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## **Cloud Attacks Illustrated: Insights from the cloud provider**



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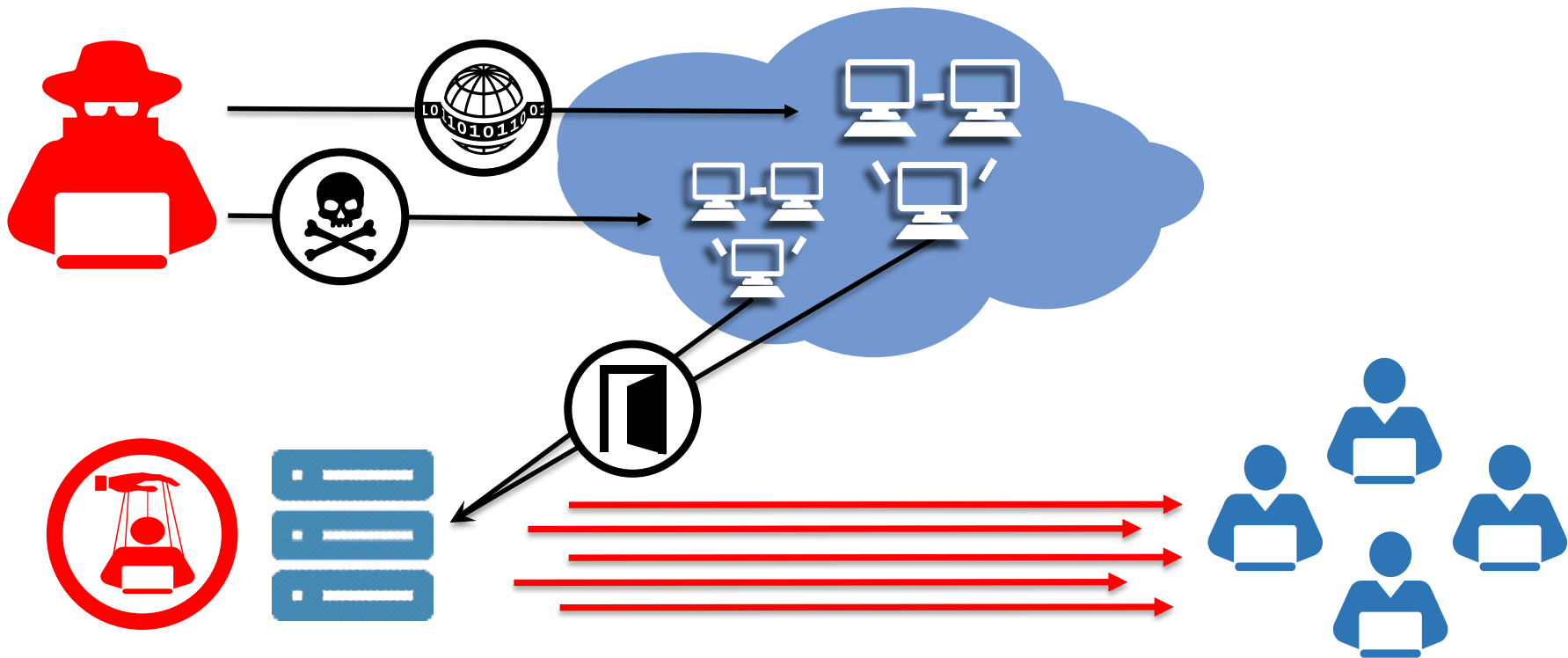
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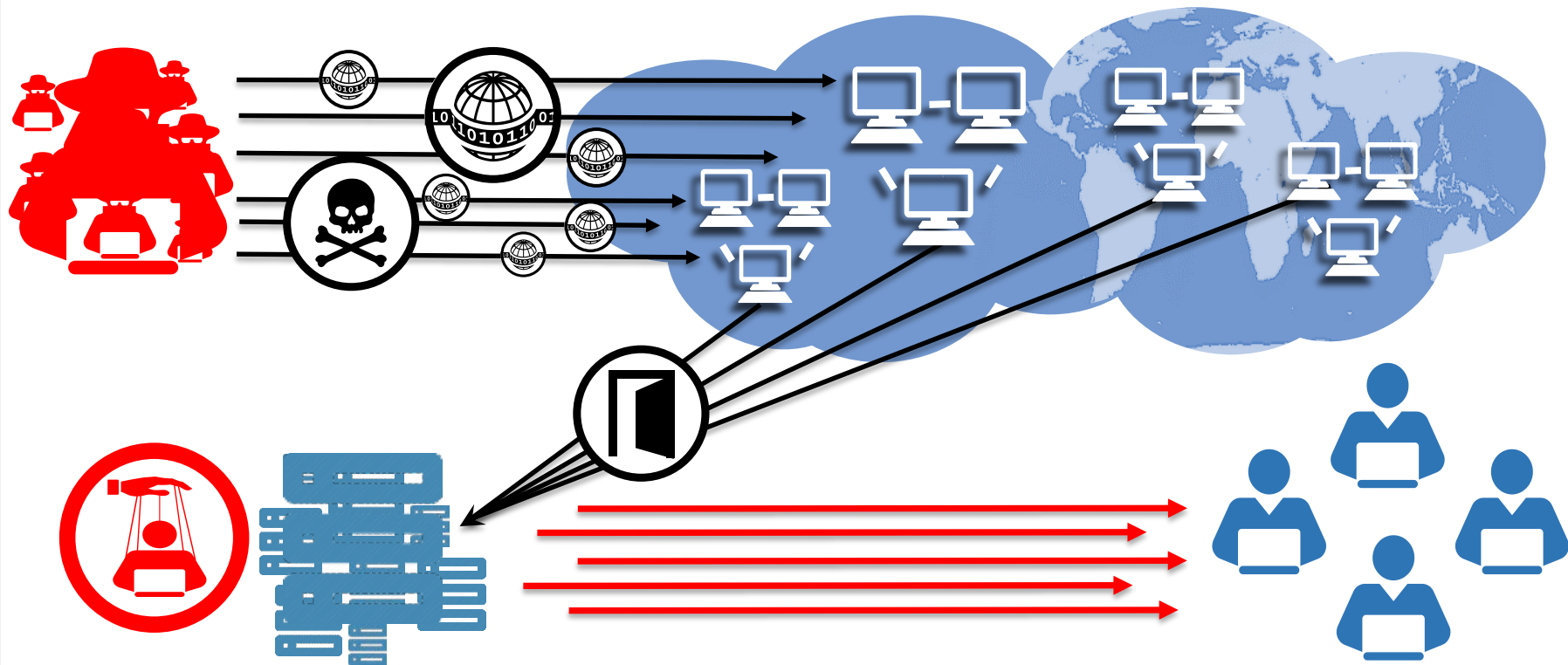
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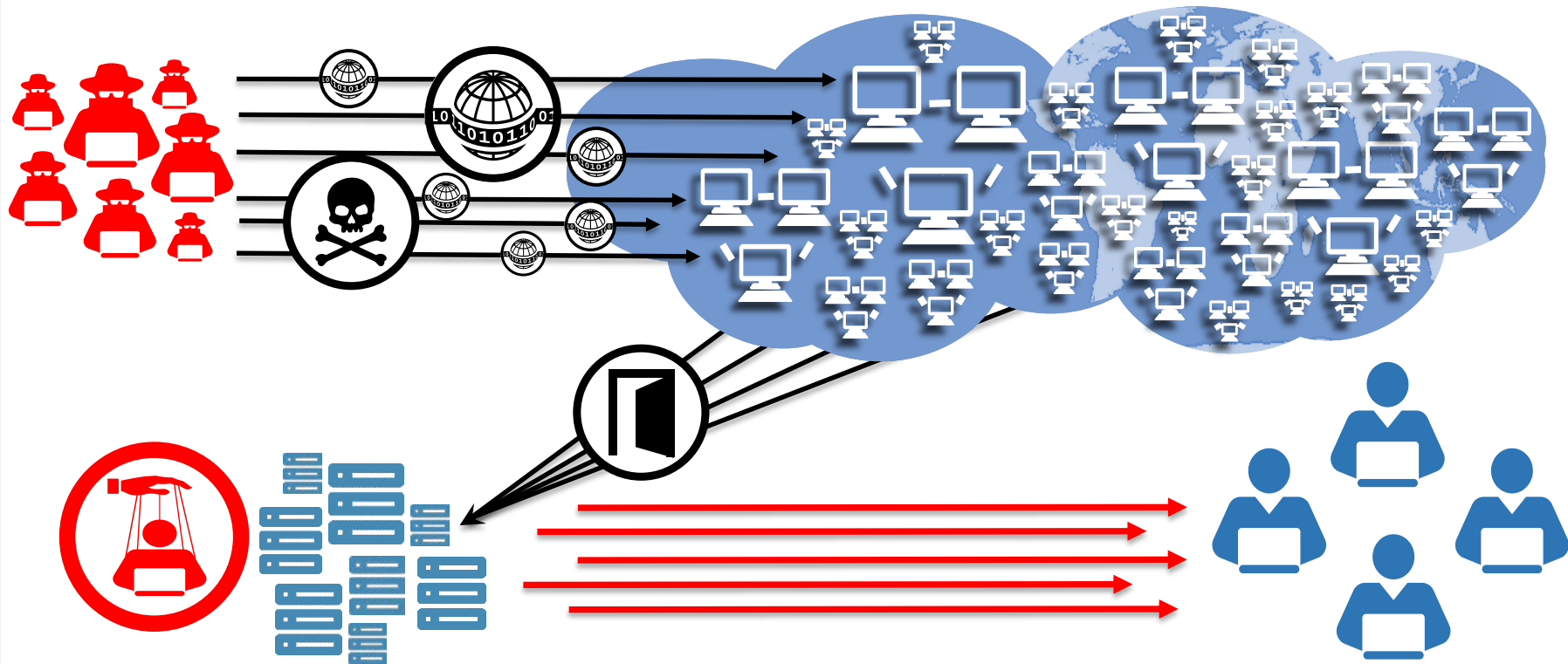


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# Setting the Stage



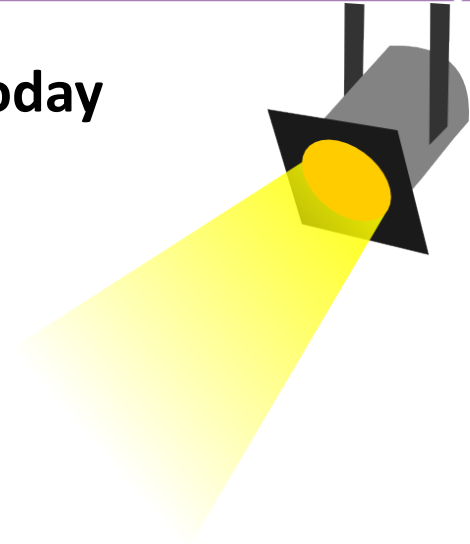
- We are going to talk about what is **happening today**
- This information is **immediately applicable**

Which attacks should I expect?

How to prevent them?

How to detect them?

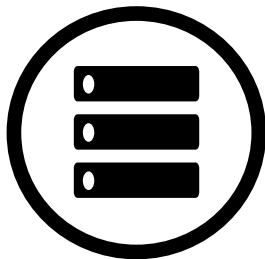
How to respond to them?



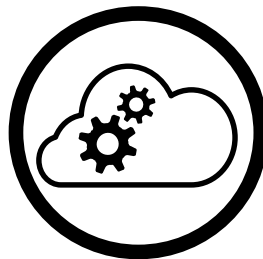
# Cloud Basic Terminology



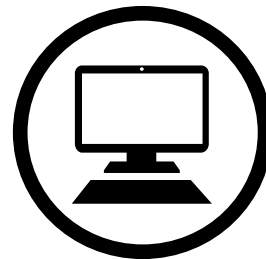
Customer



Subscription



Resource Group



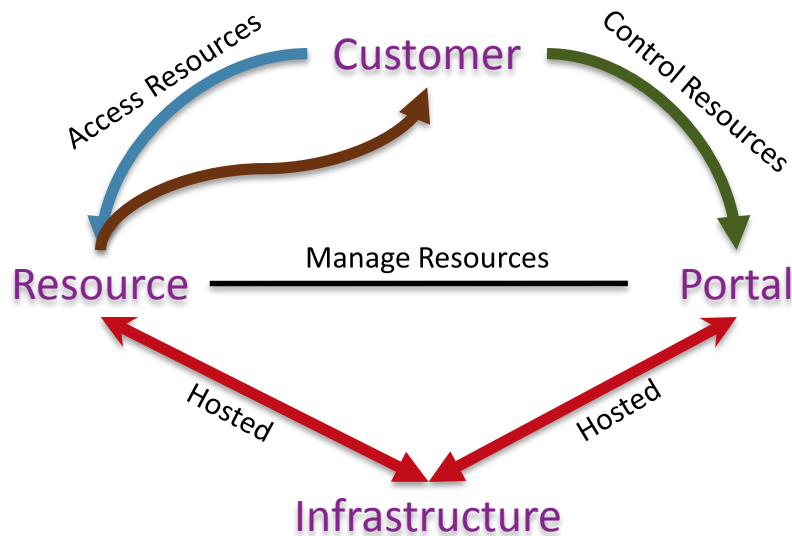
Resource

# Cloud Attack Surface (Partial)



Buffer overflow  
SQL Injection  
Privilege escalation

Side channel  
DDoS  
Data integrity



Certificate spoofing  
Phishing  
Drive-By-Download

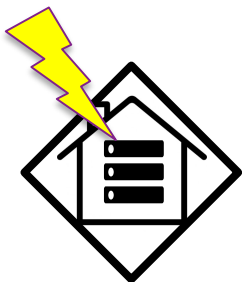
Brute Force  
Password reset  
Impersonation

# Types of Attacks



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## On-Prem

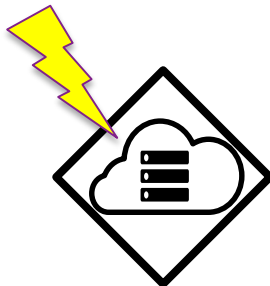


Direct



Indirect

## Cloud Resource

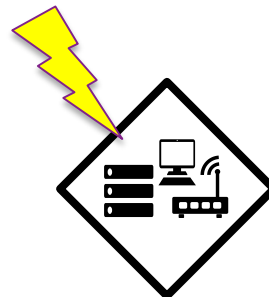


Fraud



Exploit

## Infrastructure



DoS

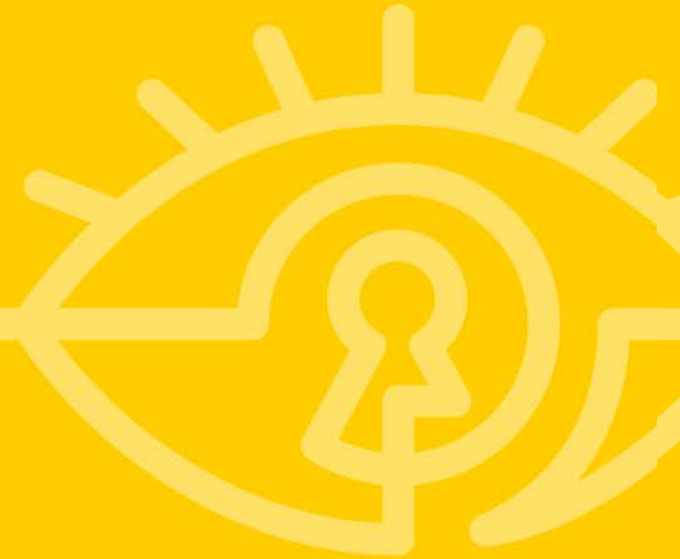


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## **Perspectives on the cloud**

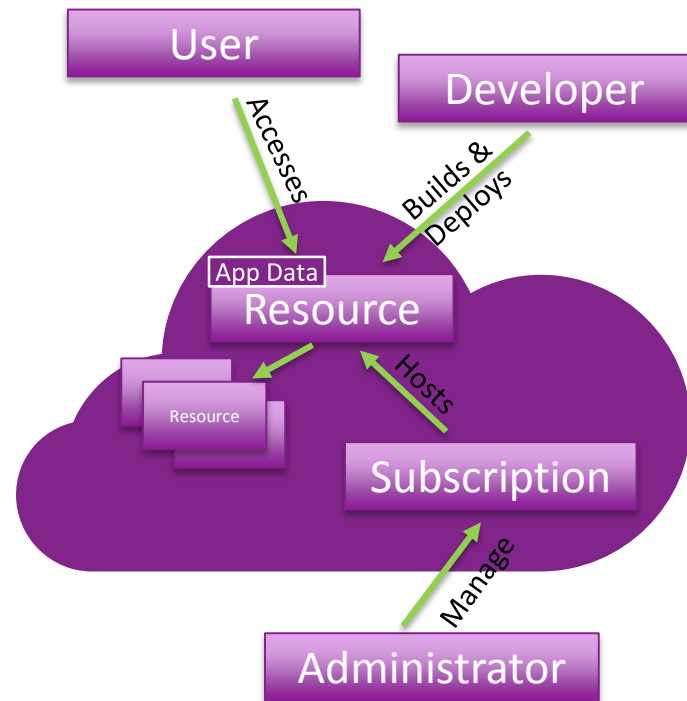


# Who are the targets?



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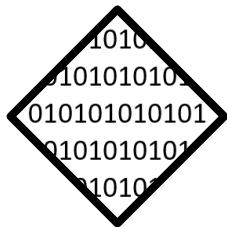
- **User**  
Impersonate the user, Take the user's data
- **Developer**  
Compromise services, bypass controls, plant backdoors
- **Resource**  
Take data, logic bomb, surveil transactions, subvert auditing
- **Subscription**  
Complete control of cloud resources
- **Administrator**  
Pivot attack to on-prem resources
- **Cloud Provider**  
Complete dominion of multiple tenant



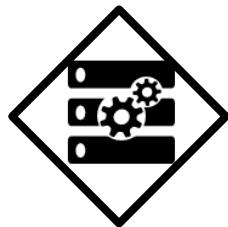
# Why does the cloud appeal to attackers?



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Data



Technology



Multitenant



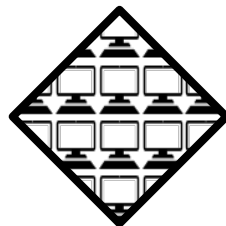
Free Trials



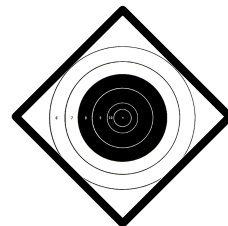
Anonymity



Horse Power



Heterogeneous



Attack Surface

# Cloud Services – Shared Responsibility



## On Premises

## Infrastructure (as a Service)

## Platform (as a Service)

## Software (as a Service)

Applications
Data
Runtime
Middleware
O/S
Virtualization
Servers
Storage
Networking

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Managed by:

Customer
Provider

# What are the risks for the provider?



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Compromise infrastructure



Impact to provider

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Impact to target

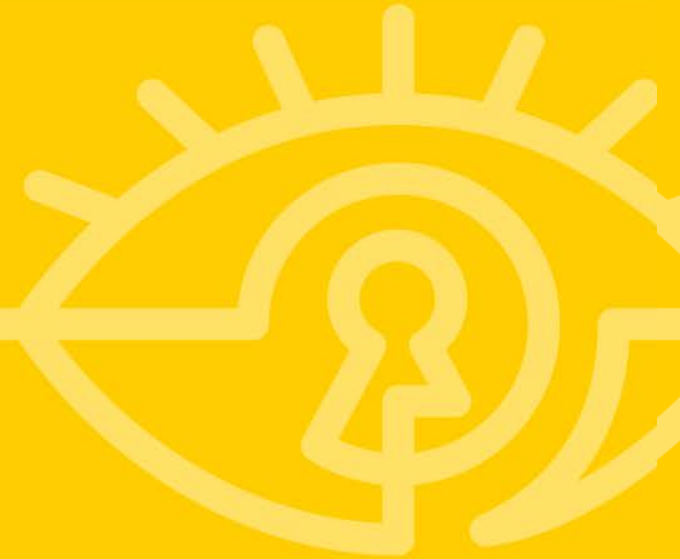
Compromise tenant



Impact to cloud adoption



## **Cloud attack case studies**



# “Public Secrets” Attacker Profile



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“LOW”  
SOPHISTICATION

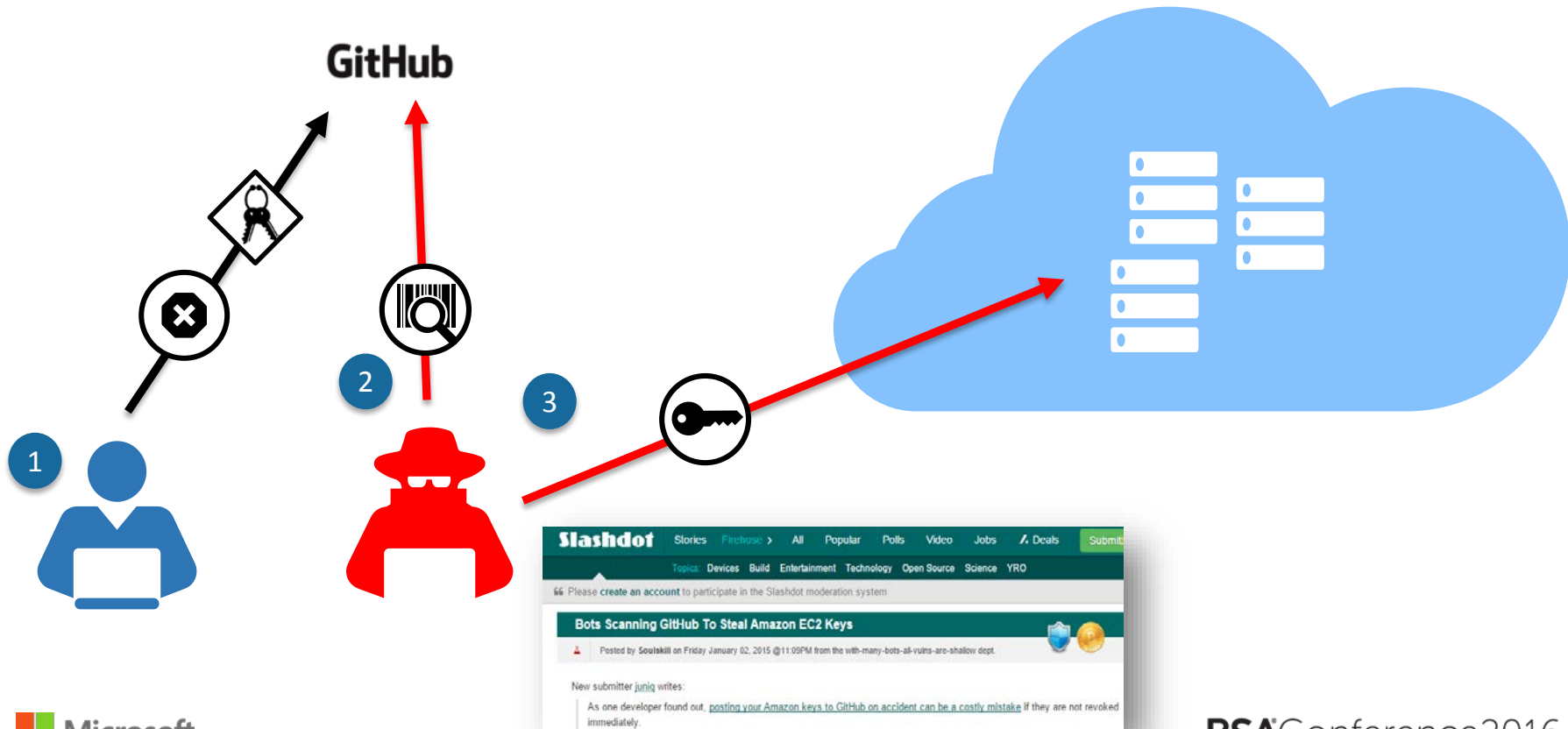


“LOW”  
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# “Public Secrets” – Attacks Against Tenants



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# “Deep Impact” Attacker Profile



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“MEDIUM”  
SOPHISTICATION



“HIGH”  
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# "Deep Impact" – Attacks Against Tenants

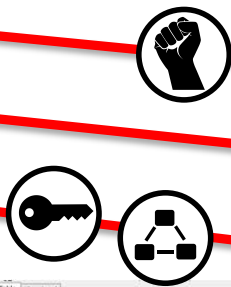
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## Man In The Cloud



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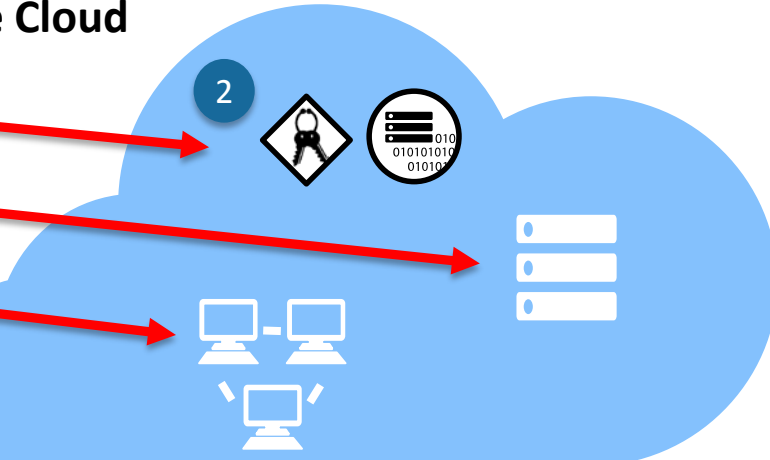


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Name	Modified Time	Change Time	Access Time	Create Time
Current folder	2015-03-11 14:26:55 UTC	2015-03-11 14:26:55 UTC	2015-03-11 14:26:55 UTC	2015-03-11 14:26:55 UTC
Parent folder	2015-02-18 15:23:56 UTC	2015-02-18 15:23:56 UTC	2015-03-10 18:29:53 UTC	2015-02-18 15:23:56 UTC
azure	2015-02-18 15:23:56 UTC	2015-02-18 15:23:56 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC	2015-02-18 15:23:56 UTC
.ssh	2015-01-30 15:46:19 UTC	2015-01-30 15:46:19 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC	2015-01-30 15:46:19 UTC
streamline	2015-02-18 15:27:29 UTC	2015-02-18 15:27:29 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC	2015-02-18 15:27:29 UTC
downloads	2015-03-11 15:40:38 UTC	2015-03-11 15:40:38 UTC	2015-03-11 15:40:41 UTC	2015-03-11 15:40:38 UTC
NAMOS-CA-35	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC
bash_history	2015-03-11 15:44:11 UTC	2015-03-11 15:44:11 UTC	2015-03-11 15:44:18 UTC	2015-03-11 15:44:11 UTC
bash_history.tmp	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC	2015-03-11 15:28:51 UTC
bash_history.tmp	2015-03-11 15:43:54 UTC	2015-03-11 15:43:54 UTC	2015-03-11 15:43:54 UTC	2015-03-11 15:43:54 UTC
bash_logout	2014-09-26 01:53:12 UTC	2015-01-30 14:30:39 UTC	2015-03-10 16:14:21 UTC	2015-01-30 14:30:39 UTC
bash_profile	2014-09-26 01:53:12 UTC	2015-01-30 14:30:39 UTC	2015-03-10 15:11:53 UTC	2015-01-30 14:30:39 UTC
bashrc	2014-09-26 01:53:12 UTC	2015-01-30 14:30:39 UTC	2015-03-10 15:11:53 UTC	2015-01-30 14:30:39 UTC
1	2015-03-10 15:21:48 UTC	2015-03-10 15:21:48 UTC	2015-03-10 15:21:50 UTC	2015-03-10 15:21:48 UTC
20150202.txt	2015-02-23 12:31:51 UTC	2015-02-23 12:31:51 UTC	2015-02-23 12:31:55 UTC	2015-02-23 12:31:51 UTC

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bash_history	2015-03-11 15:44:11 UTC	2015-03-11 15:44:18 UTC	2015-03-11 15:44:18 UTC
check_cpu_usage.sh	2014-10-01 10:11:13 UTC	2015-02-19 17:46:32 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC
check_processes.sh	2014-09-30 15:20:27 UTC	2015-02-19 17:46:32 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC
chk_mem.sh	2014-11-17 12:24:09 UTC	2015-02-19 17:46:32 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC
chk_process.sh	2014-09-30 15:20:27 UTC	2015-02-19 17:46:32 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC
netstat.log	2015-03-10 15:25:23 UTC	2015-03-10 15:25:23 UTC	2015-03-10 15:25:23 UTC
type-2.15.tar.gz	2014-09-30 14:48:22 UTC	2015-02-19 15:27:37 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:41 UTC
SshCn	2015-02-10 10:43:28 UTC	2015-02-10 16:30:37 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:42 UTC
sshcloud_indexbackup.log	2015-03-11 03:03:11 UTC	2015-03-11 03:03:11 UTC	2015-03-11 03:03:11 UTC
sshcloud_indexbackup.sh	2015-02-23 13:02:47 UTC	2015-02-23 13:02:47 UTC	2015-03-11 03:03:11 UTC
sshcloud_indexbackup@delete.sh	2015-02-23 13:03:32 UTC	2015-02-23 13:03:32 UTC	2015-03-11 03:03:11 UTC
test.dat	2015-03-03 15:43:15 UTC	2015-03-03 15:45:26 UTC	2015-03-11 10:09:07 UTC
test.sh	2015-02-23 12:45:24 UTC	2015-02-23 12:45:24 UTC	2015-03-11 10:08:41 UTC
test.txt	2015-02-20 15:48:11 UTC	2015-02-20 15:48:11 UTC	2015-03-03 15:41:30 UTC



# “Big Target” Attacker Profile



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“HIGH”  
SOPHISTICATION

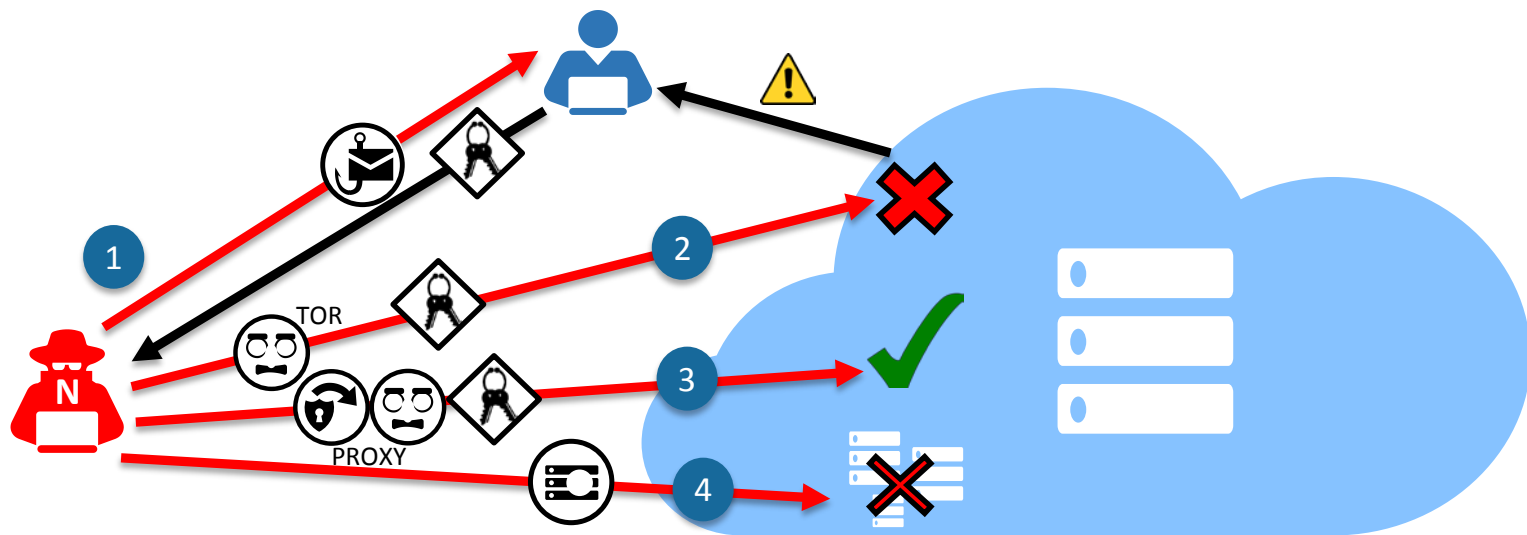


“HIGH”  
FOCUS

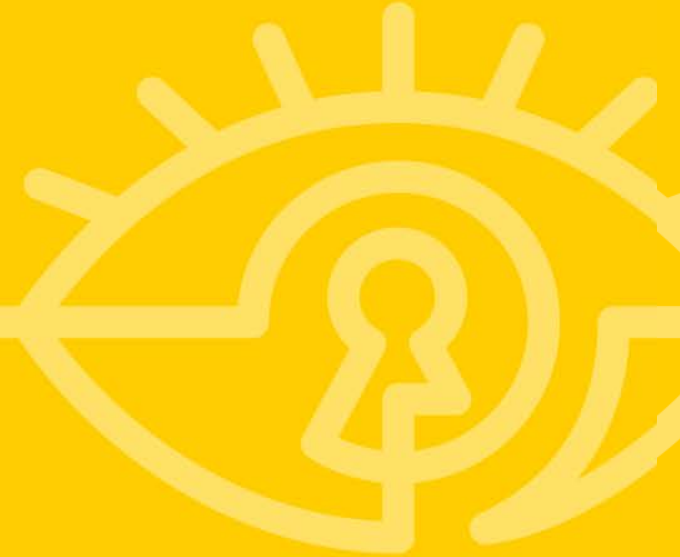
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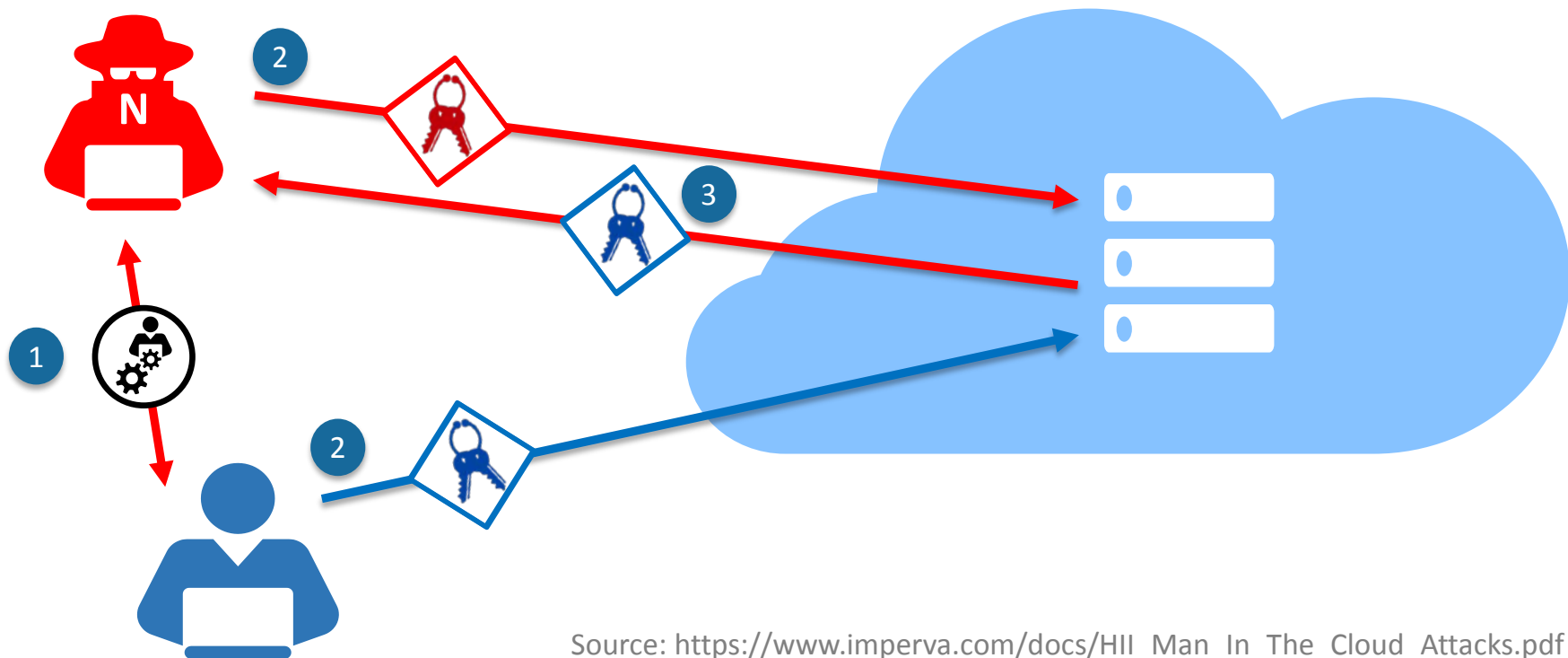
# Threats on the horizon



# “Man In The Cloud” – In-Direct Tenant Attacks



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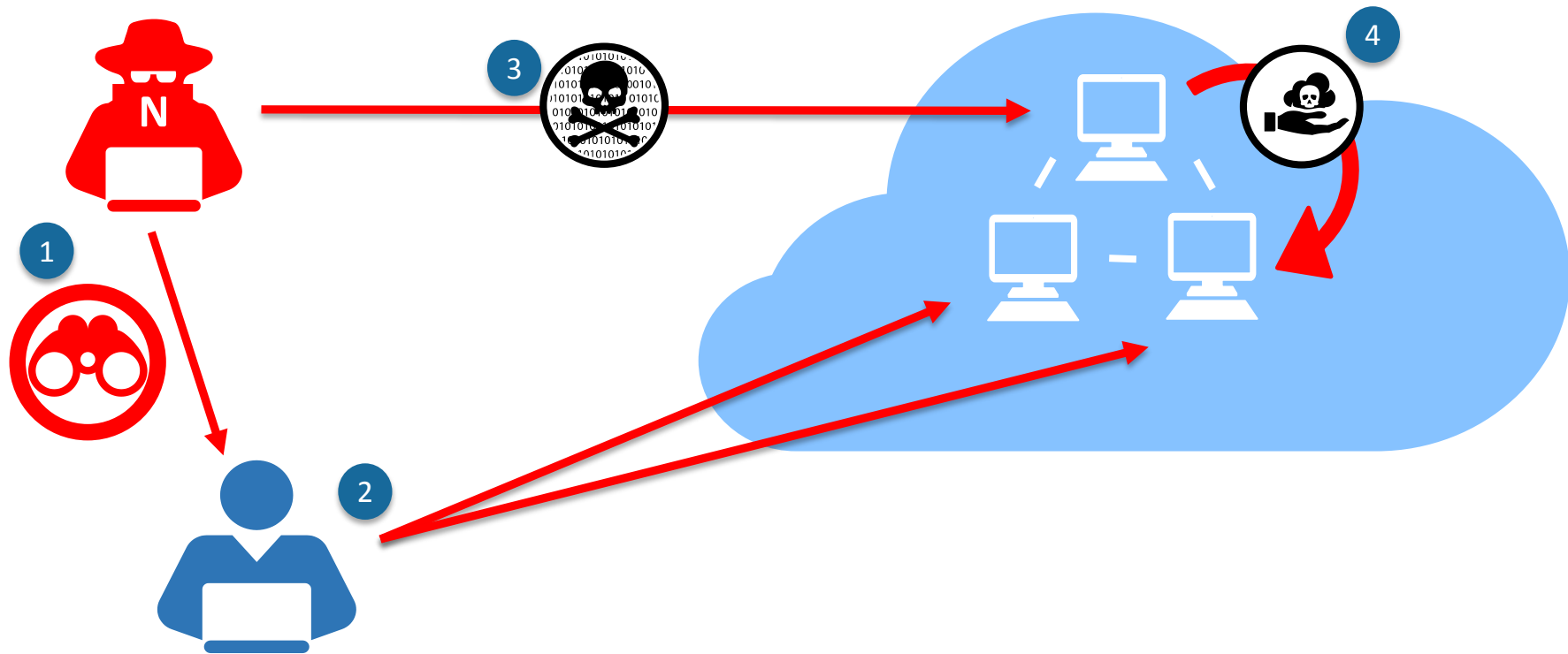


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# “Side Channel” – Indirect Tenant Attacks



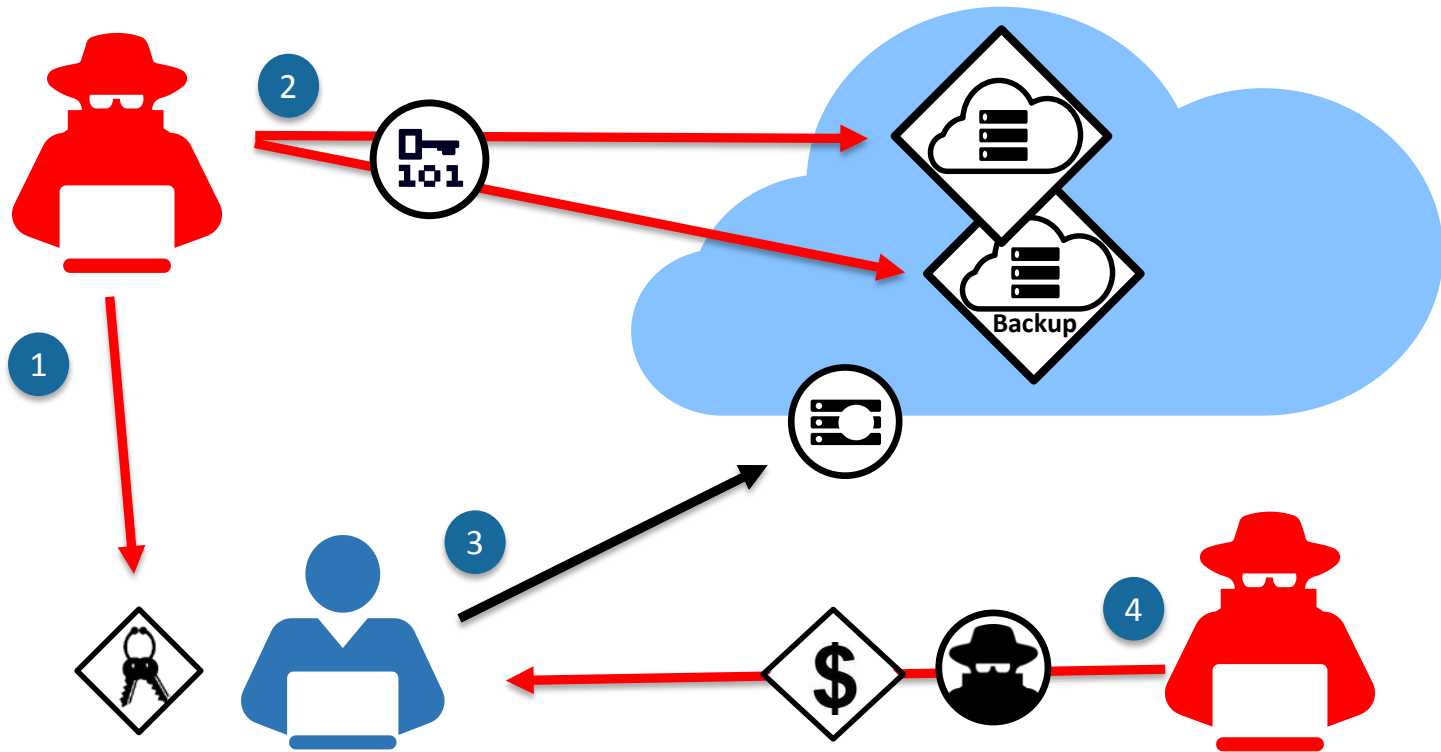
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# “Resource Ransom” – Direct Tenant Attacks



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# Kill Chain Differences



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Phase	On-premises	Public Cloud*
Active Recon	HUMINT, OSINT (Users)	Foot printing (Services)
Delivery	Browser, Mail, USB (User Interaction)	Hacking (No User Interaction)
Exploitation	Client-Side vulnerabilities	Server-Side vulnerabilities
Persistence	File System Based	Memory Based
Internal Recon	Custom Tools	Built-in Admin Tools
Lateral Movement	Machine Pivot	Resource Pivot

*\* Cloud environments add new attack vectors on top of the regular enterprise attack vectors*



# **Cloud Clean Chain**

## **...or how to not become a case study**



# Apply - Prevention



## **For the developer:**

- ✓ Remember the SDL
- ✓ Never check Shared Secrets and Private Keys into source control
- ✓ Track, monitor, and review who has access to your subscription
- ✓ Enable and validate logging on Cloud resources

## **For the subscription owner & infrastructure engineer:**

- ✓ Maintain accurate contact information with your cloud provider
- ✓ Control and monitor management ports exposed to the internet
- ✓ Scrutinize authentication choices, and how secrets are controlled
- ✓ Validate patch processes (for IaaS and containers)
- ✓ Extend mature IT security processes to the cloud

# Apply - Detection



## For the security IT:

- ✓ Think in graphs, visualize your environment!
- ✓ Enable, collect, monitor logs in all your resources
- ✓ Correlate Network, VM and resource signals
- ✓ Cluster events from the same resource groups
- ✓ Map alerts into kill chain to track movement
- ✓ Deploy external/internal Honeypot to gain insights
- ✓ Leverage Threat Intelligence wherever possible

# “Final” Apply Slide



- ✓ Understand your cloud attack surface
- ✓ Review the kill chain differences
- ✓ Follow & implement the cloud clean chain
- ✓ Explore security services provided by your cloud providers


# Summary



- Cloud services is a shared responsibility
- Cloud clean chain can help reduce the attack surface
- Don't reinvent the wheel, extend it!



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**Thank You**

