



# Empower Security and Compliance with Azure Policy

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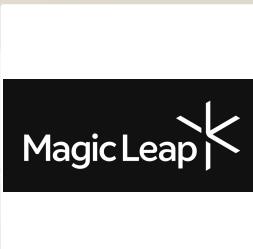
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# Agenda

 <b>Governance</b> <small>NEW</small>	 <b>Security</b>	 <b>Resiliency</b>	 <b>Monitoring</b>	 <b>Automate</b>
Proactively apply policies and optimize cloud spend	Industry leading Security with Advanced Threat Protection	High availability and protection for VMs, apps and data	Deep operational insights with rich intelligence	Powerful scripting, configuration and update management

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## How it works

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## Policies at scale

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## Recommended Policies

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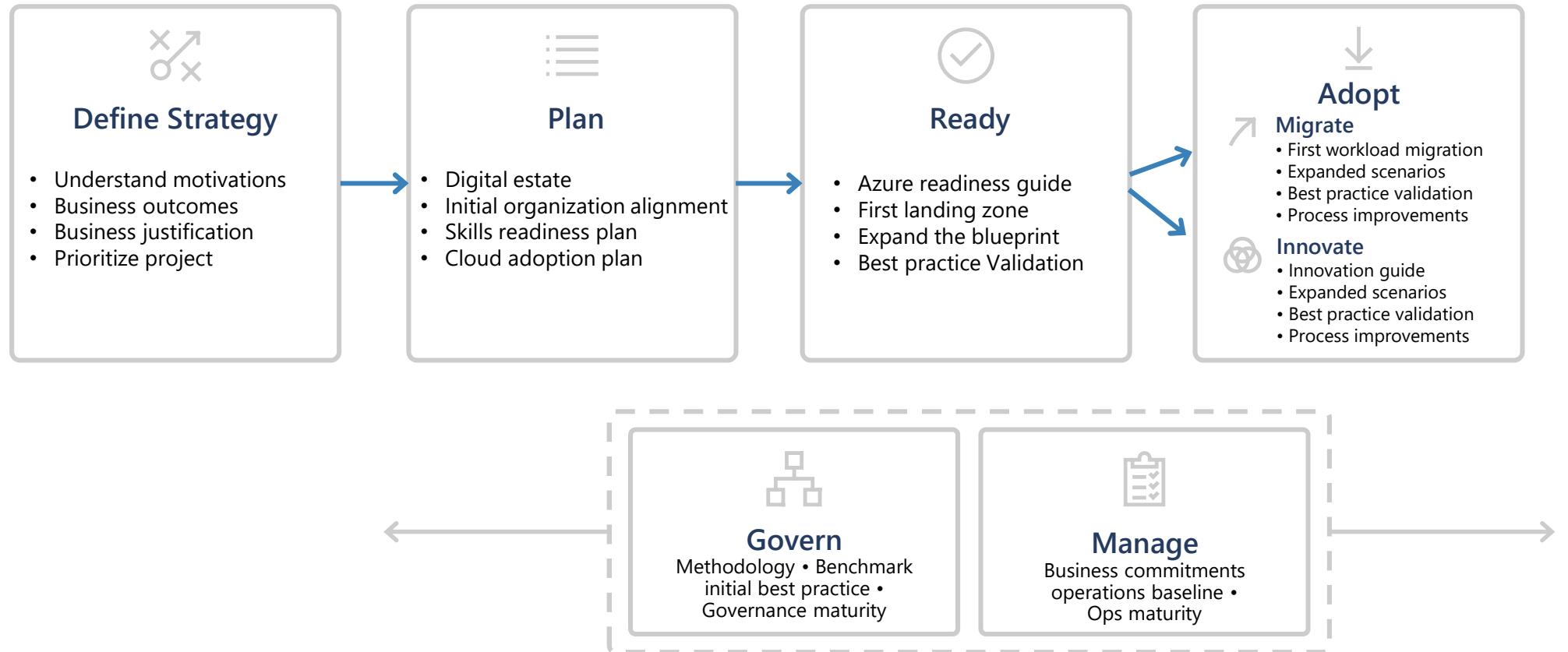
## Automation and Remediation

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## MS Defender for Cloud



# Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework for Azure



<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/cloud-adoption-framework/>

# Management Groups

Environment modeling + org hierarchy

Common Guardrails

Common Cloud Infrastructure

Customization of infra/ guardrail



Baseline Policy



Dev + Inherited Policy



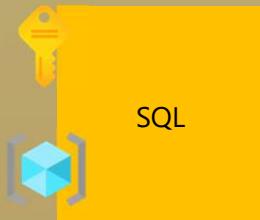
Prod + Inherited Policy

Build Clouds Dev

Build Clouds Prod



Kubernetes



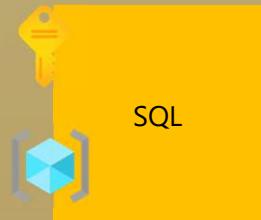
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Webservices



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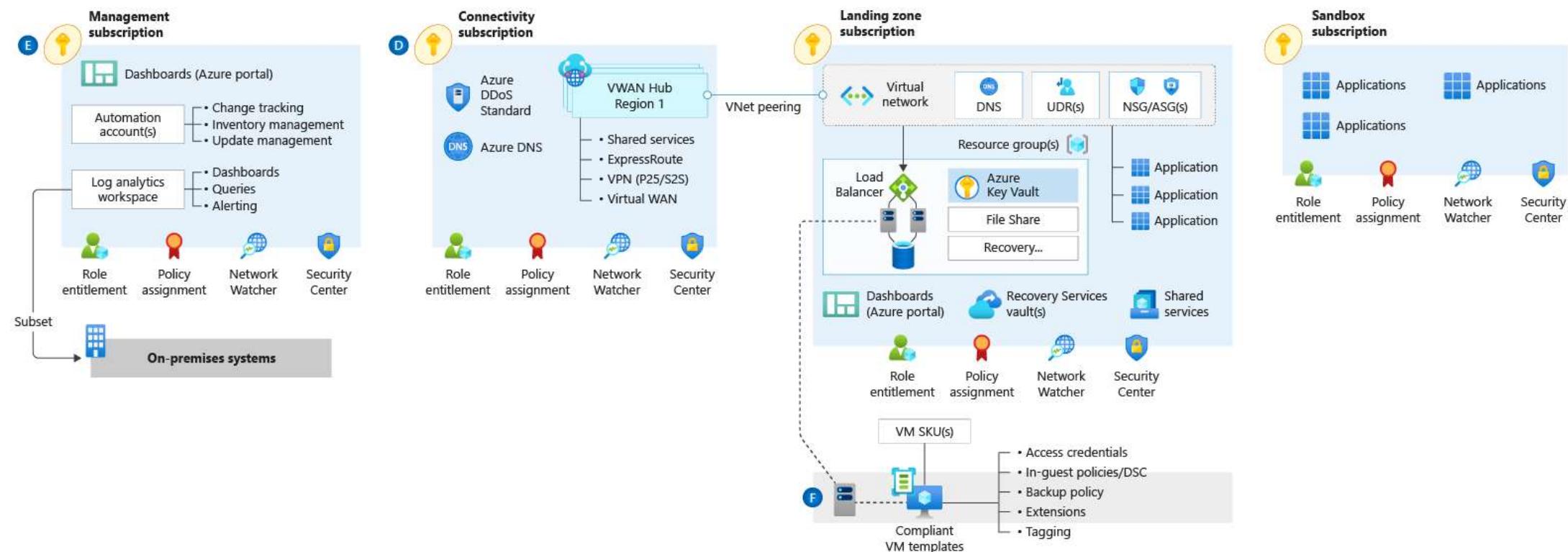


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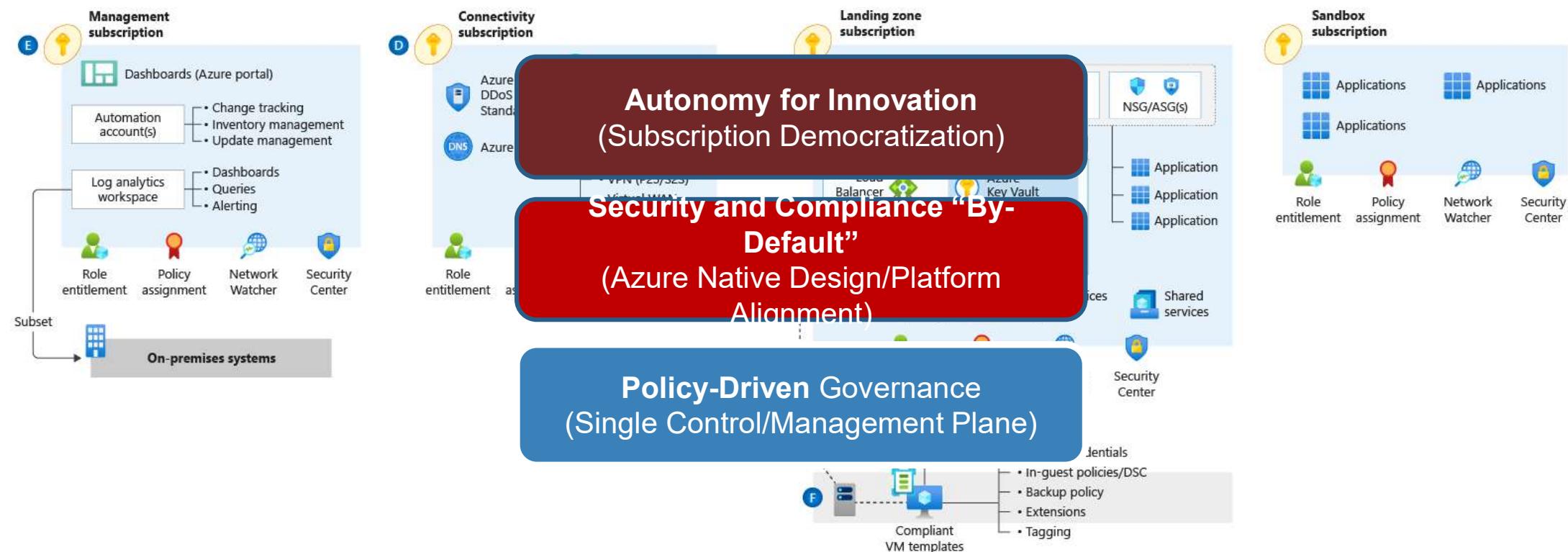
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# Enterprise-Scale - Design Principles



Source: [GitHub-Repo "Azure/Enterprise-Scale" - Deploy Enterprise-Scale foundation](#)

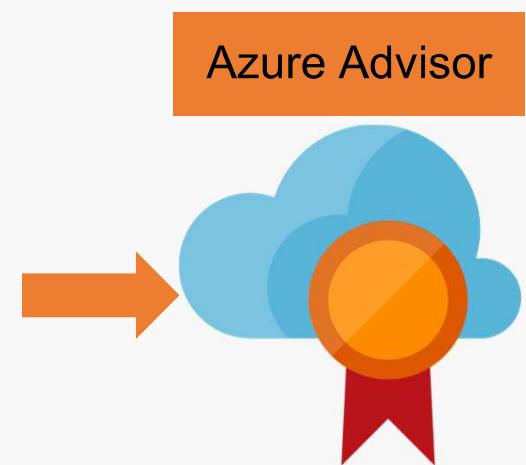
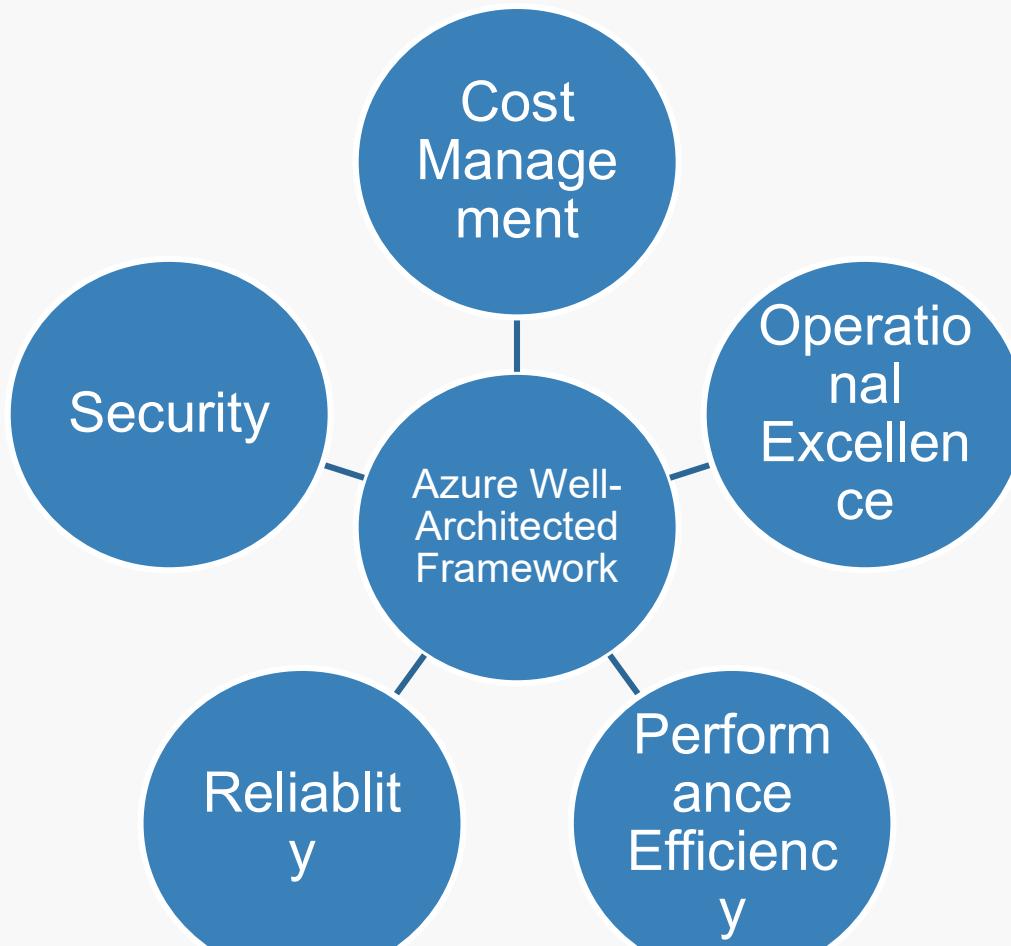
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# Well-architected Framework

"The Azure Well-Architected Framework is a set of guiding tenets that can be used to improve the quality of a workload."



<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/architecture/framework/>

# What are Azure Policy



- Part of CAF to support WAF
- 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**)

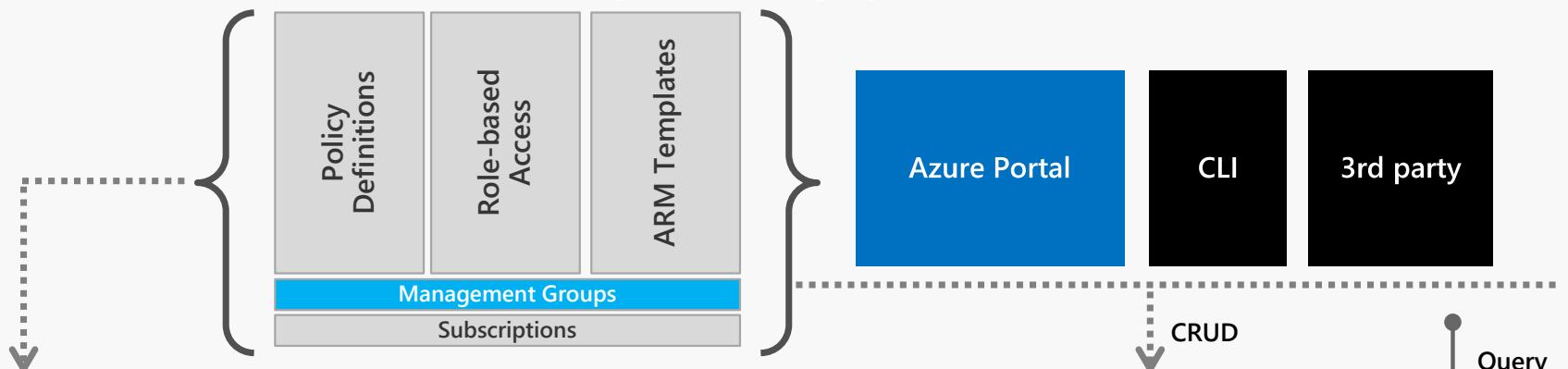
**Remediation**

# 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

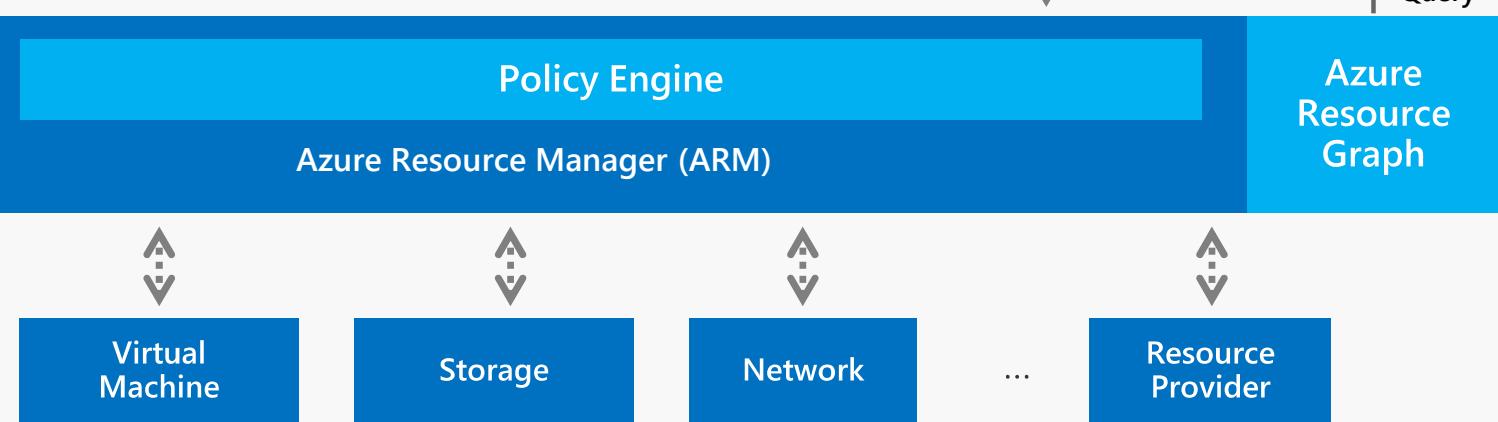


## 2. Policy-based Control:

Real-time enforcement, compliance assessment and remediation at scale

## 3. Resource Visibility:

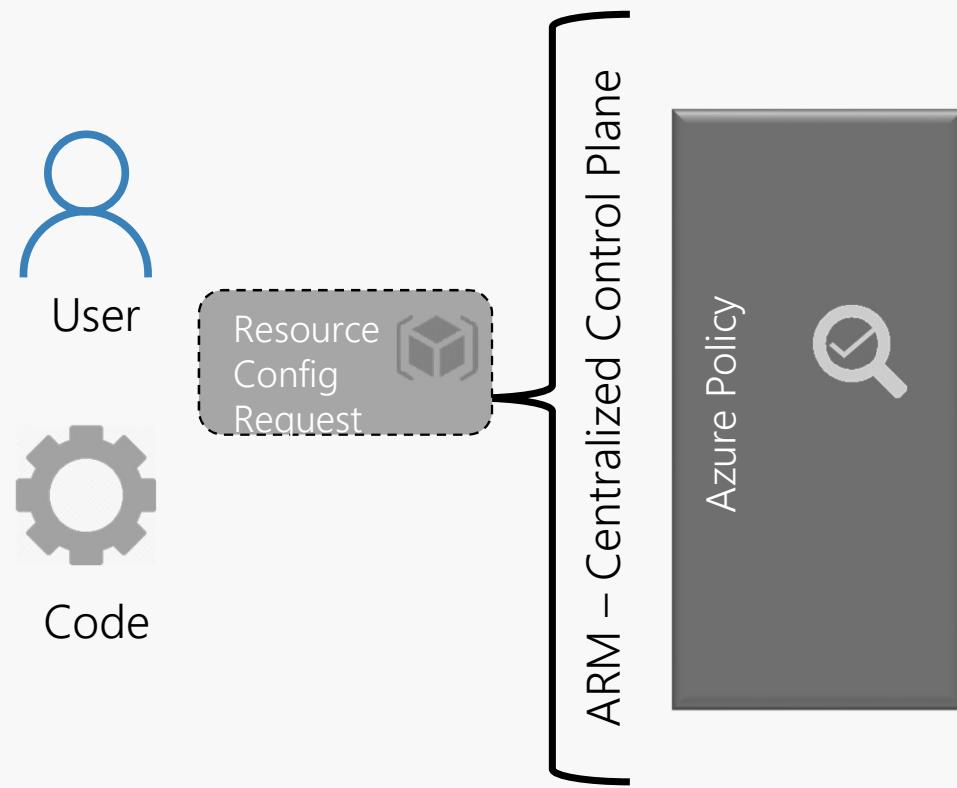
Query, explore & analyze cloud resources at scale



# Leverage built-in initiative & policies

Security	Regulatory Compliance	Tags	Resource standardization	Cost
Azure Security Center	NIST SP 800-53 R4	Require specified tag	Allowed/ not allowed	Allowed VM SKUs
Guest Config baselines	ISO 27001:2013	Add or replace a tag	RP	Allowed Storage
Key Vault certificate	CIS	Inherit a tag from the	Allowed locations	SKUs
NSG rules	PCI v3.2.1:2018	RG	Naming convention	
AKS & AKS Engine	FedRAMP Moderate	Append a tag	Back up VMs	
RBAC role assignment	Canada Federal PBMM		Allowed images for	
	SWIFT CSP-CSCF v2020		AKS	
	UK Official and UK NHS			
	IRS 1075			

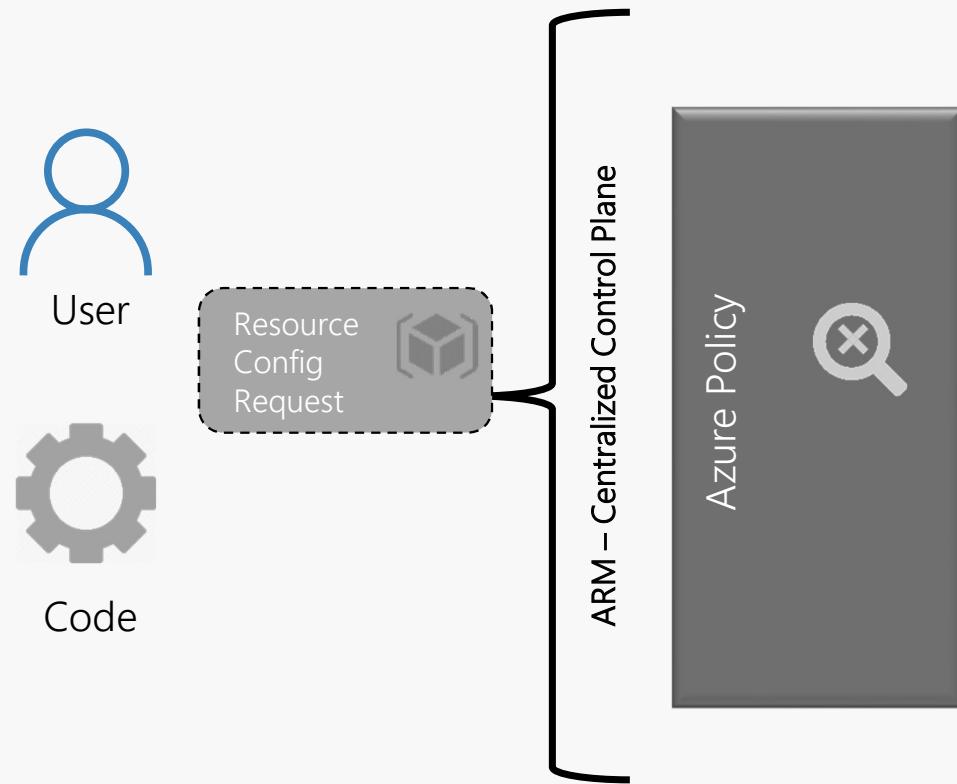
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## Order of evaluation

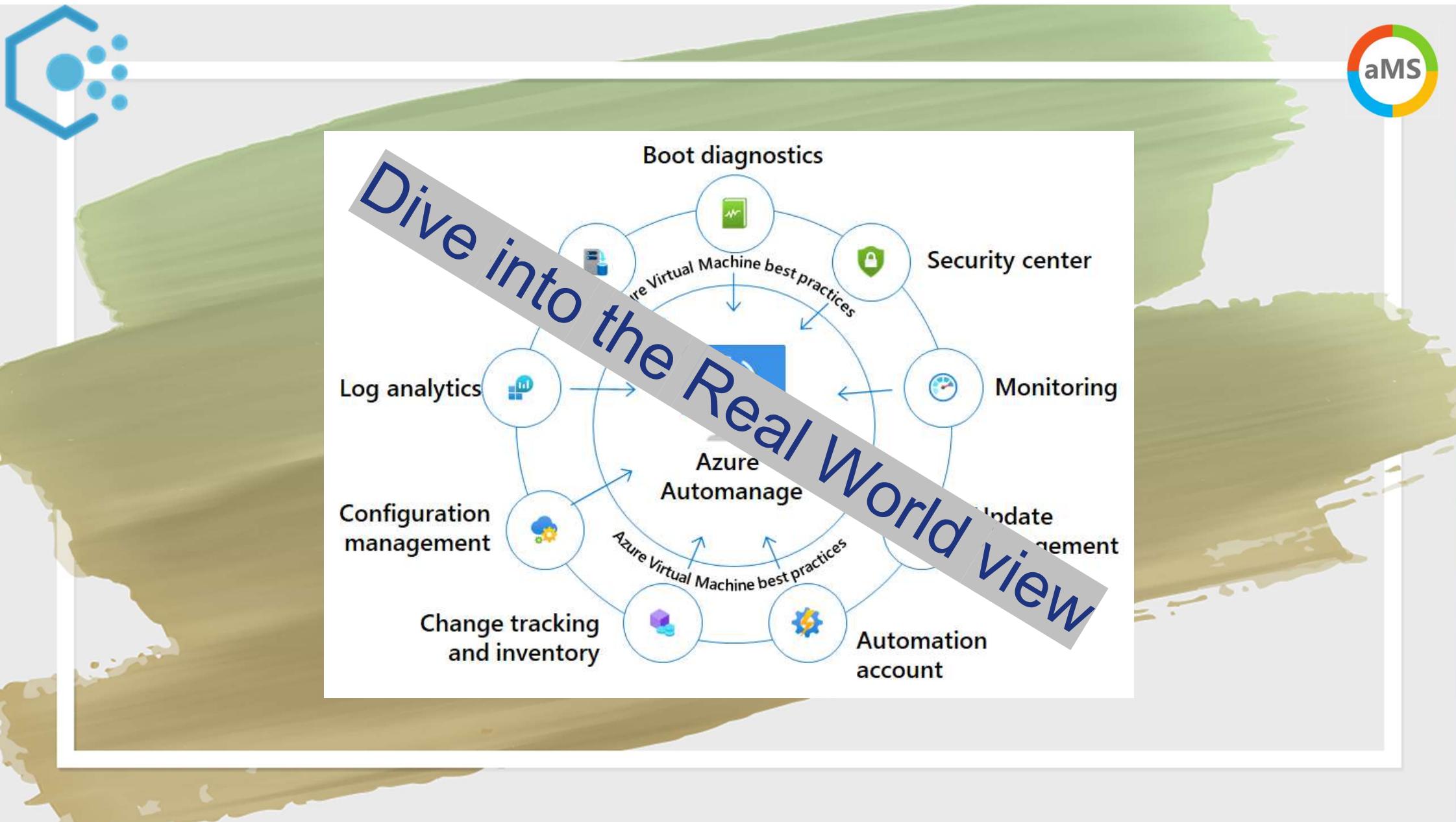
1. Append
2. Audit
3. AuditIfNotExists (on the fly)
4. Deny
5. DeployIfNotExists (check after 15 min)

# How does it work?



Cloud Resource

Append  
Audit  
AuditIfExists (on the fly)  
**Deny**  
DeployIfExists (check after 15 min)



# 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" }}
```



# Microsoft Defender for Cloud



The diagram illustrates the Azure Automanage architecture, which provides a central hub for managing and monitoring virtual machines across multiple Azure services. The central component is the **Azure Automanage** service, represented by a blue square icon. Surrounding it are several interconnected circular nodes, each representing a different service:

- Boot diagnostics**: Represented by a green waveform icon.
- Security center**: Represented by a green shield icon.
- Monitoring**: Represented by a blue gauge icon.
- Update management**: Represented by a blue gear icon.
- Automation account**: Represented by a blue lightning bolt icon.
- Change tracking and inventory**: Represented by a purple cube icon.
- Configuration management**: Represented by a blue cloud icon.
- Log analytics**: Represented by a blue bar chart icon.

Arrows indicate the flow of data and best practices between these services. Two curved arrows labeled "Azure Virtual Machine best practices" connect the central **Azure Automanage** node to the **Security center** and the **Automation account**. Another curved arrow labeled "Azure Virtual Machine best practices" connects the **Configuration management** and **Change tracking and inventory** nodes to the central **Azure Automanage** node.

A large, diagonal watermark text "Dive into the Real World view" is overlaid across the diagram.

# Microsoft Defender for Cloud



A SERVICE TO  
STRENGTHEN  
YOUR  
SECURITY  
POSTURE



AVAILABLE IN  
TWO TIERS –  
ASC BASIC  
AND AZURE  
DEFENDER



BASIC -> FREE  
– ACTIVATED  
BY DEFAULT  
FOR ALL  
SUBSCRIPTIONS



BASED ON AN  
SECURITY  
SCORE –  
SCOPE BASED



AVAILABLE  
FOR ALL  
WORKLOADS  
(SERVER,  
CONTAINER,  
SQL, IOT AND

# Microsoft Defender for Cloud



Strengthen security posture

Cloud security posture management  
Secure Score  
Policies and compliance



Protect against threats

For servers

For cloud native workloads

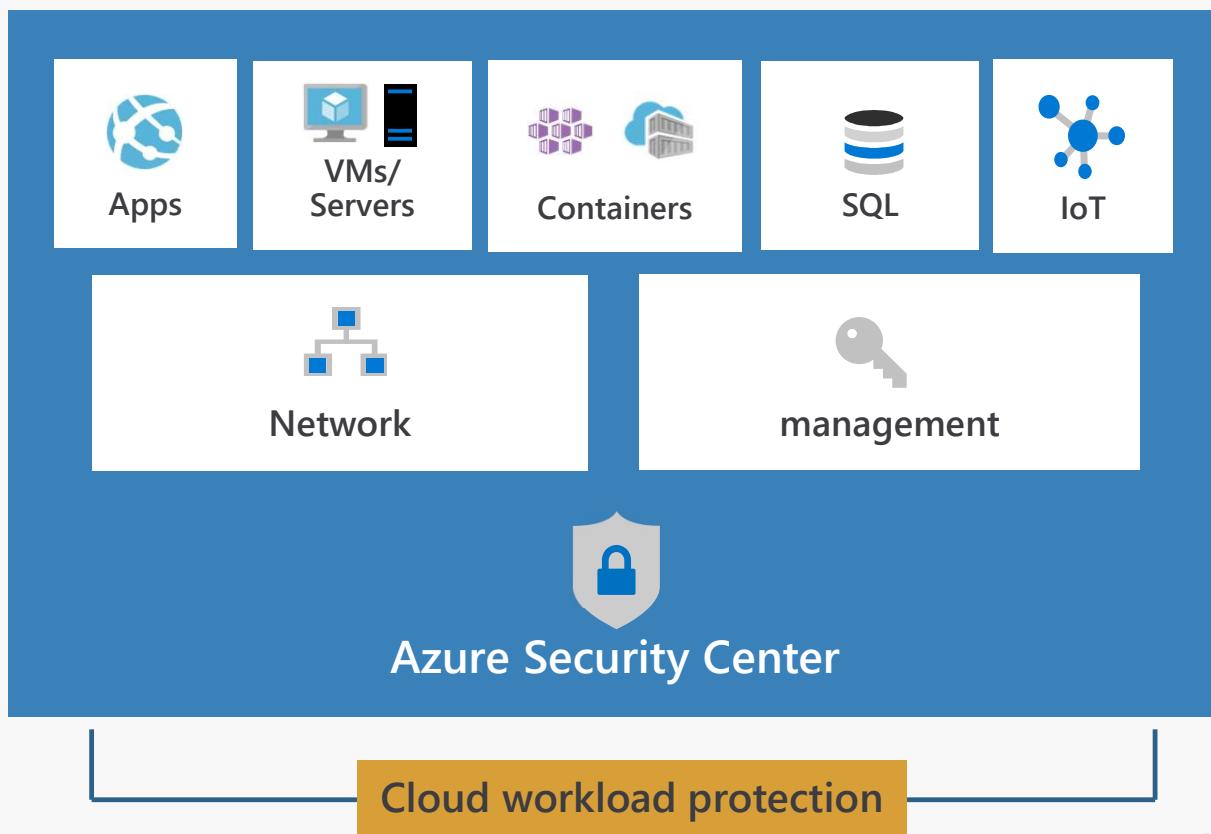
For databases and storage



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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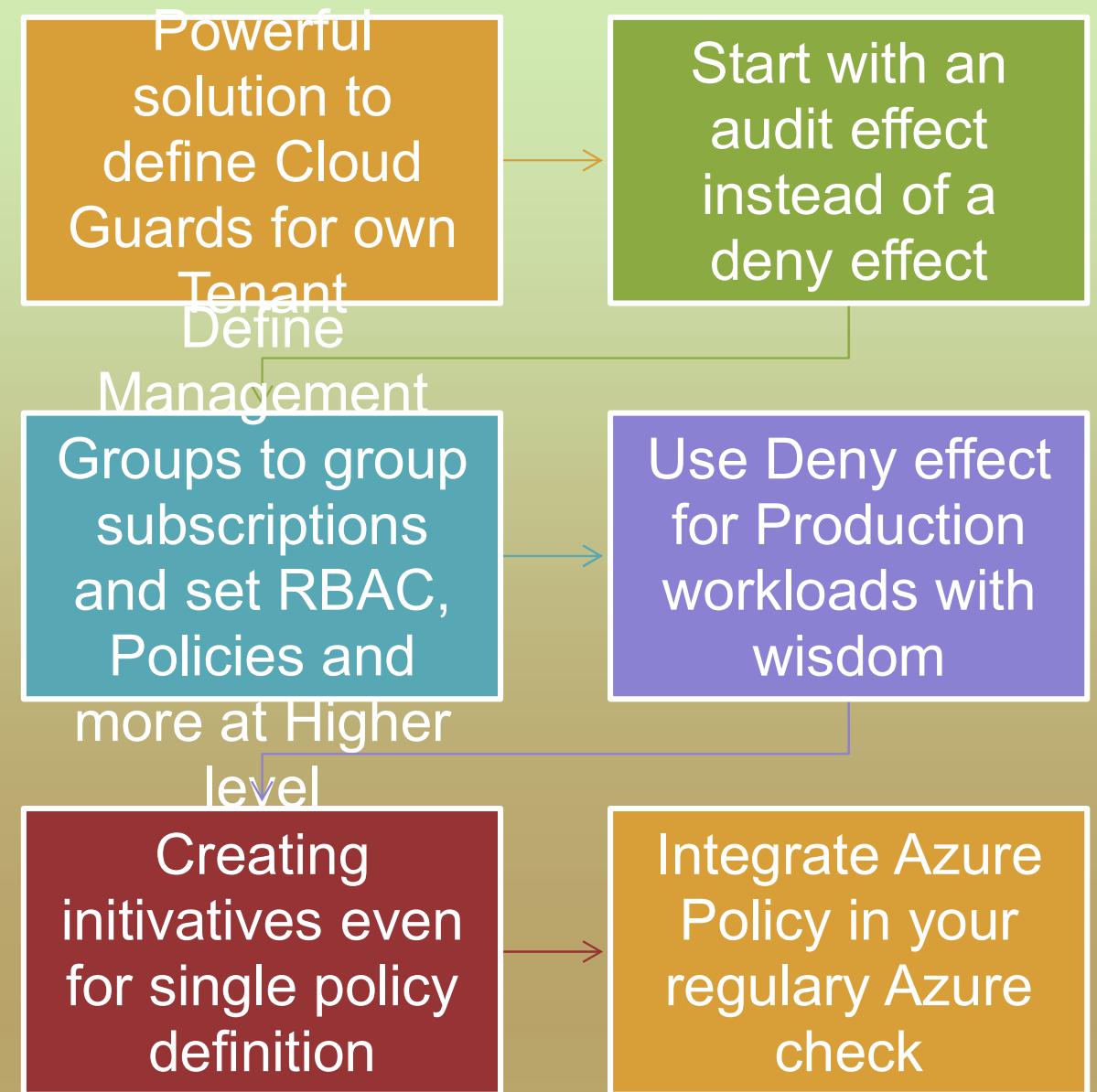


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## How it works together

- 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
- Azure Policy settings for ASC will firstly applied when Subscription is created

# Azure Policy Recap



# **Microsoft Defender for Cloud**

- 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 and ASC in your regulary 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>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/security-center/custom-security-policies>

<https://blog.azureandbeyond.com/2020/04/24/mastering-azure-security-my-latest-adventure/>

<https://github.com/Azure/Azure-Security-Center>

<https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/azure-security-center/weekly-secure-score-progress-report/ba-p/2159354>

<https://github.com/Azure/Azure-Security-Center/tree/master/Secure%20Score/SecureScoreOverTimeReport>

Training: <https://aka.ms/ascninja>

Videos: <https://aka.ms/ascinthefiled>

ASC Lab: <https://aka.ms/aslabs>

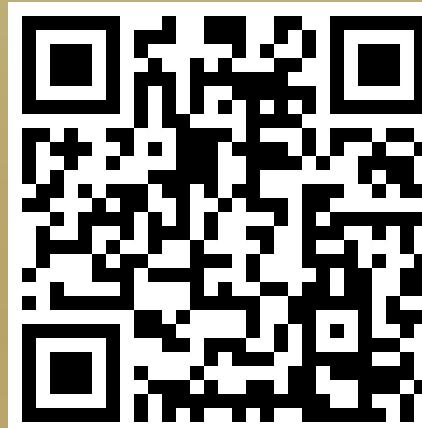
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