Rethinking Security in the Era of Cloud Computing

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人2013年开始,我们得到了国家科学基金会的资助,以探索这些机会; 本文的目标是总结我们的研究议程和迄今为止取得的进展。

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Cloud computing has emerged as a dominant computing platform for the foreseeable future, disrupting the way we build and deploy software. This disruption offers a rare opportunity to integrate new computer 这里我们提供了云安全研究领域的简要概述,大致描绘了两种研究动机的二分法 security approaches.

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uch has been made about the dramatic growth of compute clouds and their transformative role in modern computing. Cloud computing's scale suggests that it will be a driving force for the foreseeable future; a significant and growing fraction of the web is

now hosted in major cloud operators' datacenters. The often cited reasons for their success include the cost savings and flexibility they enable by freeing tenants from the expenditures of establishing and operating their own datacenters.

A complicating factor in the rush to cloud computing is tenant security. For several reasons, security risks can be exacerbated by moving to the cloud. As cloud computing grows in popularity, clouds become juicier targets for attackers. Because the cloud puts tenants on a common computing infrastructure, one flaw exposed in that infrastructure can threaten all tenants. Clouds gather computations of potentially mutually distrusting tenants on the same compute platform, potentially introducing opportunities for cross-tenant attacks. These risks have given rise to numerous active and worthwhile research agendas to enable tenants to mitigate them.

We believe there's another research agenda that the move to cloud computing should ignite but that so has received less attention from the research community. The consolidation of massive resources and myriad activities in the cloud places cloud operators in a unique position to introduce new services to help

tenants better manage their security (or to manage it for them outright) — and indeed to solve some of security's "holy grail" problems. Starting in 2013, we were funded by the NSF to explore these opportunities; our goal in this article is to summarize our research agenda and the progress we've made so far. We refer to our effort as the Silver project, connoting a silver lining to the cloud.

Cloud Security Research Themes

Here we provide a brief overview of the cloud security research landscape, roughly drawing a dichotomy between two research motivations. The first, which has been the primary concern of academics thus far, is what new threats to tenants arise due to their move to cloud computing, and what tenants can do to mitigate those threats. We then juxtapose this with another area of research that we find understudied—that of enhancing clouds to help tenants achieve secure deployments. (For a brief history of clouds, see the sidebar.)

Risks from Cloud Computing, and How **Tenants Can Mitigate Them**

Much work has focused on determining how the shift to cloud computing and public clouds might create new vulnerabilities for tenants. In one type of new risk, a cross-tenant attack arises when one cloud tenant seeks to violate the confidentiality, availability, or integrity of another. Many cross-tenant attacks stem from the fact that multitenancy implies that it's possible that one's

A Brief History of Clouds

odern cloud computing systems are the latest example of shared-infrastructure computing. The idea of "utility computing" on mainframes was a primary motivation for the Multics project, which inspired much early research on computer security. In such systems, users and businesses remotely accessed a central mainframe, amortizing the large cost over many users. With the rise of the World Wide Web in the late 1990s, public hosting centers grew in popularity and offered both bare-metal machines and managed webservers. The free Linux OS and Apache webserver, launched in 1991 and 1995, respectively, and servers with commodity Intel and AMD processors, made it economical to run large server clusters to handle the increasing scale of Internet workloads.

Two innovations really drove the cloud revolution. First, VMware introduced a hypervisor for x86 processors, showing that virtualization could be efficient and useful. This was followed by the open source Xen project from Cambridge University in 2003. Second, Amazon launched the Elastic Compute Cloud that rented virtual machines with a new billing model based on short-term usage. For a few cents, a customer could rent a fraction of a physical

machine for an hour. The combination of virtualization, efficient management, and short time-scale billing enabled cloud computing's boom.

Today's public clouds provide access to large-scale comput-

ing infrastructure in the form of virtual machines, applications, or software services. The common thread among all these is the dynamic sharing of infrastructure by multiple tenants, which is managed by a third party. In this common structure, clouds today can be divided roughly into three kinds. Infrastructure-as-a-service systems allow customers to launch virtual machines and control the guest OS as well as applications. In a-service systems, customers can launch application in a provider-managed OS. Finally, a software-as-a-sprovides hosted application services for customers, databases, file storage, and the like. A single compart 人计算。Coogle or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes 工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes 工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes 工作线 Google or Microsoft, might offer all three kinds of cizes The division into these categories follows the level of Google or Microsoft of the customer.

whole, entirely unsophisticated when it comes to security. Another drawback to such approaches is their high performance overhead, which will remain even if innovations bring about orders-of-magnitude improvements. 它们的高性能开销,即使创新带来了数量级的改进,这种开销仍然存在

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applications are running on a compute server shared with another tenant who might be hostile. Placement vulnerabilities allow malicious tenants to arrange for their applications to be scheduled (placed) on the same server as a target,^{2–4} and from there, cross-tenant side-channel attacks could allow violating isolation boundaries to, for example, steal secrets^{5,6} or computing resources,⁷ or to mount denial-of-service (DoS) attacks.

A second type of new risk is from a cloud operator who is itself malicious. This might seem, at first glance, to be a strange perspective: Why would one use a cloud that's adversarial? In fact, this threat model covers many nuanced and realistic threats, such as a rogue employee's insider attack and even a careless provider's accidental errors in the handling of customer data and programs. The widespread occurrence of malicious outsiders intruding into the systems of even large, highly reputed technology companies also encourages such a pessimistic threat model.

These new risks have given rise to several influential research threads, notably works on cryptographic techniques such as verifiable outsourced computing and outsourced private computation via fully homomorphic encryption.^{8,9} These lines of work strive to remove the cloud provider's software and administrators from the trusted computing base. However, this threat model inherently pushes more responsibility (at the very least, for cryptographic key management) from the security-conscious providers to tenants that are, on the

Another Viewpoint: Provider as Partner

The above research agendas can be viewed as helping tenants to both understand and preempt new vulnerabilities that arise when moving to a cloud that's oblivi-上面的面 ous to its tenants' plights at best and openly hostile to them at worst. We believe these agendas are important to pursue further, but they also overlook a largely untapped opportunity: Can security-literate cloud providers help security-illiterate tenants resist threats? This viewpoint is already widely adopted in industry, where<mark>我们认为这</mark> companies increasingly offer security-as-a-service solutions. In general, however, these solutions simply represent adoption of traditional security mechanisms in noncloud settings. Although default availability of "best practices" in security would mark important progress and make deployment and management simpler we fear that the cloud computing industry isn't currently taking full advantage of the security opportunites that the shift to cloud computing offers.

These opportunities stem from the strategic position occupied by service providers to manage security on their tenants' behalf. In particular, providers can take advantage of deeper specialization and introspection, a broader perspective, and more compute resources.

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A Silver Lining to the Cloud

Here we lay out one vision of how clouds could significantly enhance security for their tenants. We dissect this vision into three distinct but overlapping opportunities for leveraging the cloud to help tenants manage their untrusted client populations, their own outsourced infrastructure, and their dependencies on other tenants in the cloud ecosystem. 帮助租户管理客户安全

Helping Tenants Manage Clients Securely

A substantial fraction of the effort to run an application service is consumed by addressing the risks posed by untrusted clients. These risks include client account takeovers, DoS attacks, and exploit attempts on the server. We see numerous opportunities to leverage the cloud's massive resources and elastic scaling capabilities to help tenant services defend against these risks. We outline several examples below.

Authenticating clients of tenant services. Authenticating human users is central to virtually every web transaction. Overwhelmingly, the most common way to do this today is using passwords. Passwords are an imperfect protection, however. They can be guessed by an attacker dr, as today's industry pandemic shows, they can be stolen by breaching the application server and cracking password hashes stored there.

We describe two approaches by which a cloud operator can aid tenants in authenticating clients more securely: Pythia and honeywords. These solutions aim to minimize the risk of an undetected password database bleach or user impersonation attempt. They can be used by ordinary tenants to protect their authentication systems but are especially attractive as a means to strengthen the identity service providers' infrastructure. They can also facilitate compliance with security controls for identity and access management.

Pythia allows a cloud operator to harden passwords on an application server, protecting them against compromise during a breach. ¹⁰ It's transparent to application service users, imposes minimal additional latency, and requires only minor modifications to the application server.

Pythia relies on a pseudorandom function (PRF) server, potentially run by the cloud operator. The server applies a PRF—a deterministic cryptographic operation involving a secret key—to a password p that the application server submits for registration (storage) or verification, yielding a corresponding output x. The PRF server thereby "hardens" passwords. Unlike a password hash, which is vulnerable to brute-force cracking if the underlying password is weak, the PRF-hardened value x is computationally infeasible for an adversary to crack.

Pythia provides additional security features. It's partially oblivious—passwords submitted to the PRF server are cryptographically concealed from the cloud operator, yet Pythia still enables the cloud operator to perform account-level monitoring of authentication attempts. Pythia also supports efficient key updates, meaning that the PRF server can update a PRF key and send a compact update token to the application server that permits every user's hardened password representation \boldsymbol{x} to be updated accordingly. Such key rotation nullifies the effects of a breach of the application server (or the PRF server).

One limitation of Pythia is that, to detect a breach, it relies on anomaly detection—an error-prone approach.

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function virtualization capabilities.¹² Specifically, Bohatei leverages these capabilities to elastically adapt the scale and type of defenses needed and to steer suspicious traffic through the defenses deployed at suitable cloud locations.

Detecting exploit traffic against tenant services. Another threat type that administrators of application servers need to constantly fend off is exploit attempts against their servers. Sometimes these exploit attempts target logic vulnerabilities in the application servers themselves; in others, they target component protocols that the application servers employ. In many cases, exploits

against such vulnerabilities involve clients sending traffic that no legitimate client implementation would send. Examples of such exploits include 10 Common Vulnerabilities and

Exposures (CVEs) since 2014 for OpenSSL alone, including the well-known Heartbleed vulnerability (CVE-2014-0160).

We're developing a technique that leverages the cloud's spare compute resources and its visibility across tenant services to detect the emergence of new exploits as soon as they're attempted against any tenant. A cloud resident verifier analyzes the messages between a tenant server and its clients to detect messaging behavior from the client that's inconsistent with the expected client software. For example, our verifier can detect a client's deviation from an OpenSSL implementation of TLS within seconds from when the deviation occurs. 13 Because such deviations are typically characteristic of maliciously crafted packets to exploit server vulnerabilities, this type of verification capability could reduce the delay to detect exploit attempts on zero-day vulnerabilities. For example, this technique could have detected Heartbleed packets within seconds of the first attempted exploit, with no Heartbleed-specific configuration.

Helping Tenants Manage Their Infrastructure

Numerous organizations outsource portions of heir own IT infrastructure to clouds, even if only to serve intraorganization purposes while achieving the cost savings associated with cloud computing. We present several ways in which cloud operators could assist tenants in managing the security of their outsourced infrastructure.

Side-channel defense. The basis for the dramatic cost savings enabled by clouds in the sharing of the resources that they enable so effectively. However, this sharing

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Fending off DeS attacks against tenant services. A second threat that administrators of application servers must address is DoS attacks against their servers. The damage that DoS attacks cause to organizations in terms of lost revenue and customer trust is well known. DoS defense of application servers today comes primarily in two forms: proprietary solutions that scale to massive load but that are expensive (for instance, Akamai) or hardware appliances that will have difficulty keeping up with adversaries' ability to dynamically change their attacks' type, volume, and locations.

As part of the Silver project, we envision a cloud-based DoS defense architecture that provides the flexibility to seamlessly place defense mechanisms where they're needed and the elasticity to launch defenses as necessary depending on the attack type and scale. As a proof of concept, we developed the Bohatei system, which leverages several of the advanced software-defined networking and network

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doesn't come without consequences. As we discussed, research has shown that sharing hardware resources can cause the unintentional leakage of secret information across tenant boundaries in cloud contexts. These leakages, called side channels, arise due to tenants' shared use of microarchitectural components on the computers they occupy together. Indeed, such side channels seem inevitable on current hardware platforms, if left unchecked by other defenses.

As a result, in Silver we're leading the development of operator-supported defenses against side channels in cloud contexts, ranging from specialized defenses against side channels in processor caches to more holistic defenses for wide ranges of side-channel attacks arising from coresidency. An example of a cache-specific defense is hypervisor scheduler modifications to ensure that one virtual machine (VM) can't preempt another with very fine granularity, 14 as this is an ingredient in known side-channel attacks leveraging per-core caches. Nomad is an example of a more holistic defense that extends this idea via a provider-assisted service that limits cross-tenant information leakage by carefully coordinating the placement and migration of VMs. 15 By focusing on the root cause of side channels (that is, coresidency), Nomad is agnostic to the specific side-channel vector used.

Menant networking. Today, many organizations rely heavily on network functions (NFs) or middleboxes to implement sophisticated security functionality, including intrusion detection and prevention, monitoring, deep-packet inspection, and firewalls. Often, many of these functions are "chained," with traffic flows routed along a sequence of these middleboxes to enforce key security policies. As these organizations move their compute infrastructures into public clouds, it becomes important to realize equivalent functionality in these new settings. To facilitate this, our work is leveraging key properties of the cloud infrastructure, namely that it's virtualized and software defined. We argue that this not only enables flexible realization of the above functionality but also allows new functionality to be realized in the cloud context.

Specifically, we've developed three frameworks to illustrate these possibilities. The first, FlowTags, allows flexible routing of traffic across arbitrary chains of middleboxes, even as middleboxes alter packet beader information on which routing traditionally relies. 16 FlowTags achieves this by inserting tags into end-to-end flows; the logic for computing tags resides at a logically central controller that leverages high-level policy to determine how the tags encode required end-to-end paths and any middlebox-internal actions taken along a route (for instance, content being served out of a cache).

The tags can be consumed by middleboxes, enabling them to process the context of processing received by a flow so far (for instance, that it traversed a specific set of middleboxes). This allows end-to-end traffic-steering policies to be implemented for specific sets of flows.

The second system, OpenNF, is complementary to FlowTags and designed specifically to support distributed processing across multiple middlebox instances. 17 Although virtualization of middleboxes allows easy deployment and teardown of instances in a cloud setting, reallocation of processing across middlebox instances must be coordinated with reallocation of the internal state that middleboxes maintain for the traffic they're processing. OpenNF allows such state reallocation to be synchronized with traffic reallocation decisions and to take place safely and consistently. This capability enables novel security applications, for instance, a security application whose capability can be dynamically enhanced to detect sophisticated attacks. That is, an on-site middlebox (for example, a deep-packet inspection engine) employs simple, local processing to identify suspicious traffic access patterns. When such patterns are observed, deeper analysis of those patterns is seamlessly migrated (along with the state created so far by the local instance's processing) to a more capable, cloud-resident appliance.

The third system, Policy Graph Abstraction (PGA), offers the capability to effectively utilize the other two. 18 In many organizations, policies are independently specified by different actors; for instance, department administrators might want to restrict access to servers they own to users with specific credentials, whereas an enterprise-wide policy might impose general constraints on who can access what resources. It's important to ensure that such independently specified policies are composed and implemented consistently in the underlying infrastructure. PGA provides operators a simple graphical interface to specify complex policies among different sets of end points, including policies on middlebox traversal and elastic scaling. Each policy can be supported individually using FlowTags and OpenNF. Crucially, the PGA runtime analyzes multiple such由配置 policies for potential confli<mark>c</mark>ts and, if none exist, quickly computes a routing configuration that ensures consistent policy enforcement.

Strengthening Tenant Ecosystems

Another research direction is to explore how cloud providers can broker trust among tenants. Cloud platforms continue to advance their offerings of foundational services, for example, managed storage, coordination and consensus, and security-enhancing services. We envision that new cloud services can help to mediate secure interactions among tenants and further enable

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tenants to offer secure foundational services and application services to one another, even without a priori trust in the service owner. Flexible trust management, rooted in shared trust in cloud infrastructure providers, can enhance the potential for an open marketplace of cloud-based services.

One motivating scenario is to enable secure sharing of data and code for cooperative malytics, in which analytics software is offered as a service for computing with datasets or algorithms that their owners consider confidential. A goal is the enable jointly trusted computations that combine confidential datasets from multiple owners and produce a privacy-preserving output. Safe data sharing can help unlock the potential of big data in areas Flexible trust management, rooted in shared where data privacy trust in cloud infrastructure providers, paramount, for can enhance the potential for an open instance, healthcare. marketplace of cloud-based services. We're developing cloud-based technologies to place such

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secure foundations.

A mutually trusted cloud provider can enhance security by mediating these kinds of cross-tenant interactions. One obvious way to approach these goals is to extend cloud authorization models to allow richer policy control over data sharing and other interactions among tenants. A more ambitious direction is to establish new cloud-based trust services that enable clients to derive trust in a tenant service without prior knowledge or trust in the identity of its owner. In our approach, the cloud provider serves as a root of trust by certifying facts about the tenant security properties or code identity. Other tenants might specify trust policies to evaluate against these assertions. For example, a data owner might trust a third-party service to access a sensitive dataset if the cloud provider attests that the service is contained—it's restricted in how it can communicate or release information.

Cloud support for contained execution. We're developing an extended infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS)-layer framework for managing contained execution, in which a group of tenant instances (VMs) has its network connectivity restricted according to a declared policy as a defense against information leakage. One system prototype, called CQSTR (pronounced "sequester"), implements a new cloud container abstraction as a set of extensions to the OpenStack IaaS platform. 19

A CQSTR cloud container is a grouping of VM instances comprising an application deployment. A cloud container specifies containment properties that limit network and storage access for computations in the container. CQSTR modifies existing IaaS-level management services to ensure that backups, log monitoring, and other management services can't be abused to extract data from a closed container. In addition, the policy could specify the set of images that's allowable to boot VM instances into the container: the cloud platform provides a simplified form of code attestation using the cloud provider as a root of trust, rather than a hardware root of trust (for example, a Trusted Platform Module). Attesting to a limited set of boot images enables a client to ensure that a service runs on a patched, locked-down OS and a trusted application framework that might

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a data owner to enforce control over how its data used by an analytics service. The owner can demand and verify that data is held securely in a cloud container that's safe from data leakage and misuse. With a cloud container, code interacting with a service can contact CQSTR to verify the service's containment and code properties in advance. A data owner can specify access-control lists (ACLs) with the containment properties needed to access the data. CQSTR extends IaaS storage services to be aware of cloud containers: storage services can base access control on the declared container properties governing the calling VM instance, according to the ACL policies specified by the data owner.

Building trust in tenant services. CQSTR is just one example of a cloud provider service that makes trusted statements about the security properties of a tenant's configuration and allows other client software to check these properties for compliance with a security policy. Other useful security properties available to the cloud platform include a tenant's firewall posture, whether its software is patched adequately, whether it runs defensive (for instance, antivirus) software, whether it encrypts its stored data, whether its password system is protected by Pythia attestations of software identity, network security services, and so forth. They might also reflect continuous auditing or monitoring checks or incident history. Clients can use this information to make informed decisions about whether a service is trustworthy, rather than relying merely on its reputation, as is common today.

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Our research seeks to provide a general and practical foundation to manage trust in cloud ecosystems based on authenticated assertions and policies, building on a wealth of prior work in authorization logics. Our approach addresses several potential concerns. First, the policy language should be expressive, efficient, easy to use, and extensible to a growing vocabulary of security properties. Second, the approach should protect the secrecy of sensitive data, including security configurations and the policies themselves.

We developed a declarative logic-based language (a trust logic) and interpreter software (called SAFE) to enalple participating entities—including services of the cloud providers, tenants, external services, and client software for end users—to issue authenticated assertions about one another, and reason from the assertions of others. The language also expresses logical policy rules, which are verifiable. Declarative policy enables brokered compliance checks, in which a client submits a declarative security policy to a trusted policy engine (interpreter) that's operated—or attested—by the cloud platform: the policy engine checks compliance with the policy without revealing the policy or the security properties to anyone. A privacy-preserving compliance intermediary is an example of a secure foundational service for mediating tenant interactions

SAFE is suitable for more general trust management in federated environments, including systems spanning multiple networked cloud providers (for instance, ExoGENI). In this case, the participants can exchange SAFE security assertions and policy rules as signed certificates and run a local off-the-shelf interpreter to generate proofs of policy compliance end to end. SAFE also serves as a basis for more general access control in networked cloud systems. For example, we've implemented a reusable package of rules for nested groups and roles in a secure hierarchical name space, equivalent in power to the naming and authorization structure of Amazon Web Services (AWS) Identity and Access Management but applicable to multidomain systems rather than relying on a single trust anchor. SAFE can also support rich policies to authorize interconnection among tenants and connectivity with external networks.

Securing the PaaS layer. Increasingly, commercial cloud operators offer higher-level platform abstractions (platform-as-a-service, or PaaS) for tenants, for instance, Google's AppEngine and AWS Elastic Map-Reduce. PaaS systems simplify cloud programming with more powerful models that enhance customer productivity and add value to cloud services. PaaS systems are also offered by tenants to other tenants (for instance, Heroku and CloudFoundry).

Flexibility to offer layered platforms is fundamental to an open cloud ecosystem. We're exploring how to enable deployment of third-party PaaS services that inherit trust from the underlying IaaS cloud system via attestation, auditing, and mediated access to security credentials for IaaS-layer services. The PaaS service, in turn, could leverage its higher-level programming model to enforce language-based safety checks or interpose higher-level monitoring or containment. In addition, we believe that PaaS platforms are promising targets for trustworthy computing via software attestation and code-based access control. Our premise is that higher-level PaaS programs are more practical to verify and attest than binary executables because they're compact: they build on powerful languages and a library of standard primitives whose implementations can be trusted.

As one example, we're developing minimal trust extensions to a standard Spark analytics stack (spark .apache.org) to provide a PaaS service for secure cooperative analytics. It offers rich access control that allows data owners to regulate data sharing with other tenants on their own terms. The PaaS service attests to code identity for the stages of the analytics workflow: parties can designate mutually trusted Spark programs that can input sensitive data, possibly from multiple owners, and generate "declassified" outputs that are safe to share. The system tracks flow through the workflow to ensure that the security label for each object reflects its contents' potential sensitivity.

Industry-Inspired Challenges

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Securing Security Logs

Security logs are important for forensic investigation of security events and increasingly also in security analytics systems, which aim to detect anomalous events indicative of security compromises. Industry practitioners have stressed the importance of ensuring the integrity of security logs; the ability to extract meaningful intelligence from them remains a perennial technical challenge.

Although forward-secure cryptography has been advocated for securing logs in a device, it can only detect tampering, not prevent it. However, cloud operators could provide several services for securing logs against tampering despite compromise of a tenant's operational environment. It could, for example, provide a real-time

IEEE Security & Privacy May/June 2017 安全日志对法医调查很重要的安全事件也越来越安全分析系统,旨在检测异常事件表明安全妥协。行业从业人员强调的重要性,确保安全日志的完整性;提取有意义的情报从他们的能力仍然是一个常年技术挑战虽然forward-secure密码学一直主张保护登录设备,它只能检测出篡改,而不是阻止它。然而,云计算运营商可以提供一些服务来保护日志对篡改尽管妥协的租户的操作环境。例如,它可以提供一个实时管道日志、迅速消除从租户的日志存储在一个环境的perator-secured环境。 Te运营商可以另外丰富日志来提高他们在安全分析工具。例如,提供者可以提供一个统一的时间戳服务,这将解决一些基本的同步问题确定在今天的日志家统。此外,利用其广泛的观点,一个云运营商可能执行安全分析在多租户的日志数据,使识别通过比较广泛的攻击和差异化的、有针对性的攻击。这个机会的主要障碍是扩展的挑战,更重要的是,需要保护租户的机密性:尽管租户可以执行安全分析的数据,安全分析包括多个潜在相互日后组织需要计算在数据相结合。 云计算支持包含执行提供了一个有前途的方法

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objects in a tenant's environment

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pipe for logs, quickly removing logs from a tenant's environment for storage in an operator-secured environment. The operator could additionally enrich logs to improve their utility in security analytics. For example, the provider could offer a uniform timestamping service, which would address some of the fundamental synchronization issues identi-

fied in today's logging systems. Furthermore, capitalizing on its broad

italizing on its broad view, a cloud operator could perform security analytics over the

log data of multiple tenants, enabling identification of broad attacks and differentiation of targeted attacks through comparison. The major impediments to this opportunity are the challenges of scaling and, more fundamentally, the need to protect tenants' confidentiality: although a tenant can perform security analytics on its own data, security analytics encompassing multiple potentially mutually mistrusting organizations would require computation over combined data. Cloud support for contained execution offers a promising approach.

Security Control and Vulnerability Mapping

Another opportunity in cloud systems that industry practitioners have identified is the need to map security controls, as defined in information security standards, such as ISO/IEC 27001:2013 and NIST Special Publication SP 800-53, to policies and technical enforcement mechanisms. In most organizations, this process is a time-consuming and labor-intensive business requirement; it involves inventorying systems and assets in conjunction with a systematic review of information security policies. However, a cloud operator—particularly one offering security services to its tenants—can in principle leverage economies of scale and homogeneous elements of its tenants' environments to streamline such mappings.

As an example, the Cloud Security Alliance Cloud Controls Matrix v. 3.0.1 control IAM-01, Identity & Access Management: Audit Tools Access, specifies that "Access to, and use of, audit tools that interact with the organization's information systems shall be appropriately segregated and access restricted to prevent inappropriate disclosure and tampering of log data." In implementing protections for security logs such as those we described earlier, a cloud operator can facilitate compliance with controls of this type by providing management tools for tenants and/or incorporating compliant controls into applications that the operator

itself provides. A further opportunity exists when software vulnerabilities are identified. An organization must then identify affected systems and formulate and prioritize remediation plans.

Tools such as Amazon CloudTrail (for logging) and

Amazon Inspector go some
way toward realizing this vision of
automated control/
vulnerability mapping but are in their
infancy and limited in
scope. For example,
CloudTrail handles
only AWS API calls. Sig-

nificant opportunities exist in extending the reach and sophistication of these tools.

Thwarting Adversarial Reconnaissance

A hallmark of recent advanced persistent threats is their apparent reliance on extensive preliminary reconnaissance. Industry practitioners have thus highlighted the need for cloud-based resources to mitigate reconnaissance, particularly given the risks that aggregation of organizations in the cloud presents.

One opportunity here lies in counterintelligence using decoy or honey objects. Honeywords is one example of such objects. But there's a much more general opportunity to deploy honey objects in a tenant's environment with the cloud operator's support. The cloud operator could create and monitor honey files or documents, honeypots, honeytokens, or honeynets.²⁰

Cloud operator support of honey objects offers several attractive features. First, a cloud operator can maintain state outside a tenant's environment that distinguishes between real and honey objects; such state can thus be protected from compromises that occur inside the tenant's environment. Second, the cloud operator can observe adversarial interaction with honey objects via introspection enabling well-concealed breach detection and monitoring of adversarial behavior. Finally, the cloud operator is well positioned to take an active role in honey object deployment. Thanks to the cloud's elasticity, servers and entire networks can quickly be spun up upon suspicion of compromise or in a way tailored to the apparent behavior of an adversary, enabling real-time deployment of strategies for misdirection or provision of misinformation to the adversary.

loud computing has unquestionably transformed the computing landscape. We believe, however, that opportunities for further transformation made possible by the move to clouds remain underexplored,

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particularly leveraging clouds to improve their tenants' security. We have contrasted this research vision to the dominant trends in security research motivated by cloud computing today. We also summarized several of the research directions we are exploring within the context of this vision as well as several additional opportunities identified through conversations with members of the cloud operator and tenant communities.

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