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# Introduction

Today, digital technology defines the competitive battleground, and organizations are constantly striving to improve their services with new applications. These organizations are rapidly adopting cloud technologies to keep pace with growing business demands and take advantage of efficiencies and scalability in the cloud. As a result, the traditional corporate perimeter is fading, and mobile workers are driving ever-increasing usage of Software as a Service (SaaS) applications. Organizations today are using a mix of private and public cloud services to gain the cost savings, agility, and speed benefits of the cloud.

As a result of this digital transformation, risk management and data protection are top concerns for organizations migrating to the cloud. IT leaders worry about securing the business. Whether on-premises, in the cloud, or mobile, the entire IT architecture must be secure to preserve the integrity and longevity of the business.

Legacy security tools, policies, and processes designed for traditional data centers and IT operations can't adapt to address SaaS applications or the continuous deployment model and pace of change in the cloud. Although many tools are available for securing the cloud — including native security services from public cloud providers — siloed security products, manual operations, and human errors continue to slow down the business and create risk.

Visibility and control in the cloud are challenging, and cloud environments are complex.

To be successful, organizations need a consistent approach to security that spans all their operating environments, from on-premises data centers to multiple public and private clouds. They need tools and processes that simplify operations through automation driven by machine learning and analytics, and cross-platform capabilities that prevent data breaches across the cloud, data center, and endpoints.