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# Cisco Webex App

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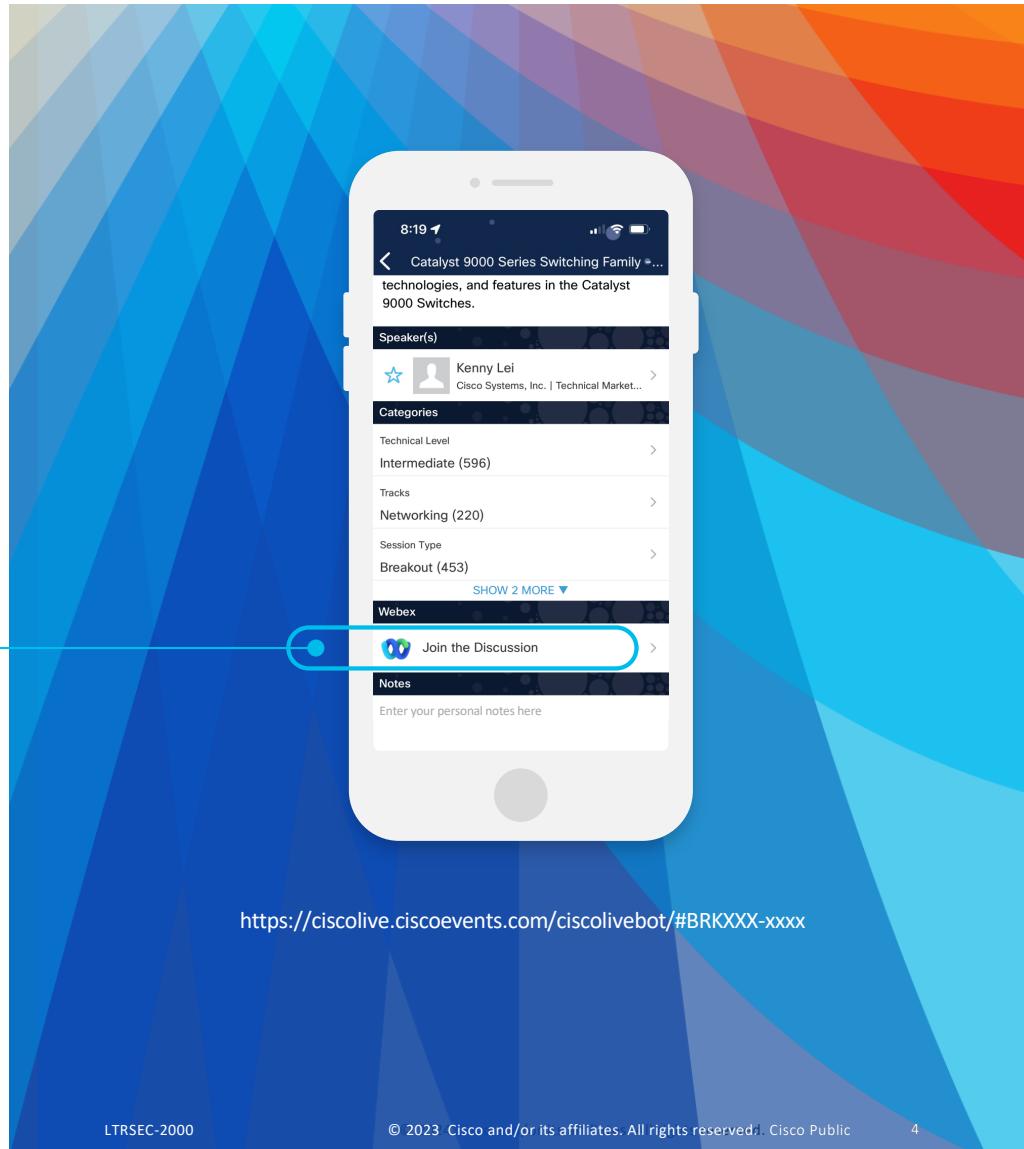
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# About Patrick Lloyd



Senior Solutions Architect, Security Services



14 years @ Cisco, 10 in Security

Previously DOD contractor, Higher Education

Private Pilot Working on Instrument

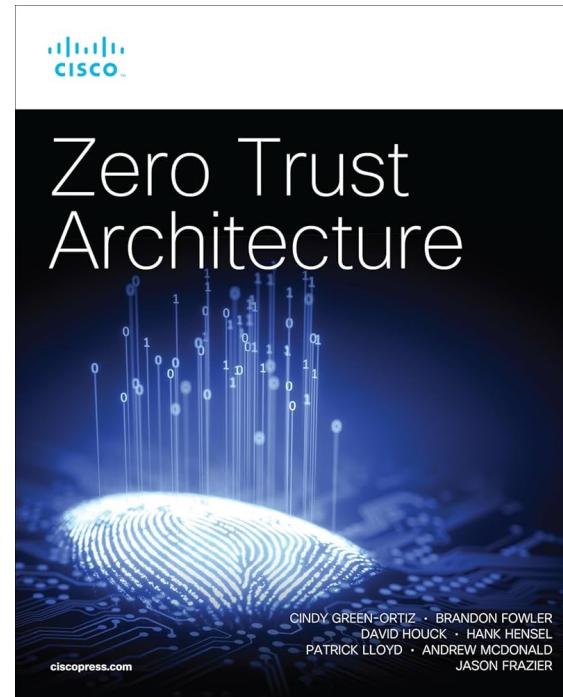


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# About Patrick Lloyd



Co-Author, Zero Trust Architectures



# About Jesse Dubois

- name: Jesse Dubois

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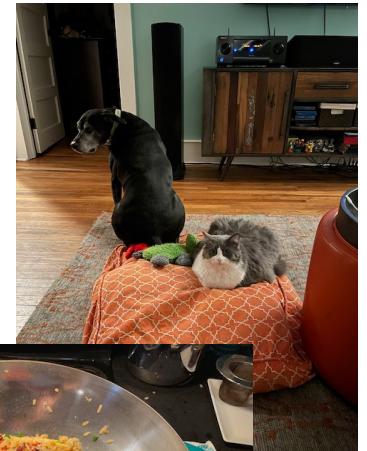
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Interests: Brewing, Golf, Cooking

Pets: Dunkel, Apollo, Comet, Calypso

Travel: Lots

Fun Fact: Squirrels in your attic are not fun.

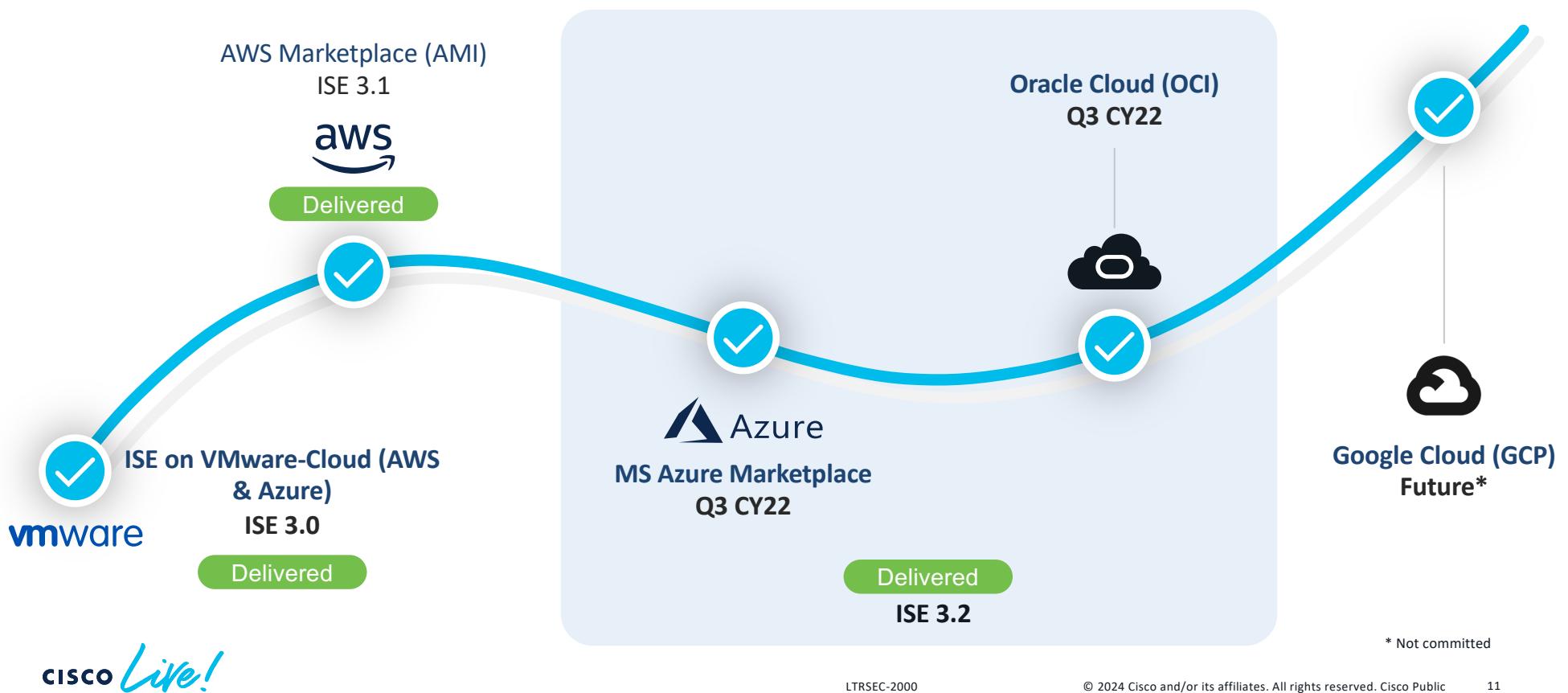




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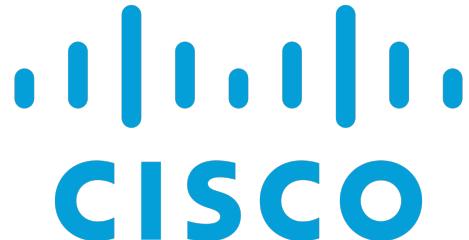
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# ISE journey on public cloud



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# Zero Touch Provisioning



SNS Appliances  
w/ **CIMC**

ESXi

AWS

Native APIs

Use configuration  
ISO/IMG file mount

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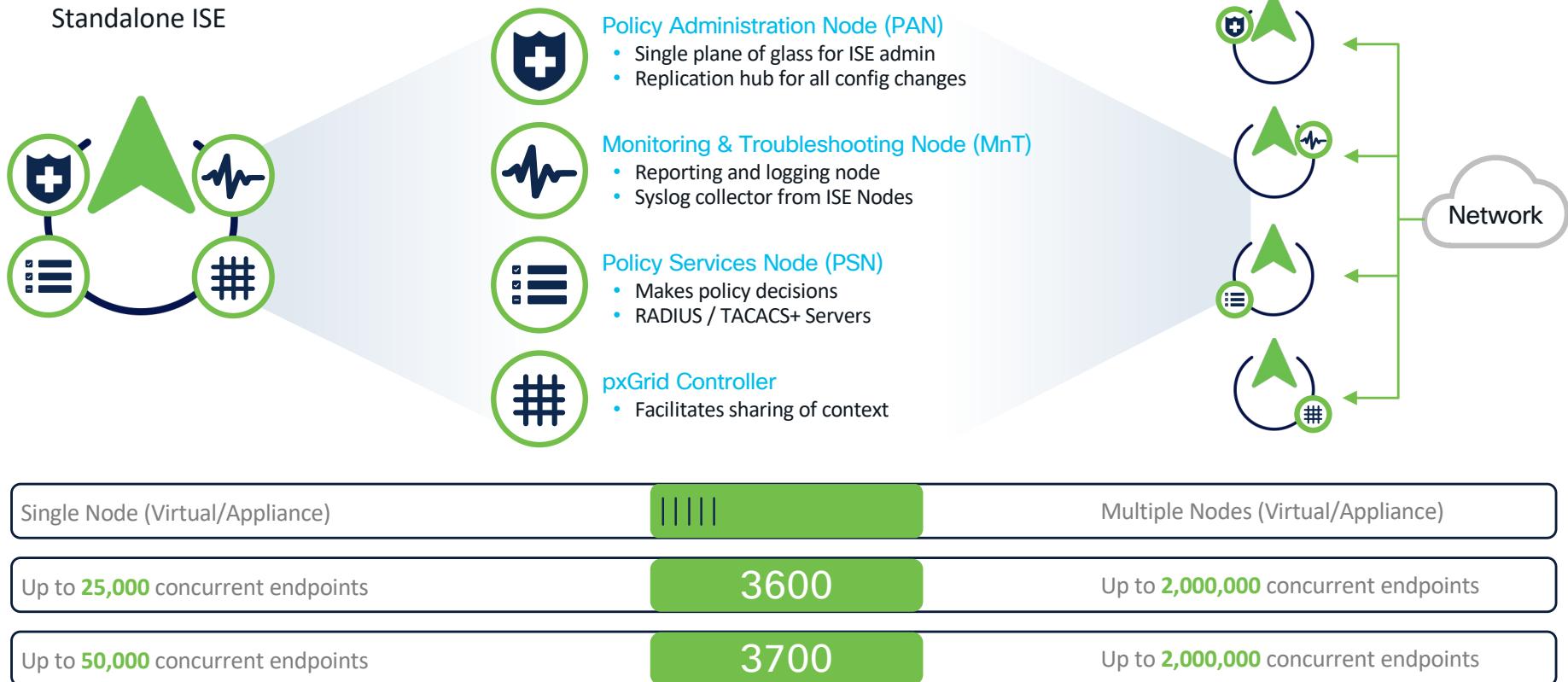
CIMC – Cisco Integrated Management Controller

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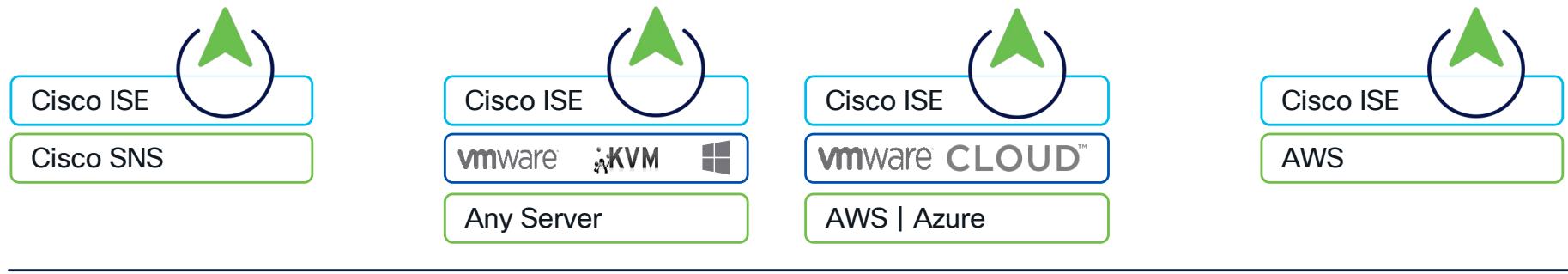
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# ISE Architecture



# ISE 3.3 Supported AWS Platforms



AWS Instance Type	Shared PSN Sessions	Dedicated PSN Sessions	Global Sessions	Cores	Memory	Disk
T3.xlarge	100	100	100	4	16 GB	300 – 600 GB
M5.2xlarge	N/A	12000	N/A	8	32 GB	300 – 600 GB
c5.4xlarge*	12,500	25,000	N/A	16	32 GB	300 GB – 600 GB
m5.4xlarge	20,000	40,000	500,000	16	64 GB	300 GB – 600 GB
c5.9xlarge* m5.8xlarge	25,000	50,000	500,000	36 32	72 GB 128 GB	300 GB – 2.4 TB
m5.16xlarge	50,000	100,000	2,000,000	64	256 GB	300 GB – 2.4 TB

\*This instance is compute-optimized and provides better performance compared to the general purpose instances.

# ISE Cloud Instance Buying Experience

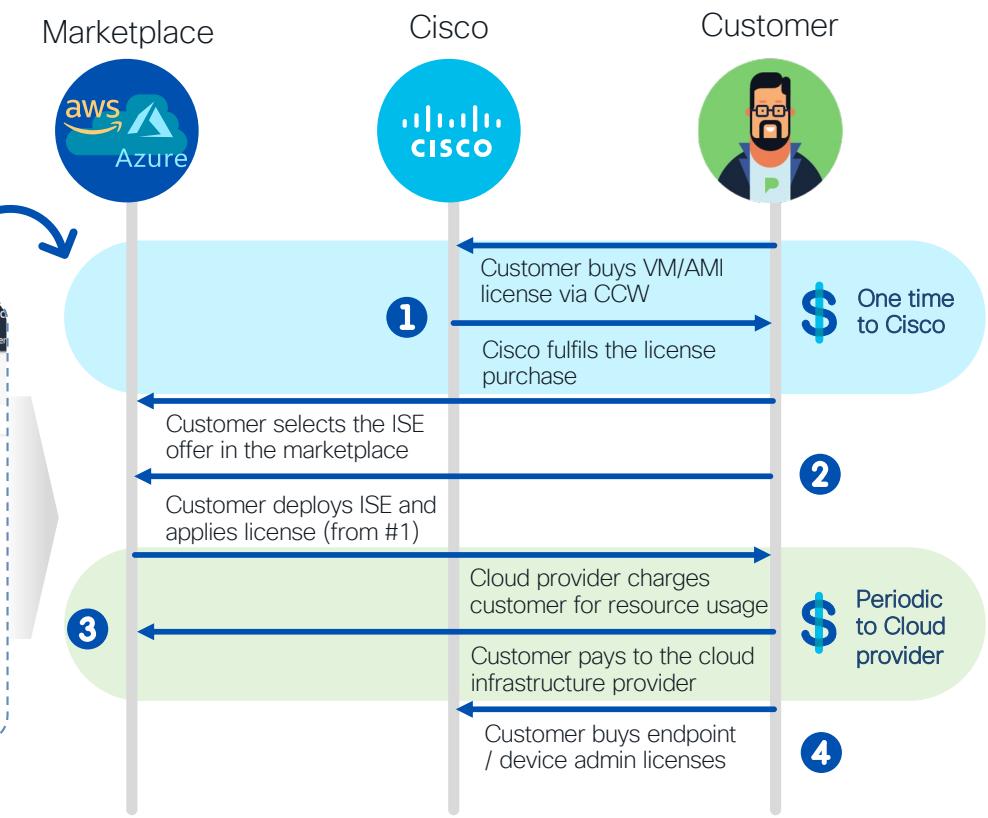
Flexibility to move from virtual appliances to AWS/Azure without license transaction.

The screenshot shows the AWS Marketplace interface for the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) - BYOL. It includes sections for Overview, Pricing, Usage, Support, and Reviews. The Pricing section shows software and infrastructure costs. A note at the bottom states: "BYOL Available for customers with current licenses purchased via other channels."

EC2 Instance type	Software/hr	EC2/hr	Total/hr
c5.4xlarge	\$0	\$1.2	\$1.2
c5.12xlarge	\$0	\$1.4	\$1.4
m4.16xlarge	\$0	\$1.6	\$1.6

BYOL – Bring Your Own License  
Customer will purchase VM license from Cisco and use it in either in VM or Cloud IaaS.

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# ISE Setup Options



AWS Marketplace



AWS CloudFormation  
Template



Amazon Elastic Compute  
Cloud AMI (Amazon  
Machine Image)



ANSIBLE  
Infrastructure as Code  
(IoC) tools



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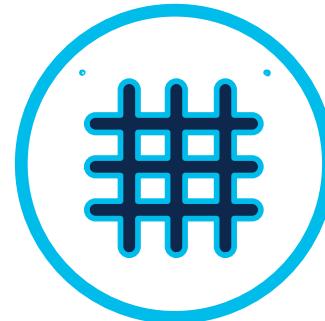
Cisco MSX (Managed  
Services Accelerator)

Bring up ISE node one  
at a time

Bring up multiple ISE nodes  
at the same time\*

\* Initial release of ISE + MSX will be single node only

## ISE APIs



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OpenAPIs

configuration

ERS

configuration

MNT

sessions

pxGrid

asynchronous  
endpoint  
context

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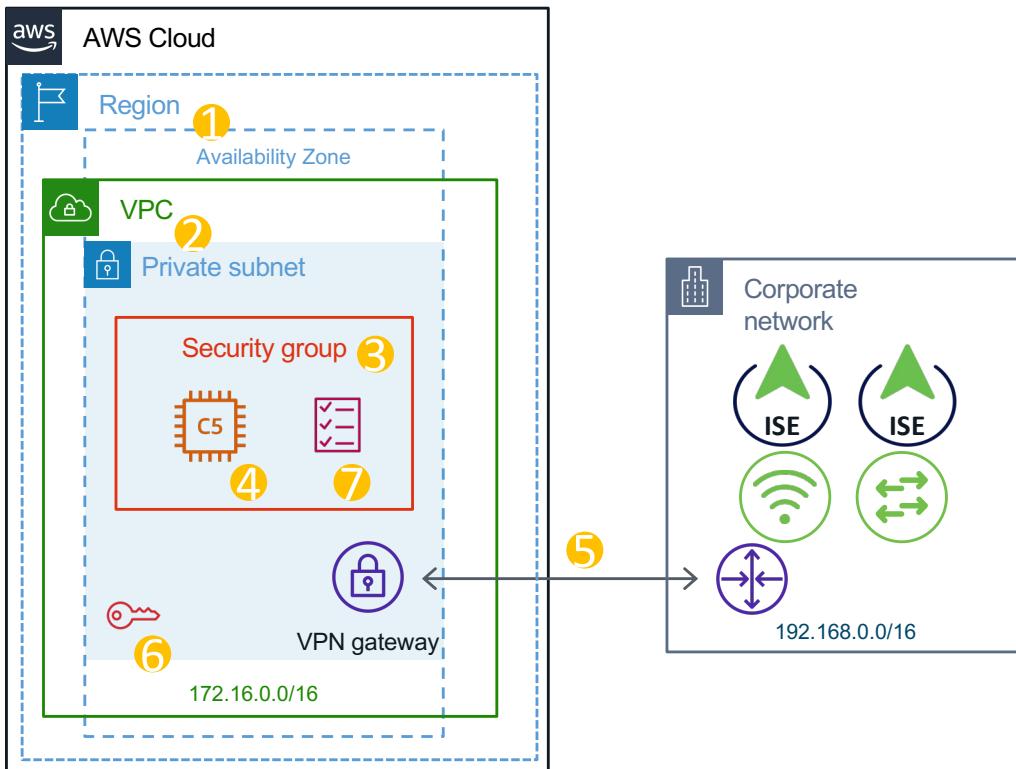
[github.com/cisco-pxgrid/pxgrid-rest-ws](https://github.com/cisco-pxgrid/pxgrid-rest-ws)

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# ISE Installation Prerequisites



1. Decide on Region and Availability zones
2. Create VPC & Subnet
3. Create Security Group
4. Decide on Instance Type
5. Setup VPN between AWS and on-prem network
6. Create Key pair for SSH
7. Collect ISE setup information: hostname, domain, DNS, NTP, Timezone, Admin credentials



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## {JSON}

```
{  
  "object": {  
    "hostname": "ise.securitydemo.net",  
    "port": 443,  
    "auth": {  
      "username": "admin",  
      "password": "C1sco12345"  
    },  
    "verify": true  
  }  
}
```

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## YAML

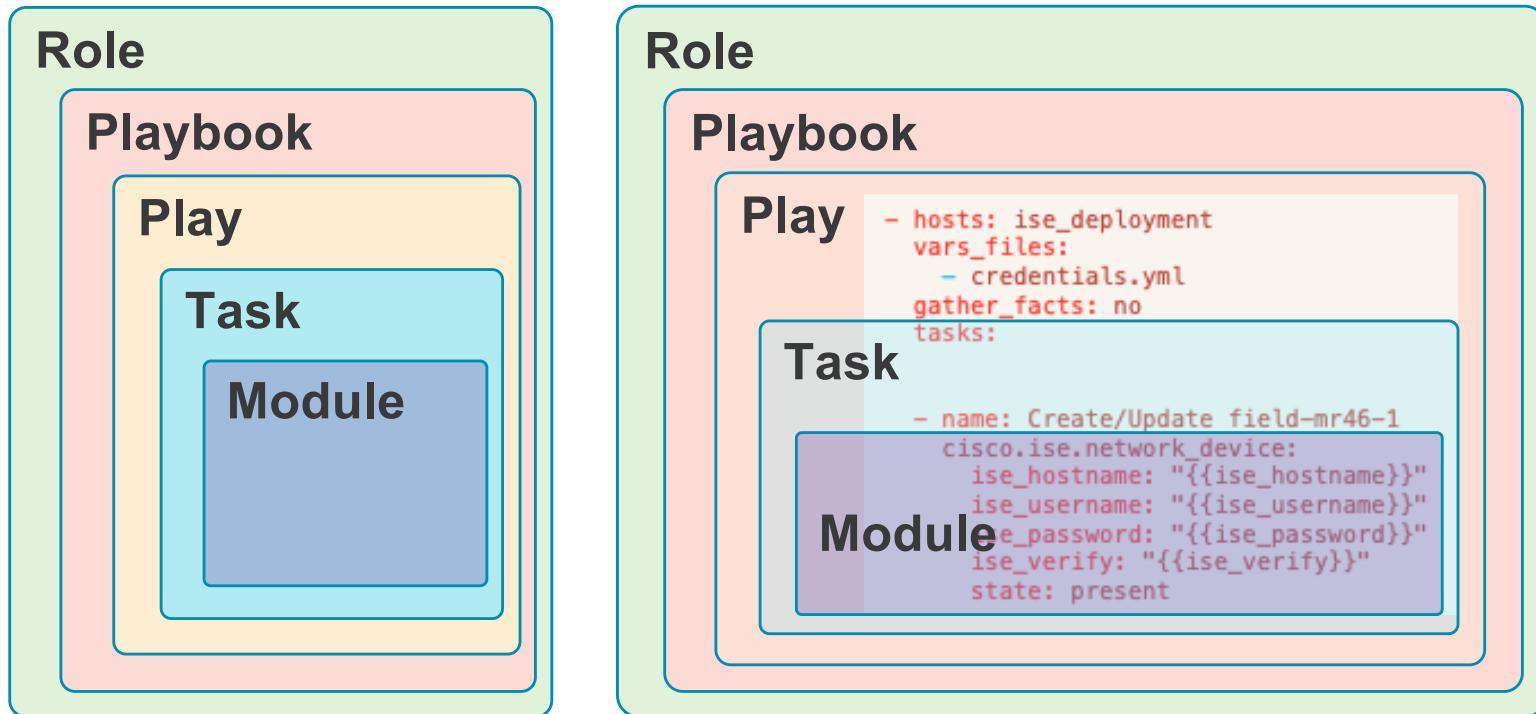
```
---  
object:  
  hostname: ise.securitydemo.net  
  port: 443  
  auth:  
    username: admin  
    password: C1sco12345  
  verify: true  
  
# YAML supports Comments!!!
```



# ANSIBLE

Simple	Flexible	Agentless
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• human-readable</li><li>• declarative configs</li><li>• ordered tasks</li><li>• no coding required</li><li>• start small and scale</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• config management</li><li>• workstations</li><li>• servers / containers</li><li>• applications</li><li>• networks</li><li>• security services</li><li>• workflows</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SSH (Linux, macOS)</li><li>• REST (ISE)</li><li>• WinRM (Windows)</li><li>• others as needed</li><li>• efficient</li><li>• secure</li></ul>

# Ansible Taxonomy



# Ansible Collections

<b>amazon.aws</b>	<b>cisco.ise</b>	community.hashi_vault	community.windows	hetzner.hcloud	ngine_io.cloudstack
ansible.builtin	cisco.meraki	community.hrobot	community.zabbix	hpe.nimble	ngine_io.exoscale
ansible.netcommon	cisco.mso	community.kubernetes	containers.podman	ibm.qradar	ngine_io.vultr
ansible.posix	cisco.nso	community.libvirt	cyberark.conjur	infinidat.infinibox	openstack.cloud
ansible.utils	cisco(nxos)	community.mongodb	cyberark.pas	inspur.sm	openvswitch.openvswitch
ansible.windows	cisco.ucs	community.mysql	dell EMC.enterprise_sonic	junipernetworks.junos	ovirt.ovirt
arista.eos	cloudscale_ch.cloud	community.mysql	dell EMC.openmanage	kubernetes.core	purestorage.flasharray
awx.awx	<b>community.aws</b>	community.network	dell EMC.os10	mellanox.onyx	purestorage.flashblade
azure.azcollection	community.azure	community.okd	dell EMC.os6	netapp.aws	sensu.sensu_go
check_point.mgmt	community.crypto	community.postgresql	dell EMC.os9	netapp.azure	servicenow.servicenow
chocolatey.chocolatey	community.digitalocean	community.proxysql	f5networks.f5_modules	netapp.cloudmanager	splunk.es
cisco.aci	community.docker	community.rabbitmq	fortinet.fortimanager	netapp.elements	t_systems_mms.icinga_director
cisco.asa	community.fortios	community.routeros	fortinet.fortios	netapp.ontap	theforeman.foreman
cisco.intersight	community.general	community.skydive	frr.frr	netapp.um_info	vyos.vyos
cisco.ios	community.google	community.sops	gluster.gluster	netapp_eseries.santricity	wti.remote
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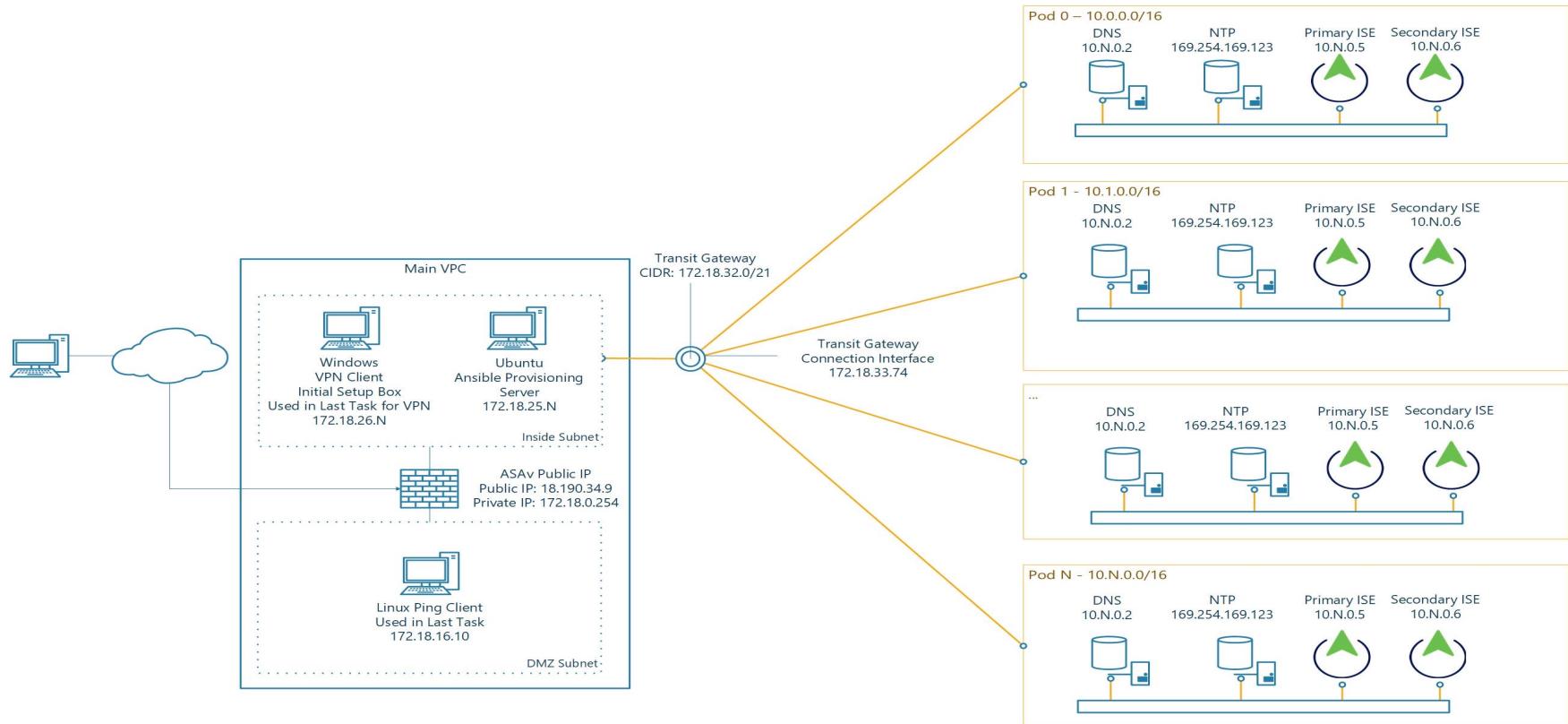
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# What Are We Doing?

- If you were to deploy this manually, the following tasks would be accomplished:
  - Create an SSH Key Pair
  - Create AWS VPC
  - Create Subnets
  - Create Route Tables
  - Edit Route Tables
  - Create a Linux Test Instance for Pinging

# Topology



# What You'll Need

- An AWS Account (and preferably budget to run that AWS instance!)
- An Ubuntu Deployment Machine
  - Access to Git
  - Ansible Installed
- Knowledge of your Deployment
  - AWS Region
  - AWS Access Key
  - AWS Secret Key
  - Expected ISE Credentials

# What You'll Need

- An AWS Account with Programmatic Access
- Don't be like Patrick!
  - Save files and hidden files
  - Search for secrets with Linux Utilities
    - `find ./ -type f -exec grep -H 'YOUR_SECRET_KEY' {} \;`

The screenshot shows the AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) console. The left sidebar has 'Identity and Access Management (IAM)' selected. The main area is titled 'Summary'. At the top right, there are filters for 'User ARN', 'Path', and 'Creation time'. Below these are tabs for 'Permissions', 'Groups', 'Tags', and 'Security credentials' (which is highlighted in orange). A section titled 'Access keys' contains a note about the importance of protecting secret keys. A button labeled 'Create access key' is visible. A table below lists an access key entry:

Access key ID	Created
T75	2022-03-11 15:38 EDT

Amazon Web Services has opened case [REDACTED] on your behalf.

The details of the case are as follows:

Case ID: [REDACTED]

Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: Your AWS Access Key is Exposed for AWS Account [REDACTED]

Severity: Urgent

Correspondence: Dear AWS customer,

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-1-217:~/CiscoLive_ISE_in_AWS/ISE_with_Meraki_in_Aws$ find ./ -type f -exec grep -H 'YOUR_SECRET_KEY' {} \;
./vars/main.yaml.save:AWS_ACCESS_KEY=[REDACTED]T75
./vars/main.yaml.save:export AWS_ACCESS_KEY=[REDACTED]T75
```



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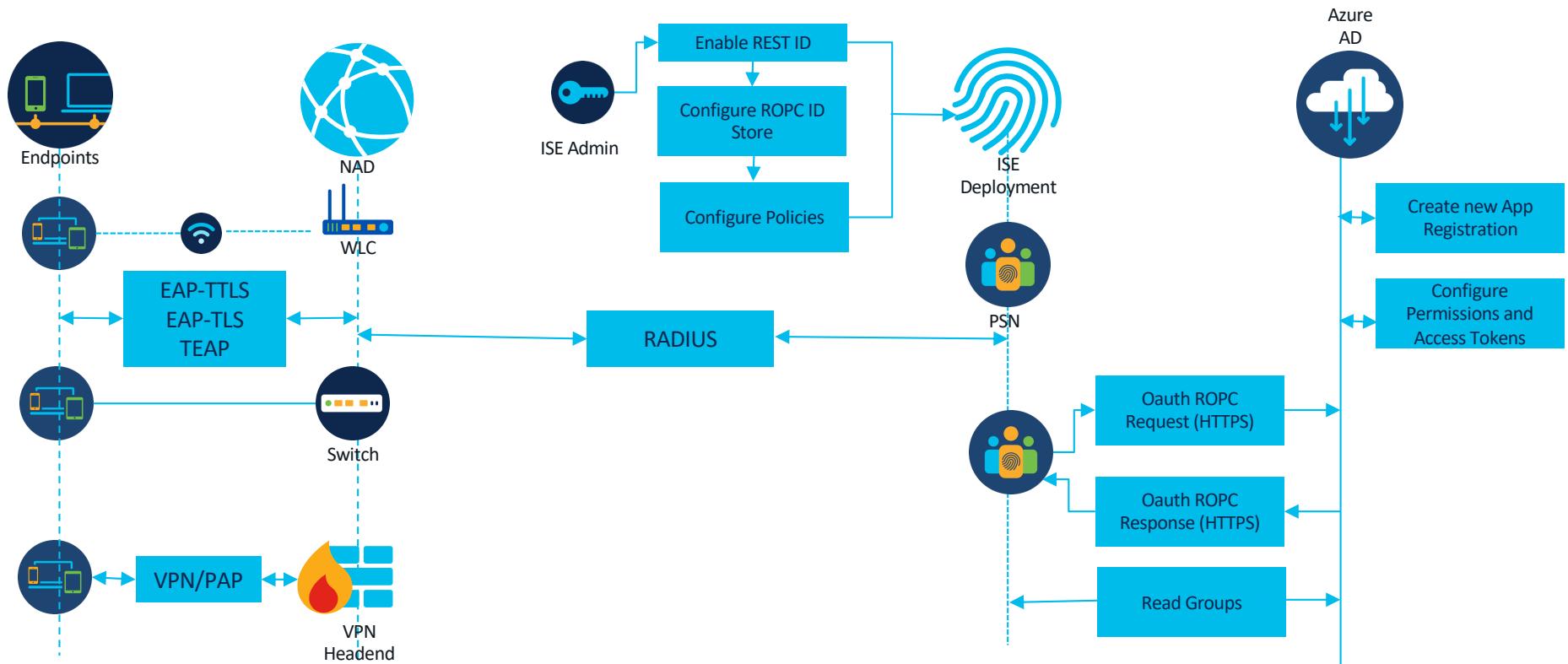
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# Azure AD / ROPC

- Resource Owner Password Credentials (ROPC) is an OAuth 2.0 grant type that allows Cisco ISE to carry out authorization and authentication in a network with cloud-based identity providers.
- Controlled Access Introduction Feature
- Supports EAP-TTLS and PAP authentications with ISE 3.0+
- Supports EAP-TLS and TEAP with ISE 3.2+
- Introduced with new REST Auth Service

ISE PROCESS NAME	STATE	PROCESS ID
Database Listener	running	8864
Database Server	running	115 PROCESSES
Application Server	running	26777
Profiler Database	running	17001
ISE Indexing Engine	running	28790
AD Connector	running	30324
M&T Session Database	running	23085
M&T Log Processor	running	27013
Certificate Authority Service	running	30113
EST Service	running	74954
SXP Engine Service	running	3497002
TC-NAC MongoDB Container	running	3508280
TC-NAC Core Engine Container	running	3509361
VA Database	running	3511016
VA Service	running	3511272
PassiveID WMI Service	running	3486473
PassiveID Syslog Service	running	3487203
PassiveID API Service	running	3488149
PassiveID Agent Service	running	3489868
PassiveID Endpoint Service	running	3493221
PassiveID SPAN Service	running	3495802
DHCP Server (dhcpd)	disabled	
DNS Server (named)	disabled	
ISE Messaging Service	running	12100
ISE API Gateway Database Service	running	15723
ISE API Gateway Service	running	21553
ISE EDDA Service	running	51664
REST Auth Service	running	1486625
Hermes (pxGrid Cloud Agent)	disabled	
ISE Node Exporter	running	40606
ISE Prometheus Service	running	43036
ISE Grafana Service	running	49934
ISE MNT LogAnalytics Elasticsearch	disabled	
ISE Logstash Service	disabled	
ISE Kibana Service	disabled	

# Azure AD Integration with ISE - High Level Flow Overview





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# ISE Customer Resources

The screenshot shows a community post titled "Cisco ISE & NAC Resources". The post has 135846 views, 110 helpful votes, and 0 comments. It was created by thomas on 11-13-2015 at 03:48 PM and last edited on 12-02-2020 at 02:07 PM. The post includes a summary of ISE features: Start, Design, Deploy, Integrate, and Learn, each with a gear icon. Below the summary is a list of "Start" resources and a "Software" section. The "Software" section lists "Download ISE Software", "How to Get ISE Evaluation Software & Licenses", "How to Submit an ISE Feature or Enhancement Request", "ISE Software Release Lifecycle Product Bulletin", "How to Get Software Release Notifications", and "ISE EoL and EoD Notices". At the bottom, there's a "Get Closer to Cisco" call-to-action button.

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- ISE Github <https://github.com/CiscoISE>
- Patrick Lloyd's GitHub  
<https://github.com/plloyd44>

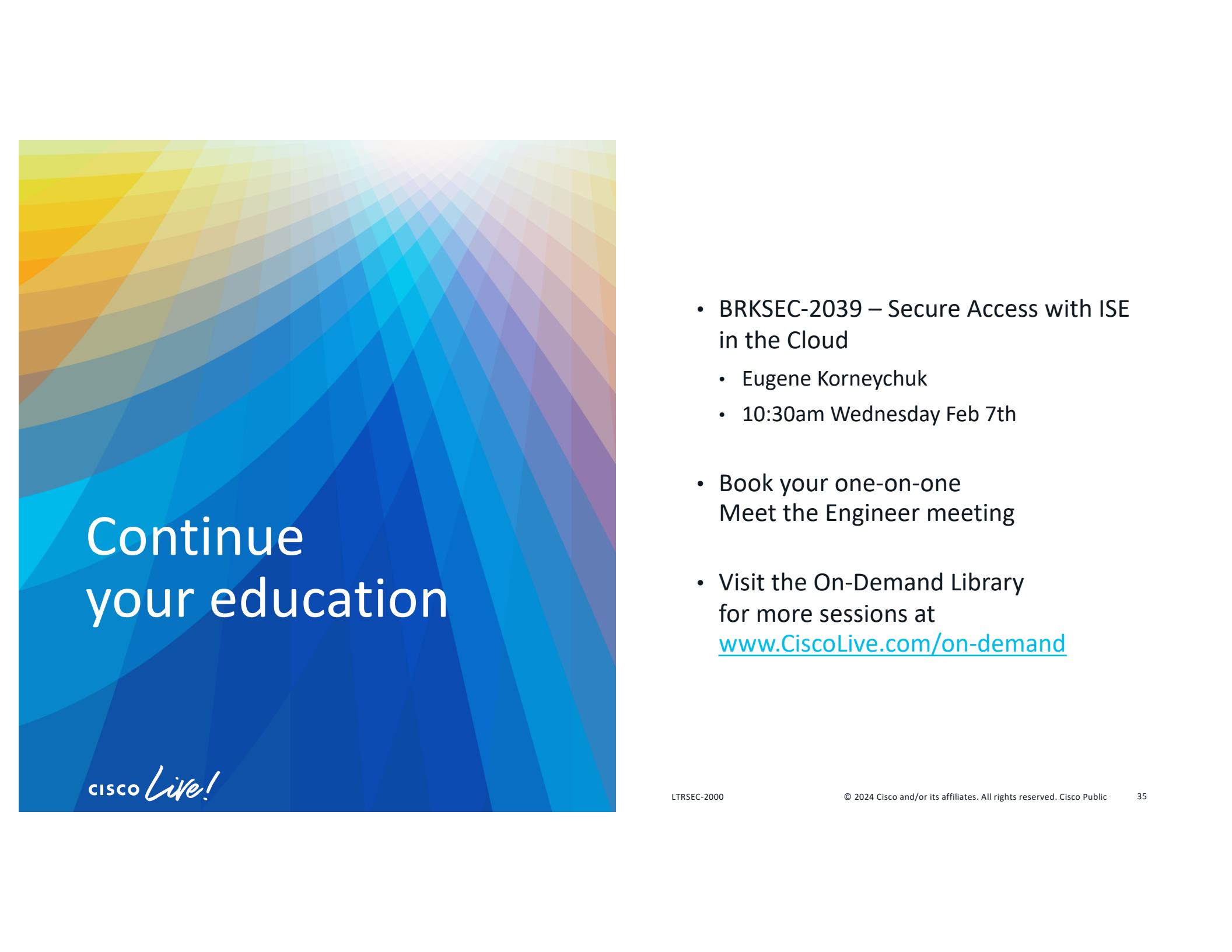
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