

Azure Policy with Azure Security Center - Your Cloud Guards

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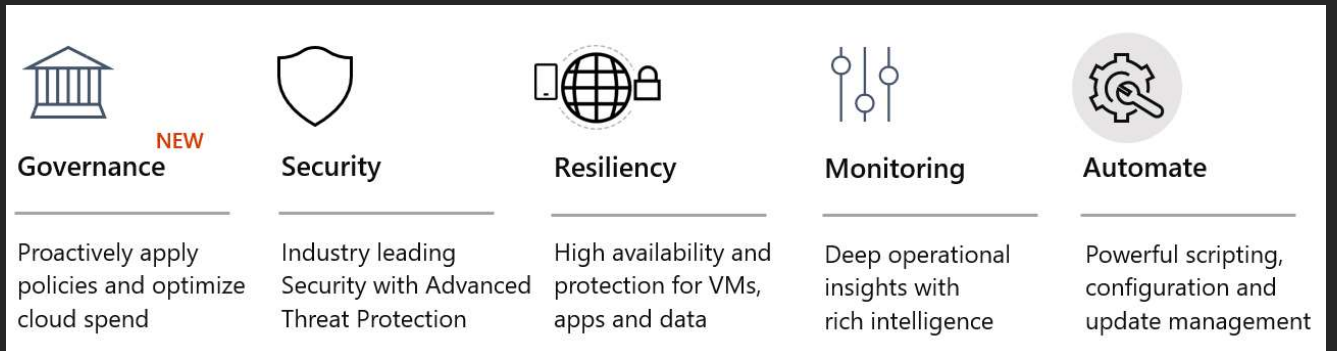
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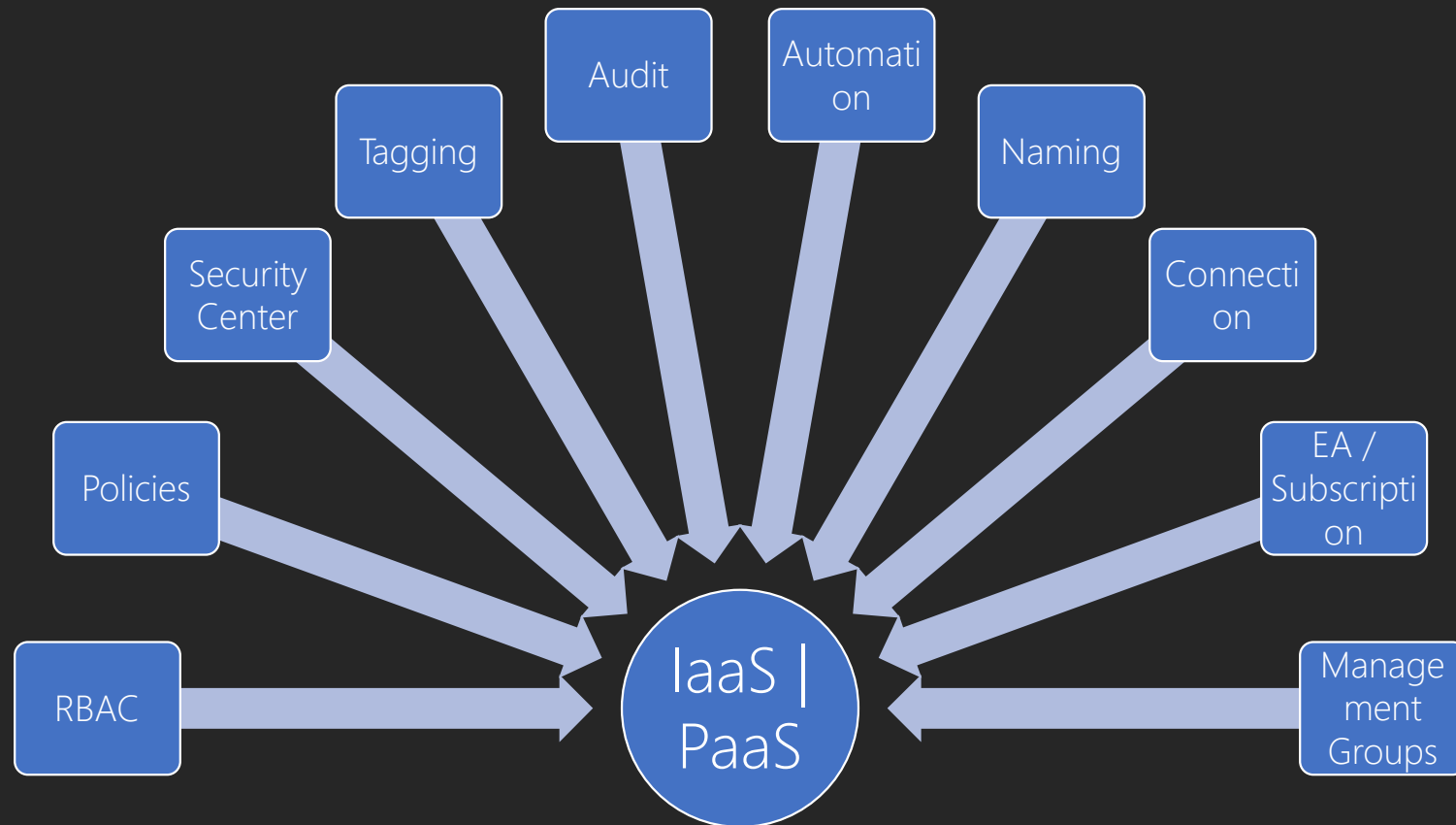
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Agenda

- Azure Policy
- Azure Security Center
- How does it work together
- Summary



Azure Governance



Azure Policy Concepts

- Create, assign and manage policies
- Enforce rules to ensure your resources are compliant
- Focus on resource properties for new and existing deployments
- A definition is a set of conditions in audit or deny mode
- An assignment is a policy definition placed on a specific scope
- An initiative is a collection of policies

Azure Policy



- Turn on built-in policies or build custom ones for all resource types
- Real-time policy evaluation and enforcement
- Periodic & on-demand compliance evaluation
- VM In-Guest Policy (NEW)

Enforcement & Compliance



- Apply policies to a Management Group with control across your entire organization
- Apply multiple policies and & aggregate policy states with policy initiative
- Exclusion Scope

Apply policies at scale



- Real time remediation
- Remediation on existing resources (NEW)

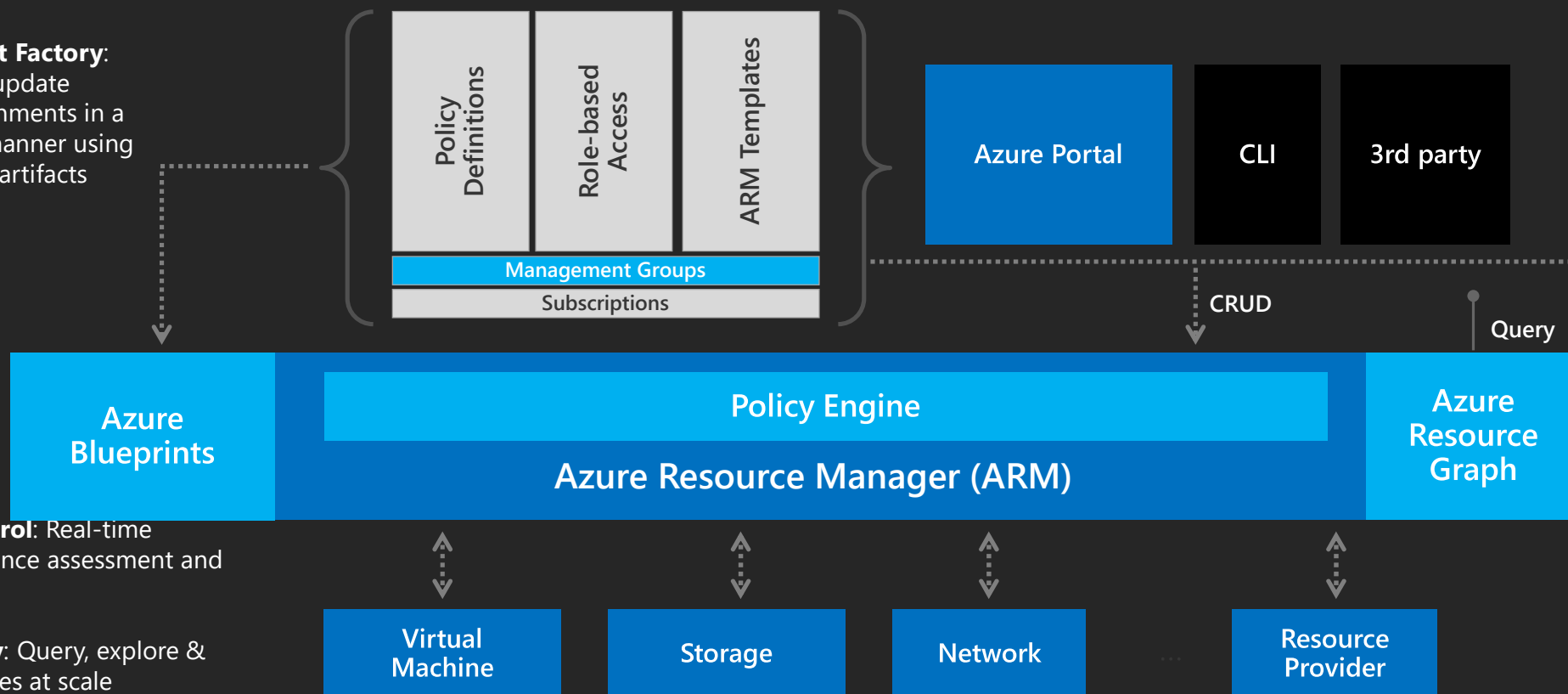
Remediation

Azure Governance Architecture

providing control over the cloud environment, without sacrificing developer agility

1. Environment Factory:

Deploy and update cloud environments in a repeatable manner using composable artifacts



2. Policy-based Control: Real-time enforcement, compliance assessment and remediation at scale

3. Resource Visibility: Query, explore & analyze cloud resources at scale

Leverage built-in initiative & policies



Security

Azure Security Center
 Guest Config baselines
 Key Vault certificate
 NSG rules
 AKS & AKS Engine
 RBAC role assignment



Regulatory Compliance

NIST SP 800-53 R4
 ISO 27001:2013
 CIS
 PCI v3.2.1:2018
 FedRAMP Moderate
 Canada Federal PBMM
 SWIFT CSP-CSCF v2020
 UK Official and UK NHS
 IRS 1075



Tags

Require specified tag
 Add or replace a tag
 Inherit a tag from the RG
 Append a tag



Resource standardization

Allowed/ not allowed RP
 Allowed locations
 Naming convention
 Back up VMs
 Allowed images for AKS



Cost

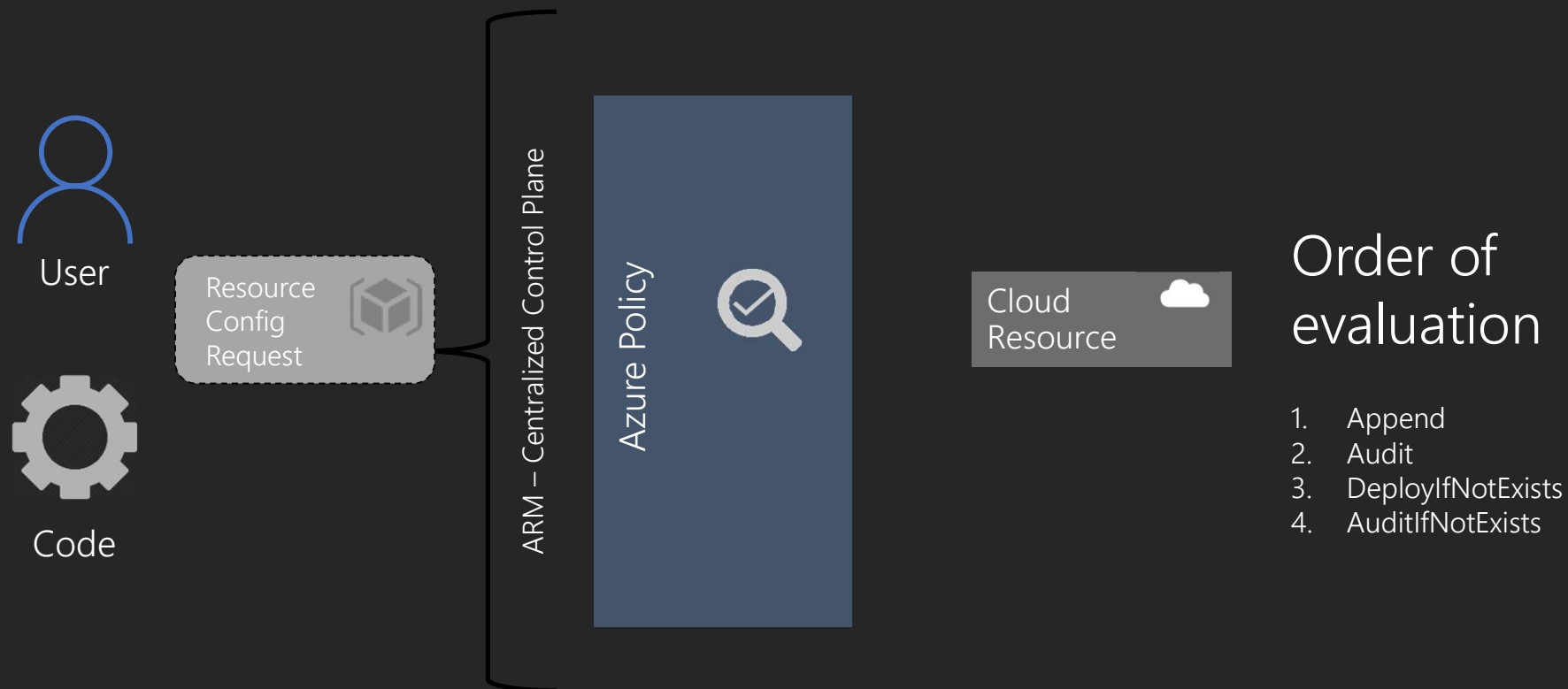
Allowed VM SKUs
 Allowed Storage SKUs

Azure Policy

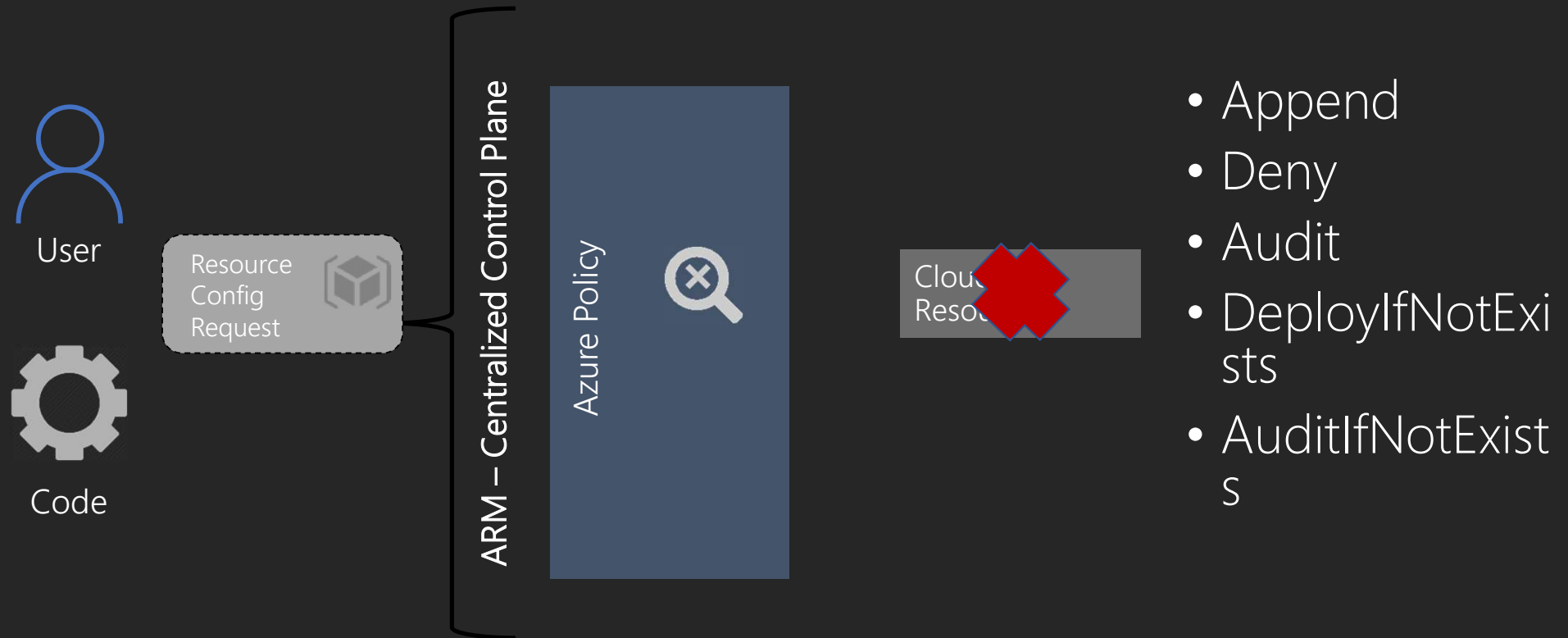


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How does it work?



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Azure Policy



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Azure Policy Definition structure

```
{  "properties": {  
    "mode": "all",  
    "parameters": {  
        "allowedLocations": {  
            "type": "array",  
            "metadata": { "description": "The list of locations that can be specified when deploying resources",  
                "strongType": "location",  
                "displayName": "Allowed locations" }, "defaultValue": [ "westus2" ]  
        },  
        "displayName": "Allowed locations",  
        "description": "This policy enables you to restrict the locations your organization can specify when deploying resources.",  
        "policyRule": {  
            "if": {  
                "not": {  
                    "field": "location", "in": "[parameters('allowedLocations')]"  
                }  
            },  
            "then": { "effect": "deny"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Policy

- 250 policy definitions per scope
- 100 policy set definitions per scope
- 1000 policy set definitions per tenant
- 100 policyDefinition references per policySetDefinition
- 100 policy assignments per scope
- 250 notScopes per policyAssignment
- <https://github.com/Azure/azure-policy>

Azure Security Center



Azure Security Center

- A service to strengthen your security posture
- Available in two Tiers – Basic and Standard
- Basic -> Free – Activated by default for all subscriptions
- Based on an security score – scope based
- Available for all workloads (Server, Container, SQL, IoT and more)

Azure security center



Strengthen security posture

Cloud security posture management

Secure Score
Policies and compliance



Protect against threats

For
servers

For cloud native
workloads

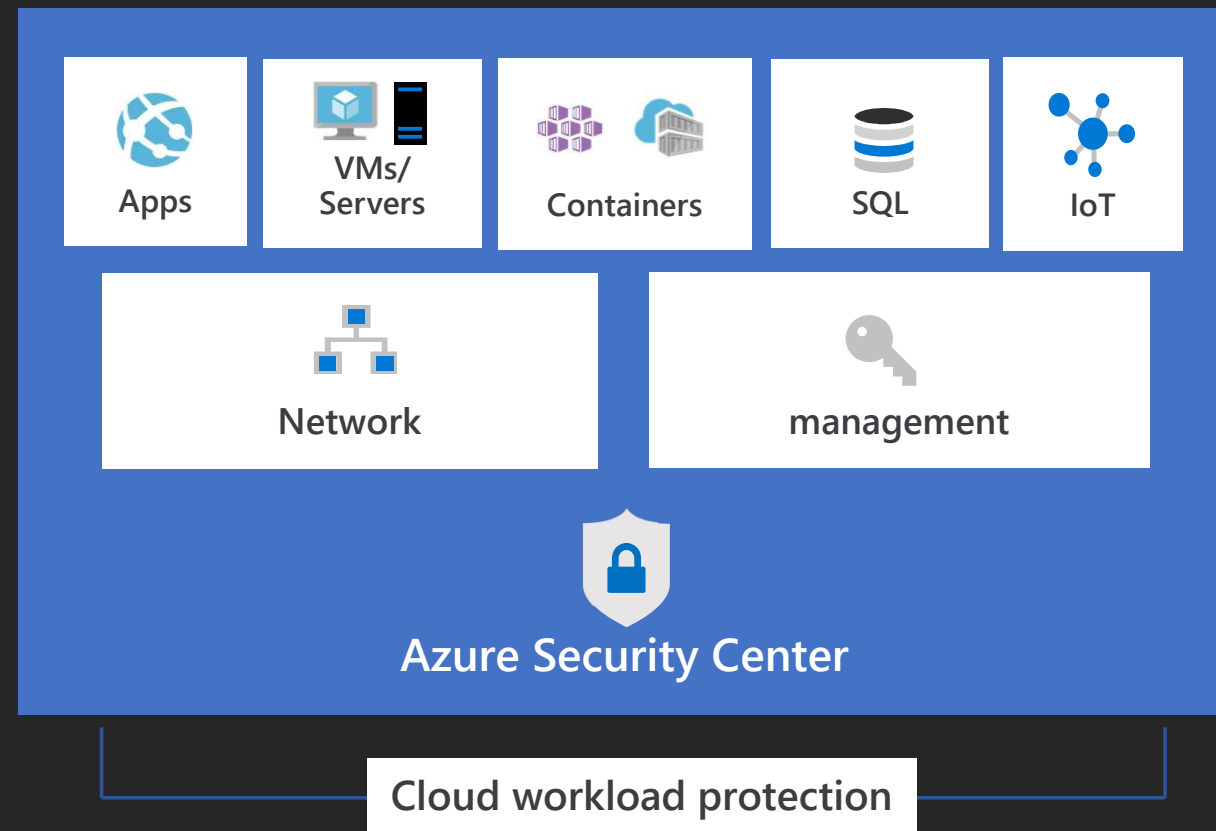
For
databases
and storage



Get secure faster

Protect your workloads

- Detect & block advanced malware and threats for Linux and Windows Servers on any cloud
- Protect cloud-native services from threats
- Protect data services against malicious attacks
- Protect your Azure IoT solutions with near real time monitoring
- Service layer detections: Azure network layer and Azure management layer (ARM)



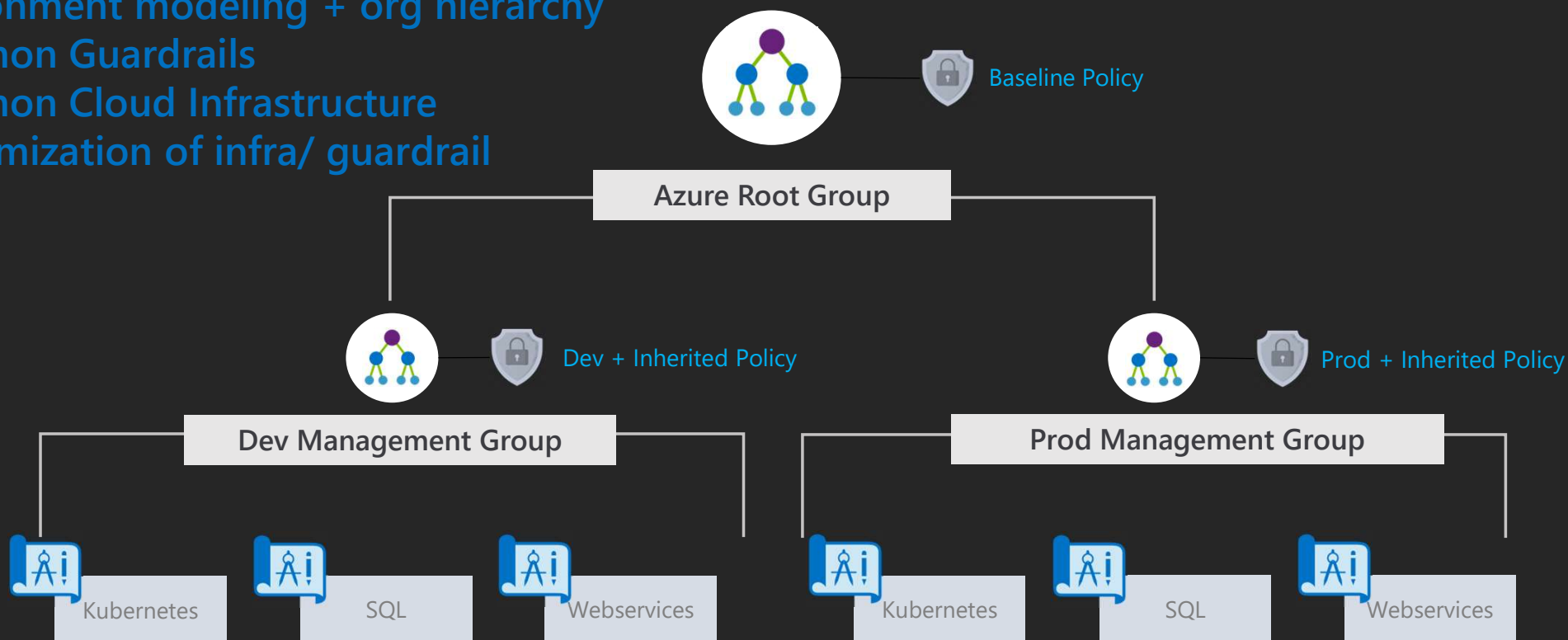
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Management Groups

Environment modeling + org hierarchy
Common Guardrails
Common Cloud Infrastructure
Customization of infra/ guardrail



How it works together

- All Azure Security Center recommendations based on Azure Policy
- Secure score is result of Azure Policy settings
- Recommendation is also a result of Azure Policy
- All Azure Policy are defined in Compliance mode

Using custom security polices in ASC

- You can define custom security policies for Secure score
- Use Management Group for scoping
- Own security policies will display as custom
- Enhanced information for recommendation is possible
 - Needs to define additional settings in the definition

JSON

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```
"metadata": {  
  "securityCenter": {  
    "RemediationDescription": "Custom description goes here",  
    "Severity": "High",  
  },  
},
```

Azure Security Center



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Azure Policy Recap

- Powerful solution to define Cloud Guards for own Tenant
- Start with an audit effect instead of a deny effect
- Define Management Groups to group subscriptions and set Policies at Higher level
- Use Deny effect for Production workloads with wisdom
- Creating initiatives even for single policy definition
- Integrate Azure Policy in your regular Azure check

Azure Security Center

- Start with ASC to get a Security Overview
- Use ASC to strengthen your infrastructure
- Check the status in ASC regularly
- Create own security policies for secure score
- Use ASC to proof your infrastructure
- Integrate Azure Policy in your regular Azure check



Links

- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/governance/policy/overview>
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/governance/policy/>
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/governance/policy/tutorials/create-and-manage>
- <https://www.reimling.eu/2019/03/azure-management-groups-und-blueprints-ueberblick-und-einrichtung-teil-1/>
- <https://github.com/Azure/azure-policy/>
- <https://aka.ms/SecurityCommunity>
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/security-center/>
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/security-center/security-center-policy-definitions>
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