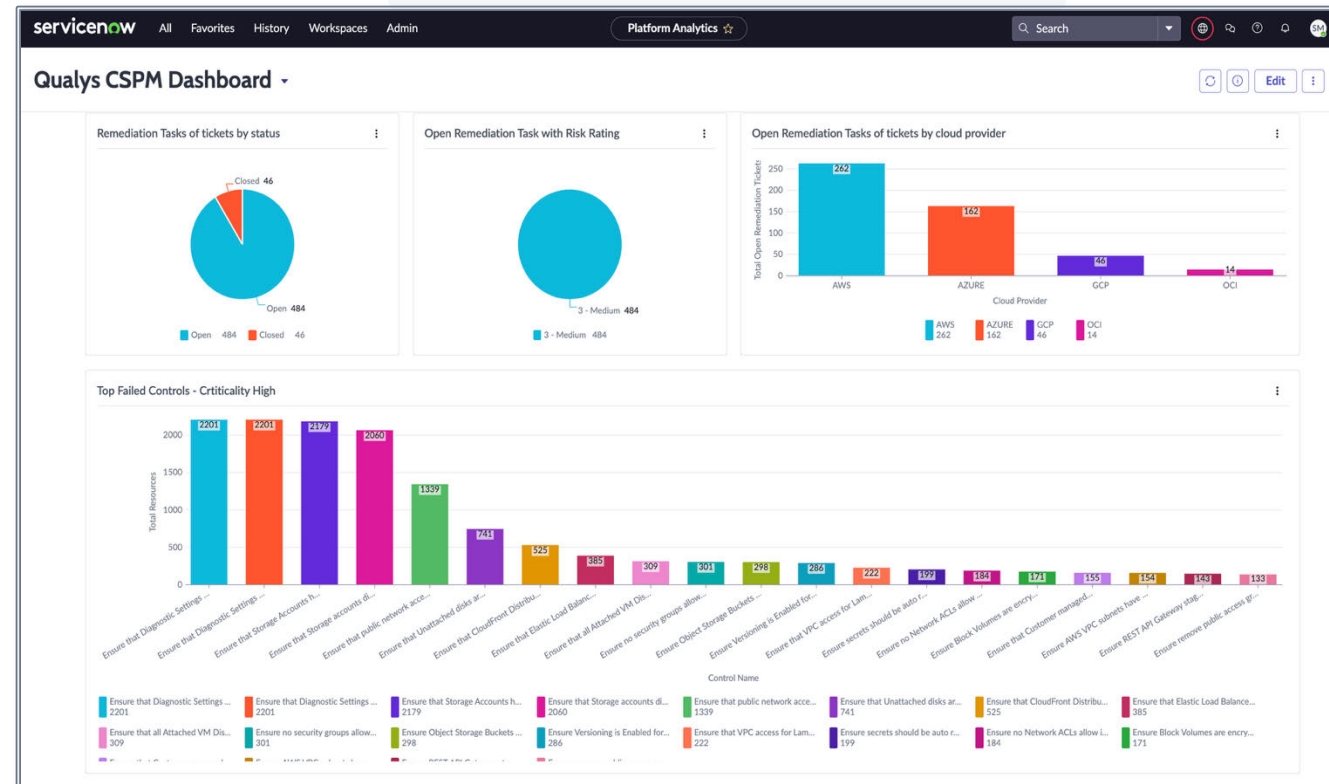


### Wide Adoption of Key Capabilities:

Enhanced vulnerability and misconfiguration management.

## ServiceNow Modules

**Vulnerability Response**  
**Container Vulnerability Response**  
**Configuration Compliance**





# Compliance for Any Mandate

## Compliance by Region

### Global

- CIS Controls Version 8, Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM), / ISO/IEC 27001:2013, ISO/IEC 27001:2022 / Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) v3.2.1 / Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) v4.0 / SWIFT Customer Security Controls Framework - Customer Security Programme v2021

### Americas

- NERC CIP (Energy)
- 2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy
- CJIS Security Policy
- Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Level 1-5
- Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP L / LI-SaaS / M)
- HIPAA Security Rule 45 CFR Parts 160/164, Subparts A/C:1996
- IRS Publication 1075
- Minimum Acceptable Risk Standards for Exchanges (MARS-E)
- NIST 800-53 + Special Publication 800-171
- Sarbanes-Oxley Act: IT Security
- The NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF)
- US Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) 2.0 Level 1 and 2

### Europe and Middle East

- ANSSI 40 Essential Measures for a Healthy Network
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- NESAI UAE Information Assurance Standards (IAS)
- NCSC Basic Cyber Security Controls (BCSC)

### India

- IRDAI Guidelines On Information and Cyber Security for Insurers
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - Baseline Cyber Security and Resilience Requirements (Annex 1)

### AsiaPac / Oceania

- APRA Prudential Practice Guide (PPG): CPG 234 - Management of Security Risk in IT
- Australian Signals Directorate - Essential Eight Maturity Model
- MAS - Notice 834: Cyber Hygiene Practices
- Technology Risk Management (TRM) Guidelines
- New Zealand Information Security Manual (NZISM)

# When Cloud Security Meets App Security?



List of Web Apps and APIs in the cloud

Location of Applications (regions, servers, PAAS)

Exposure and metadata such as ports, protocols, owners



Application OWASP Top10 Vulnerabilities

Application Owners and Business Use

Application Source Code Location



## Cloud Security

Discover and secure all cloud resources, including Compute, Storage, Network, Databases, Web Applications, API gateways, across multi-cloud environments



## Application Security

Instantly detect and scan APIs and Web Applications for vulnerabilities, malware, and advanced threats using deep learning

# New Announcement



## Qualys Agentic AI

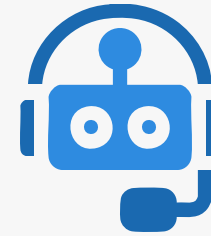
AI fabric to drive real-time, autonomous **response to risk signals** and deliver **board-ready insights** at machine speed



### AI Agent Marketplace

Specialized AI Agents trained for autonomous risk prioritization and remediation.

**Built-In & Build Your Own Agents**



### Cyber Risk Assistant

Democratize access to security data with natural language interface for adaptive, self-learning decision support.

# Agent Vikram for TotalCloud

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## How Agentic AI Helps with Adaptive Cloud Risk Assessment with Agent Vikram



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August 19, 2025 - 4 min read



In fast-moving cloud environments like AWS, security teams face an uncomfortable truth: not every EC2 instance is being scanned, existing tools don't work across a diverse environment that includes long-lived and ephemeral assets, and visibility is never complete. [Qualys research](#) found that over 30% of virtual machines have high or critical vulnerabilities, and with blind spots in your scanning, you may miss these critical risks.

### Cloud Blind Spots Are Everywhere

The reason not all instances are being scanned is workloads:

- Are missing agents
- Lack SSM integration
- Have encrypted volumes
- Are so ephemeral that they spin up and disappear before traditional tools can catch them



Reliable

Agent Vikram 5

### Adaptive Cloud Risk Assessment

Discovers unknown and unmanaged (for cyber risk) cloud workloads and resources and assesses their risk with FlexScan strategies of agent & agentless scanning in cloud, making sure you never have a cloud asset without visibility into its risk

#### Core Skills

CWPP

CNAPP

Cloud Security

#### Projected Agent Impact

**100%**

Visibility into Cloud  
Assets

**6 Mins**

To Define Flexible Scan  
Strategies in Cloud

**22%**

Less Cyber Risk  
in Cloud

Employ

# Agentic AI

Your skilled, digital workforce for autonomous risk management

The screenshot displays the Qualys Enterprise Toolkit Agents interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Agents', 'Dashboard', and 'Library'. A search bar is located below the navigation. The main content area features a grid of agent profiles, each with a profile picture, name, rating, and a brief description of their capabilities. Each agent profile also lists 'Core Skills' and 'Impact Across Organizations' with specific metrics.

Agent Name	Rating	Specialization	Core Skills	Impact Across Organizations
Agent Naira	4.8	Adversary-Based Risk Prioritization	Adversary Mapping, Industry Contextualization, Threat Actor Risk Linking	510 Tracked Points Reduced, 2 - 4% Adversary-linked CVEs Targeted, 30% Faster Response Time
Agent Sara	4.7	Patch Tuesday Intelligence	Patch Tuesday Intelligence, Fix Availability, Patchability Assessment	548 Risk reduced from Patch Tuesday CVEs, 25% Faster Patch Cycle (MTTR), 3 - 5% Top Patch-Tuesday CVEs Prioritized
Agent Nova	4.9	Exposure Analysis for Internet-Facing Assets	EASM Discovery, Exposure-Risk Quantification, ExploitKit Detection	510 Tracked Points Reduced, 2 - 4% Adversary-linked CVEs Targeted, 30% Faster Response Time
Agent Alex	4.6	Ransomware Threat Hardening	Ransomware Risk Identification, VPN Gateway Exposure	510 Tracked Points, 2 - 4% Adversary-linked, 30% Faster Response
Agent Drin	4.6	CISA KEV & Ransomware on Crown Jewels	Crown Jewel Detection, KEV/Ransomware Overlap	510 Tracked Points, 2 - 4% Adversary-linked, 30% Faster Response
Agent Jarek	4.5	Cloud Blind Spot Detection	Cloud Inventory Gap Detection, EC2 Scan Strategy Mapping	510 Tracked Points, 2 - 4% Adversary-linked, 30% Faster Response





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# Cloud-native Security

## Discover, Assess, Remediate Cloud Accounts Effectively

Qualys' Cloud Implementation Provides Insights Into  
Maturing Internal Processes For Cloud-native Security

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## Terry Barber

CISSP



# Inventory



# Assessment



# Prioritize



# Remediate



# Inventory

- Deploy Cloud Connectors
- Tag Assets for Responsibility Matrix
- Assess Each Account's Assets
- Prioritize Findings
- Remediate

01

Deploy  
Qualys Connectors

Discover and  
Populate Inventory

02

Tag Assets,  
Assess, Prioritize  
And Remediate

# CSPM

## Cloud Security Posture Management

**Activating CSPM On The Qualys Connector Enables Visibility And Assessment Of The Account.**



Adding CSPM to the Connector Provides Configuration Data



TotalCloud Applies CSPM Configuration through the Connector.



Providing Posture, via Policies, TotalCloud Helps Identify Misconfigurations.



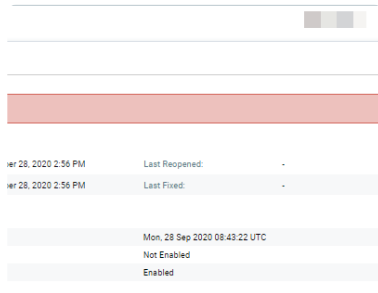
A Dashboard for Control Assessment with TruRisk Insights.



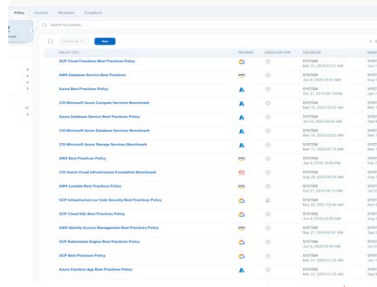
Insights – Visibility into Critical Risks such as Publicly Exposed VM's with Vulnerabilities.



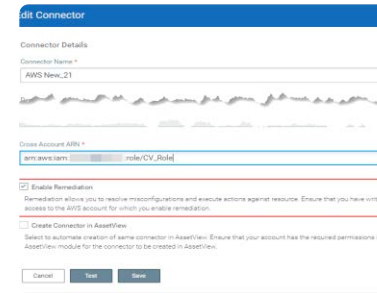
# Configuration Assessment



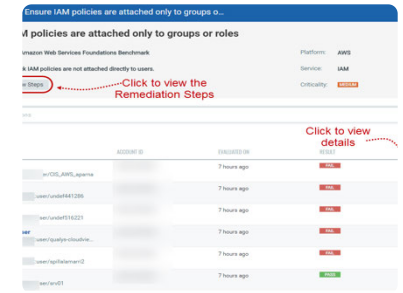
**Misconfigured  
Cloud Accounts  
Introduce Risk**



**Assess Cloud Accounts  
to Discover These  
Misconfigurations**



**Remediation of  
Misconfigured Settings  
can be Automated**



**Use Policy Assessment to  
Define Security Policies,  
Eliminate Risk, and  
Quickly Assess  
New Environments**

# Vulnerabilities

Utilize Multiple Scanning Strategies For Complete Coverage

Multi-layered  
Approach To  
Vulnerability  
Detection

Cloud Agent

Network Scanner  
Appliances

External Scans

Snapshot Scans

API Scans



# Qualys Scanning

## FlexScan Flexibility Awaits



Review your cloud environment to determine which scanning methodology to implement



Cloud Agents – Operating system coverage  
Perimeter Scans – Scan public facing assets



API Scans – scan package inventories  
Snapshot Scans – scan workload snapshots

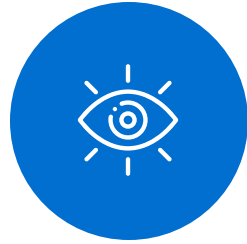


Tailor the scanning strategy for cost effectiveness and gap reduction

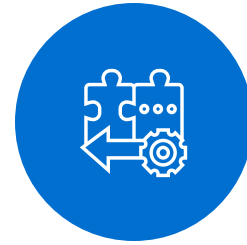
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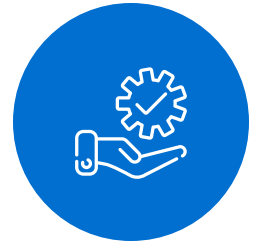
Container  
Environments  
can be Fluid



CI/CD  
Pipeline  
Visibility



Shift Left



Responsibility  
Matrices

# Streamlining Process & Managing Cost



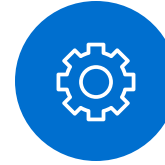
Container Environments  
Create Unique Issues for  
Remediation Teams.  
Who's Responsible?



Shift Left is a Trend  
That Assists in the  
Early Definition of  
Vulnerabilities.



Stop Vulnerabilities  
at Build Time, Ensure  
Secure Runtime.



TruRisk



Attack path – Public facing?  
Sensitive data?



Connected assets, EC2 to S3



Once compromised attack path vulns become worse

# Utilize Automation to Speed Response



Zero Touch  
Scanning



QFlow Initiated  
Scanning



Configuration  
Remediation



Multi-faceted  
approach

# Build a Strategy

01 ▶ 02 ▶ 03 ▶ 04 ▶ 05

Discover

Assess

Secure

Remediate

Automate



# In Closing

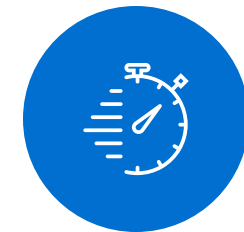
When building a cloud strategy review all your capabilities in your tool set and deploy your security solution in a manner that:



Discovers inventory in  
your environment



Deploys tools to  
assess the environment  
and prevents gaps



Allows the use of  
Automation to speed the  
efficiency and response

# **Demo - Code to Cloud Recipe to Fix Attack Paths at the Source**



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# Enterprise TruRisk<sup>TM</sup> Platform

Measure, communicate, and eliminate cyber risk.

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**De-risk your business.**