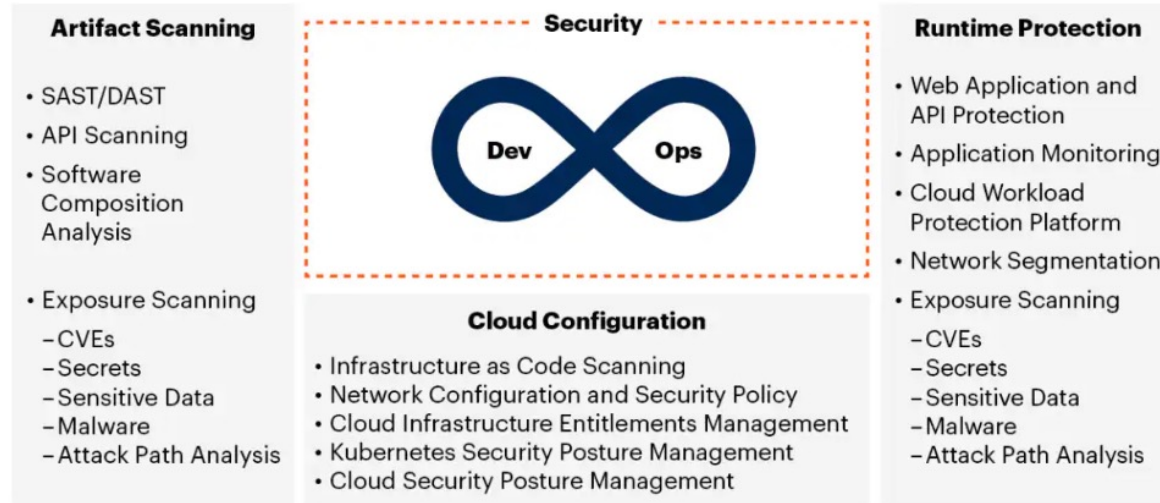


Cloud Native Application Protection Platform



Figure 2. Detailed CNAPP Capabilities

Detailed CNAPP Capabilities



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Overview of capabilities within a CNAPP (source: Gartner)



The components that make a CNAPP work seamlessly

While CNAPPs currently on the market have some differences, there are several core capabilities your CNAPP must have for it to provide holistic protection for your cloud applications and infrastructure. Choose a solution that integrates:



Cloud security posture management (CSPM)

[CSPM](#) solutions are designed to provide security teams with a connected, prioritized view of potential vulnerabilities and misconfigurations across multicloud and hybrid environments. A CSPM continuously assesses your overall security posture and gives security teams automated alerts and recommendations about critical issues that could expose your organization to data breaches. It has automated compliance management and remediation tools to spot gaps and keep them closed.



Multipipeline DevOps security

[DevOps security management](#) gives developers and security teams a central console to manage DevOps security across all pipelines. This strengthens their ability to minimize cloud misconfigurations and scan new code to keep vulnerabilities from reaching production environments. Infrastructure-as-code scanning tools pore over your configuration files from the earliest stages of development to confirm that new configuration files are compliant with your security policies.



Cloud workload protection platform (CWPP)

[CWPPs](#) provide real-time detection and response to threats based on the latest intelligence across all your multicloud workloads, such as virtual machines, containers, Kubernetes, databases, storage accounts, network layers, and app services. CWPPs help security teams conduct speedy investigations into threats and reduce their organization's attack surface.



Cloud infrastructure entitlement management (CIEM)

A [CIEM](#) centralizes permissions management across your entire cloud and hybrid footprint, preventing accidental or malicious permissions misuse. It helps security teams protect against data leakage and universally enforce the principle of least privilege.



Cloud service network security (CSNS)

CSNS solutions complement CWPPs by protecting cloud infrastructure in real time. A CSNS solution can include a wide variety of security tools such as distributed denial-of-service protection, web application firewalls, transport layer security examination, and load balancing.



Cloud Security Posture Management

Asset Inventory

Security misconfigurations management

Regulatory Compliance

External attack vector visibility

Cloud Workload Protection

Servers

EPP / App Control

EDR

JIT Access

FIM

Storage

Malware scanning

Sensitive Data Discovery

Suspicious Access and Anomalies

Databases

SQL Injection

Brute Force Detection

Encryption

Containers

Image Scanning

Environment Hardening

Runtime behaviour monitoring

Apps

Malicious code Execution

OWASP 10

Log Monitoring

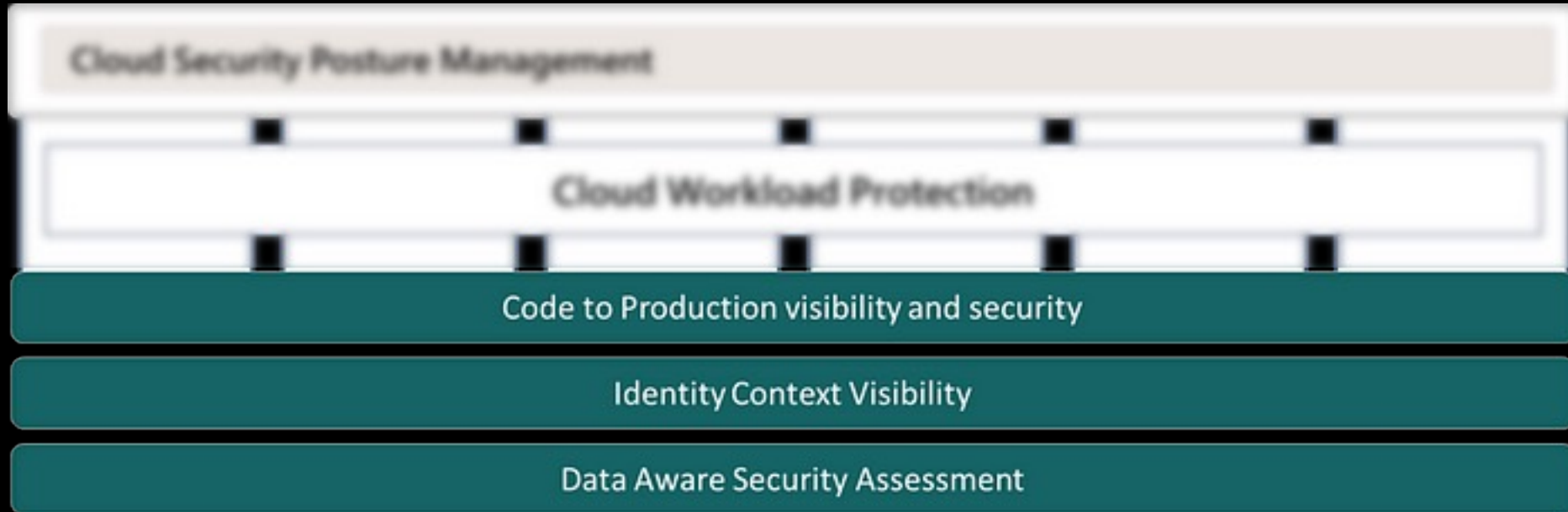
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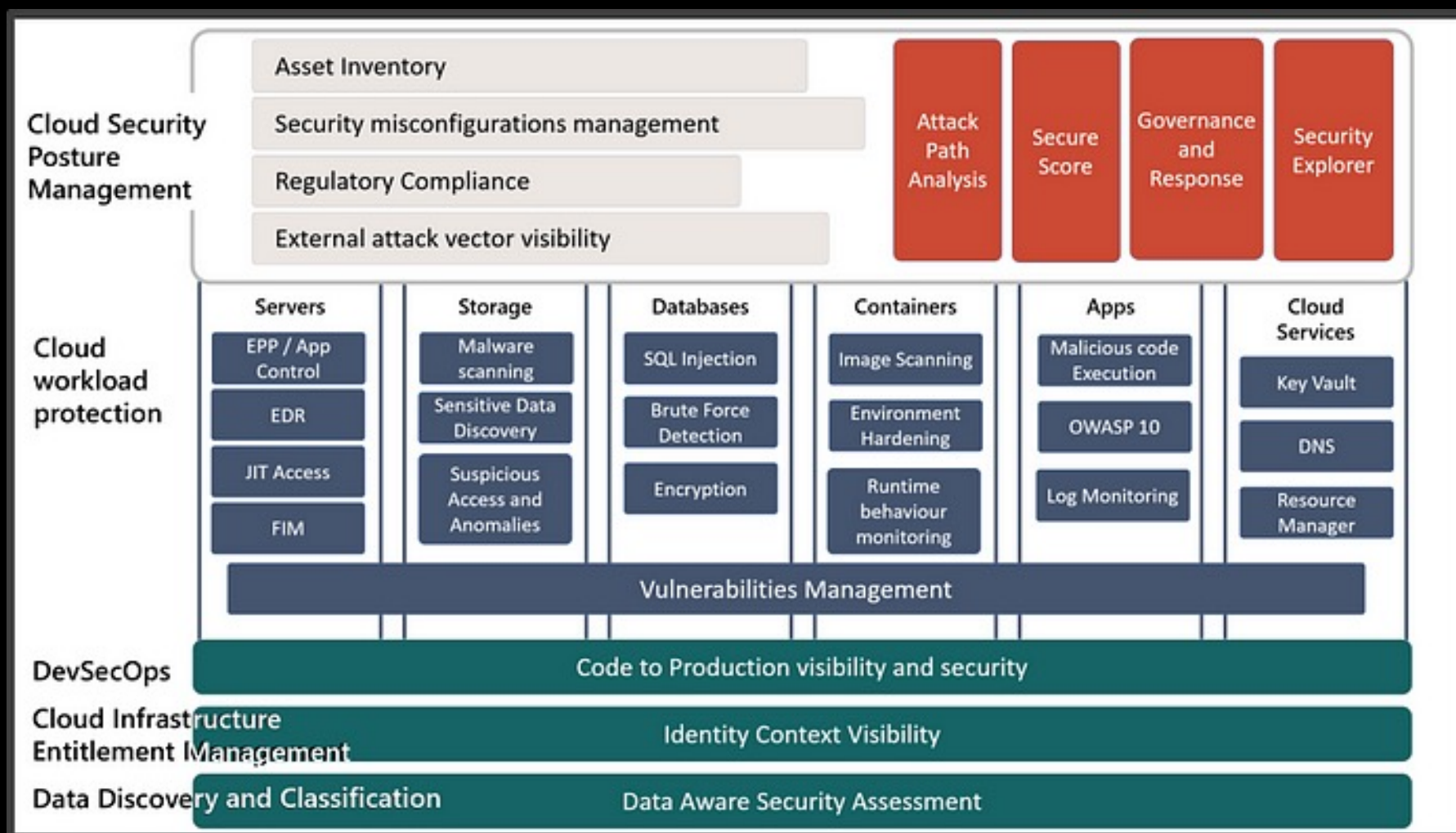
Key Vault

DNS

Resource Manager

Vulnerabilities Management







A Comprehensive, Single vendor CNAPP solution and its Capabilities in 2023



I've spoken about Cloud-Native Application Protection Platform more than a year ago when Gartner announced their new "solution" term. Have a read at that here: [The all in-one Cloud Security Solution CNAPP—according to Gartner | by Andre Camillo | Geek Culture | Medium](#)

Since then, many vendors have worked and started delivering on this new "market". Only one of these vendors, however, can fill in the promise with almost 100% coverage of Gartner's definition.

Let's discuss how Microsoft delivers CNAPP in 2023.



Microsoft CNAPP Solution Features - as of September 2023 (Public Information)				
Author (feedback/updates): Andre Camillo				
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		Server Plan 1	Microsoft Defender for Endpoint Microsoft Defender vulnerability management Automatic agent onboarding, alert and data integration Generates detailed, context-based, security alerts easily integrated with any SIEM Provides guidelines to help investigate and mitigate identified threats	
		Server Plan 2	Integrated vulnerability assessment powered by Qualys Agentless vulnerability scanning Regulatory compliance and industry best practices Just-in time IP access for management paths Network layer threat detection Adaptive application controls File integrity monitoring Adaptive network hardening	
		Benefits	Low Analytics SaaS free data ingestion	
			Protects applications running over Azure App Service Assesses resources covered by your App Service plan and generates security recommendations Monitors the WHOLE of your App Service and its management interface Monitors requests and responses sent between App Service apps Monitors the underlying endpoints and VMs Monitors App Service internal logs Identifies attack methodologies applying to multiple targets Generates detailed, context-based, security alerts easily integrated with any SIEM Alerts include guidelines to help investigate and mitigate identified threats Regulatory compliance and industry best practices	
			Activity Monitoring Detection of entities without identities Comprehensive security without sending logs Sensitive data threat detection (preview forums, new plan only) Malware Scanning (new plan only)	
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			Unified inventory of all APIs published within Azure API Management Monitor API traffic against two OWASP API threats through ML-based and threat intelligence based detections Security insights including identifying unauthenticated, inactive/dormant, and externally exposed APIs Classifies APIs that receive or respond with sensitive data	
			Multi-approach DevOps security management Infrastructure-as-code Security Code to cloud connectivity state Automated workflows	
			Cloud cloud permissions discovery: Granular and normalized metrics for key cloud platforms: AWS, Azure, and GCP. Permission Check index (PCI): An aggregated metrics that periodically evaluates the level of risk associated with the number of excessive permissions across your identities and resources. It measures how much damage identities can cause based on the permissions they have. Permissions usage analysis: Multi-dimensional view of permissions risk for all identities, actions, and resources. Automated detection of permissions unused for the past 90 days. Permissions on demand: Grant identities permission on-demand for a time-limited period or on as-needed basis. ML-powered anomaly detections. Context-rich forensic reports around identities, actions, and resources to support rapid investigation and remediation.	
			Discover	
			Remediate	
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				Comprehensive security without enabling logs
				Sensitive data threat detection (preview feature, new plan only)
				Malware Scanning (new plan only)
		Databases	Azure SQL	Vulnerability Assessment
				Threat Protection (SQL injection, brute-force attacks, privilege abuse)
				Anomalous database access and query patterns
				Suspicious database activity
			SQL Servers	Vulnerability Assessment
				Threat Protection (SQL injection, brute-force attacks, privilege abuse)
				Anomalous database access and query patterns
				Suspicious database activity
			OSS Databases PostgreSQL MariaDB MySQL	Vulnerability Assessment
				Threat Protection (Brute-force attacks)
				Anomalous database access and query patterns
				Suspicious database activity
		Azure Cosmos DB	Threat Protection (SQL injection)	
			Anomalous database access patterns	
				Suspicious database activity
		Kubernetes		Sensitive data threat detection (preview) (Configurable, see "Settings")
				On-upload malware scanning (preview) (Configurable, see pricing details below)
				Agentless discovery for Kubernetes
		Key Vault		Identifies illegitimate attempts to access or exploit Azure Key Vault accounts
				Generates detailed, context-based, security alerts easily integrated with any SIEM
				Alerts include guidelines to help investigate and mitigate identified threats
				Regulatory compliance and industry best practices
		Resource Manager		Monitors resource management operations
				Protects against suspicious resource management operations
		Protects against exploitation toolkits		
		Protects against lateral movement from the management layer to the data plane		
		Provides guidelines to help investigate and mitigate identified threats		
DNS		Agentless protection for resources using Azure DNS's name resolution		
		Detects data exfiltration through DNS tunneling		
		Detects malware communications with command and control servers		
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CIEM	Entra Permissions Management (Yearly Subscription)	Discover	<p>Cross-cloud permissions discovery: Granular and normalized metrics for key cloud platforms: AWS, Azure, and GCP.</p> <p>Permission Creep Index (PCI): An aggregated metric that periodically evaluates the level of risk associated with the number of unused or excessive permissions across your identities and resources. It measures how much damage identities can cause based on the permissions they have.</p> <p>Permission usage analytics: Multi-dimensional view of permissions risk for all identities, actions, and resources.</p>
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