Cloud Security: Part 2

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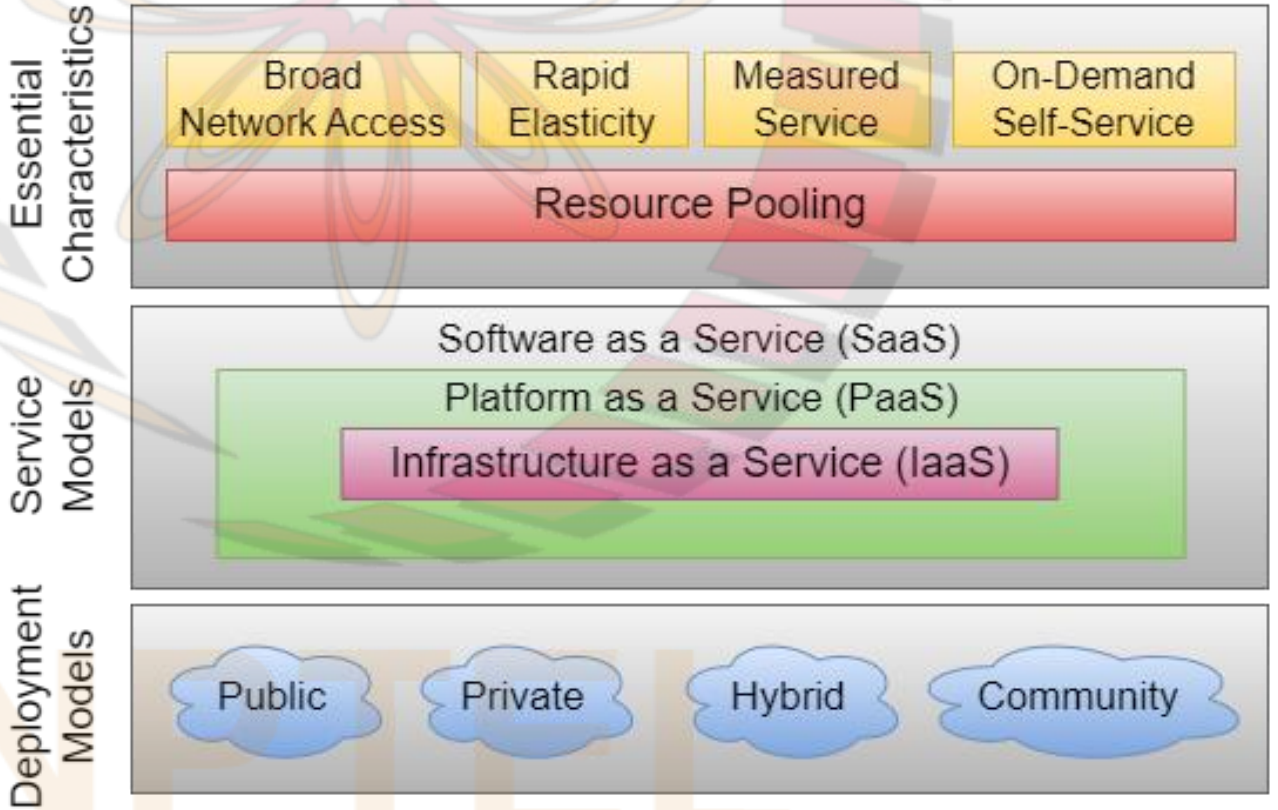
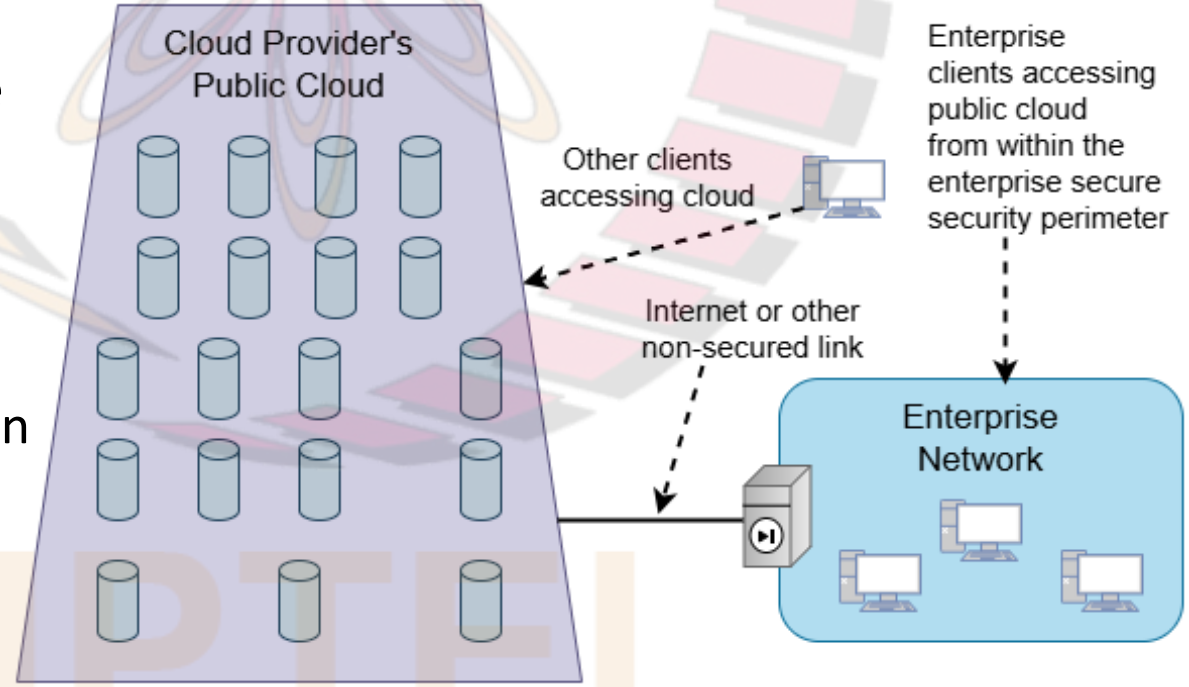
Cloud Deployment Models

- There are the following four deployment models:
  - ❑Public Cloud
  - ❑Private Cloud
  - ❑Community Cloud
  - ❑Hybrid Cloud



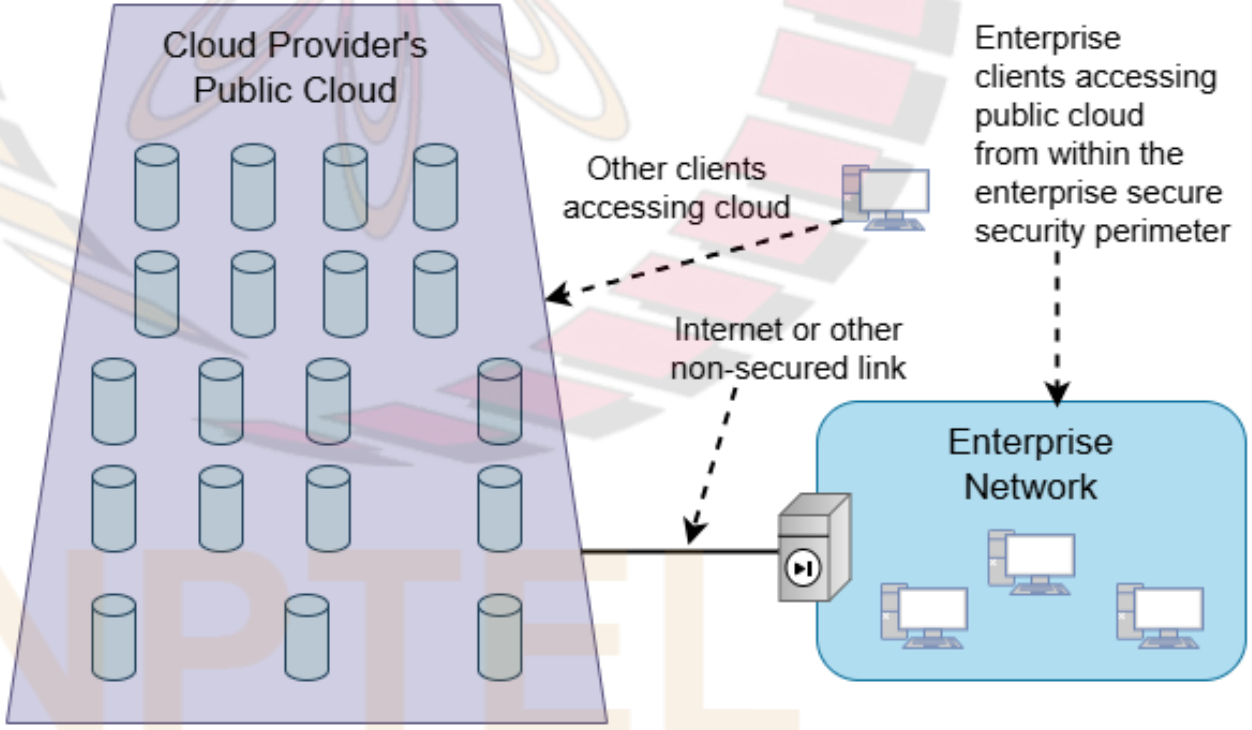
Public Cloud

- Public cloud infrastructure is:
  - ❑made available to general public and/ or a large industry group
  - ❑owned by an organization selling cloud services
- May be owned, managed, and operated by a business, academic, or government organization, or some combination of them
- Exists on the premises of the cloud service provider
- E.g.:
  - ❑ Amazon and Google on-demand Web applications or capacity
  - ❑ Yahoo mail
  - ❑ Facebook or LinkedIn social media applications



Public Cloud (contd.)

- Public clouds are inexpensive and can scale to meet needs
- However, they:
  - ❑provide no or lower service level agreements (SLAs) and may not offer the guarantees against data loss or corruption found with private or hybrid cloud offerings
  - ❑do not necessarily provide for compliance with privacy laws, which remain the responsibility of the subscriber or corporate end user

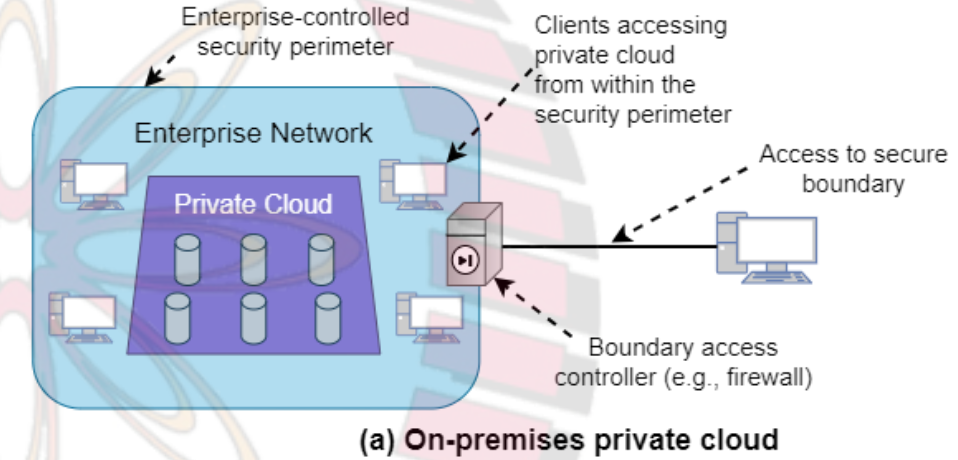


Private Cloud

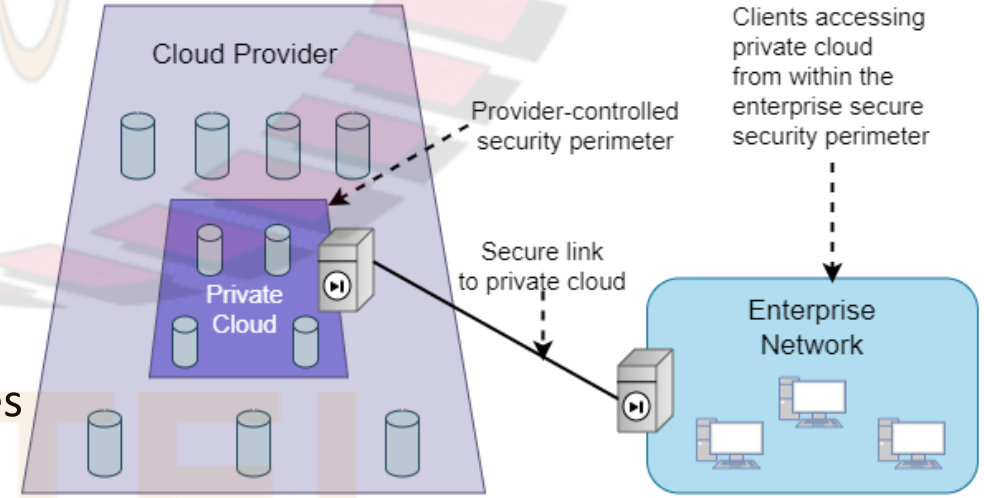
- Implemented within the internal IT environment of the organization
- Organization may choose to:
  - ❑manage the cloud in house or
  - ❑contract the management function to a third party
- Cloud servers and storage devices may exist on premise or off premise
- E.g. services delivered through private clouds:
  - ❑Database on demand
  - ❑Email on demand
  - ❑Storage on demand

Private Cloud (contd.)

- Fig. illustrates the two typical private cloud configurations
- On-premises private cloud:
  - ❑Consists of an interconnected collection of servers and data storage devices hosting enterprise applications and data
  - ❑Local workstations have access to cloud resources from within the enterprise security perimeter
  - ❑Remote users (e.g., from satellite offices, working from home, travelling, etc.) have access through a secure link, e.g., VPN
- Outsourced private cloud:
  - ❑Cloud provider establishes and maintains the private cloud
  - ❑Consists of dedicated infrastructure resources not shared with other cloud provider clients
  - ❑Typically, a secure link between boundary controllers (e.g., dedicated leased line, VPN over Internet) provides communications between enterprise client systems and the private cloud



(a) On-premises private cloud



(b) Outsourced private cloud

Community Cloud

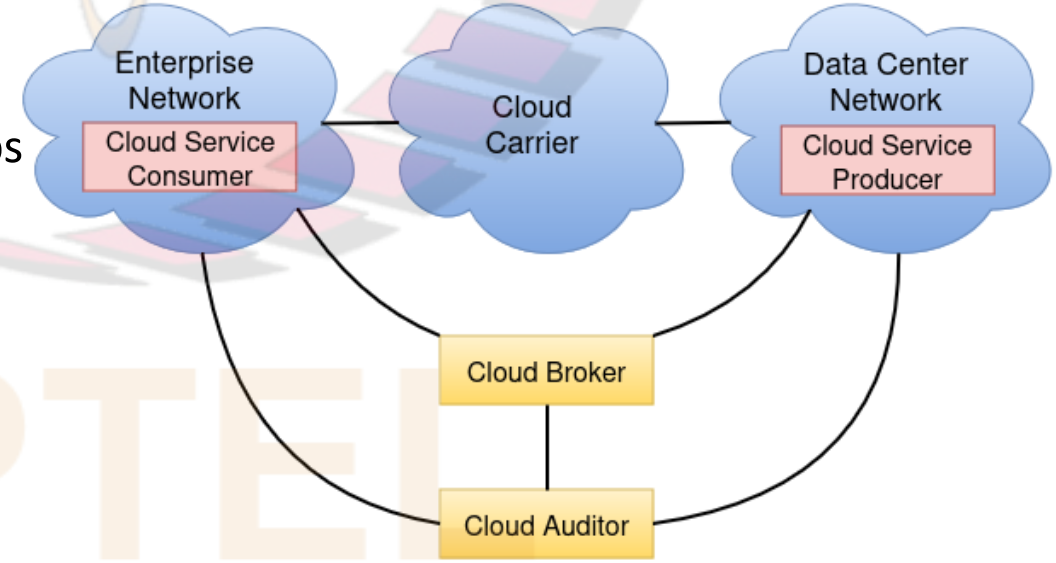
- Shares characteristics of private and public clouds
- Like a private cloud, it has restricted access
- Like a public cloud, the cloud resources are shared among a number of independent organizations
- The organizations that share the community cloud have similar requirements and, typically, a need to exchange data with each other
- E.g.: healthcare industry uses the community cloud concept

Hybrid Cloud

- Composition of two or more clouds (private, community, or public):
  - that remain unique entities,
  - but are bound together by standardized or proprietary technology that enables data and application portability (e.g., for load balancing between clouds)
- Sensitive information can be placed in a private area of the cloud
- Less sensitive data can be placed in the public cloud

Cloud Computing Reference Architecture

- There are five major actors, which are as follows
- **Cloud Service Customer (CSC)**:
  - ❑Person or organization that maintains a business relationship with, and uses services from, cloud providers
- **Cloud Service Provider (CSP)**:
  - ❑Person, organization, or entity responsible for making a cloud service available to interested parties
- **Cloud Auditor**:
  - ❑Party that can conduct independent assessment of cloud services, information system operations, performance, and security of cloud implementation
- **Cloud Broker**:
  - ❑Entity that manages the use, performance, and delivery of cloud services, and negotiates relationships between CSPs and cloud consumers
- **Cloud Carrier**:
  - ❑ Intermediary that provides connectivity and transport of cloud services from CSPs to cloud consumers



Cloud Computing Reference Architecture: Additional Details

- **Cloud Carrier**:
  - ❑ is a networking facility that provides connectivity and transport of cloud services between CSCs and CSPs
  - ❑ Typically, a CSP will set up SLAs with a cloud carrier to provide services consistent with the level of SLAs offered to CSCs
- **Cloud Broker**:
  - ❑ Useful when cloud services are too complex for a cloud consumer to easily manage
  - ❑ Following areas of support may be offered by cloud broker:
    - *Service intermediation*: value-added services, such as identity management, performance reporting, and enhanced security
    - *Service aggregation*: broker combines multiple cloud services to meet consumer needs not addressed by a single CSP, or to optimize performance or minimize cost
- **Cloud Auditor**:
  - ❑ Can evaluate the services provided by CSP in terms of security controls, privacy impact, performance, etc.
  - ❑ Auditor is an independent entity that can assure that the CSP conforms to a set of standards