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# Top 10 Azure Security Best Practices



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81% of companies had a cloud security incident in the last year

[81% of companies had a cloud security incident in the last year \(cloudcomputing-news.net\)](https://cloudcomputing-news.net)



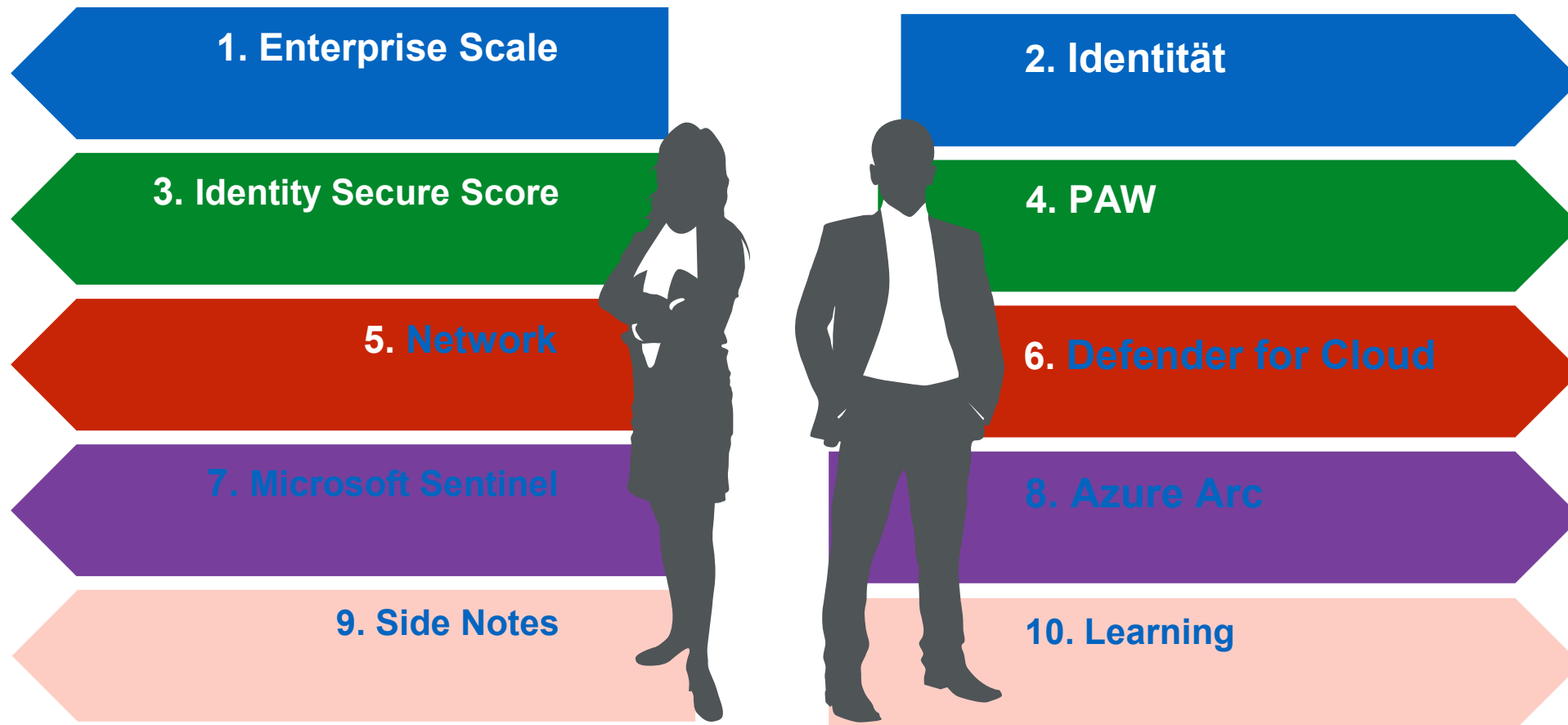
**1. Accenture.** In August of 2021, Accenture fell prey to a LockBit ransomware attack. The culprits claimed to have stolen 6TB worth of data, for which they requested a ransom of \$50 million.

**3. Cognyte.** In May of 2021, the cyber analytics firm Cognyte left a database unsecured without authentication protocols. In turn, hackers managed to expose 5 billion records. Information such as names, email addresses, passwords, and vulnerability data points within their system were leaked. Information was even indexed by search engines.

[Top 5 cloud security breaches \(and lessons\) 2021 and 2022 \(cybertalk.org\)](https://cybertalk.org)



# Introduction





# Important Dates

Microsoft Azure

Search resources, services, and docs (G+)

Dashboard > Build > Cloud > Security > Security

**Security Note**

Effective October 1, 2022, we will begin to permanently disable Basic Authentication for Exchange Online in all Microsoft 365 tenants regardless of usage, except for SMTP Authentication. [Read more here](#)

**Secure Score for Identity**

46.70%

Comparison

Comparison	Score
Build-Clouds	46.70%
Typical 1-1000 person company	54.10%

Score history

7 days 30 days 60 days 90 days

August 7

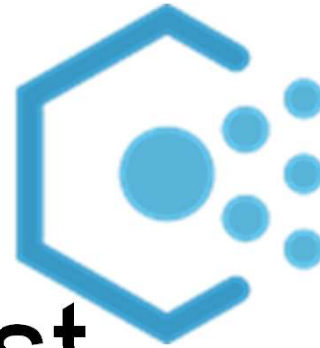
## Retiring Azure AD Connect 1.x versions

**Important**

On August 31, 2022, all 1.x versions of Azure AD Connect will be retired because they include SQL Server 2012 components that will no longer be supported. Upgrade to the most recent version of Azure AD Connect (2.x version) by that date or **evaluate and switch to Azure AD cloud sync**.

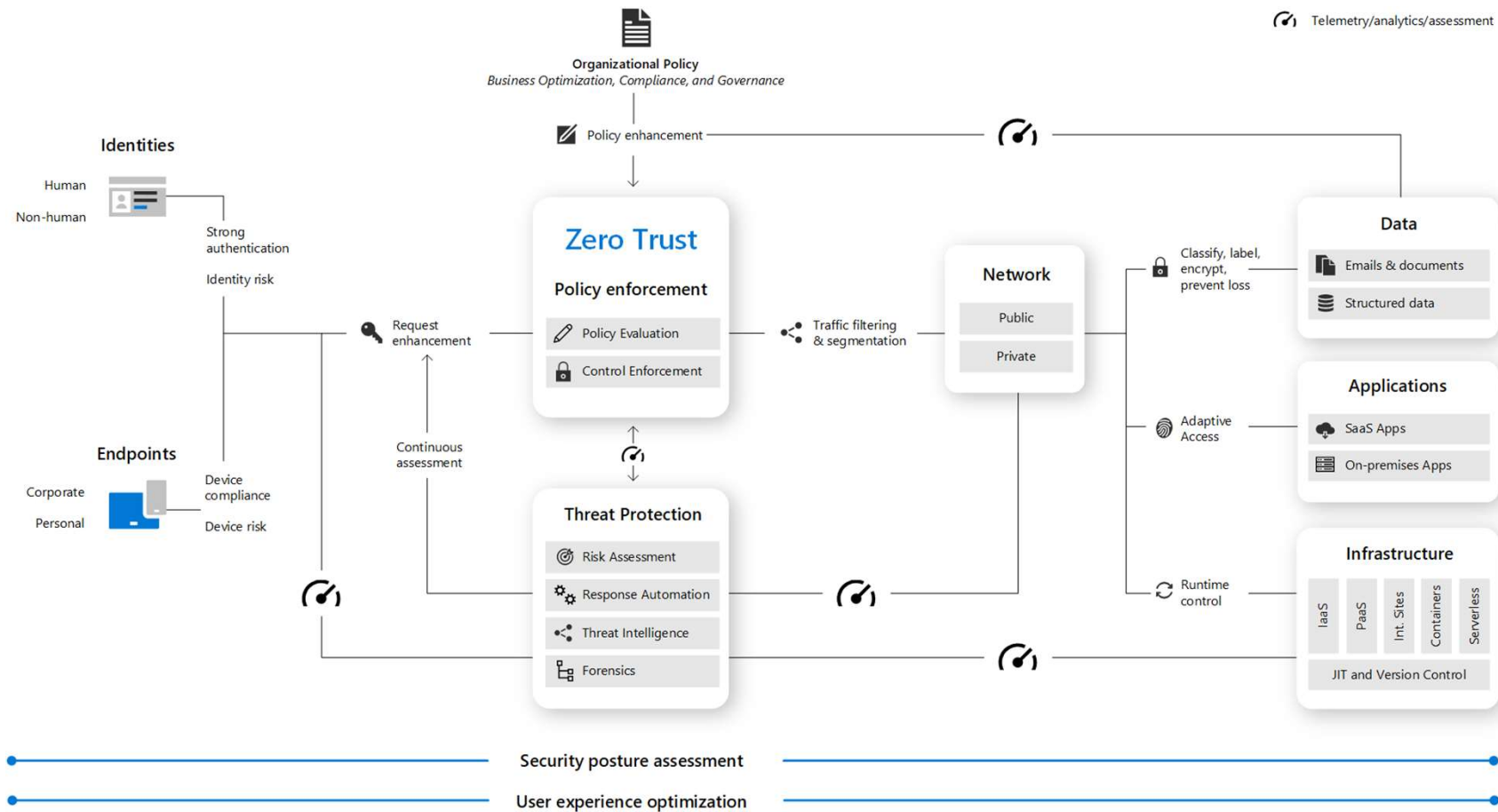
Designate more than one global admin	1.64%	Low	Low
Enable Password Hash Sync if hybrid	8.20%	Low	Low
Enable policy to block legacy authentication	13.11%	Moderate	Moderate
Ensure all users can complete multi-factor au...	14.75%	High	High
Require MFA for administrative roles	16.39%	Low	Low
Enable self-service password reset	1.64%	Moderate	Moderate
Do not expire passwords	13.11%	Moderate	Low

# Zero Trust





# Zero Trust architecture







# Microsoft Cybersecurity Reference Architectures (MCRA)

## Capabilities

What cybersecurity capabilities does Microsoft have?



## Azure Native Controls

What native security is available?



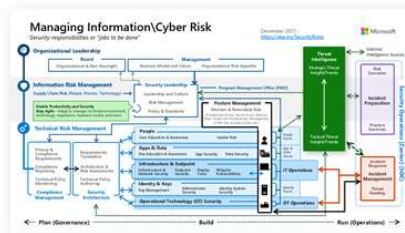
## Attack Chain Coverage

How does this map to insider and external attacks?



## People

How are roles & responsibilities evolving with cloud and zero trust?



## Zero Trust User Access

How to validate trust of user/devices for all resources?



## Security Operations

How to enable rapid incident response?



## Multi-Cloud & Cross-Platform

What clouds & platforms does Microsoft protect?



## Secure Access Service Edge (SASE)

What is it? How does it compare to Zero Trust?



## Operational Technology

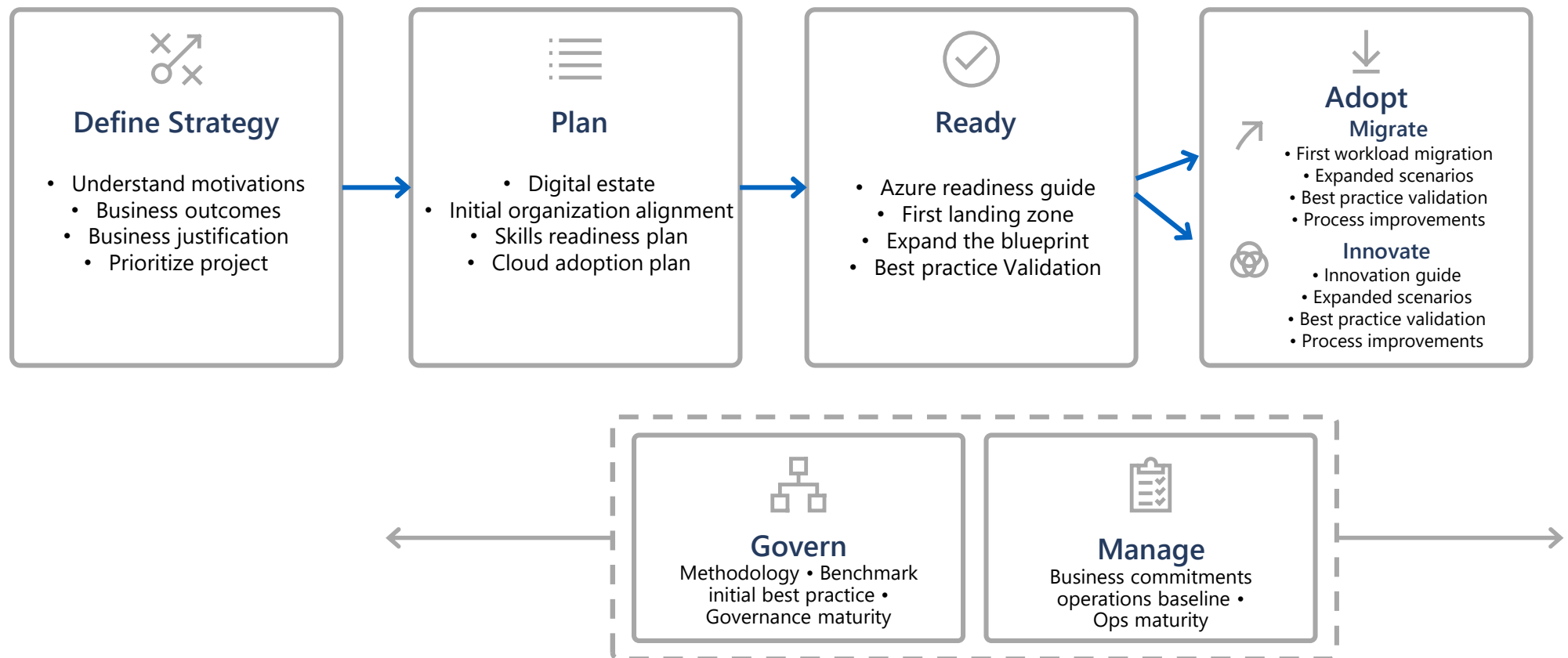
How to enable Zero Trust Security for OT?





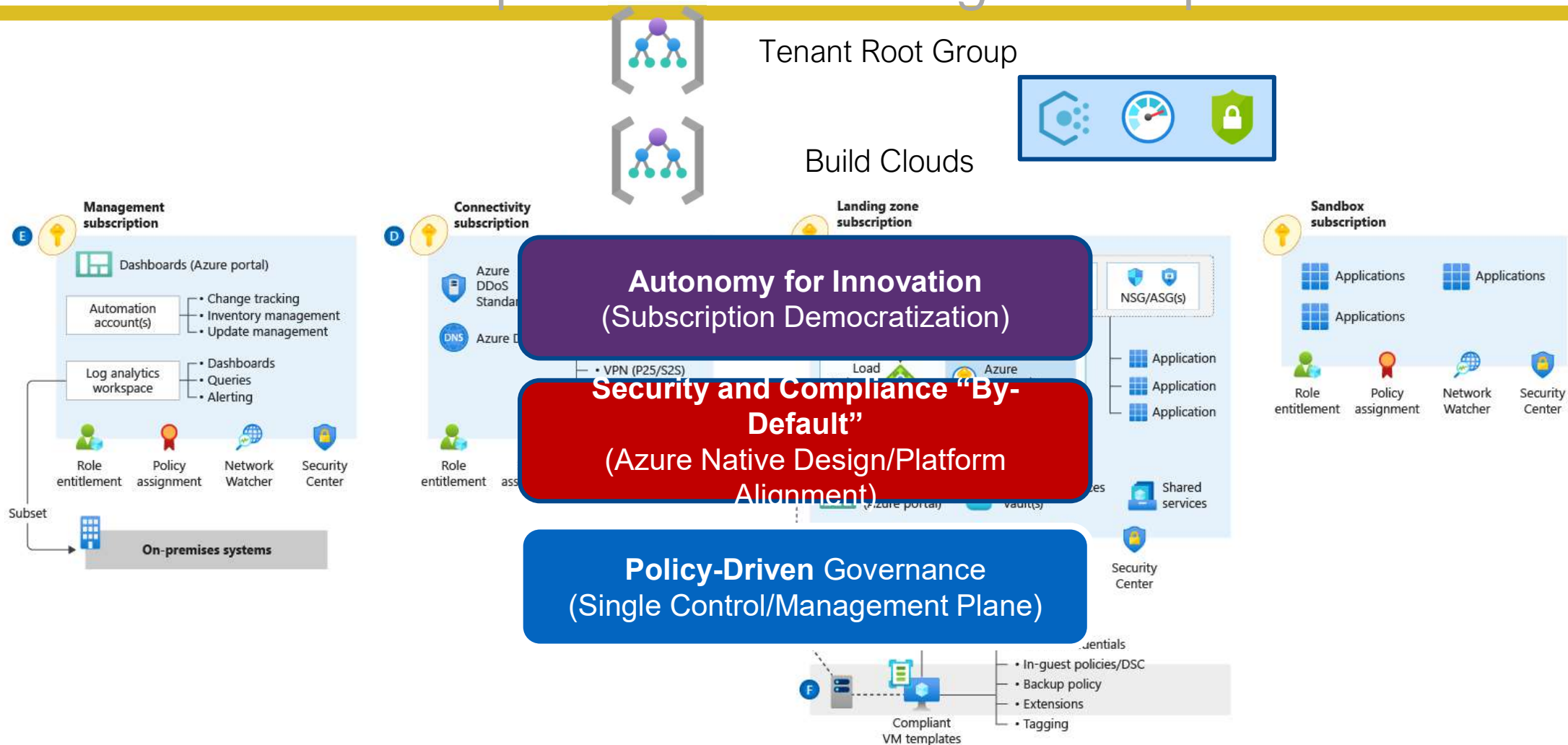


# MS Cloud Adoption Framework





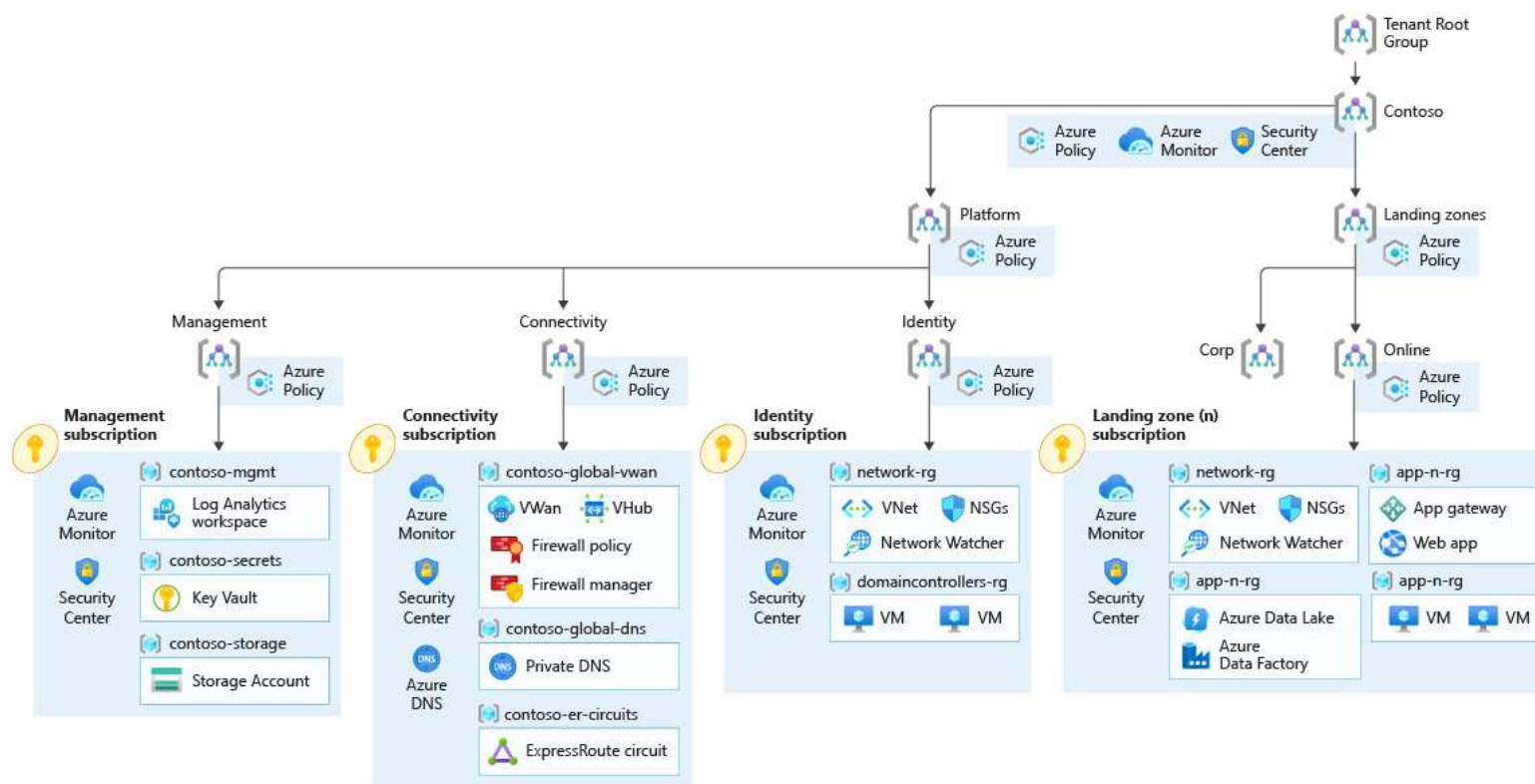
# Enterprise-Scale - Design Principles





# GitHub Enterprise Scale Templates

## Deploy Enterprise-Scale with Azure VWAN



GitHub - Azure/Enterprise-Scale: The Azure Landing Zones (Enterprise-Scale) architecture provides prescriptive guidance coupled with Azure best practices, and it follows design principles across the critical design areas for organizations to define their Azure architecture

## 2. (Hybrid) Identity



# Identity Secure Score

Microsoft Azure

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Dashboard > Build-Clouds | Overview > Security

## Security | Identity Secure Score

Search (Ctrl+ /)

Learn more | Got feedback?

Microsoft Secure Score for Identity is a representation of your organization's security posture and your opportunity to improve it. [Learn more.](#)

### Secure Score for Identity

46.70%

Last updated 8/12/2022, 2:00:00 AM ⓘ  
View your [Microsoft Secure Score](#).

### Comparison

**Build-Clouds** 46.70%

**Typical 1-1000 person company** 54.10%

### Score history

7 days 30 days 60 days 90 days

July 17 July 24 July 31 August 7

### Improvement actions

Download Columns

Name ↑↓	Score Impact ↑↓	User Impact ↑↓	Implementation Cost ↑↓
Use least privileged administrative roles	1.64%	Low	Low
Protect all users with a user risk policy	11.48%	Moderate	Moderate
Designate more than one global admin	1.64%	Low	Low
Enable Password Hash Sync if hybrid	8.20%	Low	Low
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Enable  
PHS and  
forgot  
ADFS

## What's new in Active Directory Federation Services

Article • 07/05/2022 • 19 minutes to read • 20 contributors

## What's new in Active Directory Federation Services for Windows Server 2019

### Protected Logins

The following is a brief summary of updates to protected logins available in AD FS 2019:



# Temporary Access Pass

Microsoft Azure

[Dashboard](#) > [Security](#) > [Authentication methods](#)

Temporary Access Pass settings

Basics Configure

ENABLE

Yes No

USE FOR:

- Sign in
- Onboarding and recovery

TARGET

All users Select users

Name

All users

Temporary Access Pass

Temporary Access Pass is a time-limited pass strong credentials and allow onboarding of new users. The Temporary Access Pass authentication method is available for users in the tenant between 1 and 30 days. [Learn more](#)

Minimum lifetime

☐ Minutes ☒ Hours ☐ Days

Maximum lifetime

☐ Minutes ☒ Hours ☐ Days

Default lifetime

☐ Minutes ☒ Hours ☐ Days

Length (characters)

8

Require one-time use

Yes No

Microsoft

← tap@build-clouds.com

Enter Temporary Access Pass

Temporary Access Pass

☐ Show Temporary Access Pass

Use your password instead

Sign in

Temporary Access Pass details

Provide Pass

Provide this Temporary Access Pass to the user so they can set their strong credentials.

is valid, the user can

Secure registration

To register their credentials, have the user go to My Security info.

<https://aka.ms/mysecurityinfo>

Additional information

Valid from	7/31/2022, 10:05:51 PM
Valid until	8/1/2022, 2:05:51 AM
Created	7/31/2022, 10:05:52 PM

Remove lost devices from the user's account. This is especially important for devices used for user authentication.

<https://aka.ms/mysecurityinfo>



# Identity Empfehlungen

- ✓ Einrichtung von Conditional Access
- ✓ Multifaktor Authentifizierung ist Pflicht
- ✓ Privileged Identity Management aktivieren (P2)
- ✓ Mobile Worker mit Sign-In Risk Richtlinien zusätzlich absichern (P2)
- ✓ Temporary Access Pass für On-boarding neuer Mitarbeiter einrichten
- ✓ Geräterichtlinien ausrollen
- ✓ Administrative Tätigkeiten mit separatem Account und Geräteprüfung



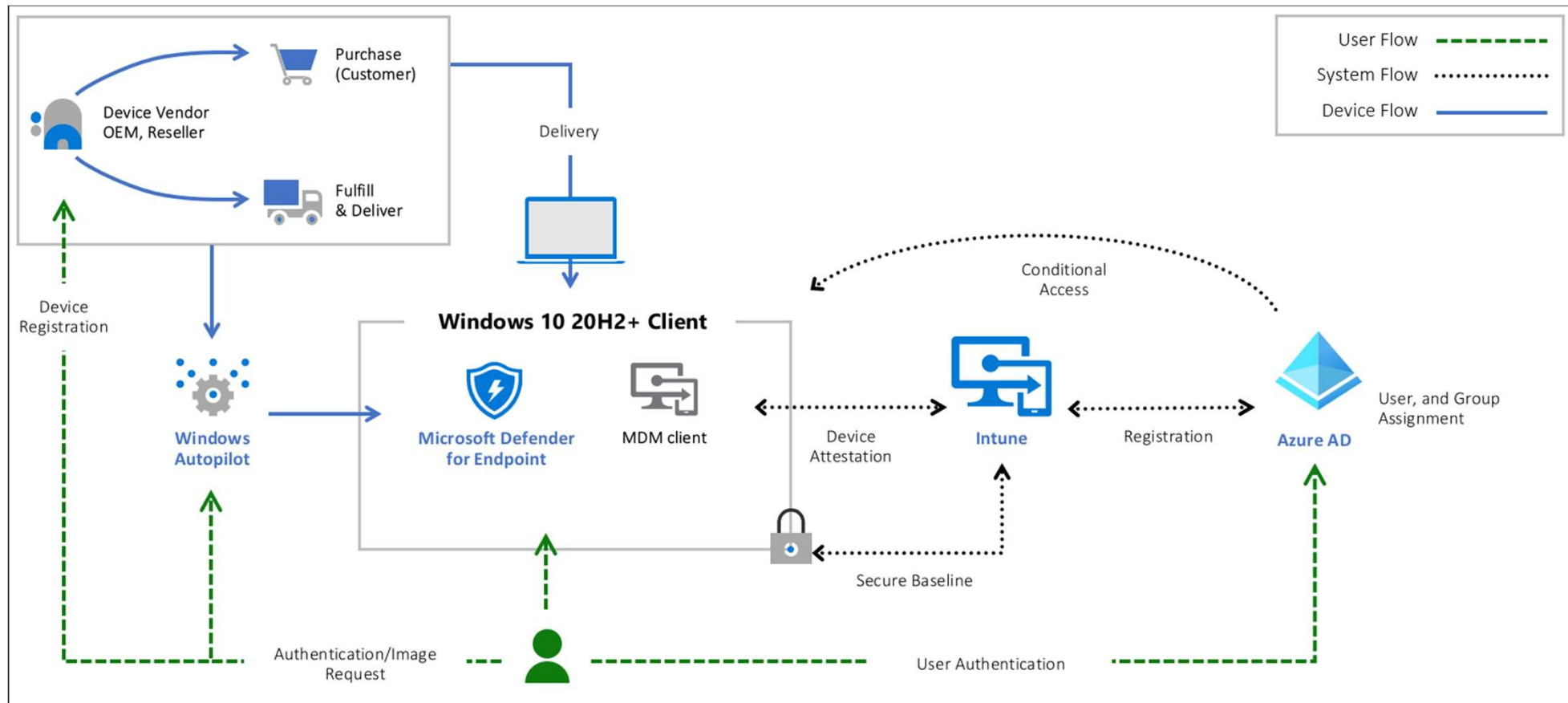


## 4. PAW





# Privileged Access Devices



[Why are privileged access devices important | Microsoft Learn](#)



# Privileged Admin Workstation

- ✓ Use dedicated VMs for manage Azure/Microsoft 365 environments
- ✓ Use this VMs only for Administration tasks
- ✓ Do not enable Internet- / Social media access on this VMs
- ✓ Enforce Device compliance via Conditional Access for this VMs

## Use AVD as PAW solution

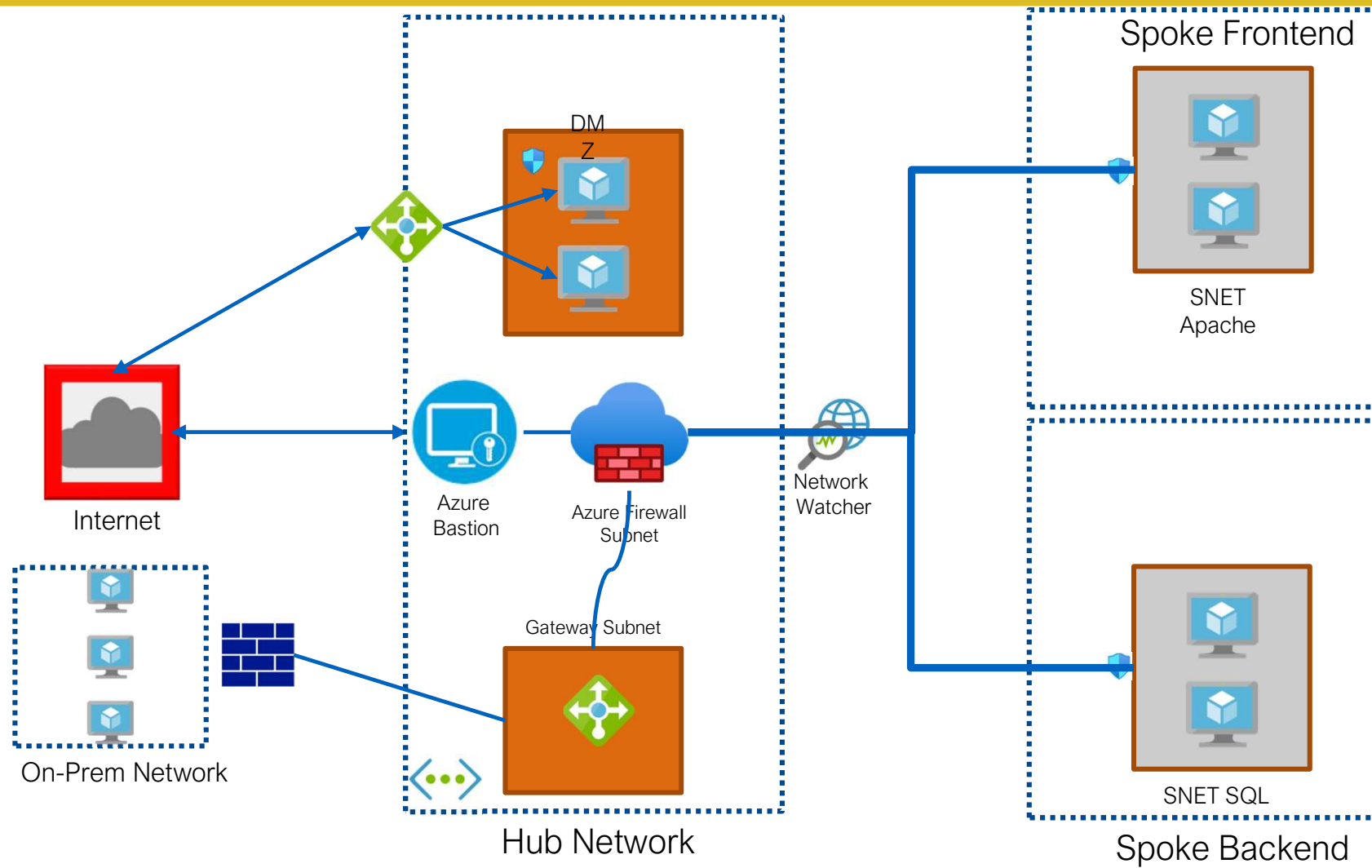


# 5. Network





# Network Protection





# Azure IaaS Recommendations



Segmentation of Virtual Networks



Define Subnets and use NSG at Subnet Level



Use a NVA or Azure Firewall at the Hub Network



Define UDR to Route traffic over the Hub Network and Firewall



Use Azure Web Application Firewall for Internet applications



Use DDoS Protection for Web Applications



Use Azure Bastion for VM Management



# Azure Firewall Editions

New since MS Ignite  
2022

## Azure Firewall Basic

2 VMs fixed under the hood

Availability Zones

App FQDN Filtering Rules?

Fixed Scale

Threat Intelligence  
(Alert Mode only)

FQDN in Network rules

250-500MBps

Around 300€

## Azure Firewall Standard

Built-in high availability

Availability Zones

Application FQDN Filtering  
Rules

Unrestricted Cloud Scalability

Threat Intelligence

FQDN in Network rules

30GBps

901,24€ per month

## Azure Firewall Premium

**All from Standard +**

TLS Inspection

IDPS

URL Filtering

Web categories

FQDN in Network rules

30GBps

1.262,29€ per month



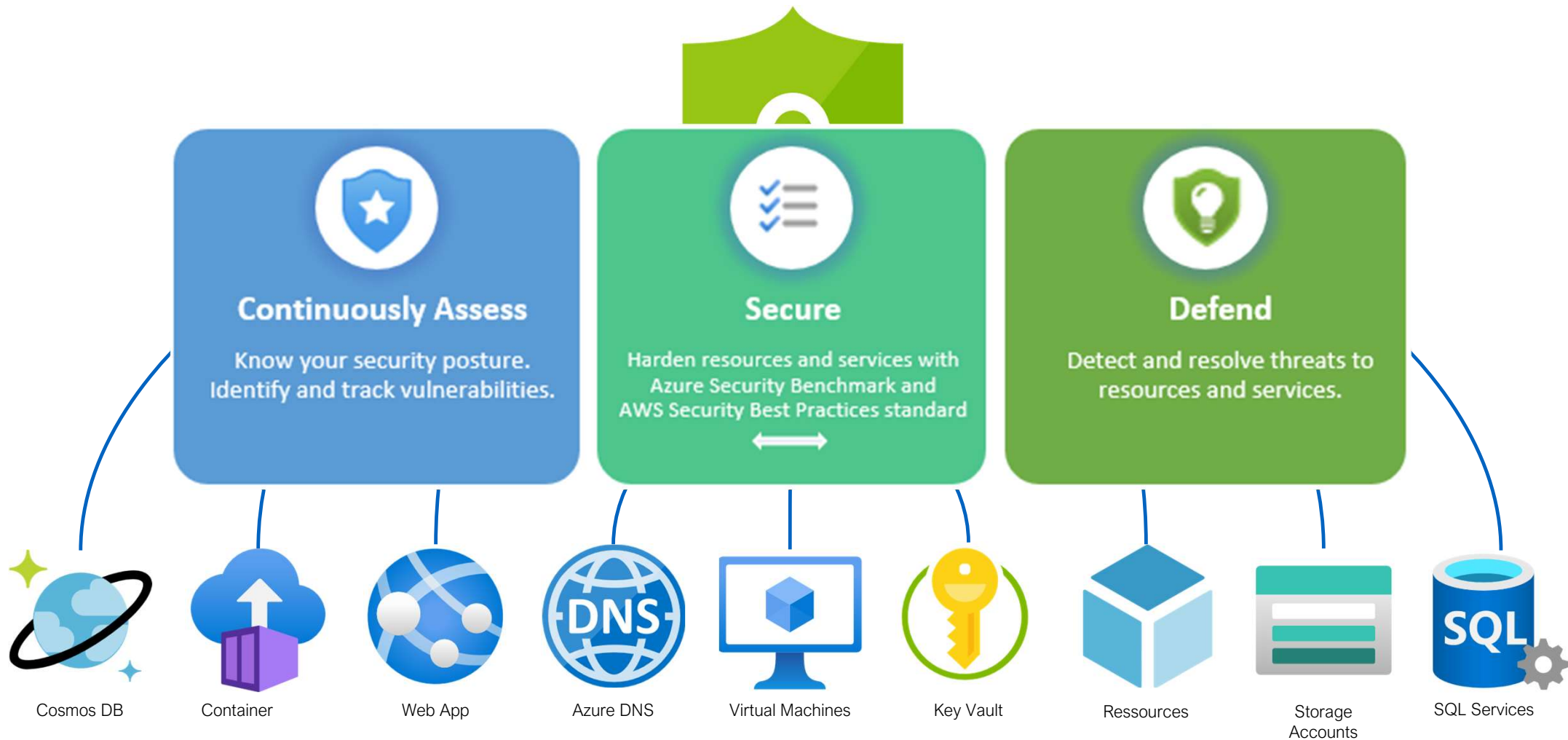




## 6. MS Defender for Cloud



# Microsoft Defender for Cloud





# MS Defender for Cloud



Security posture  
& compliance

Secure score

Asset management

Policy



Server protection  
(Microsoft Defender for Cloud for VMs)

Threat detection

VA (power by Qualys)

Application control



Automation &  
management at scale

Automation

SIEM integration

Export



# Defender for Servers Plans

	Plan 1	Plan 2
Unified View	Yes	Yes
Automatic MDE provisioning	Yes	Yes
MS Threat and Vulnerability management	Yes	Yes
Security Policy and Regulatory Compliance	No	Yes
Integrated Vulnerability by Qualys	No	Yes
Log Analytics 500MB free data ingestion per day	No	Yes
Threat detection	No	Yes
Adaptive application control	No	Yes
File integrity monitoring	No	Yes
Just-in-Time VM access	No	Yes
Adaptive Network hardening	No	Yes
Docker host hardening	No	Yes
Fileless attack detection	No	Yes
<b>Price</b>	<b>5\$ per Server</b>	<b>15\$ per Server</b>



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# Demo

Dive into the Azure Portal

- Microsoft Defender for Cloud



Dashboard > Update management center (Preview)

### Update management center (Preview) | Machines

Microsoft

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Overview  
Getting started

Manage  
Machines  
History  
Support + troubleshooting  
New Support Request

Edit Columns Refresh Check for updates One-time update Schedule updates Update settings Browse maintenance configurations

Filter by name Subscription: **MLGBorn** Resource group: **All** Resource type: **All** Location: **All** OS: **All** Patch orchestration: **All**

Periodic assessment: **All** Status: **All** Tags: **All**

Total machines 9

No updates data 9

No updates available 0

Updates available 0

Reboot Required 0

Showing 9 of 9 records  
☐ Select all

Name	Update status	Operating system	Resource type	Patch orchestration	Periodic assess...	Associated sche...	Status
MLGW1068Lex...	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM deallocated
AVD-PROD-01	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM deallocated
MLGLex1	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Unknown	No	-	VM deallocated
AVVMMLGAgmt1	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM deallocated
MSumpe-Hv1	No updates data	Windows	Arc-enabled server	N/A	No	-	Expired
MLGInfraSrv	No updates data	Windows	Arc-enabled server	N/A	No	-	Connected
MLGDC1	No updates data	Windows	Arc-enabled server	N/A	No	-	Connected
AVVMMLGDC1	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM running
AVVM3CX	No updates data	Linux	Azure Virtual Machine	Image Default	No	-	VM running



# 7. Microsoft Sentinel



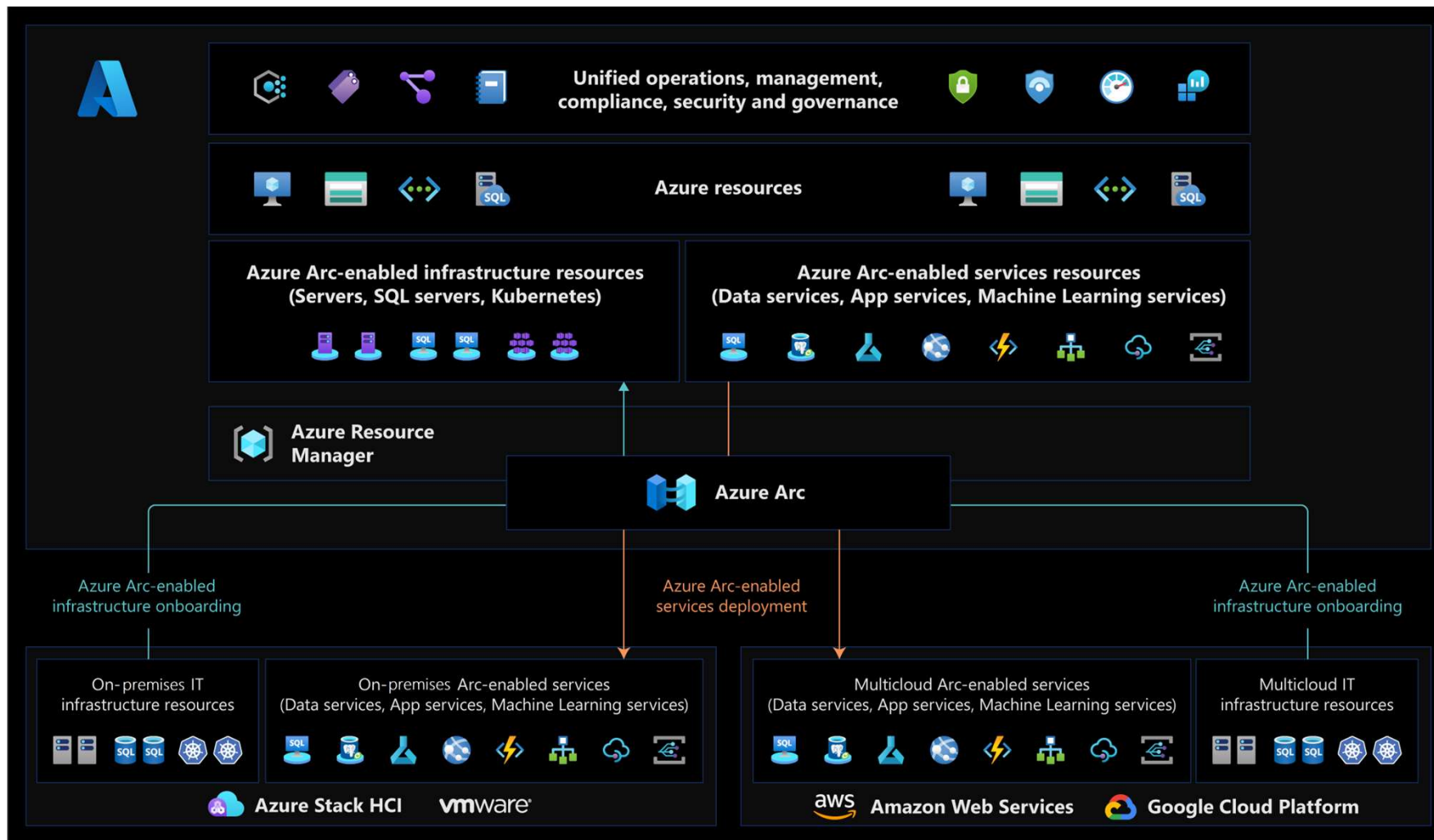
## 8. Azure Arc







# Azure Arc



# Azure Arc: *at a high level*

Bring Azure services and management to any infrastructure, anywhere



Run Azure data  
services anywhere



Extend Azure management  
across your environments



Adopt cloud  
practices on-premises



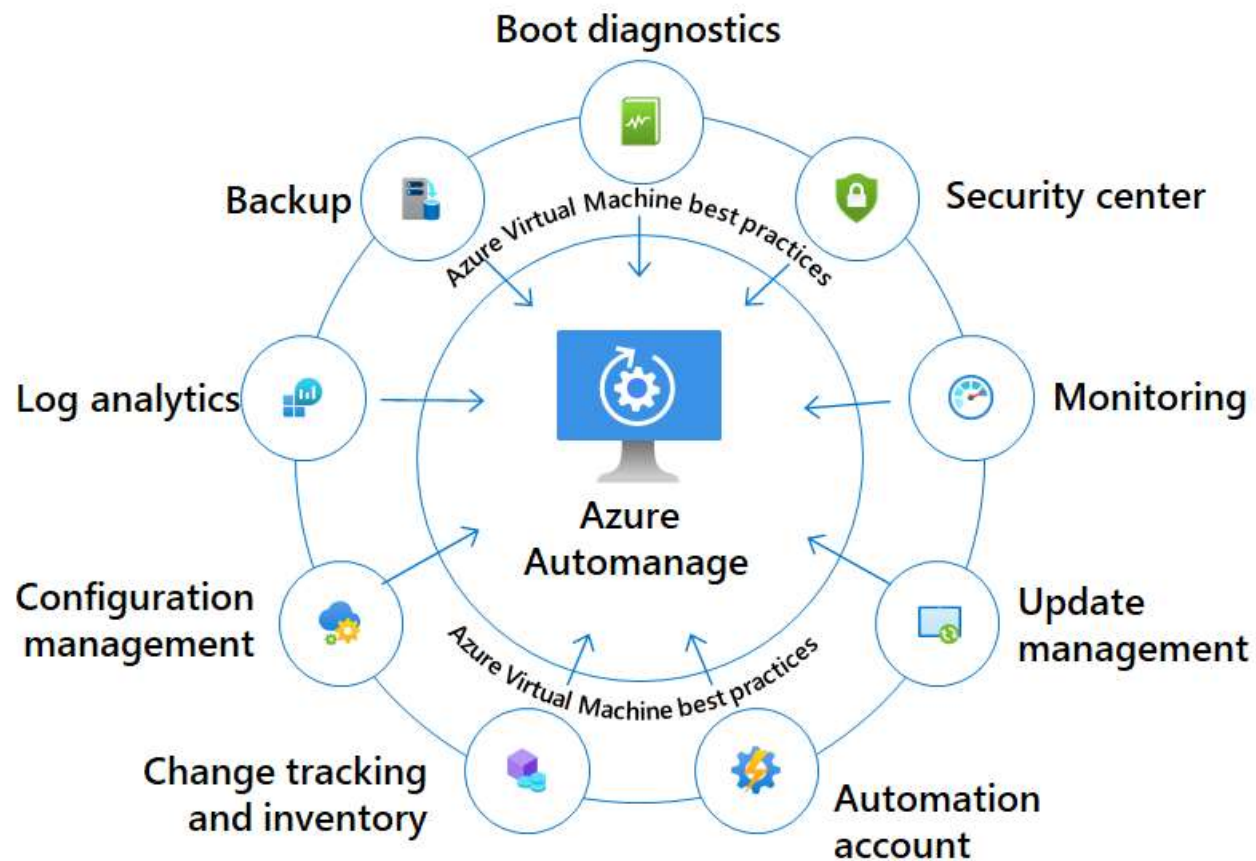
Implement Azure  
security anywhere

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Azure Arc is a set of technologies that extends Azure management and enables Azure services to run across on-premises, multi-cloud, and edge



# Azure Automanage





# Update Management Center (preview)

New solution for centrally Update Management accross different environments

No dependencys to Log Analytics Agent

Fully support for Azure Arc managed VMs

Support Windows and Linux Vms

Support automatic VM guest patching

Support Hot patching

Is in preview wait for production until release going to GA

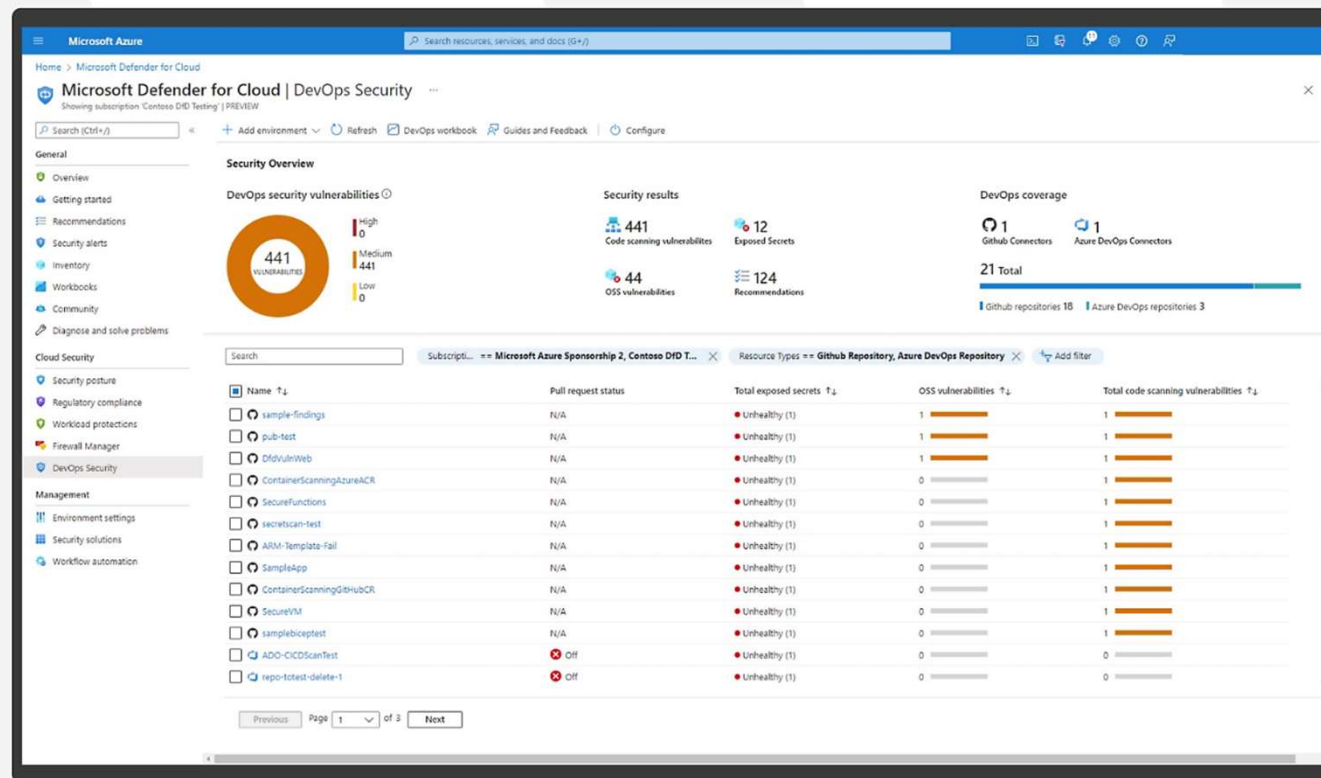




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# Defender for DevOps



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# Learning

Popular learning paths and modules

<p><b>LEARNING PATH</b></p> <p>Microsoft Azure Fundamentals: Describe cloud concepts</p> <p>🕒 52 min</p> <p>Azure • Administrator • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>	<p><b>LEARNING PATH</b></p> <p>Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals: Explore core data concepts</p> <p>🕒 45 min</p> <p>Azure • Data Analyst • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>	<p><b>MODULE</b></p> <p>Discuss Azure fundamental concepts</p> <p>🕒 24 min ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ 4.8 (123,249)</p> <p>Azure • Administrator • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>
<p><b>MODULE</b></p> <p>Explore fundamentals of data visualization</p> <p>🕒 38 min ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ 4.7 (4,086)</p> <p>Azure • Administrator • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>	<p><b>MODULE</b></p> <p>Introduction to Azure fundamentals</p> <p>🕒 43 min ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ 4.8 (202,694)</p> <p>Azure • Administrator • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>	<p><b>MODULE</b></p> <p>Describe core Azure architectural components</p> <p>🕒 27 min ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ 4.8 (88,090)</p> <p>Azure • Administrator • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>
<p><b>LEARNING PATH</b></p> <p>Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals: Explore relational data in Azure</p> <p>🕒 1 hr 13 min</p> <p>Azure • Data Analyst • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>	<p><b>MODULE</b></p> <p>Introduction to Microsoft Power Platform</p> <p>🕒 36 min ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ 4.7 (37,807)</p> <p>Microsoft Power Platform • Business Analyst • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>	<p><b>LEARNING PATH</b></p> <p>Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals: Explore non-relational data in Azure</p> <p>🕒 1 hr 9 min</p> <p>Azure • Data Analyst • Beginner</p> <p>🔒 Save</p>

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# Top 5 Must have Settings

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1. Enable Multifactor Authentication
  2. Enable and Integrate Conditional Access
  3. Use Azure Advisor recommendations
  4. Cloud Security Posture Management is needed
  5. Enable Defender for Cloud for (Productive) workloads
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# Links

- [Reimling.eu – Microsoft will disable Basic auth – What this means and what you have to do](#)
- [Block legacy authentication - Azure Active Directory - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Docs](#)
- [Deprecation of Basic authentication in Exchange Online | Microsoft Docs](#)
- [Common Conditional Access policies - Azure Active Directory - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Learn](#)
- [Configure a TAP in Azure AD to register Passwordless authentication - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Docs](#)
- [Azure AD Connect: Version release history - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Docs](#)
- [Zero Trust security in Azure | Microsoft Docs](#)
- [Enterprise-Scale/README.md at main · Azure/Enterprise-Scale · GitHub](#)
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