

Research Methodology

⇒ Cloud Computing :-

Cloud Computing is the on-demand availability of Computer resources, especially data storage and computing power, without direct active management by the user.

For example :-
Azure
AWS
Google cloud
Compute Canada

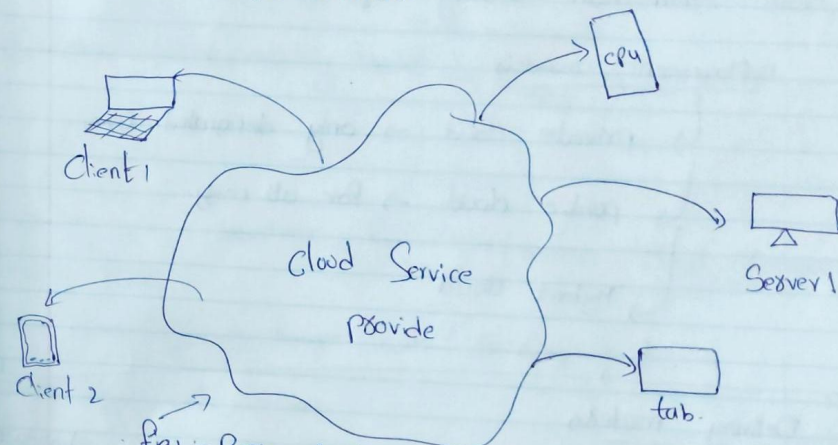
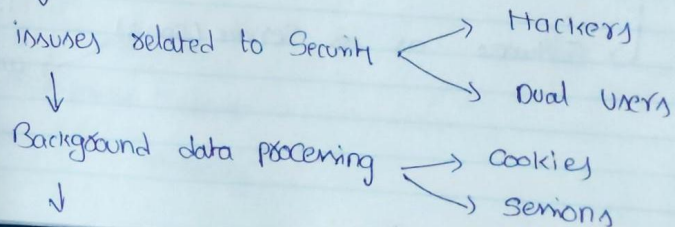
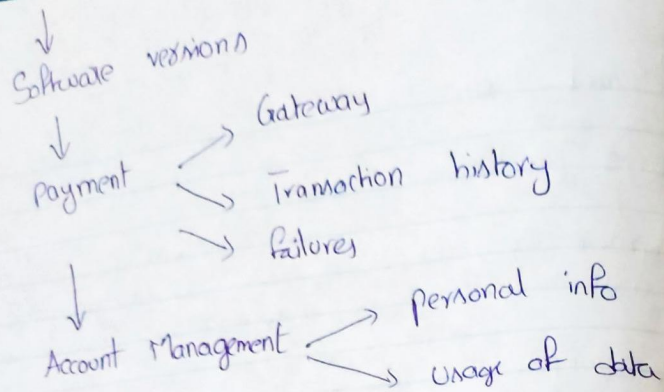


Fig 1 :- Basic cloud Network

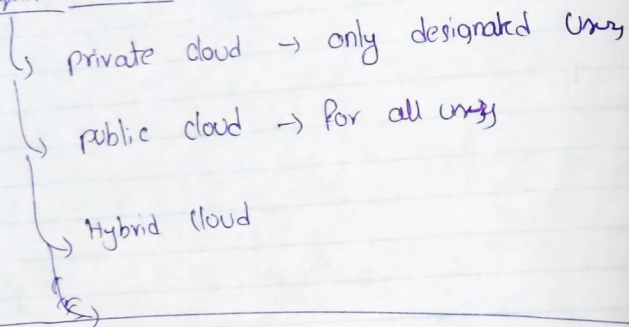
If we don't have physical machine what about the Security



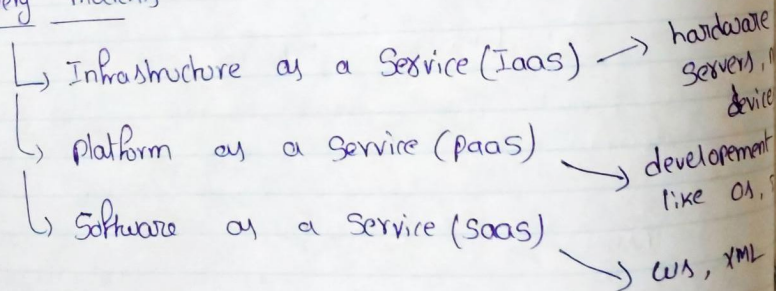


From information Security system

Deployment models



Delivery models



Challenges

- ① Security → Running your code on someone else's hardware (CPU).
- ② Costing model → organisation data transferred between public/private cloud
- ③ Charging model →
- ④ Service level Agreement → Contracting/loss of control on computing resources
- ⑤ Migrate → movement
- ⑥ Cloud interoperability issue → Hazy cloud.

According to Gartner from 2011 (seven Cloud Computing Security Risks)

Cloud Computing is fraught with security risks

- * privileged user access
- * Regulatory Compliance
- * data location
- * Recovery
- * Data Segregation
- * investigative support
- * long term viability

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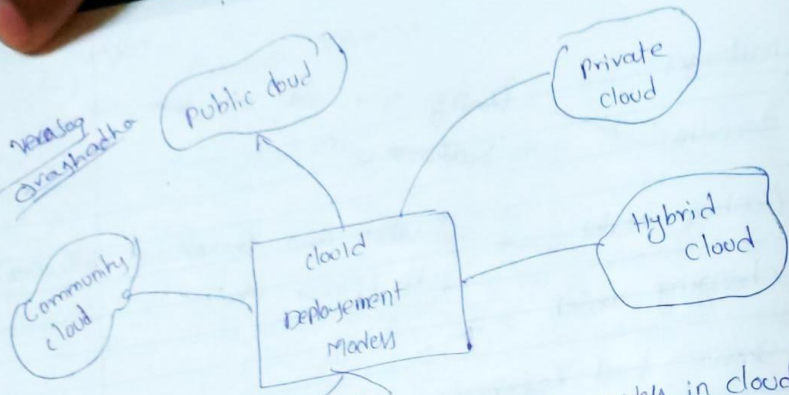
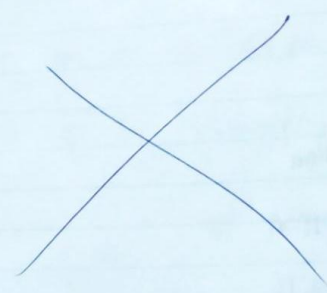


Fig 2: Different deployment models in cloud platform
Denial of service
↳ Attack of web servers

Account hijacking
↳ HTTP protocol.

Investigation Support :-
↳ logs
↳ History / Access Control



Vulnerabilities :-

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- Key factor of security is vulnerability
- its kind of risk factor

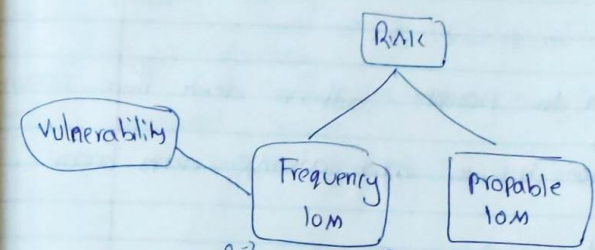
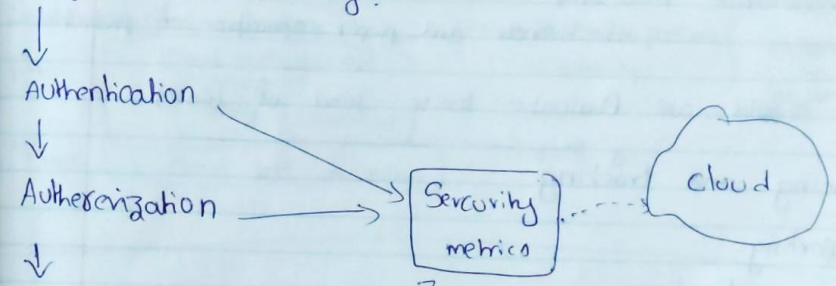


Fig 3: Risk Factors

Is there any cloud specific vulnerabilities?
if yes, what are they?



Network based vulnerability
vulnerabilities in cloud Architecture

Poor key management for connecting VM to the local machine or vice versa

Network. Security → How about other person logged on the same VM at same time
→ is there any n/w monitoring

Risks:-
 Identified by Expectation

Information Security:

- Protection measures
- Detection measures
- Response measures
- Assurance measures

This aim to prevent adverse events from occurring
 alert the business when adverse events occur
 deal with consequences of adverse events
 effectiveness and proper operation of protection

how should we evaluate these kind of risks

- facing and tracking
- Reporting

Current Situation:-

availability measures like acquiring (cont)
 Managing
 maintaining

Managing Risk:-

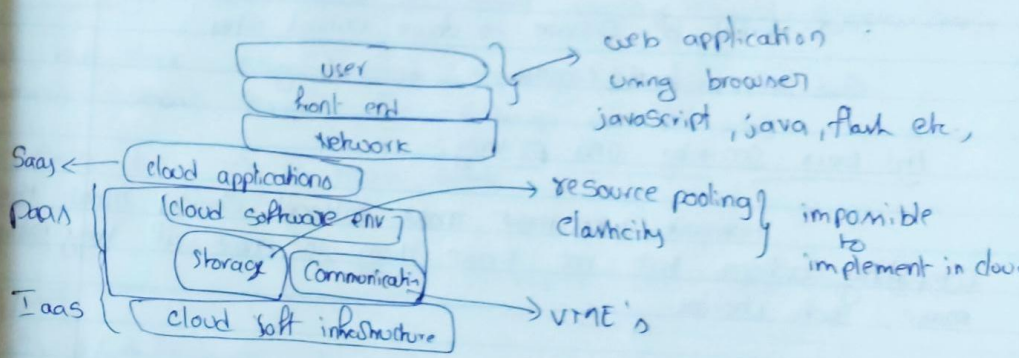
- ↳ liability transfer → disclaimers, transfers
- ↳ identification → pooling and hedging
- ↳ mitigation
- ↳ retention

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Essential characteristics of vulnerabilities

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- on demand self service
 ⇒ without human interaction we can order (or) manage
 ex - web portal
- ubiquitous network access
 ⇒ cloud services via n/w
- Resource pooling
 ⇒ scale up & scale down immediately
- Rapid elasticity
 ⇒ cloud services reduced using homogeneous infrastructure
- measured service
 ⇒ pay as you go business models.



Identity, Authentication and Authorization

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- ↳ Denial of Service by account lockout → username & password
- ↳ weak credential reset mechanisms → rules for forgotten and reset the credentials.
- ↳ insufficient (or) faulty authorization checks
- ↳ Coarse authorization context
 ↳ URL's attacks
- ↳ Insufficient logging & monitoring possibilities.
 ↳ duty separation at work
 ↳ logs

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General Trustworthy large scale systems
 Build trustworthy large scale systems for important social
 For ex: voting
 health records
 law enforcement

Epidemic style attacks

- Spam → makes it hard to read mail
- denial of service → down critical sites
- virus and worms

End users security and privacy:

Humans users must make rational choices about computing actions but not make them to choose if they can make such choices.

General security challenges

- Trusting vendor's security model → Follow the rules
- Customer inability to respond to audit findings → Better to have the data
- Support for investigations
- Indirect administrator → Direct admin should have access
- Loss of physical control →
- proper implementations can't be examined.

Control over all implementations. (or any other)

Transparency (ref by Neal Leavitt)

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book Name: is cloud computing Really Ready for prime time

- Almost 75% people are worried about security
- vulnerability to attack by IRC's Gens
- Confident
- Audits

Reliability: cloud space (or) client space should work 24/7

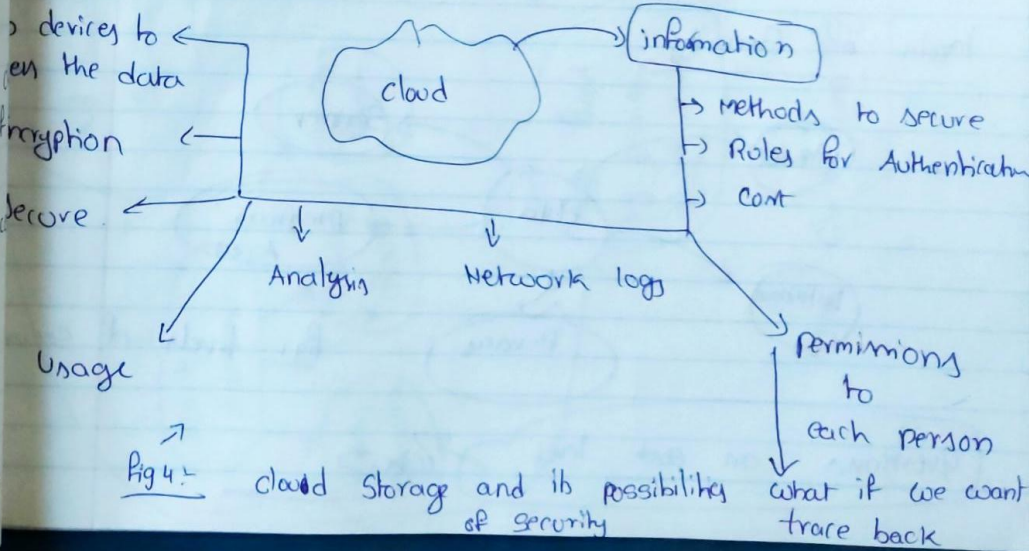
and the clock why because recently Salesforce.com left customers without service for 6 hours on Feb 2008

→ AWS EC2 → 3 hours after

As per sheehan → more providers will come in future.

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ref by Anil Kumar, book Name: world of cloud computing (security)



Book Name: Cloud Security issues (10/07/2021)

Service Level Agreement → agreement between two parties

- identify, understanding
- areas of conflict
- Expectations
- Complex issues

- warranties
- remedies
- Security
- Business continuity
- Disaster maintenance

Termination: → end of initial term
→ Convenience
→ Any cause
→ payment.

Security risks handled in SLA

- Privileged user access
- Regulatory Compliance
- Data location

→ segregation

levels of Security

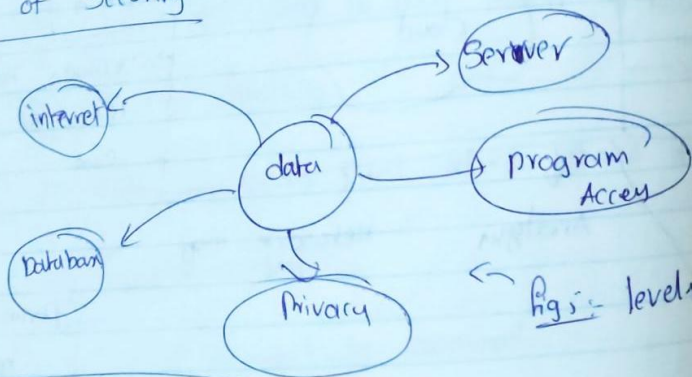


fig 5: levels of

Questions on each level

Architecture → Build in tech specialist.

Identity & Access

- Roles & Rules
- diff access to each web page

Availability → Reliability

response → outcome

→ Data protection

Trust

Governance

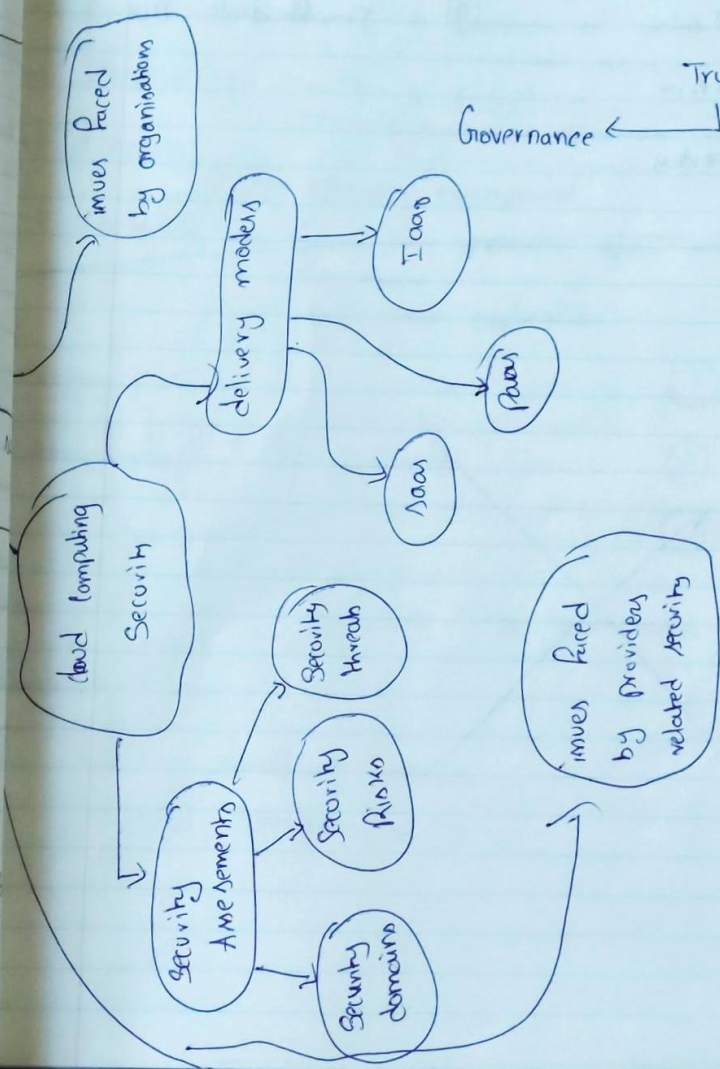
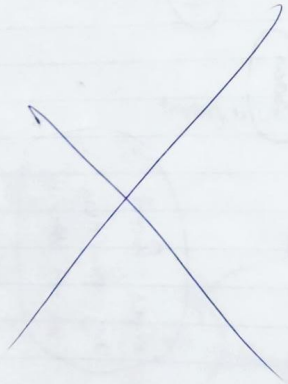


Fig 6: Cloud Computing Security Architecture

Nine critical threats mention in following book
 ↳ challenge in cloud computing

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- ① Data Breaches
- ② Data loss
- ③ Account hijacking
- ④ Insecure API's
- ⑤ Denial of service
- ⑥ malicious insider
- ⑦ Abuse of cloud services
- ⑧ shared Technology
- ⑨ Insufficient due



Books :- Assessing the Security Risks of Cloud Computing

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Evaluate Rm using following methods

- Privileged user Access → threat from outside organisation
- Compliance → Server access
network access
- Data location → Regulations for new users
Privacy, Regulations
- Data Segregation → location of data stored
jurisdiction.
- Availability → Encryption
- Recovery → discussed already in previous
Disaster management
- viability → what if provider goes broke?
Assurance.
Replacement application.

Access :-

Ask about

- policymakers
- architects
- coders
- operators

to understand

Evaluate risks

↳ ISO standard 27001

→ Audit Standard No. 78 X

① Assurance

② Evaluate

③ Security Assessment by third party

Book :- On Technical security issues in Cloud Computing

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Security web-services

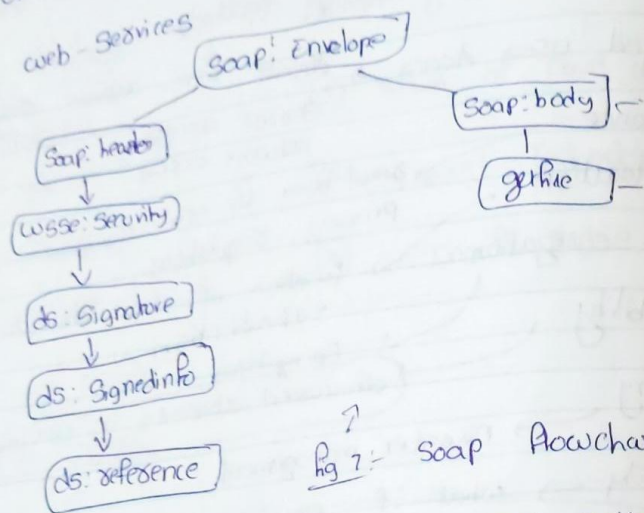
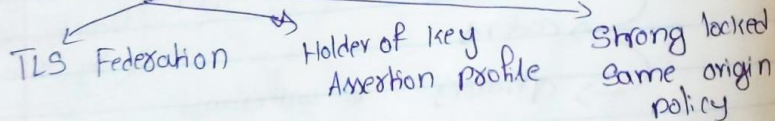


Fig 7 :- SOAP flowchart

xml Signature main types of attacks are authentication (or) integrity.

Browser Security :- Client and server using on I/O

How to secure SAML Tokens



Flooding attacks :-

- serious drawbacks
- Excess power usage
- Severe troubles

(Direct and indirect) Denial of Service

Accounting X (already discussed)

Accountability

- limits
- Flooding conditions

Flooding attacks on Cloud Computing (IaaS)

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Book :- attacks on web services

Attacks :-

Oversize payload

- its category of Denial of Service
- high memory due to size
- attack using large SOAP message

XML injection

- trying to modify SOAP msg
- Special characters '<''>'

WSDL Scanning

- avoid common WSDL for all WS
- Clear End point
- omitted operations

Metadata spoofing

- information in meta data
- spoofing metadata
- authenticate and check

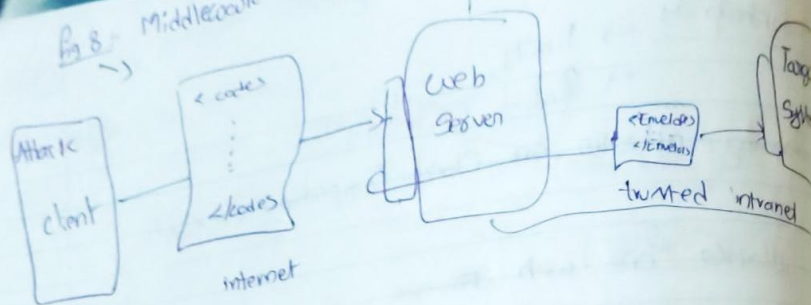
WS-addressing spoofing

- URL call back
- BPEL engine will raise execution fault

middleware Hijacking

- target for attacker's endpoint URL
- invalid SOAP
- Fault messages
- indirect Flooding

Fig 8: Middleware hijacking



Countermeasure approaches

- Schema validation
- Schema hardening
- Strict ws-Security policy
- Event based SOAP
- ws-Security
- clarification

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Book: Accountability problem of Flooding attacks in Service oriented Architectures.

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→ Flooding attacks

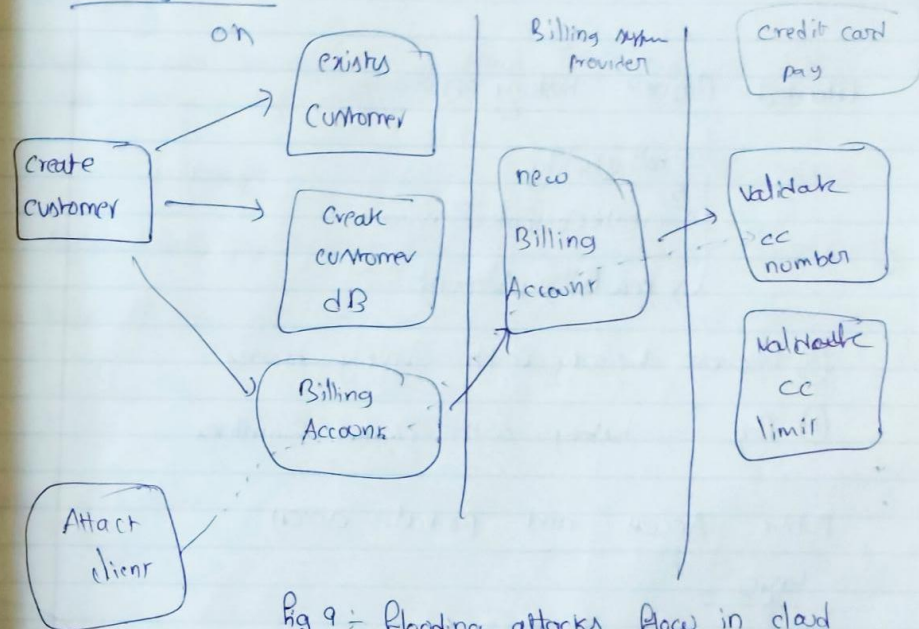


Fig 9: Flooding attacks flow in cloud

monitoring: → Application maintenance
→ log Archive
→ Disaster management

al logging Approach

- local logging/log files
- log entries that belong to attack requests

Request history approach

- small log files
- history block
- Examine some requests

Extended Request history approaches

- ↳ reliability
- ↳ Create Customer Service
- ↳ new Billing Account

(a) Request history with Security tokens

(b) Req. history with Digital Signatures.

Public Access and private access

Keys

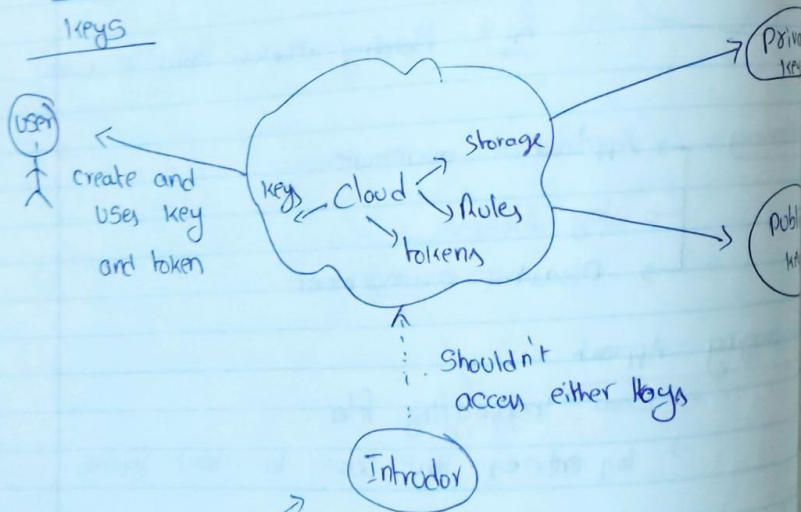


Fig 10 :- Security keys architecture in cloud platform

Article:- 5 Biggest cloud Computing trends in 2021

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→ AI will improve the efficiency and speed of cloud Computing

→ Gaming will increasingly be delivered from the cloud, just like music and movies.

↳ example :- Amazon live streaming for sports

→ Hybrid and on-premise cloud Solutions grow in popularity

→ more of us will be working on virtual cloud desktops

↳ desktop as a service

↳ offered by AWS, Azure

Usage on Desktop as a service

↳ pay on use

↳ key management

↳ Roles

↳ Software management

↳ Servers

↳ Data storage

↳ CPU

↳ Public IP Address (pay on use)

↳ No pay if no use of IP address