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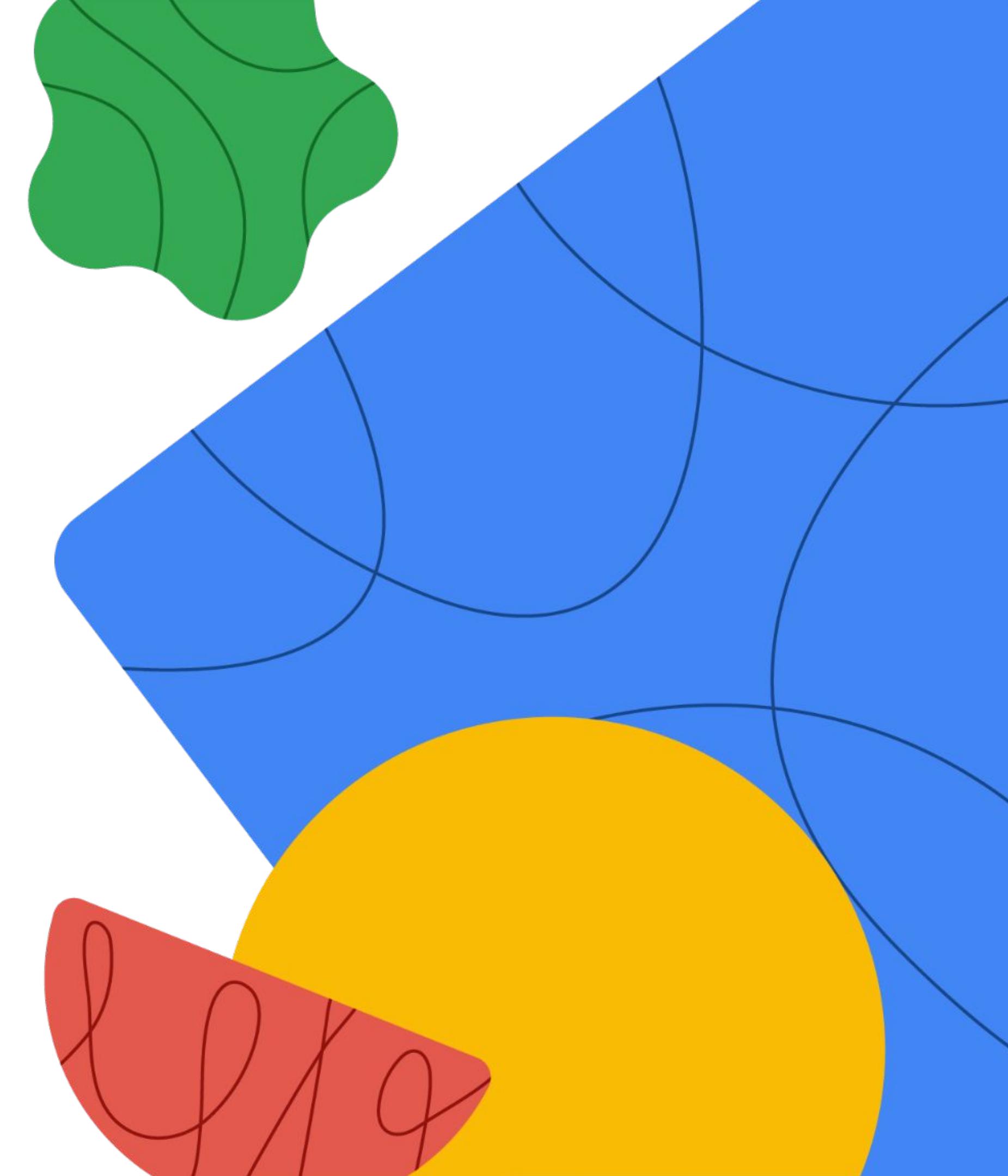
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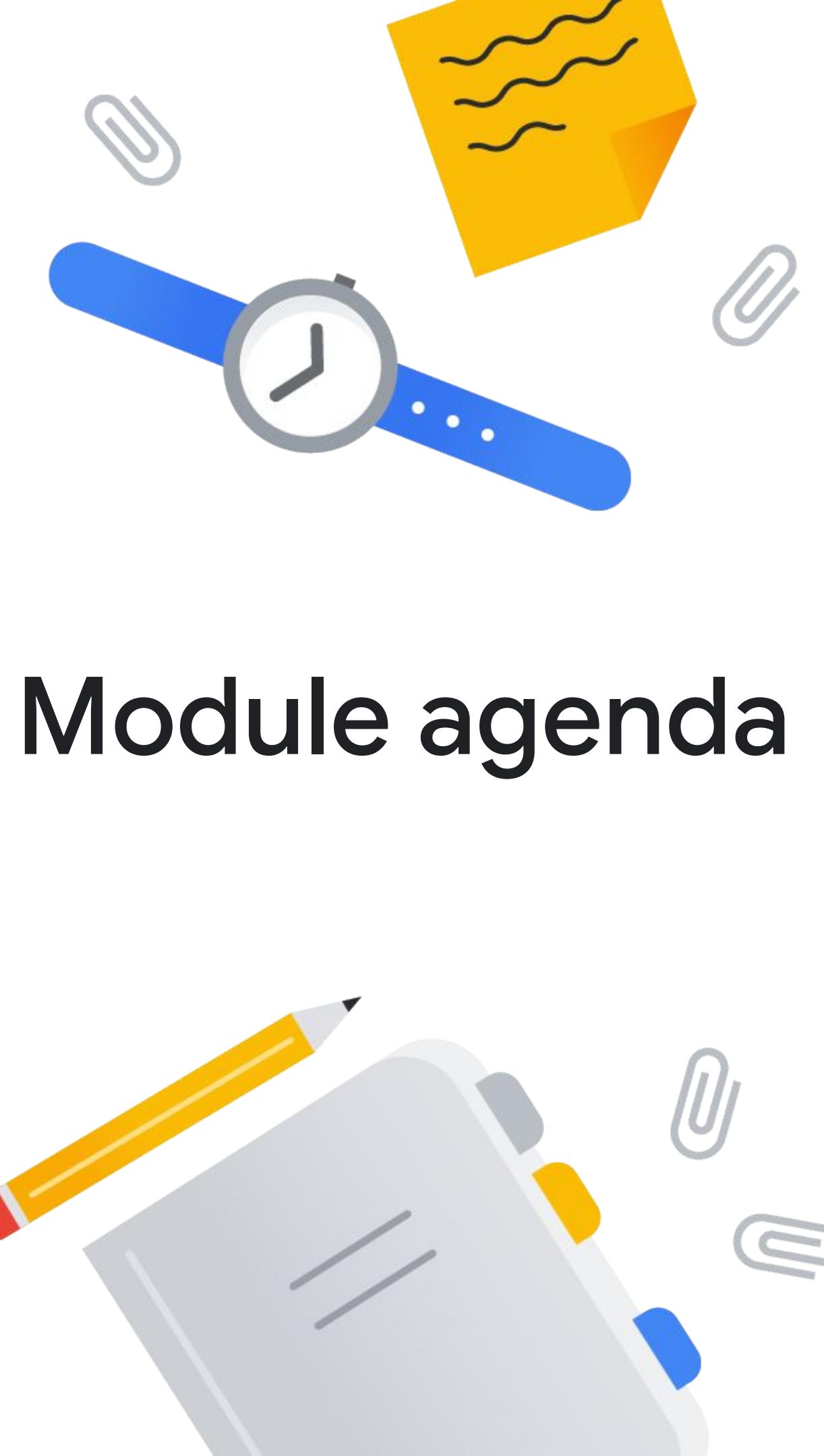
Program issues or concerns?

- Problems with **accessing** Cloud Skills Boost for Partners
 - cloud-partner-training@google.com
- Problems with **a lab** (locked out, etc.)
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Mitigating security vulnerabilities in Google Cloud





Module agenda

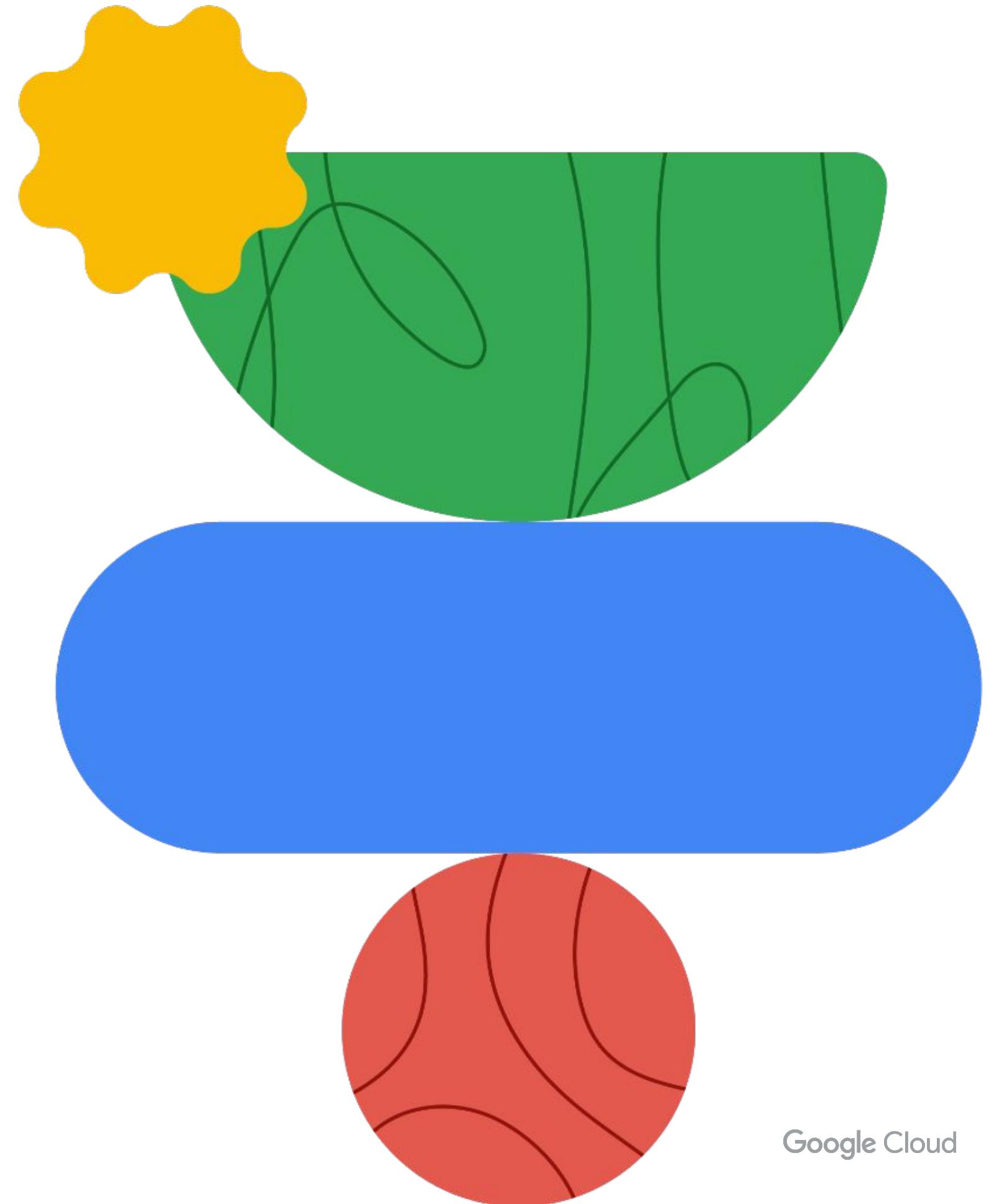
- 01 Securing Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE)
- 02 Protecting against Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) Attacks
- 03 Content-related vulnerabilities
- 04 Monitoring, logging, auditing, and scanning

Objectives

- 01 Discuss GKE security
- 02 Explain DOS protection
- 03 Understand content-related vulnerabilities



Securing Google Kubernetes Engine



Google Cloud

Kubernetes containers

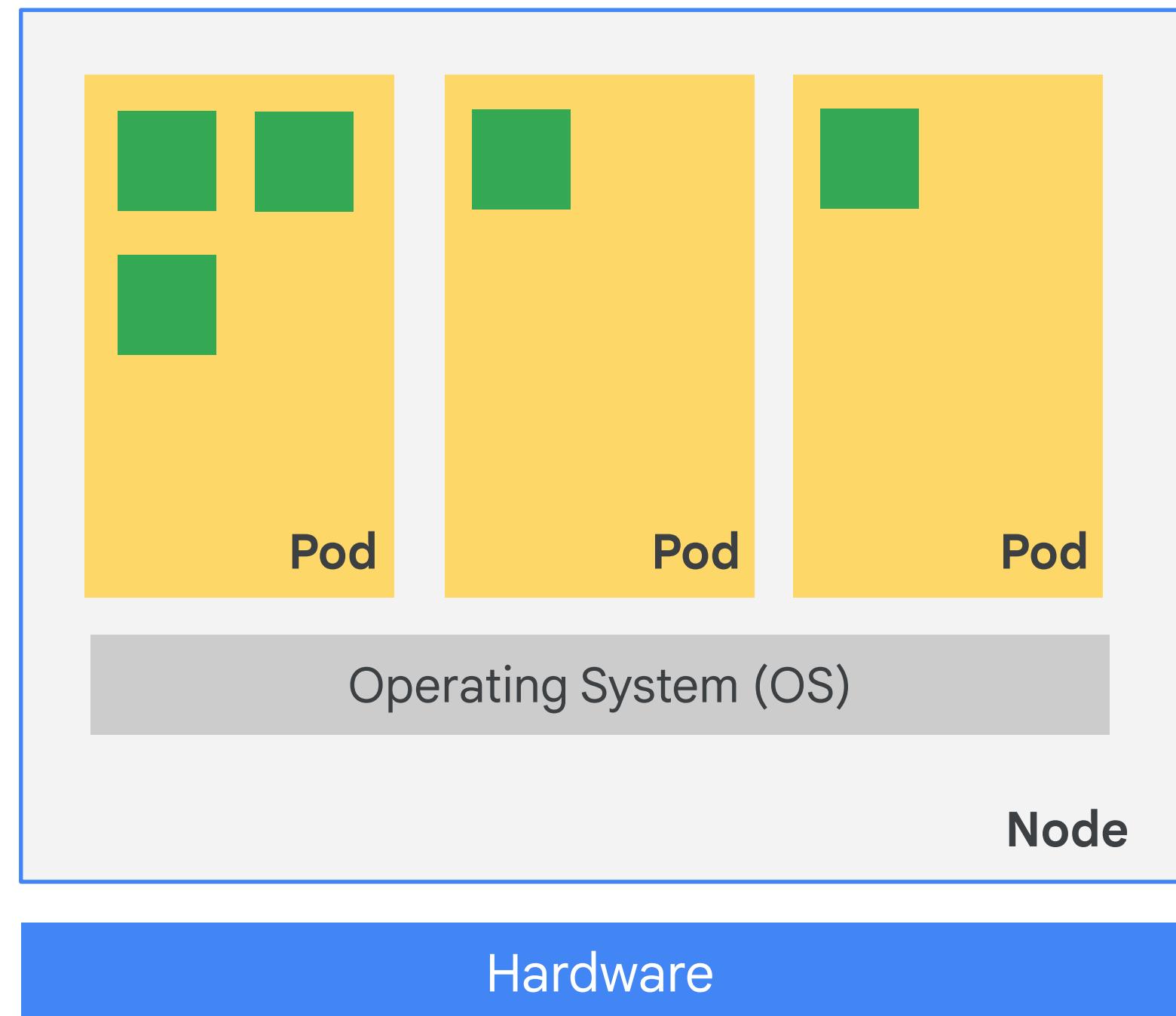
- Kubernetes is a virtualized environment for running, managing, and scaling applications.
- Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE) refers to the Kubernetes offering on Google Cloud.
- Each application runs as one or more **containers**.



Containers

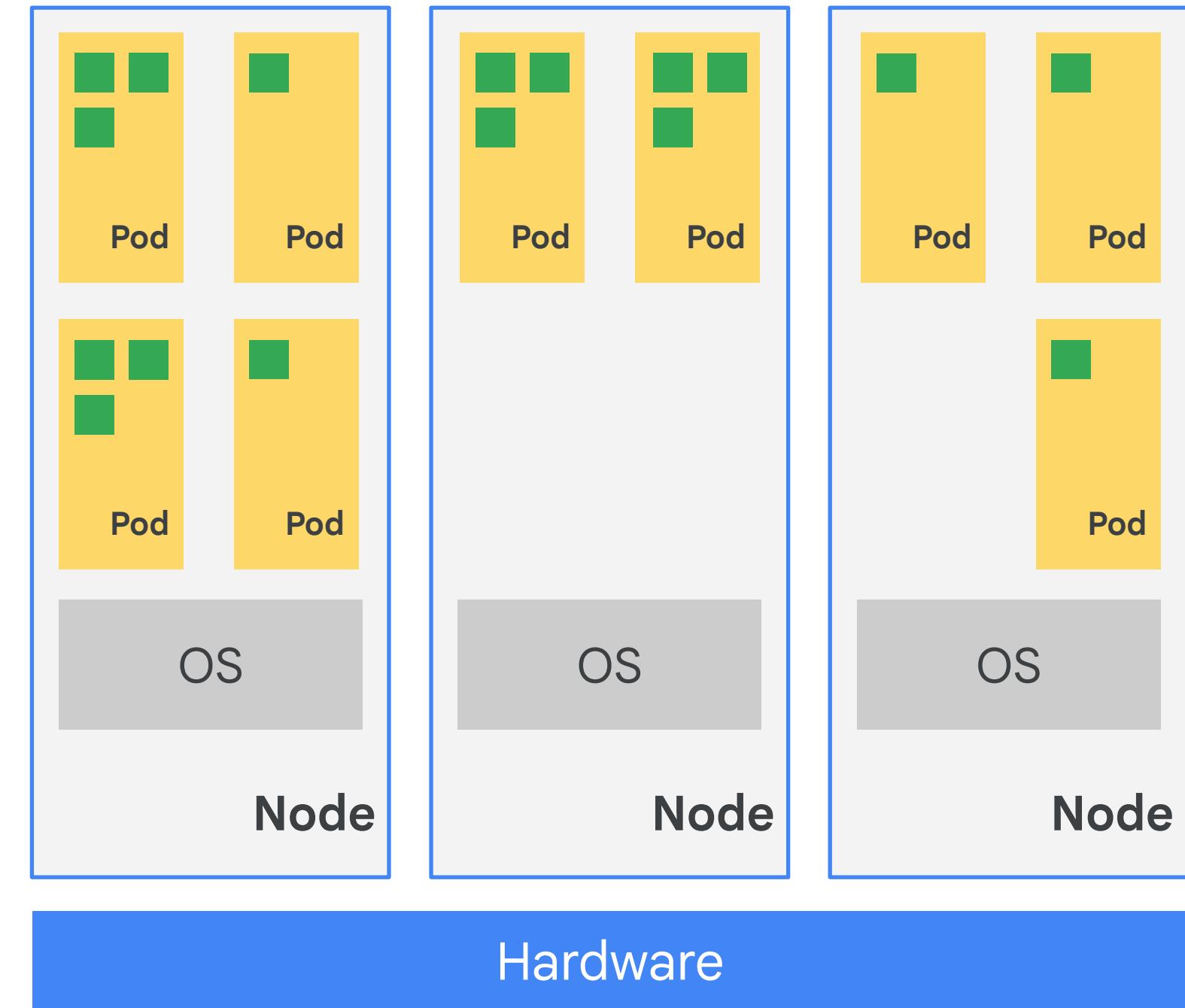
Pods and workloads

- Containers execute within **pods**.
- A pod makes its environment available to containers; for example, its:
 - Network ports
 - IP address
 - Namespace
- The term **workload** is sometimes used for how to deploy a pod.



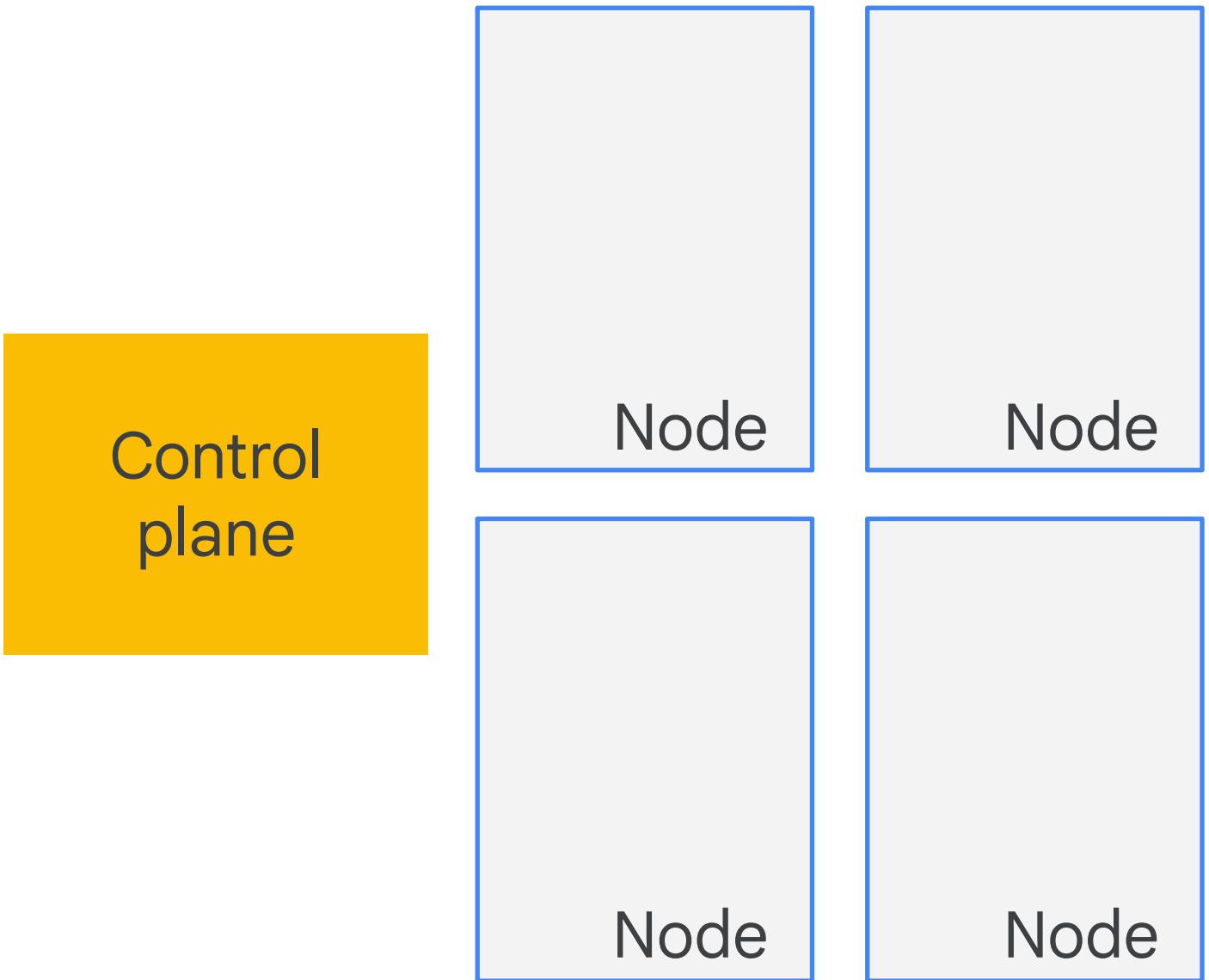
Nodes

- Each node:
 - Is a virtual machine.
 - Has its own instance of the OS.
- Nodes provide services to the pods.



Clusters

- Clusters are a set of one or more nodes.
- The **control plane** (primary node) controls the other nodes in the cluster.
- GKE manages the control plane.
 - The control plane is not visible in the console.



Creating Kubernetes Engine clusters

Autopilot

Pre-configured with an optimized cluster configuration that is ready for production workloads.

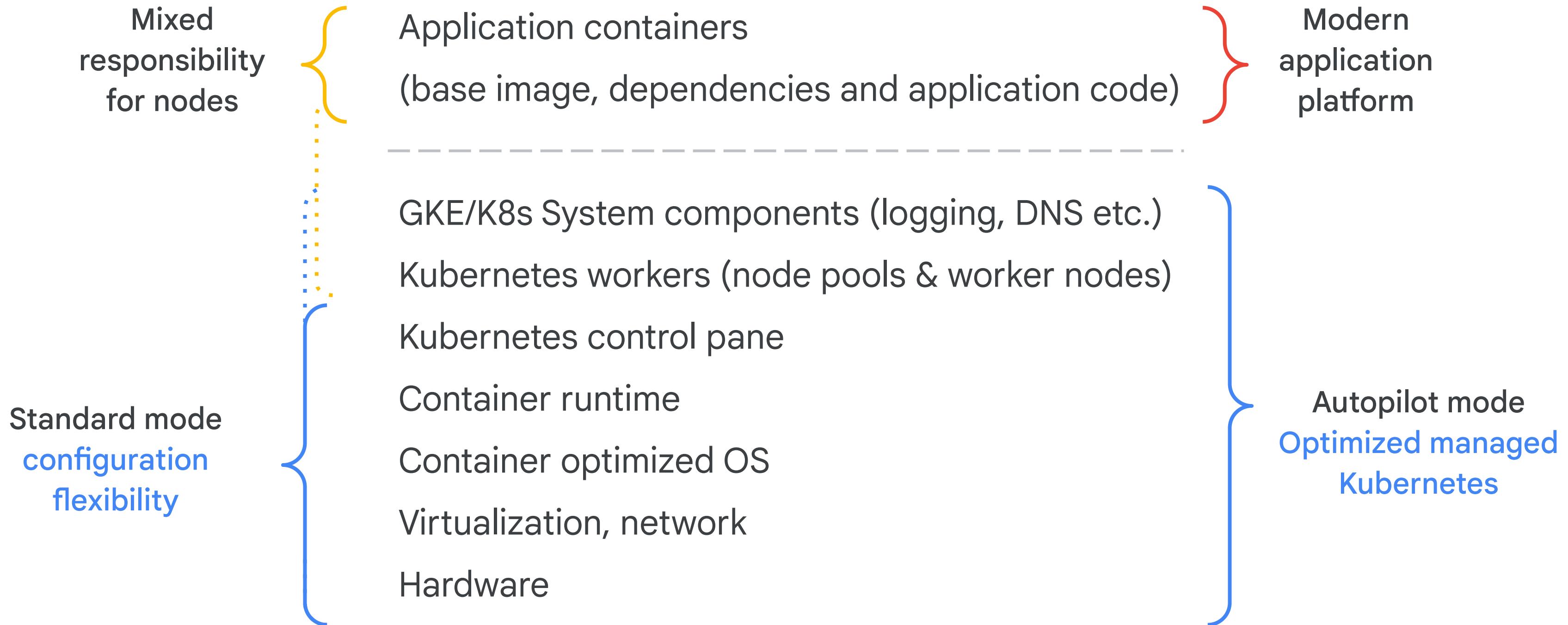
Create cluster
Select the cluster mode that you'd like to use. [Learn more](#)

Autopilot mode	Standard mode	
Optimized Kubernetes cluster with a hands-off experience	Kubernetes cluster with node configuration flexibility	
CONFIGURE TRY THE DEMO	CONFIGURE TRY THE DEMO	
Scaling	Automatic based on workload	You configure scaling
Nodes	Google manages and configures your nodes	You manage and configure your nodes
Configuration	Streamlined configuration ready to use	You can configure all options
Workloads supported	Most workloads except these limitations	All Kubernetes workloads
Billing method	Pay per pod	Pay per node (VM)
SLA	Kubernetes API and node availability	Kubernetes API availability

Standard

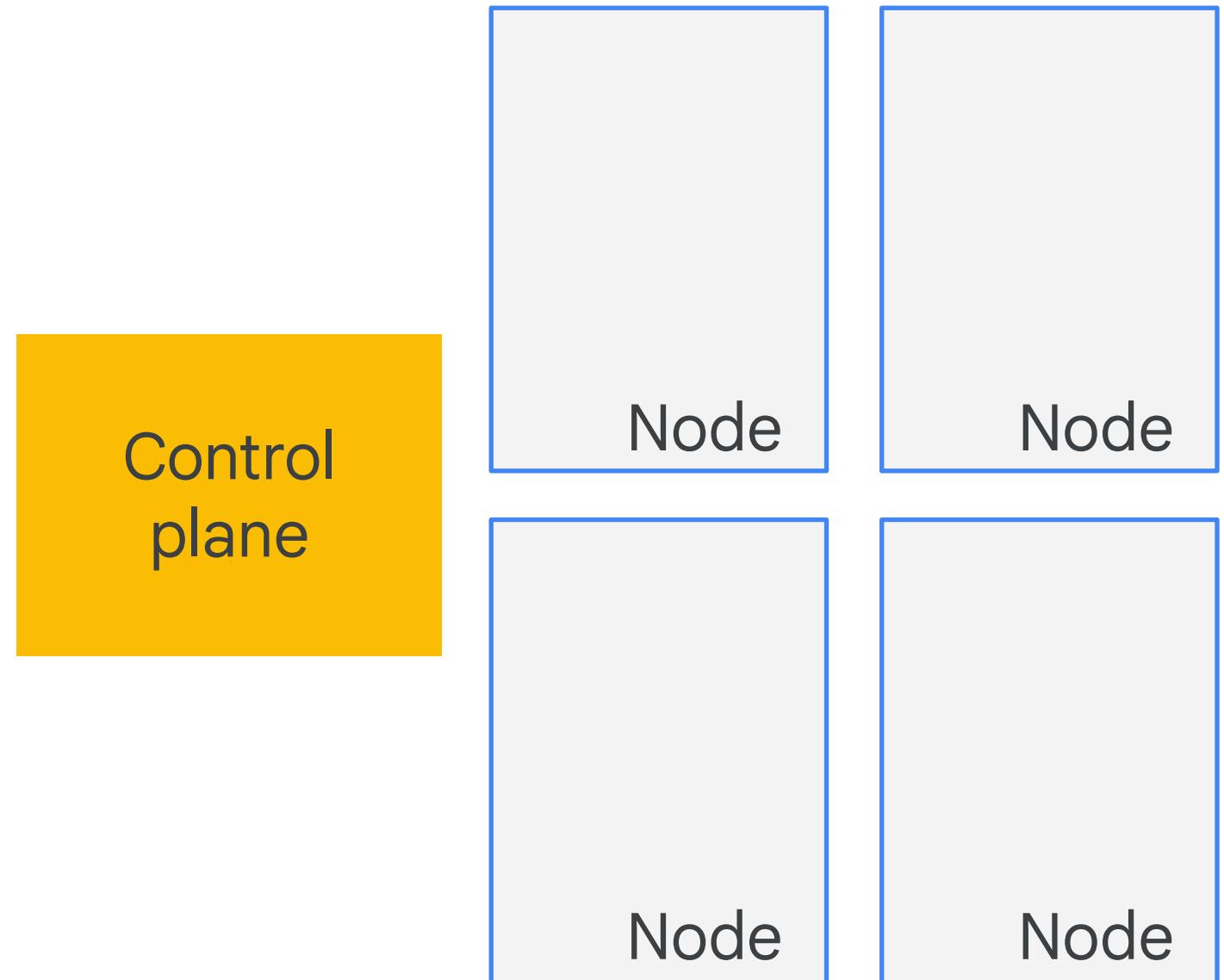
Provides advanced configuration flexibility over the cluster's underlying infrastructure.

GKE Autopilot mode - shared responsibility model



Secrets

- Contain sensitive data, such as passwords, OAuth tokens, and SSH keys.
- Can be encrypted.
- Are used by pods to gain access to areas where they need to accomplish tasks.
- Are maintained separately from Google Cloud secrets.



Google Kubernetes supports two types of authentication

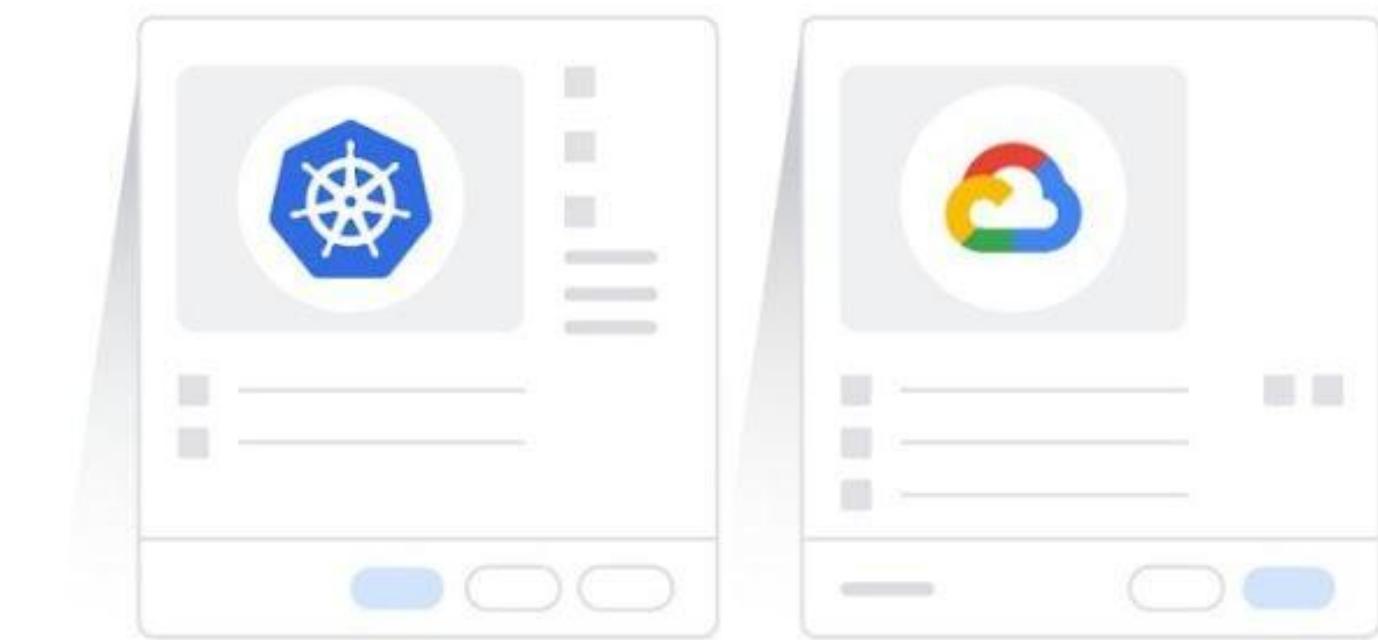
- 01 User accounts
- 02 Service accounts



Kubernetes and Google service accounts differ

Kubernetes service accounts are:

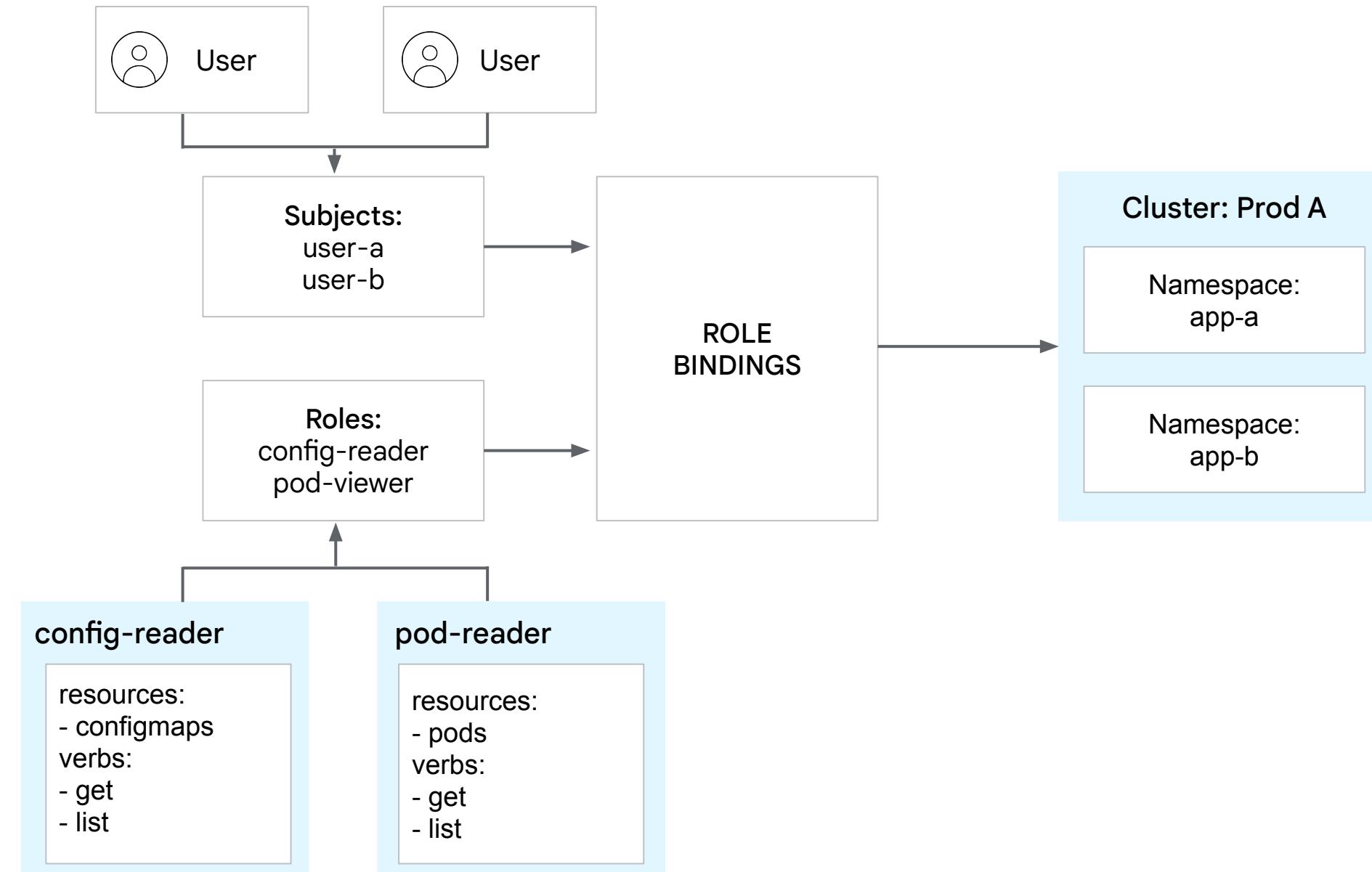
- A part of the cluster.
- Generally used within that cluster.



Google service accounts:

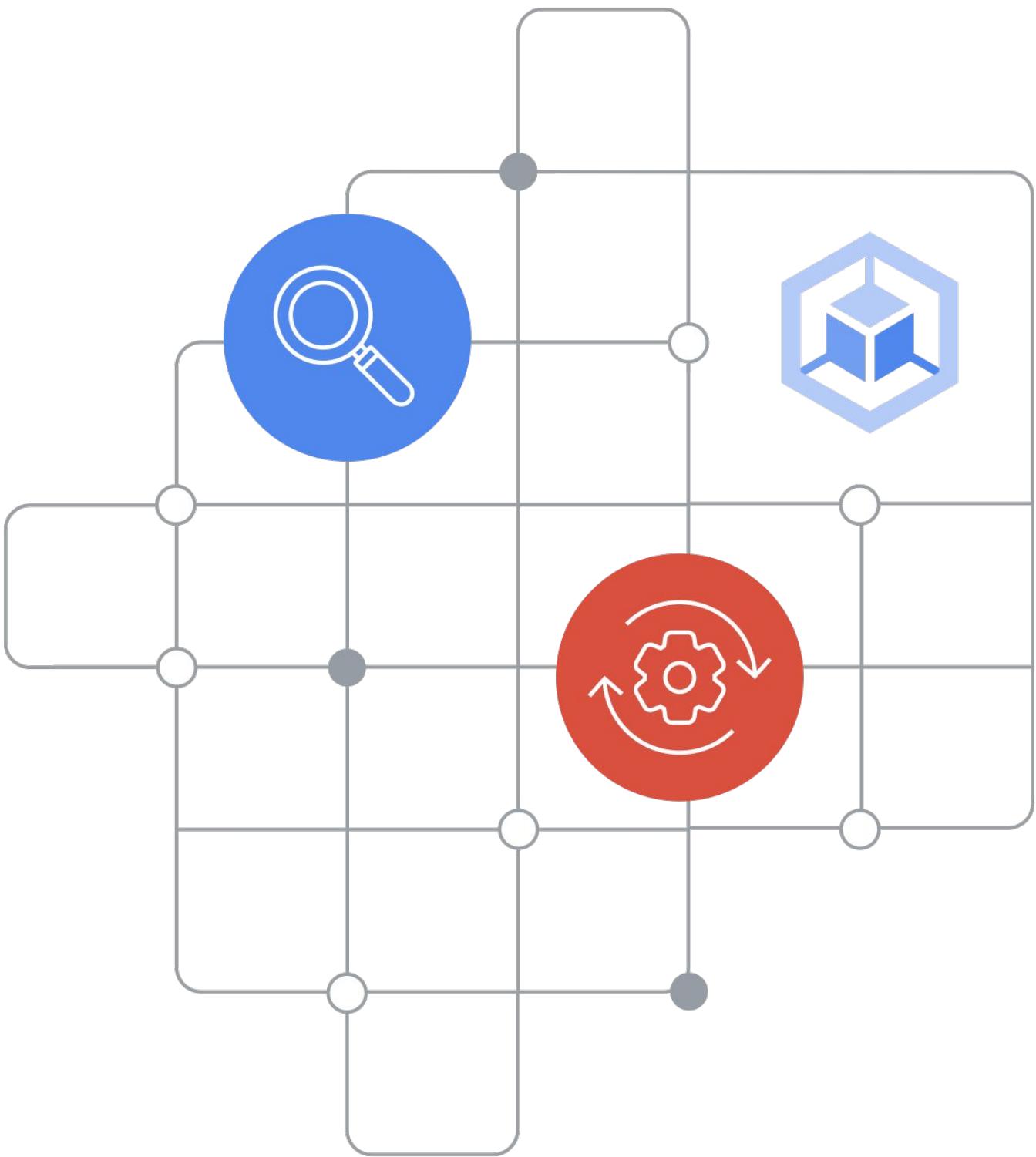
- Are part of the Google Cloud project.
- Can be granted permissions to clusters and other Cloud resources.
- Use IAM to manage permissions.

Role-based access control (RBAC) gives your resources finer access granularity



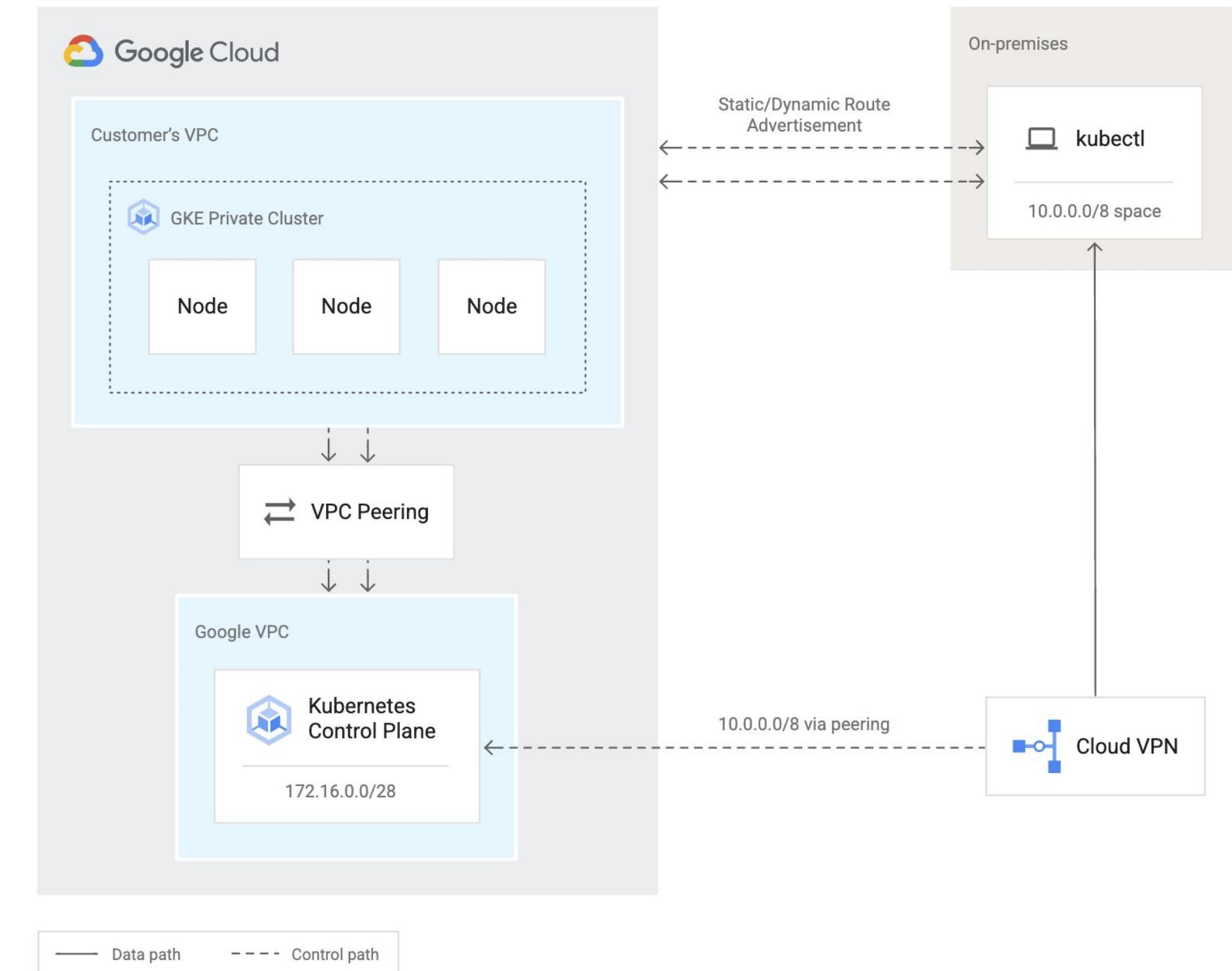
GKE hardening guidelines for robust cluster security

- Upgrade your GKE infrastructure in a timely fashion.
- Monitor cluster configurations.



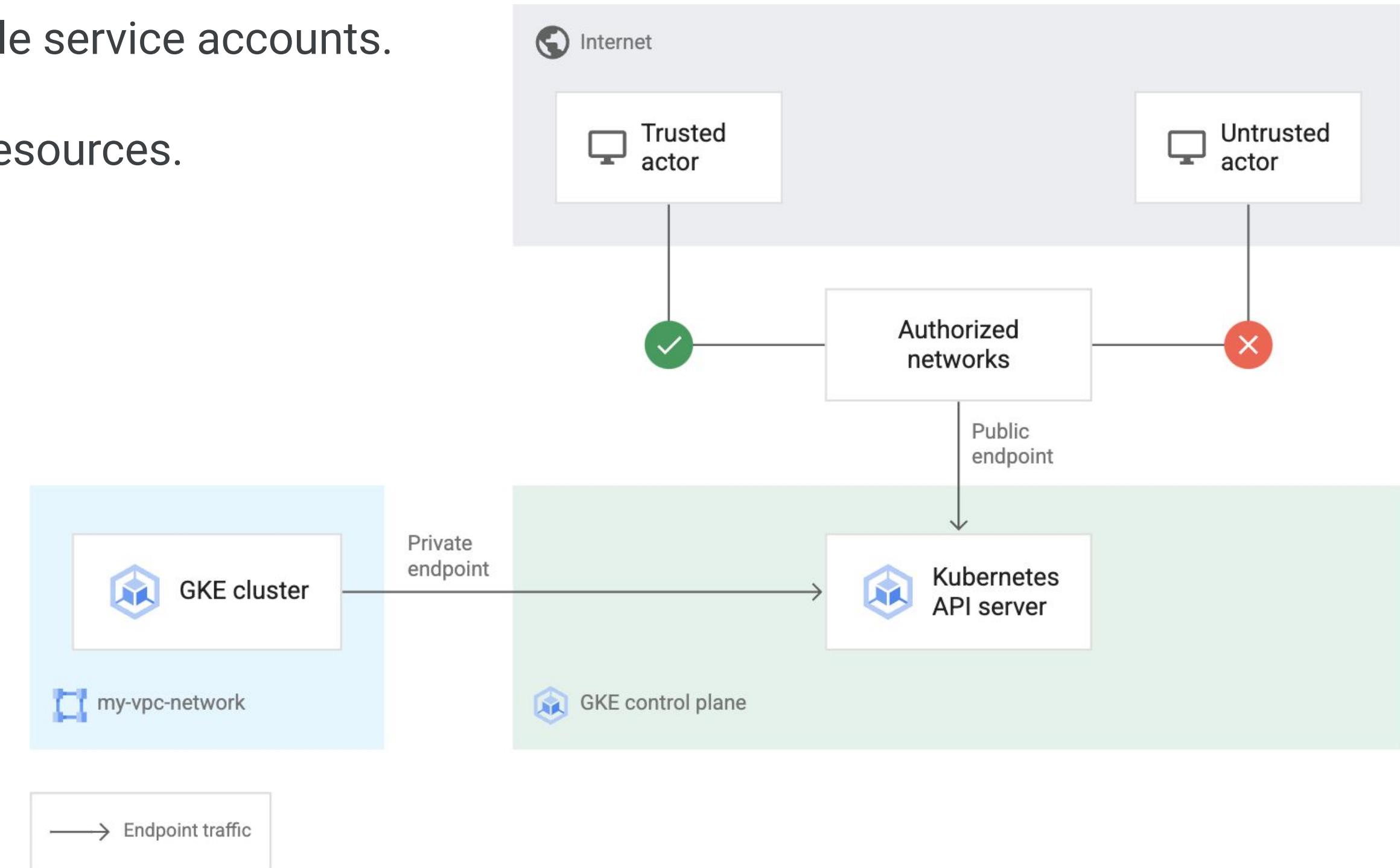
GKE hardening guidelines for robust cluster security

- Restrict direct access to control planes and nodes.
 - Public endpoint access disabled
 - Public endpoint access enabled, control plane authorized networks enabled
 - Public endpoint access enabled, control plane authorized networks disabled
- Consider using Group Authentication.



GKE hardening guidelines for robust cluster security

- Use “least privileged” Google service accounts.
- Restrict access to cluster resources.



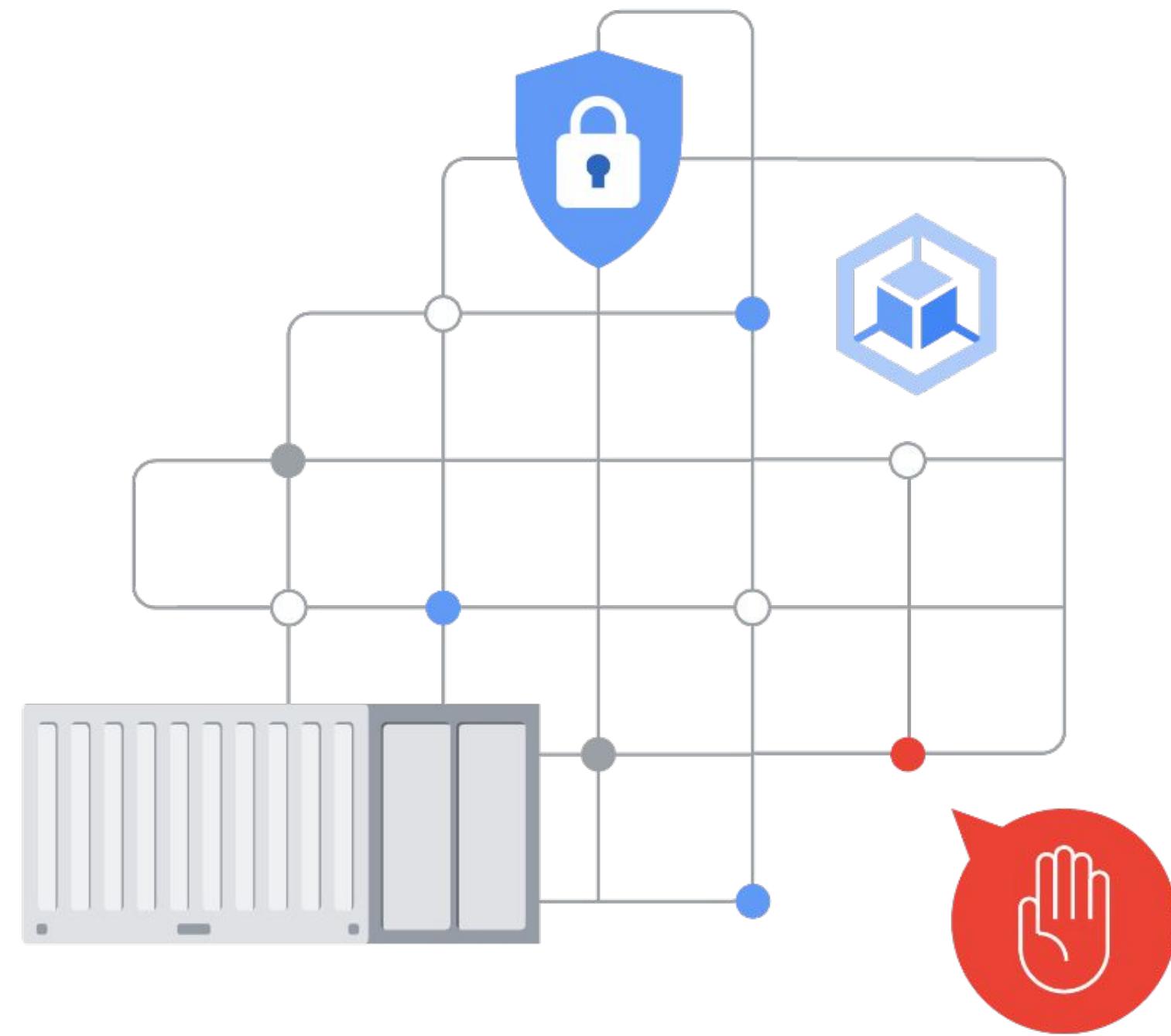
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- Use shielded GKE nodes.



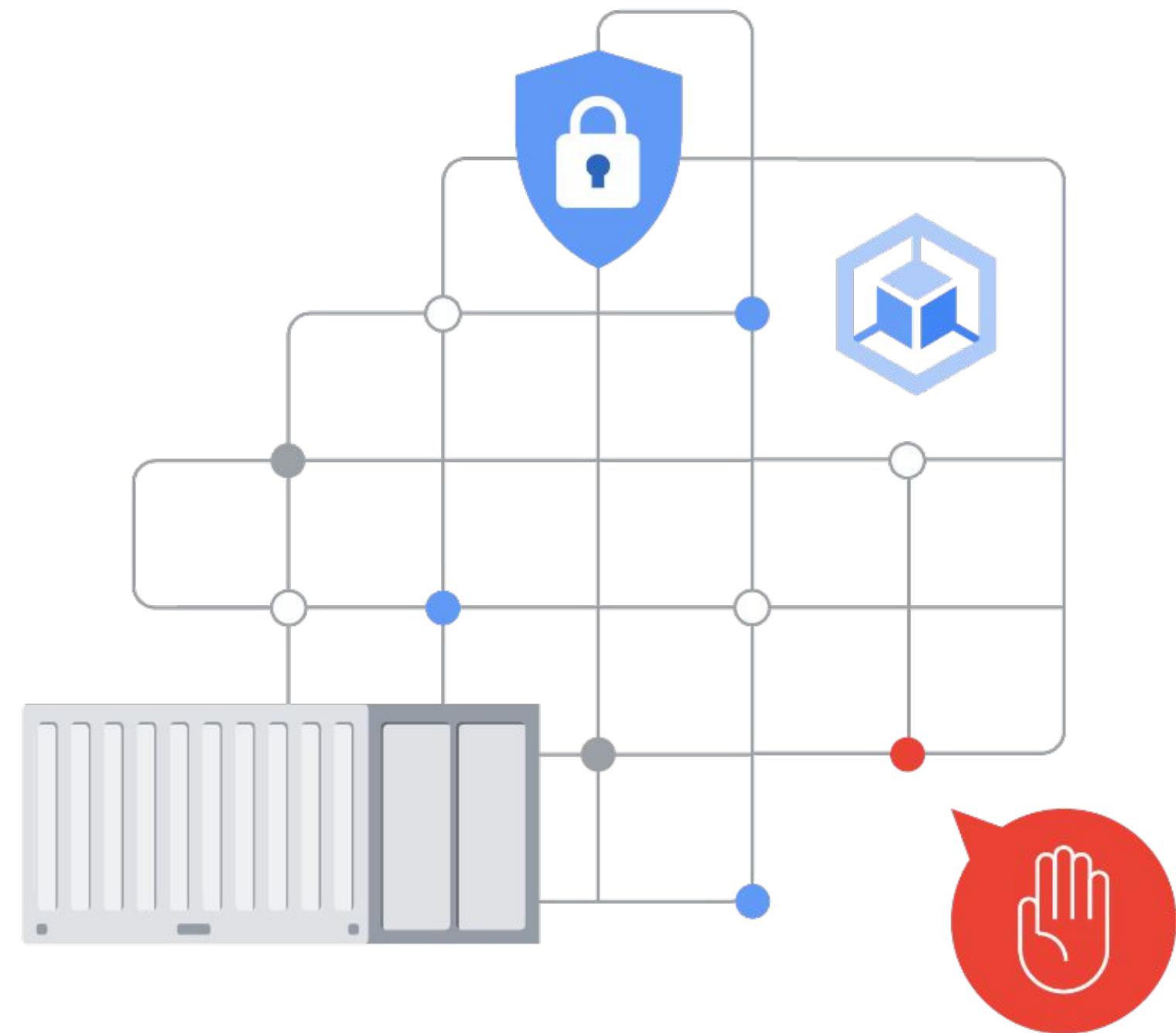
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- Use shielded GKE nodes.
- Restrict traffic between pods.
- Choose a hardened node image with the container runtime.
- Use secret management.



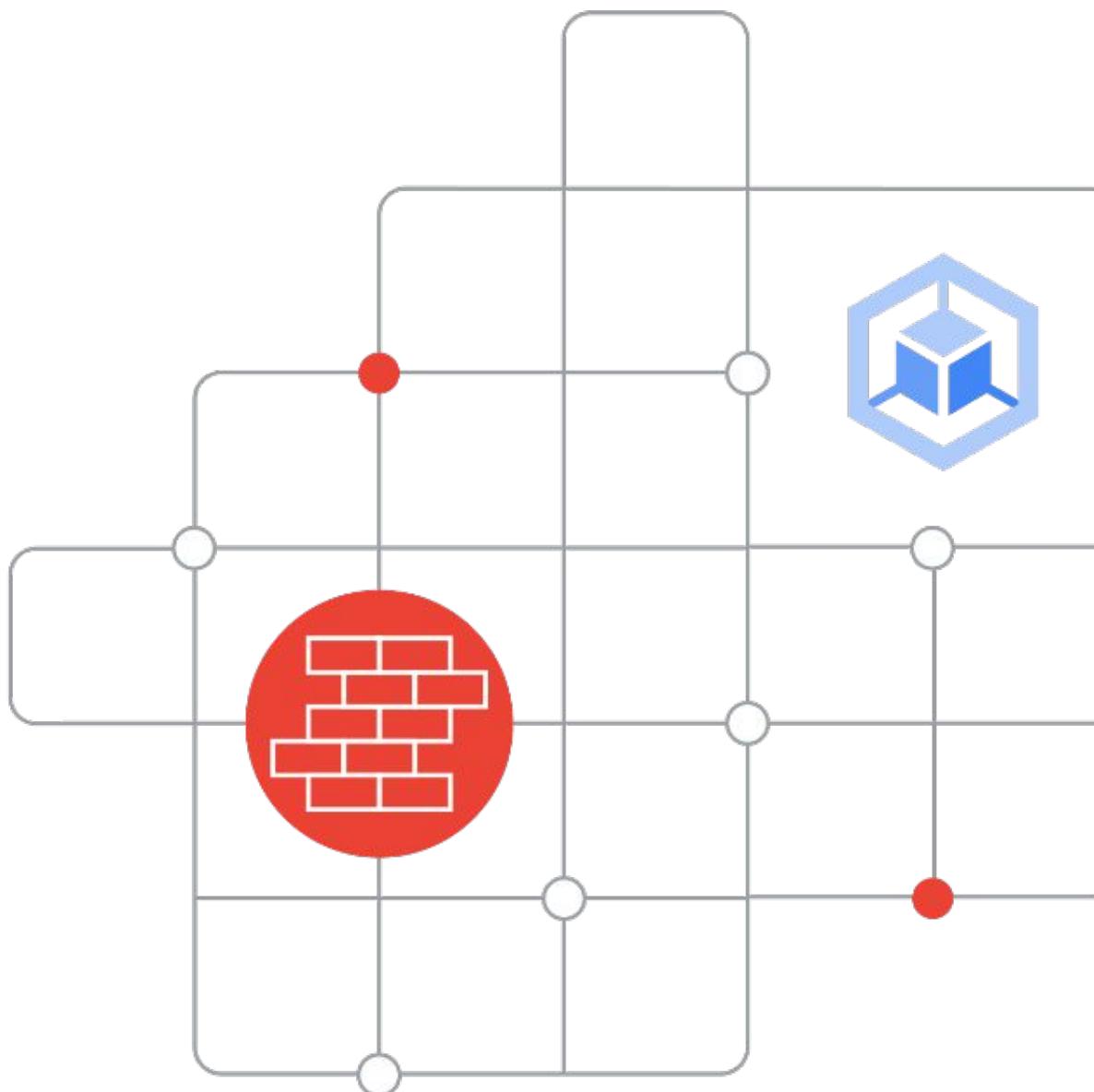
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- Use shielded GKE nodes.
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- Choose a hardened node image with the container runtime.
- Use secret management.
- Restrict cluster discovery permissions.



GKE automatically creates firewall rules

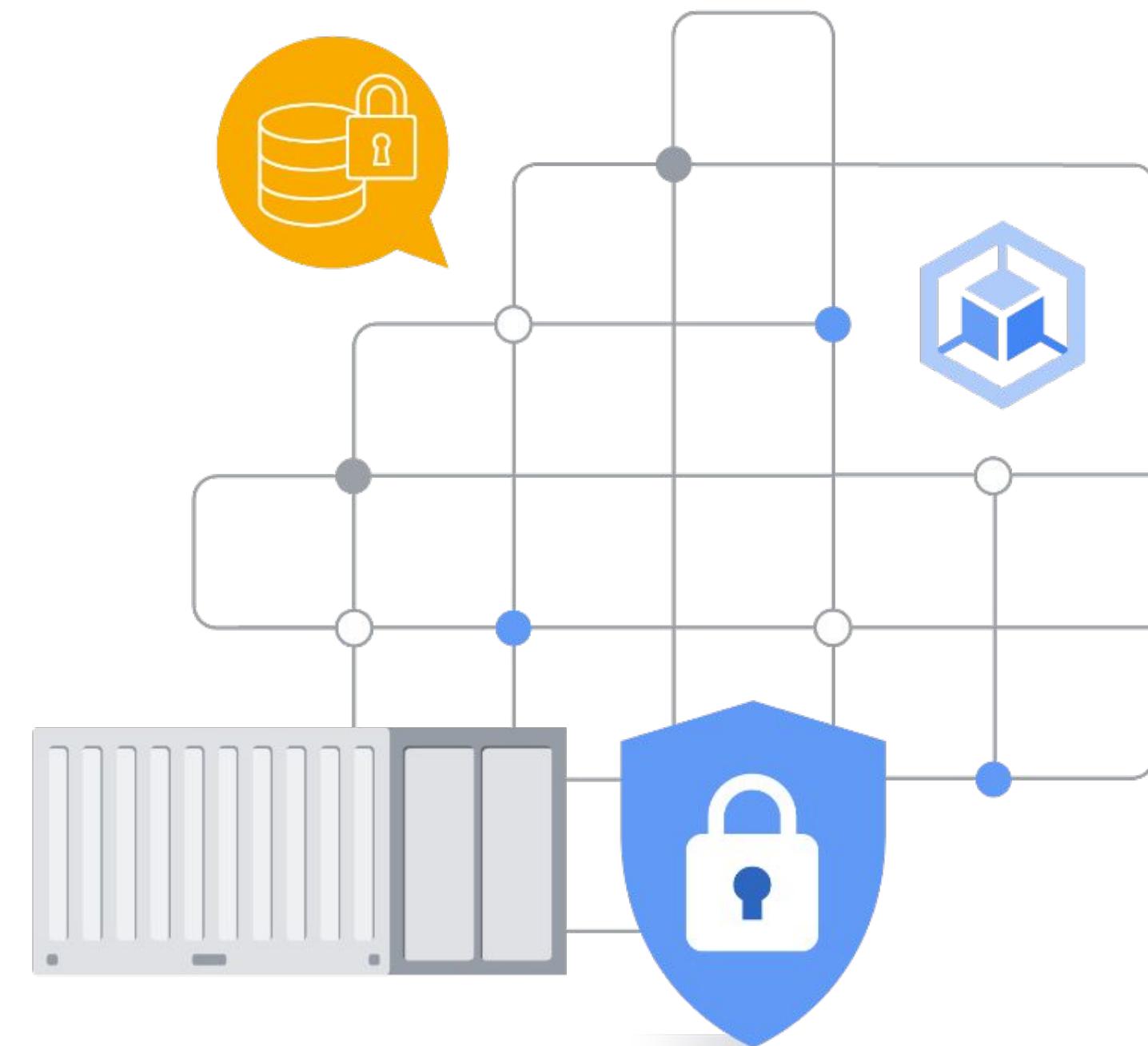
- ✓ GKE cluster firewall rules
- ✓ GKE Service firewall rules
- ✓ GKE Ingress firewall rules
- ✗ Do not modify or delete firewall rules created by GKE



Securing workloads with pod container process privileges

Limit pod container process privileges

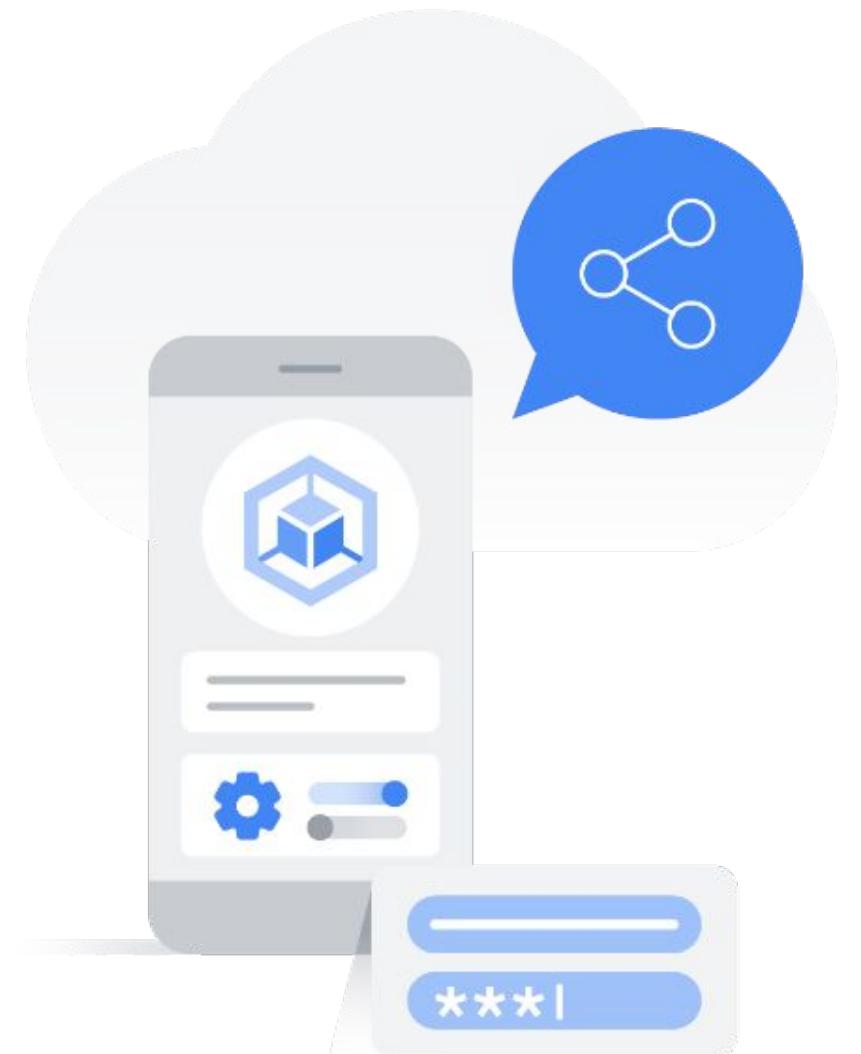
- Critical to securing workloads and clusters.
- Set security-related options via Security Context on both pods and containers.
 - Allow you to change the security settings of your workload processes.
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Securing workloads with Workload Identity

Challenges:

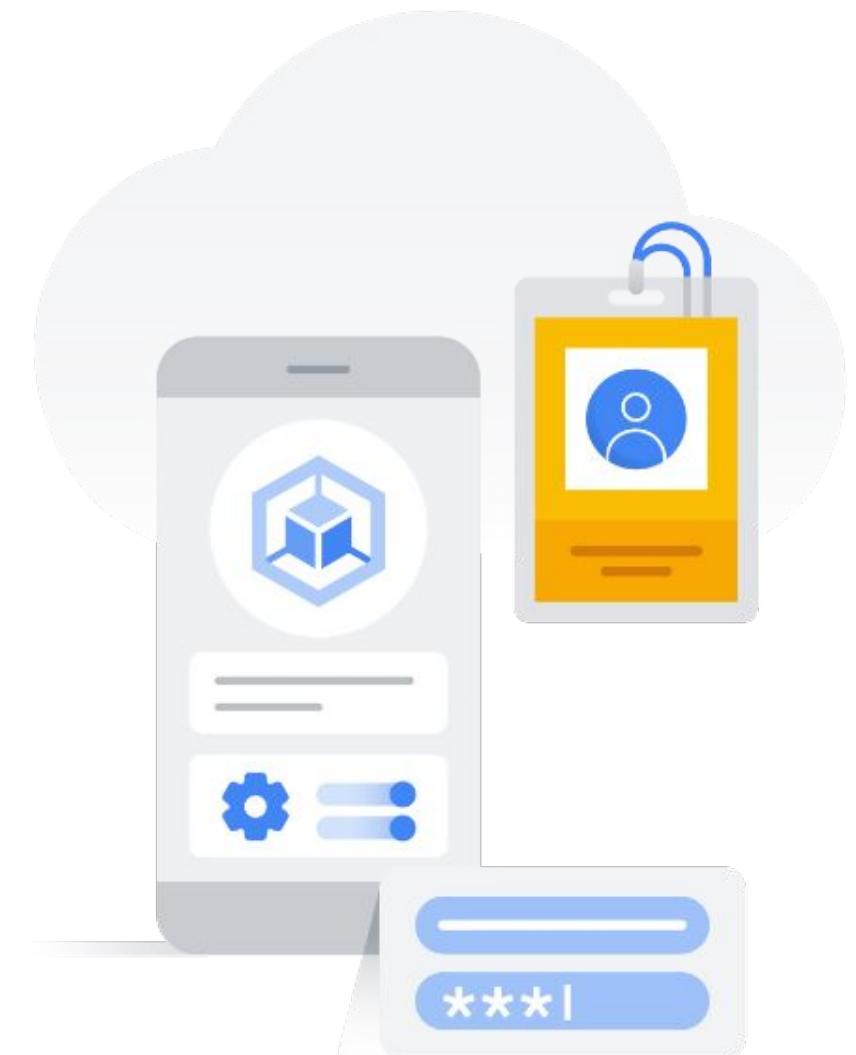
- Applications typically use and rely on a variety of services.
- Applications running on GKE must authenticate to use Google Cloud APIs.
 - Authentication has been a challenge, requiring workarounds and suboptimal solutions.



Securing workloads with Workload Identity

Solution? Workload Identity

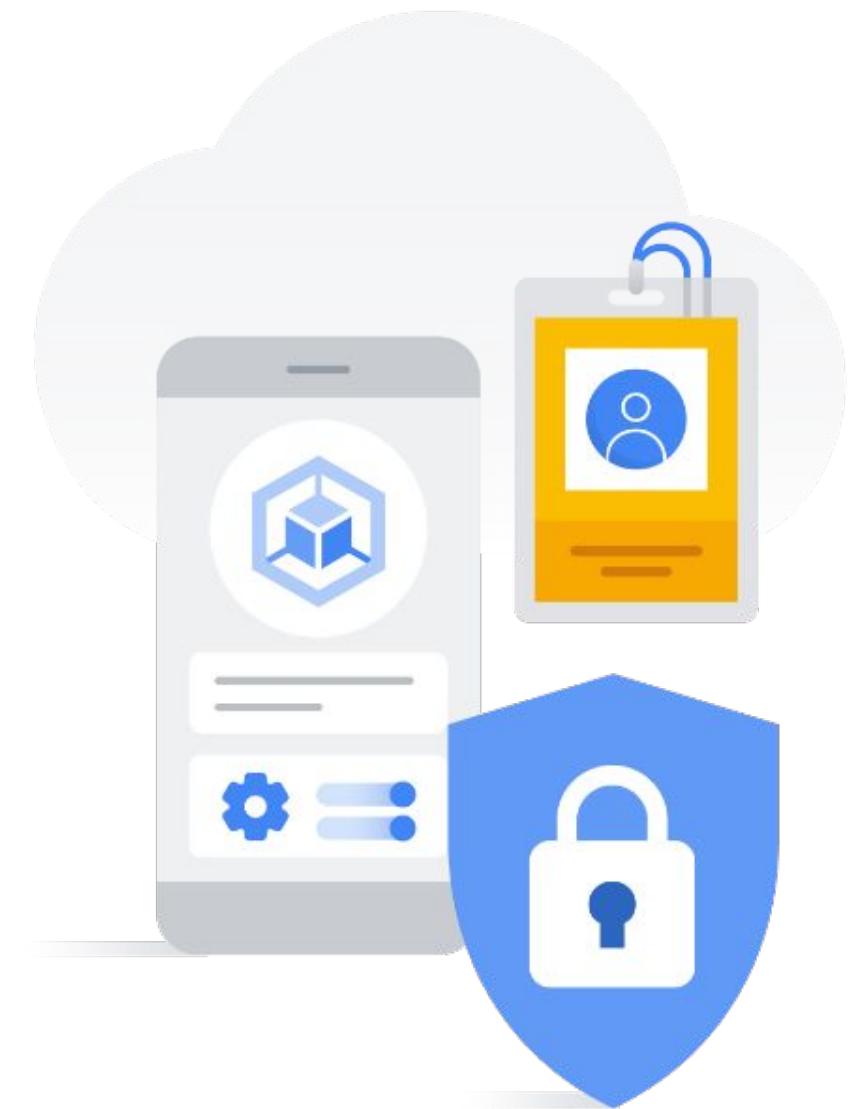
- Configure a Kubernetes service account to act as a Google service account.
 - Permit your workloads to automatically access other Google Cloud services.
- Enables you to assign fine-grained identity and authorization for applications in your cluster.



Securing workloads with Workload Identity

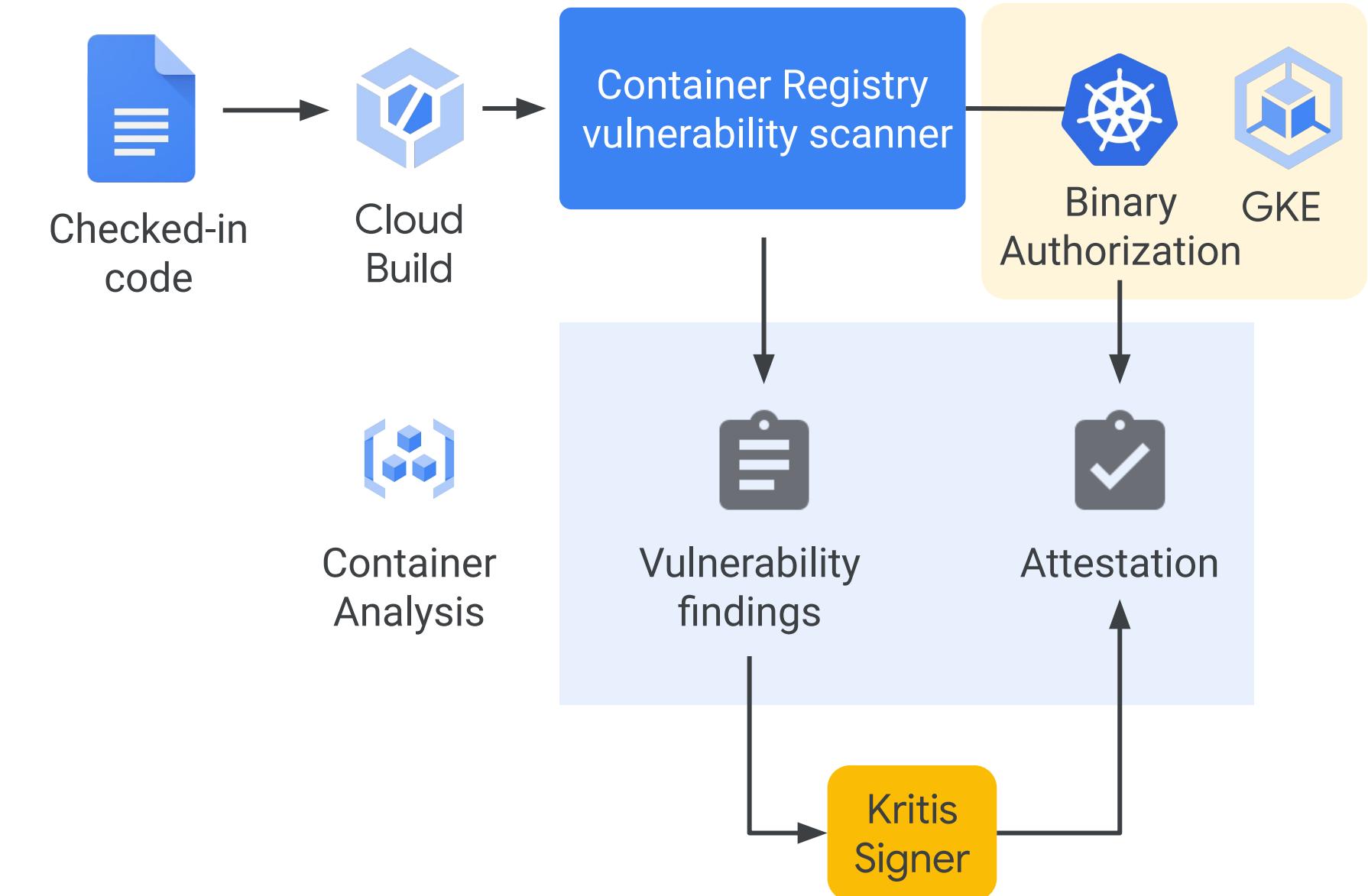
Benefits

- Recommended way to access Google Cloud services from applications running within GKE.
 - Improves security properties and manageability.
- Easy to assign identity and prove it to external identity solutions.
- Strong Security guarantees
- Enforces principle of least privilege
- Preserves Kubernetes abstraction layer



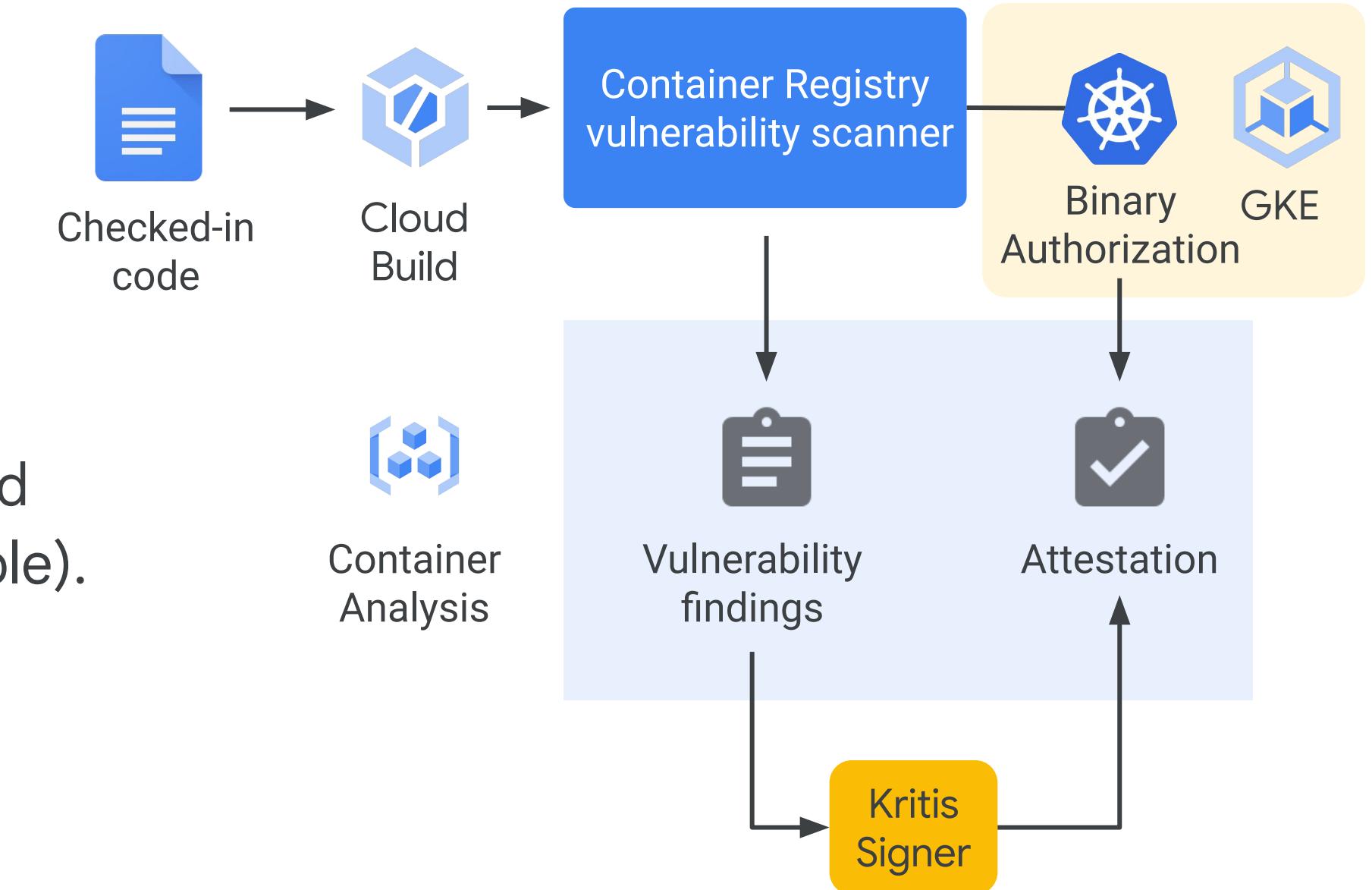
Securing workloads with Binary Authorization

Binary authorization allows you to enforce deploying only trusted containers into GKE.



Securing workloads with Binary Authorization

- Enable Binary Authorization on your GKE cluster.
- Add a policy that requires signed images.
- When an image is built by Cloud Build an “attestor” verifies that it was from a trusted repository (Source Repositories, for example).
- Container Registry includes a vulnerability scanner that scans containers.



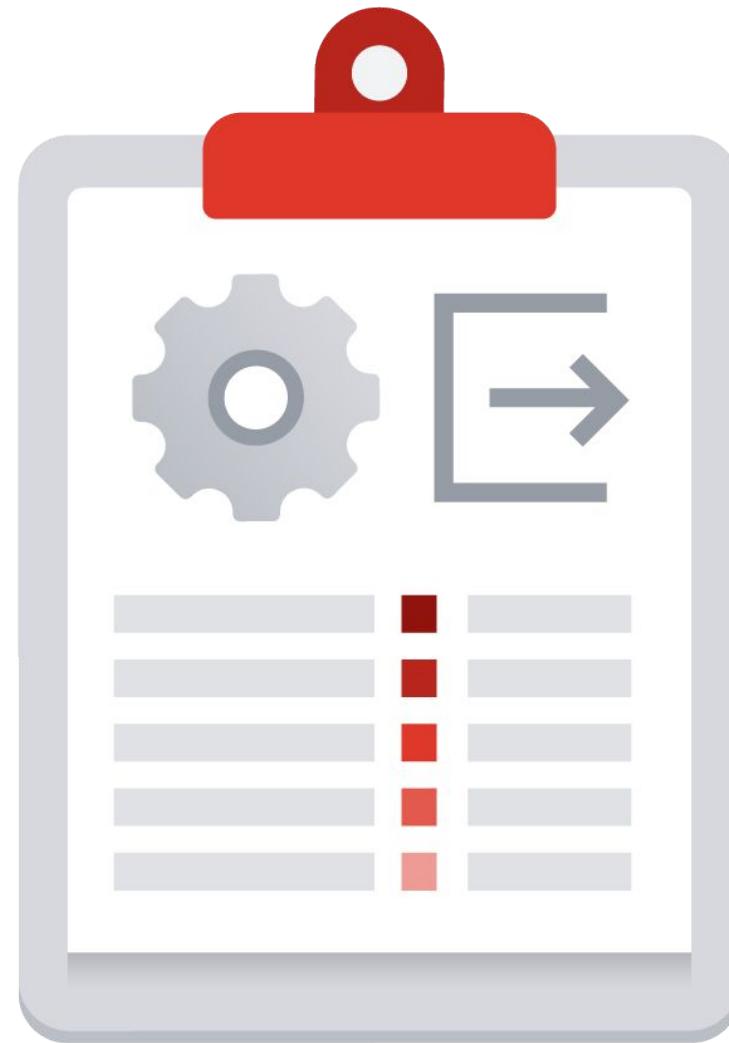
GKE has logging and monitoring functions built-in

- Key cluster performance metrics.
- Clusters by infrastructure, workloads or services.
- Namespaces, workloads, services, pods, and containers.



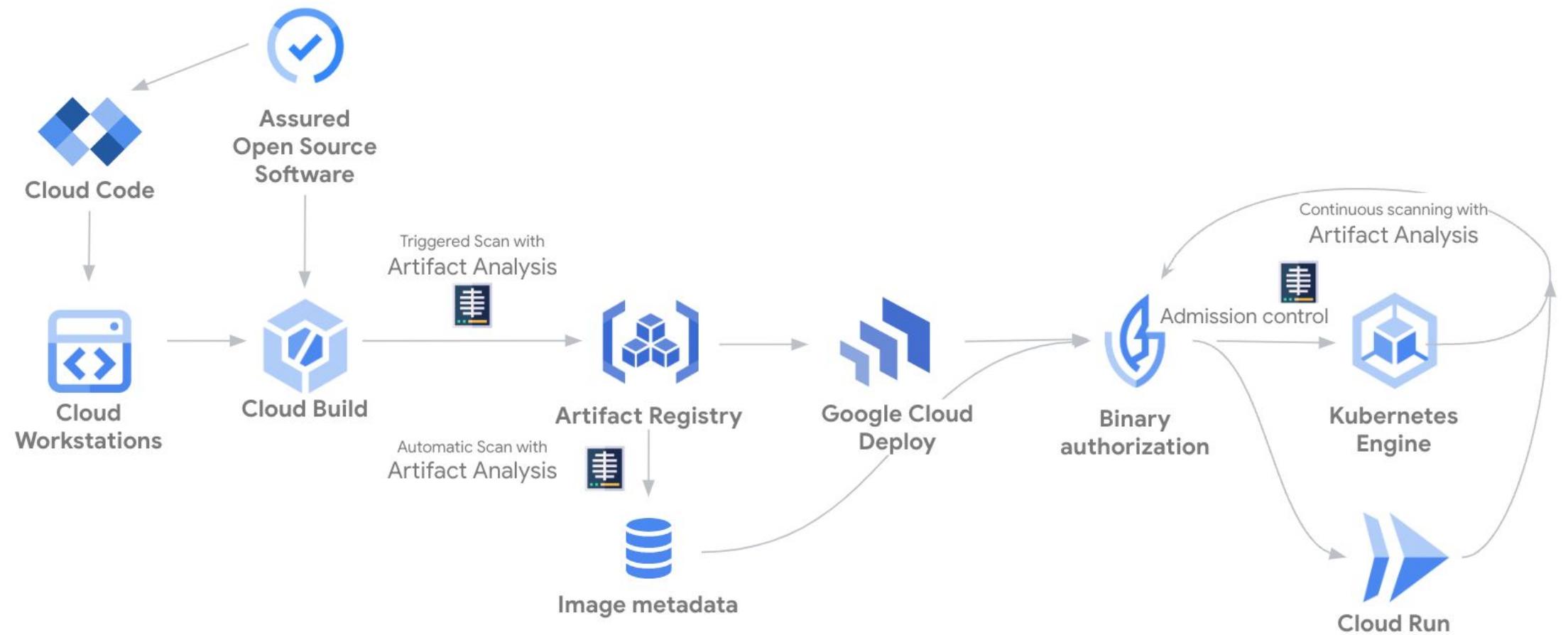
GKE also integrates with Cloud Audit Logs and operations

- GKE log entries are viewable in projects logs.
- Audit logging is GA for GKE 1.11.4 and later.
- GKE supports Access Transparency Logging.

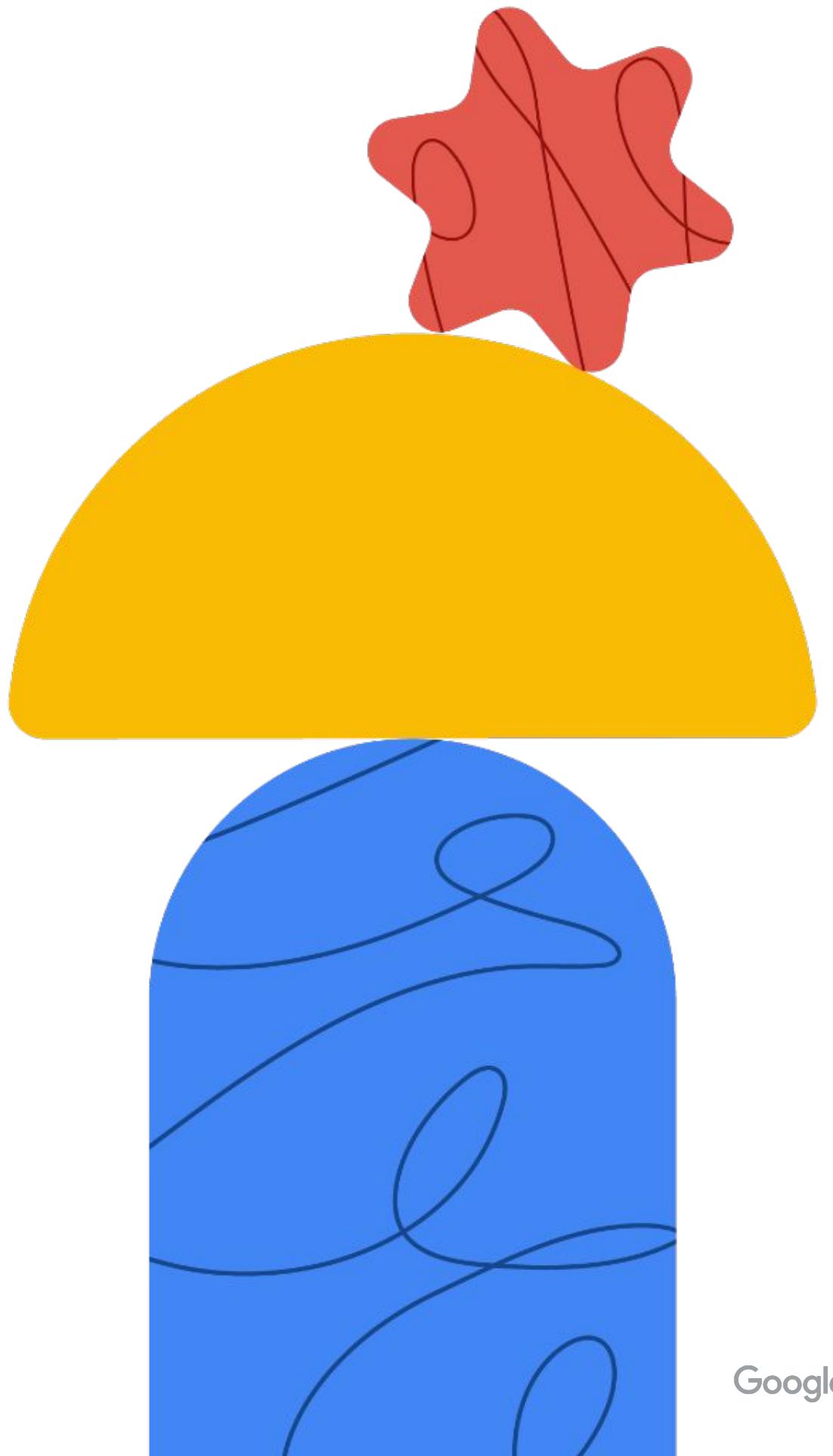


Artifact analysis

- Vulnerability scanning and metadata storage for containers and other artifacts
- Can be enabled in Artifact Registry. Scanning of images will be automatic as they are pushed into Artifact Registry
- For GKE, vulnerability scanning is enabled at a cluster level
- On-demand scanning also available



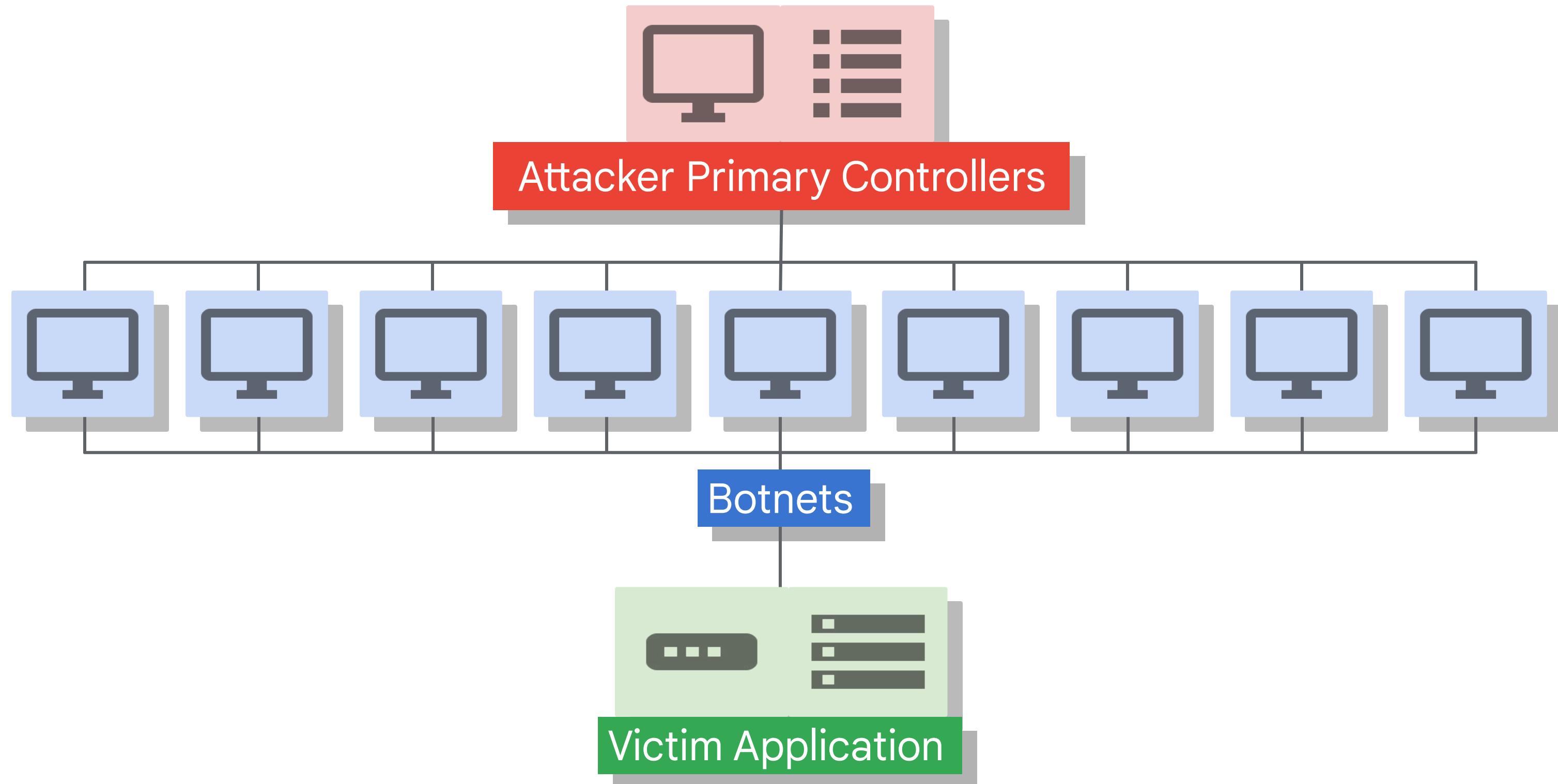
Protecting against Distributed Denial of Service Attacks (DDoS)



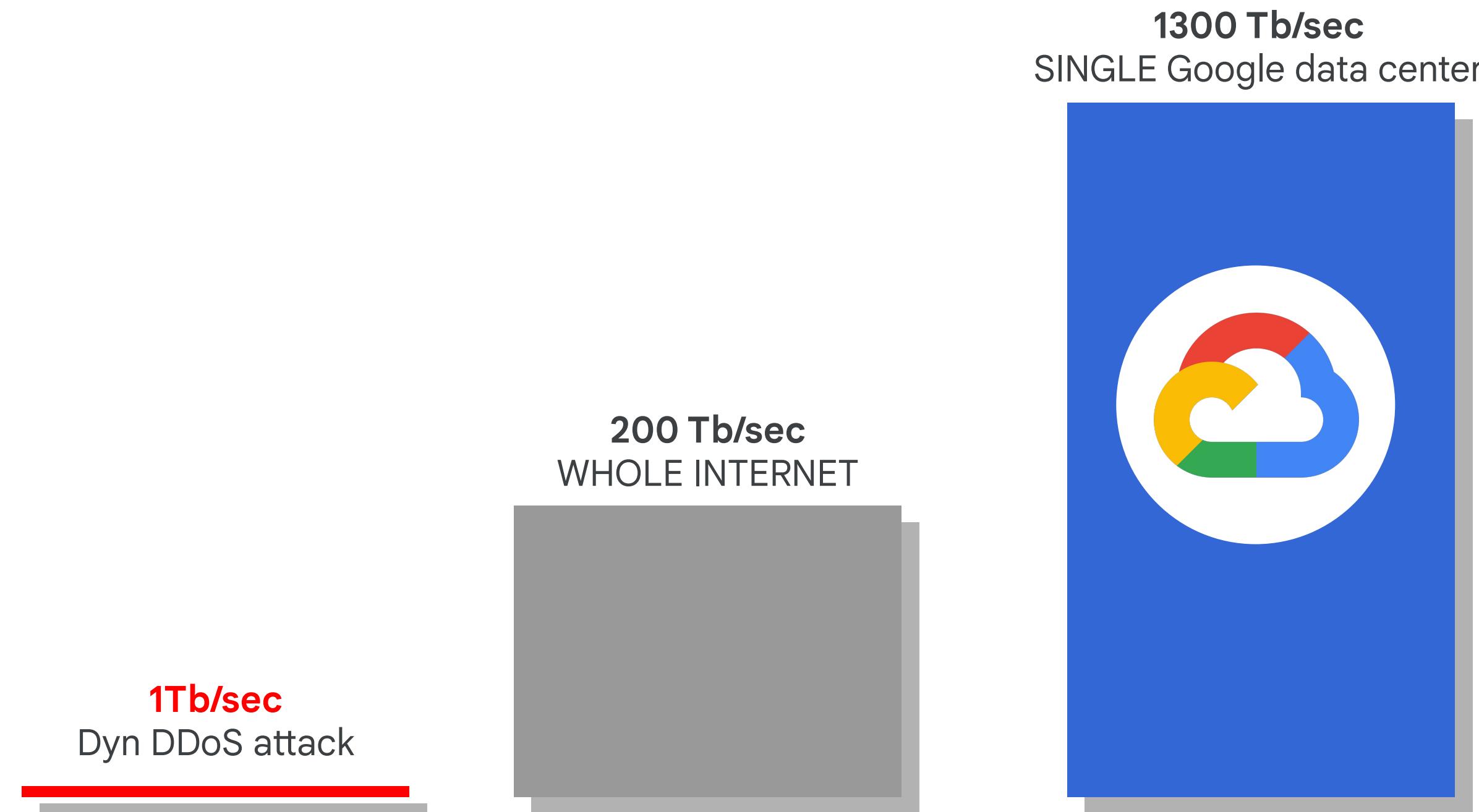
Google Cloud

Distributed denial-of-service (DDoS)
attacks attempt to make your online
application **unavailable by overwhelming it**
with traffic from multiple sources.

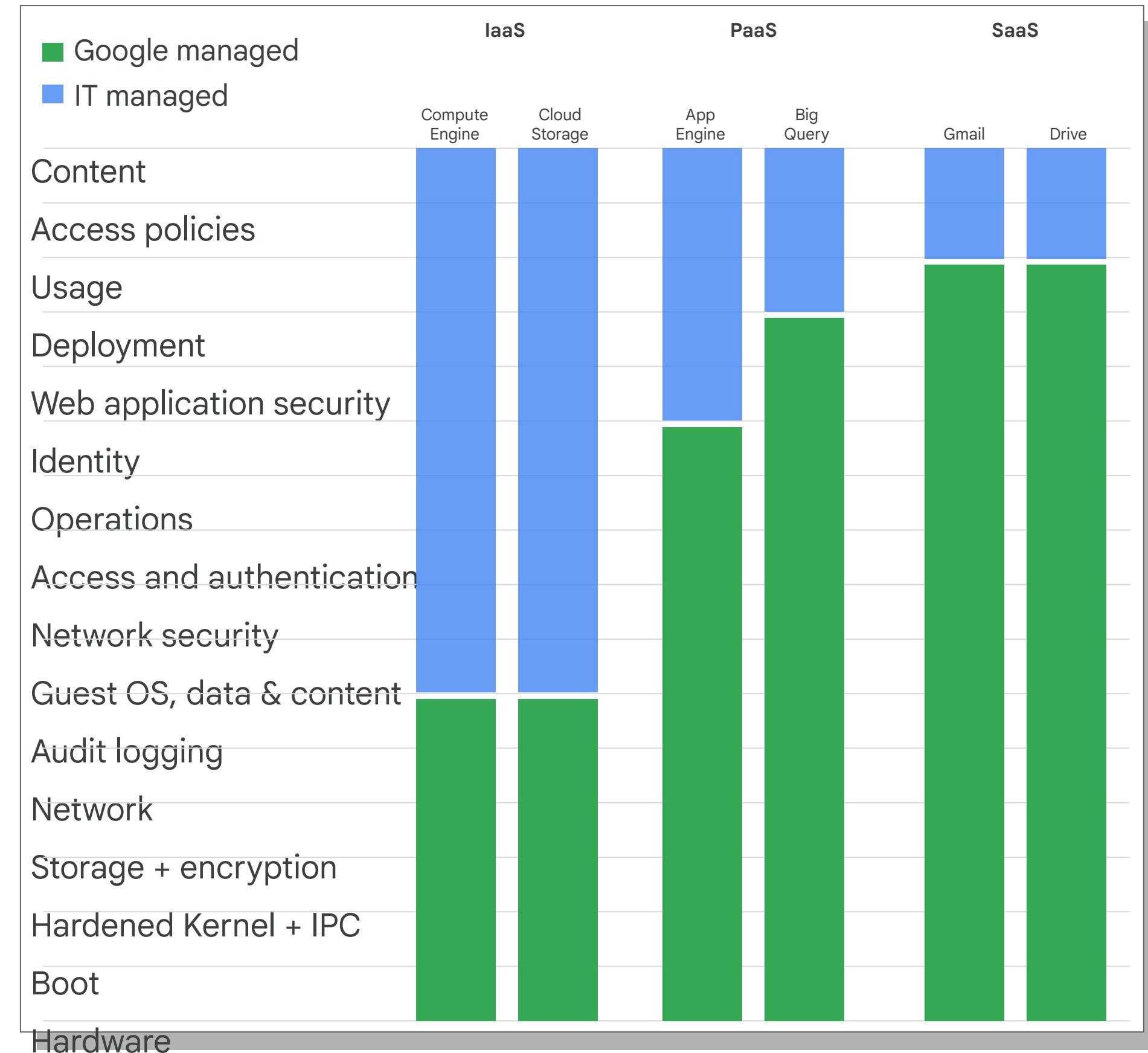
DDoS attacks



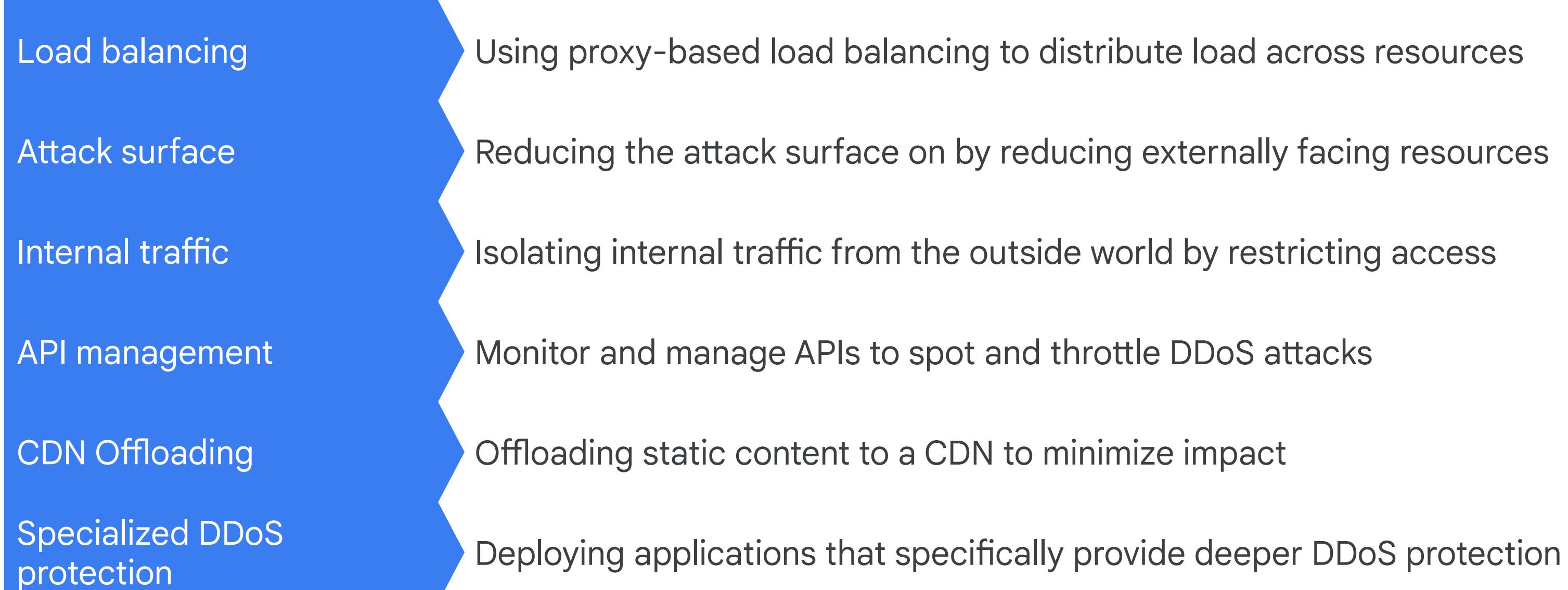
Denial of service (DoS)



DDoS prevention is a shared responsibility between you and Google

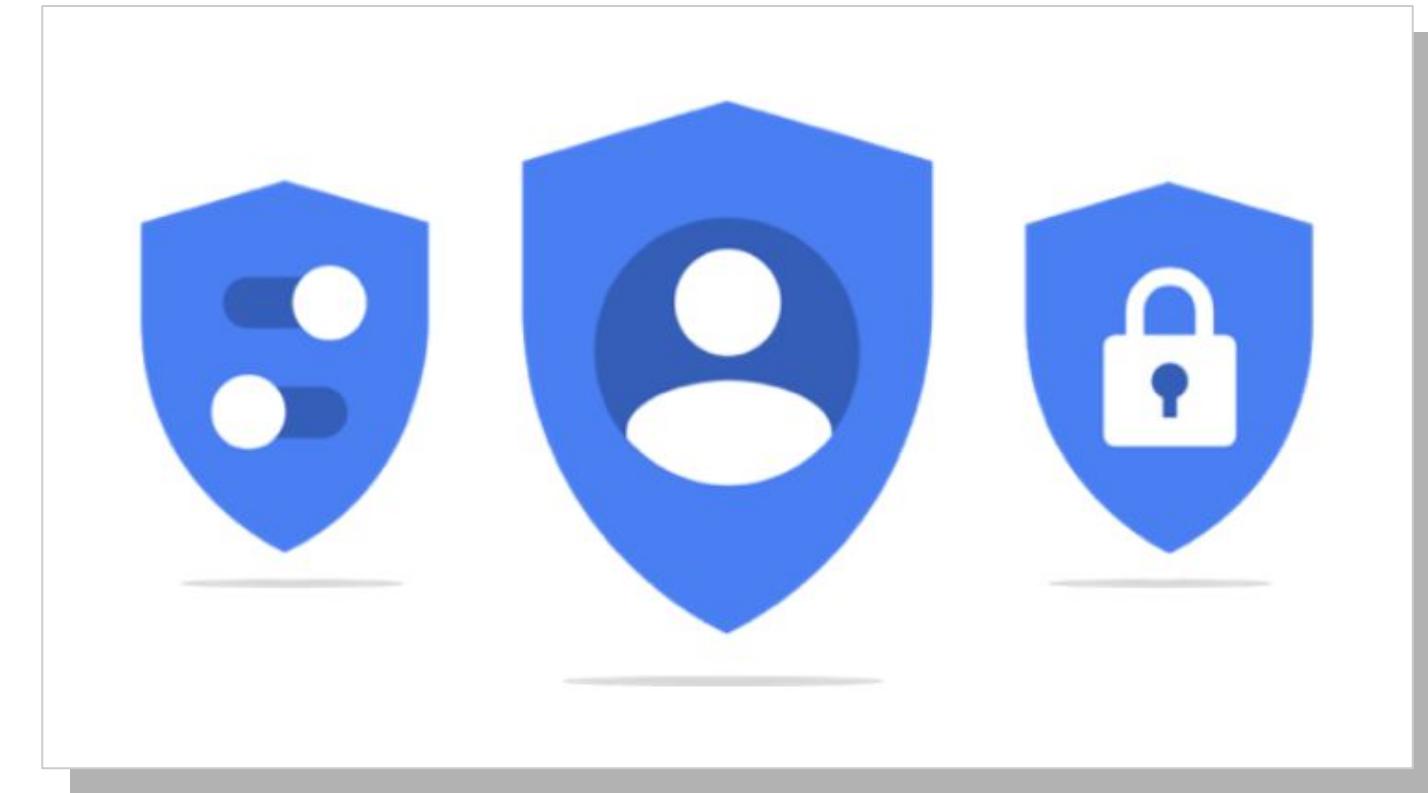


Successful DDoS mitigation strategies have many layers

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- Load balancing
Using proxy-based load balancing to distribute load across resources
 - Attack surface
Reducing the attack surface on by reducing externally facing resources
 - Internal traffic
Isolating internal traffic from the outside world by restricting access
 - API management
Monitor and manage APIs to spot and throttle DDoS attacks
 - CDN Offloading
Offloading static content to a CDN to minimize impact
 - Specialized DDoS protection
Deploying applications that specifically provide deeper DDoS protection

DDoS prevention on Google Cloud

- Leverage Google's load balancer.
- Reduce attack surface in VPCs.
- Isolate internal traffic.
- Use Cloud CDN.
- Use API management and monitoring.
- Leverage Google Cloud Armor.



Leveraging Google's load balancer

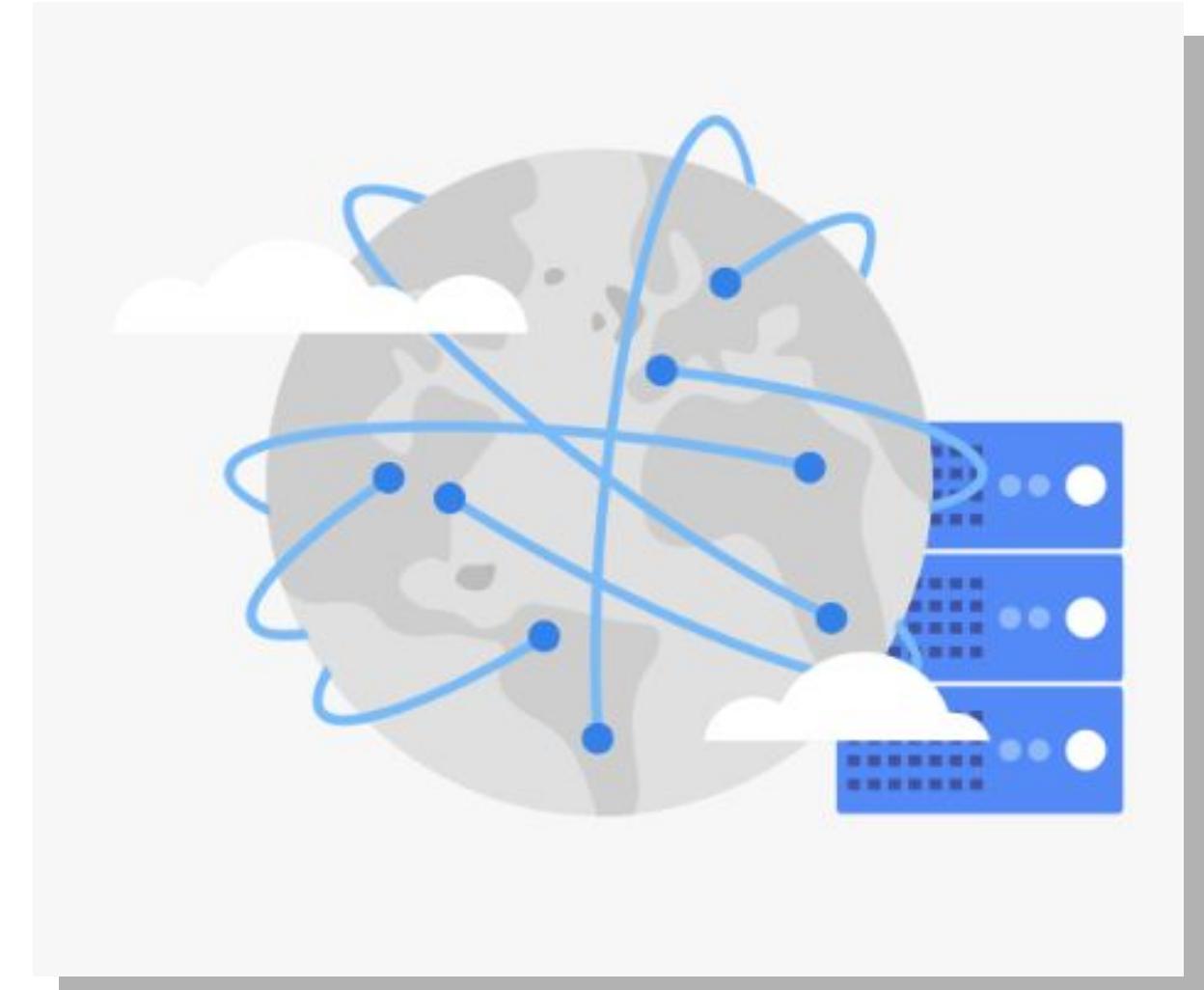
Cloud Load Balancing provides built-in defense against infrastructure DDoS attacks.

- No additional configuration is required to activate this DDoS defense.

Important

Leverages Google's central DoS mitigation service.

If the system detects an attack, it can configure load balancers to drop or throttle traffic.



Reducing attack surface



Isolate machines within VPCs



Set up firewall rules to block unused ports



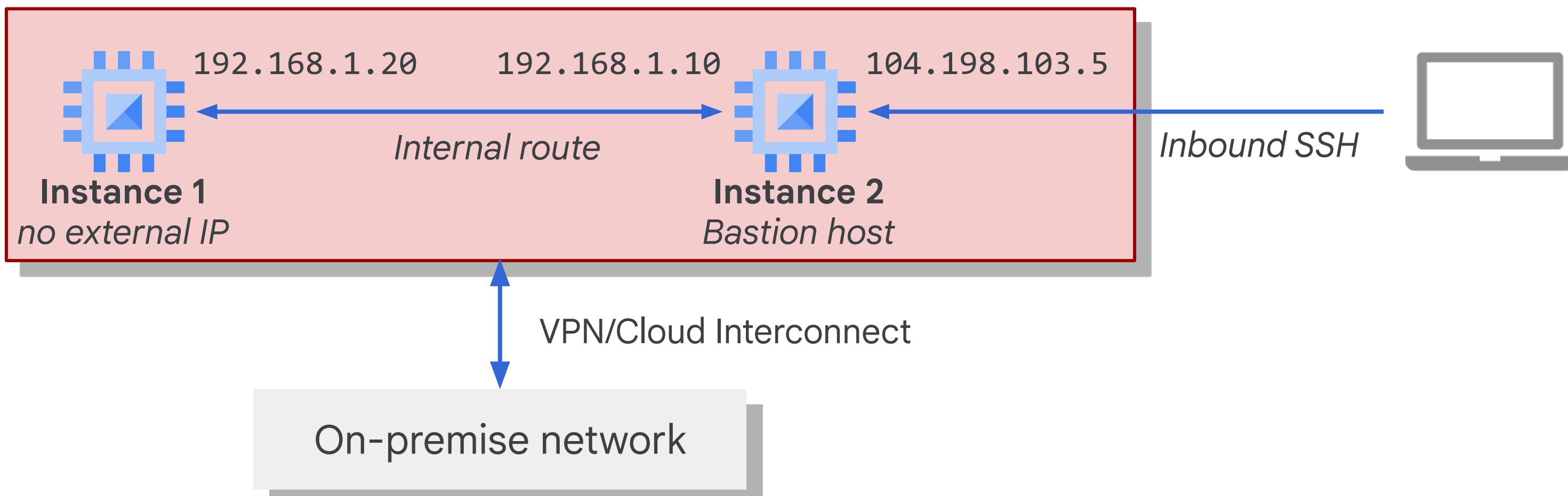
Use firewall rules to block unwanted sources



Use firewall tags and service accounts to control targets

Restricting public access to internal traffic

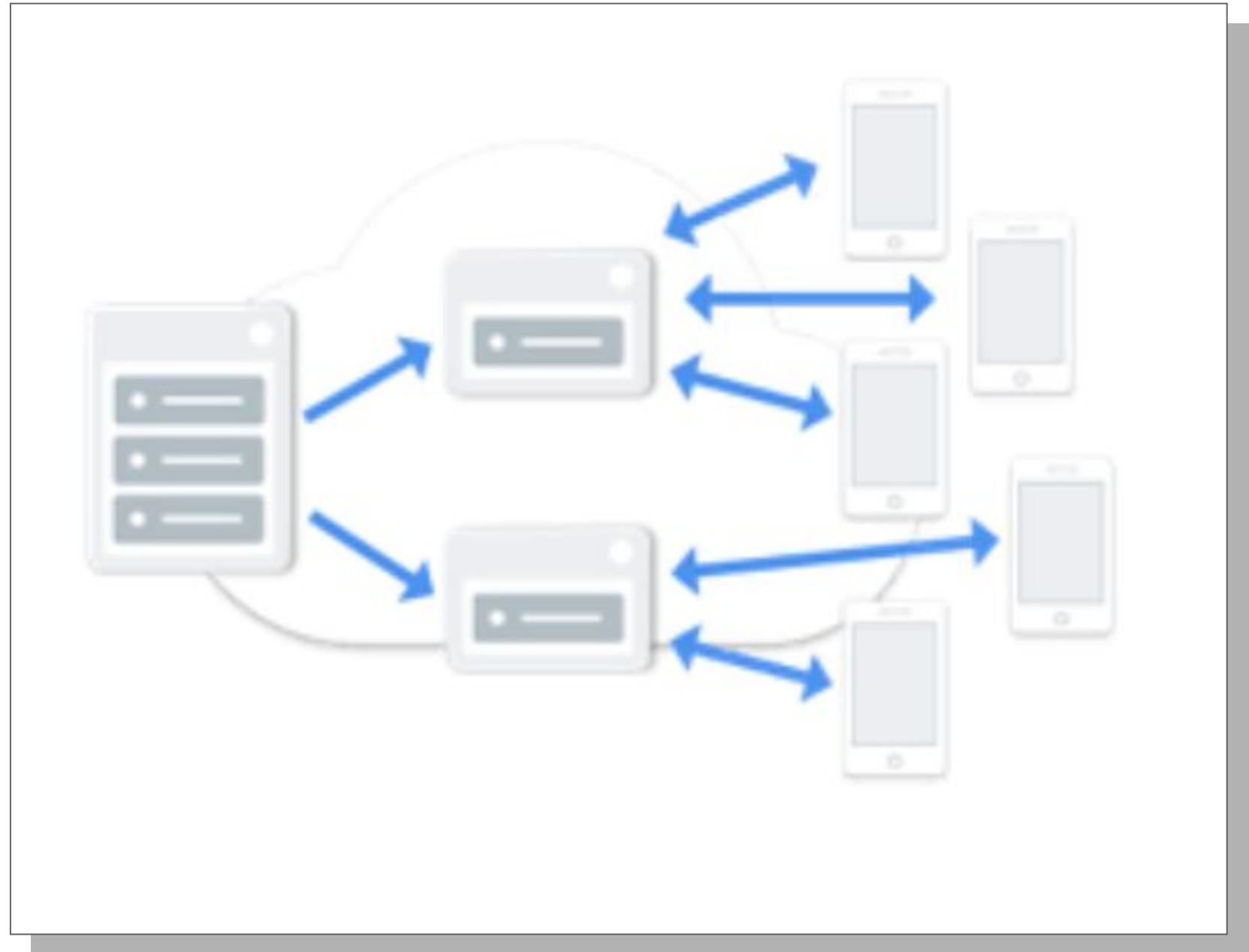
- Don't give machines public IPs unnecessarily.
- Use bastion hosts to limit machines exposed to the internet.
- Use internal load balancers for internal services.



Using Cloud CDN

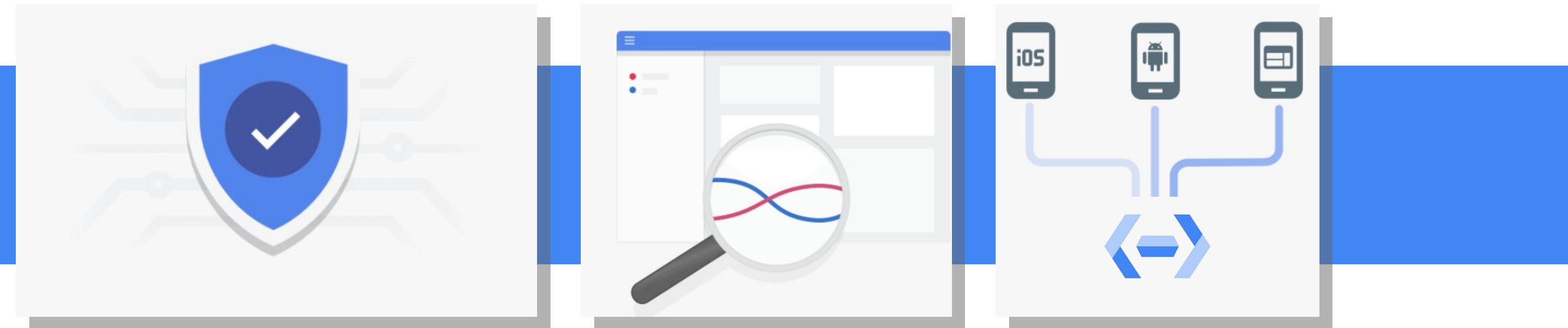
Caches content between your users and your servers.

- Requests for cached content are routed to POPs.
- Google's massive infrastructure can absorb attacks.



API management and monitoring

- Create an API gateway to manage your backend services.
 - Throttle requests to limit requests from clients.
 - Control access to APIs from a single location.
 - Monitor API usage.
- Can use Cloud Endpoints or Apigee to create API gateways.



Google Cloud Armor

- Google Cloud Armor protection is delivered at the edge of Google's network and blocks attacks close to their source.
- Enables IP blocklist/allowlist security policies.



Creating Google Cloud Armor security policies

The screenshot displays two side-by-side interfaces for creating Google Cloud Armor security policies.

Left Interface: Configure policy

- Step 1: Configure policy**
 - Name:** my-great-policy
 - Description (Optional):** (empty)
 - Default rule action:** Allow (selected), Deny
- Step 3: Apply policy to targets (optional)**
 - Targets are Google Cloud Platform resources that you want to control access to. For the Beta release, you can only use non-CDN HTTP(S) load balancer backend services as targets.
 - Type:** Load balancer backend services
 - Target:** my-bes
 - Add Target:** + Add Target
- Buttons:** Done, Next step

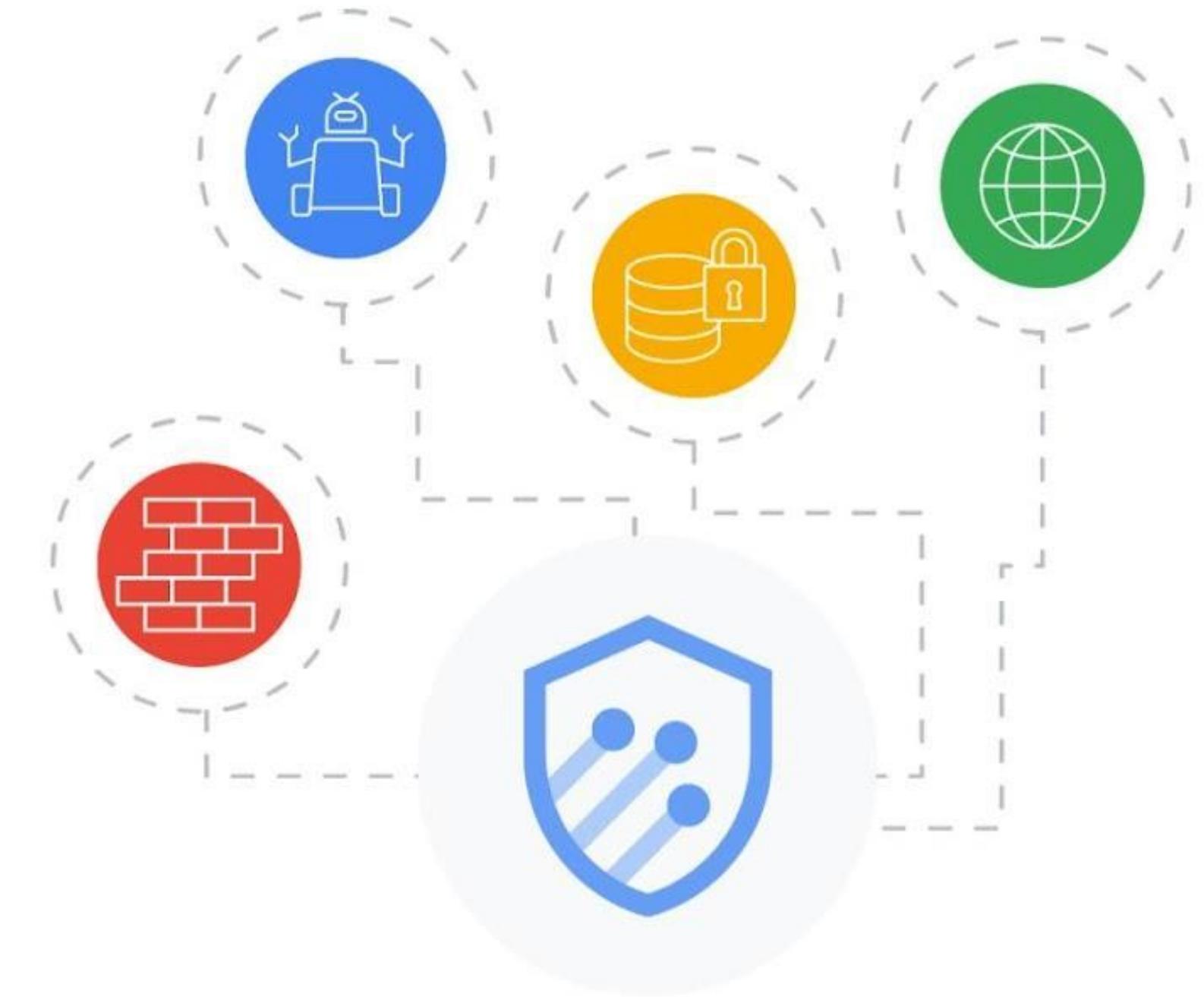
You can also add/edit targets after the policy is created

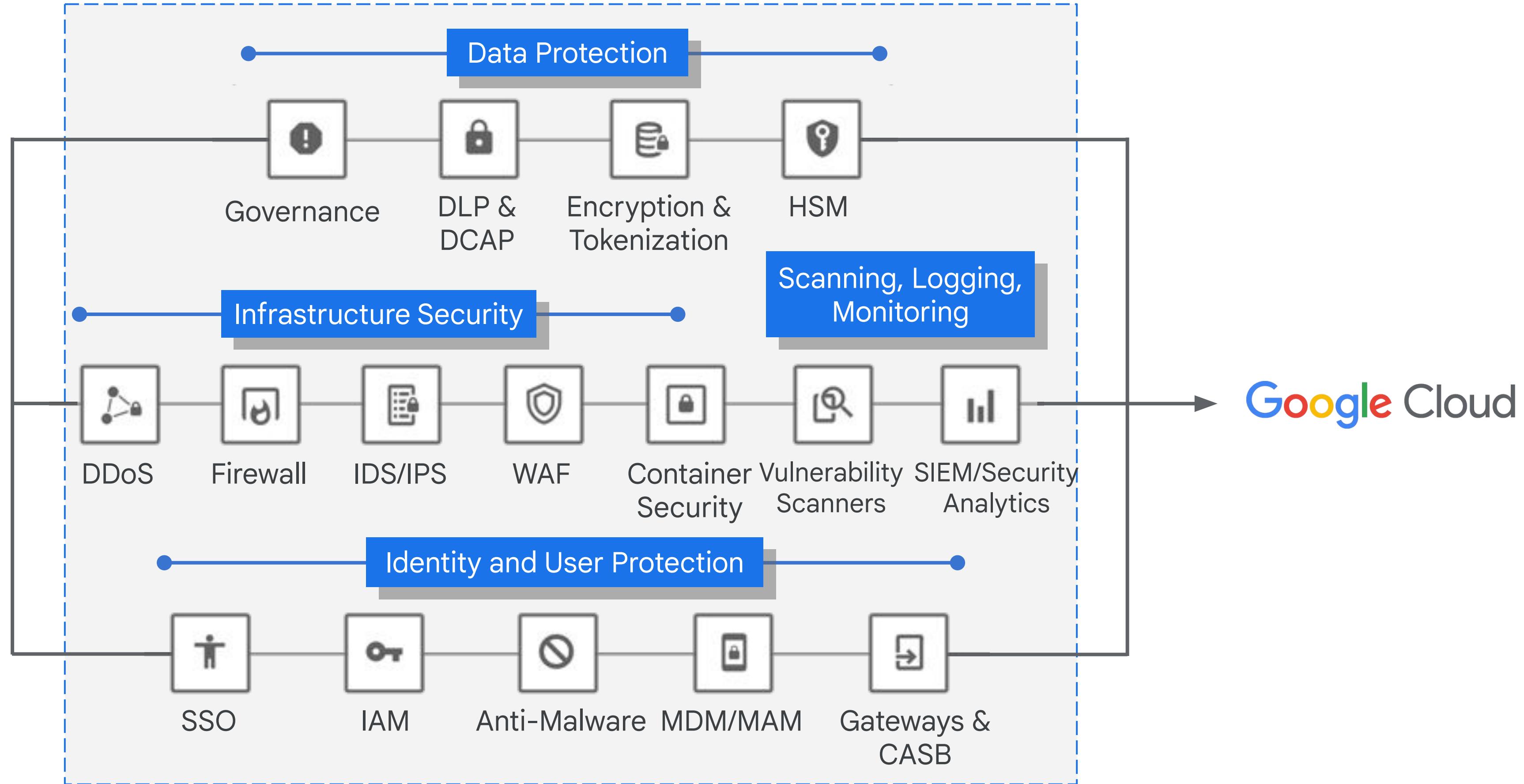
Right Interface: New rule

- Description (Optional):** (empty)
- Condition:**
 - Type:** IP addresses/ranges
 - Match:** You can put up to 5 IP addresses or ranges per rule. Use comma to separate IP address/ranges.
71.178.221.0/24
- Action:** Allow (selected), Deny
- Preview only:** Enable
- Priority:** Priority is evaluated from 1 (highest) to 2,147,483,647 (lowest)
1000
- Buttons:** Done, Cancel

Other Google Cloud Armor features

- Supports variety of load balancers:
 - Global external HTTP(S)
 - Global external HTTP(S) (classic)
 - External TCP proxy
 - External SSL proxy
- Supports:
 - Rate limiting
 - Adaptive protection
 - Google Cloud Armor bot management with reCAPTCHA Enterprise
 - Custom rules language



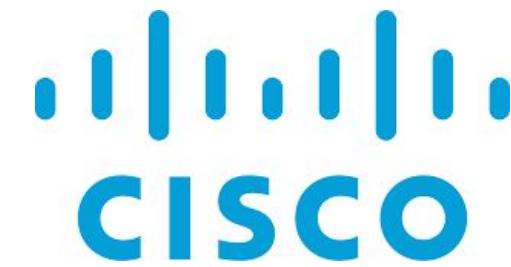


Infrastructure protection partners



<https://cloud.google.com/security/partners/>

Data protection partners



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Logging and monitoring partners



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Configuration, vulnerability, risk, and compliance



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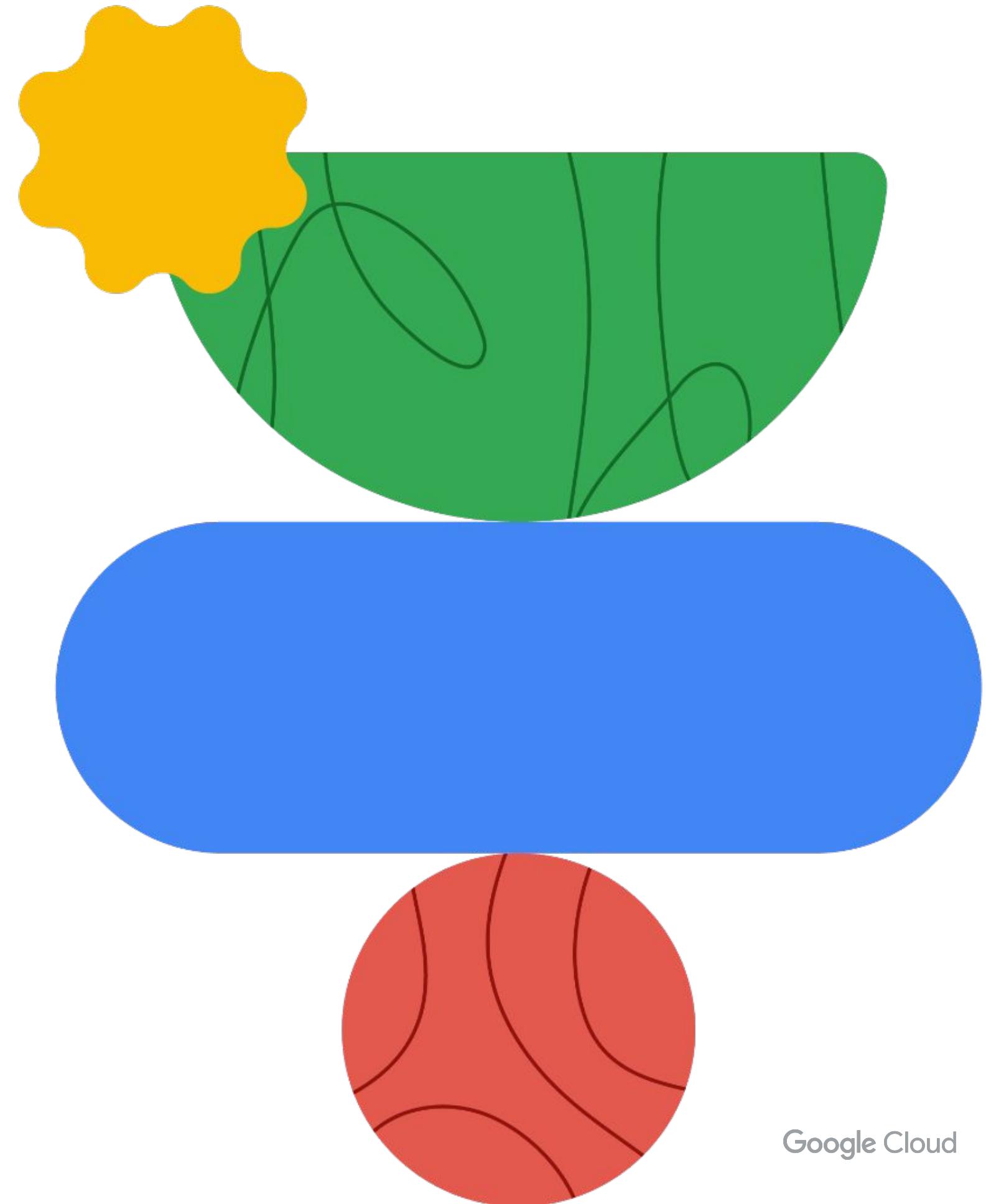


MetricStream

 **RedLock**
Cloud Threat Defense

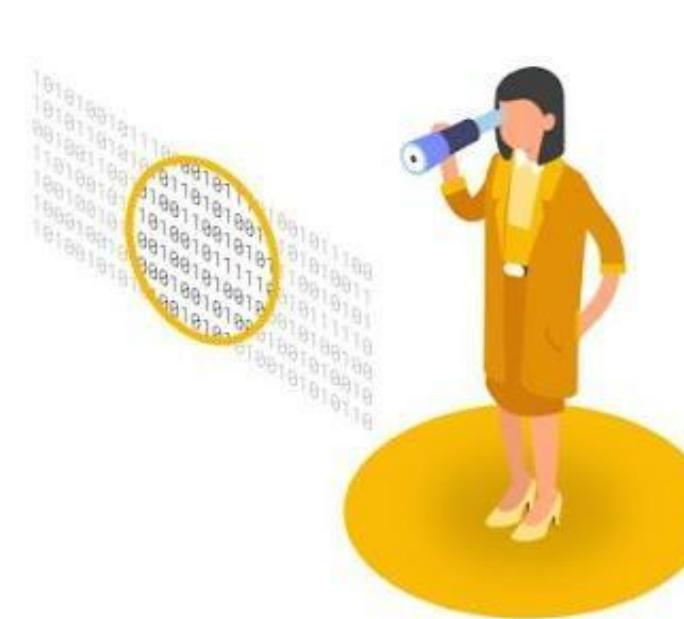
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Content-related vulnerabilities

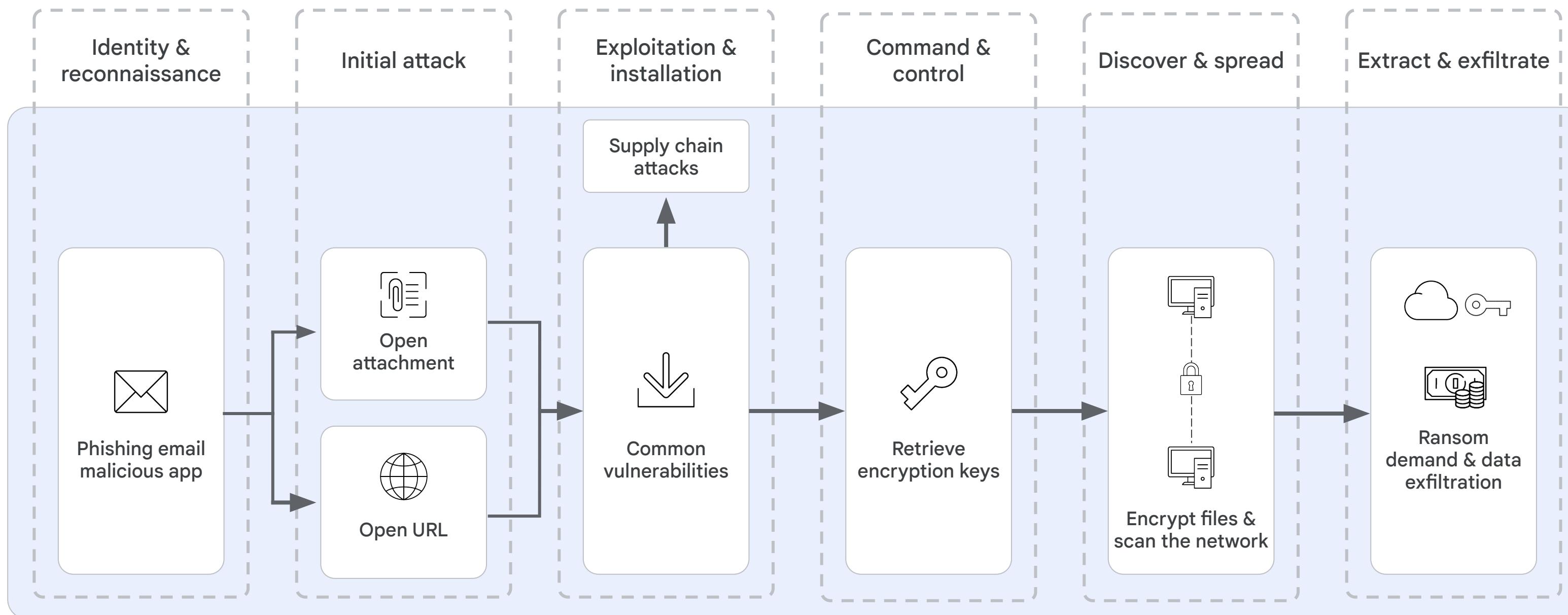


What is ransomware?

- A prominent threat infecting enterprise networks is ransomware.
- Hackers threaten to publish the victim's data or perpetually block access to data unless a ransom is paid.
- Commonly uses cryptoviral extortion to make data inaccessible.



How ransomware works



Ransomware mitigations

- Google Cloud provides multiple layers of protection.
- Most protections are automated and available by default.



Automated mitigations

- Google has global visibility into malicious sites and content.
- This visibility makes the detection of incoming attacks very effective.



End-user protection

- Gmail automatically prevents many malicious attacks from reaching inboxes.
- Google Safe Browsing identifies dangerous links.
- Google Drive scans files for malware.



Data-related mitigations

There are a few things you can do to help reduce vulnerabilities and their ramifications:



Make regular backups



Use IAM best practices



Use the Data Loss Prevention API

Data-related mitigations: Backups

- Ransomware often targets backups to prevent data recovery.
- Having durable, secure backups can mitigate effects of ransomware.



Data-related mitigations: IAM best practices



Restrict administrative access:

- Principle of least privilege

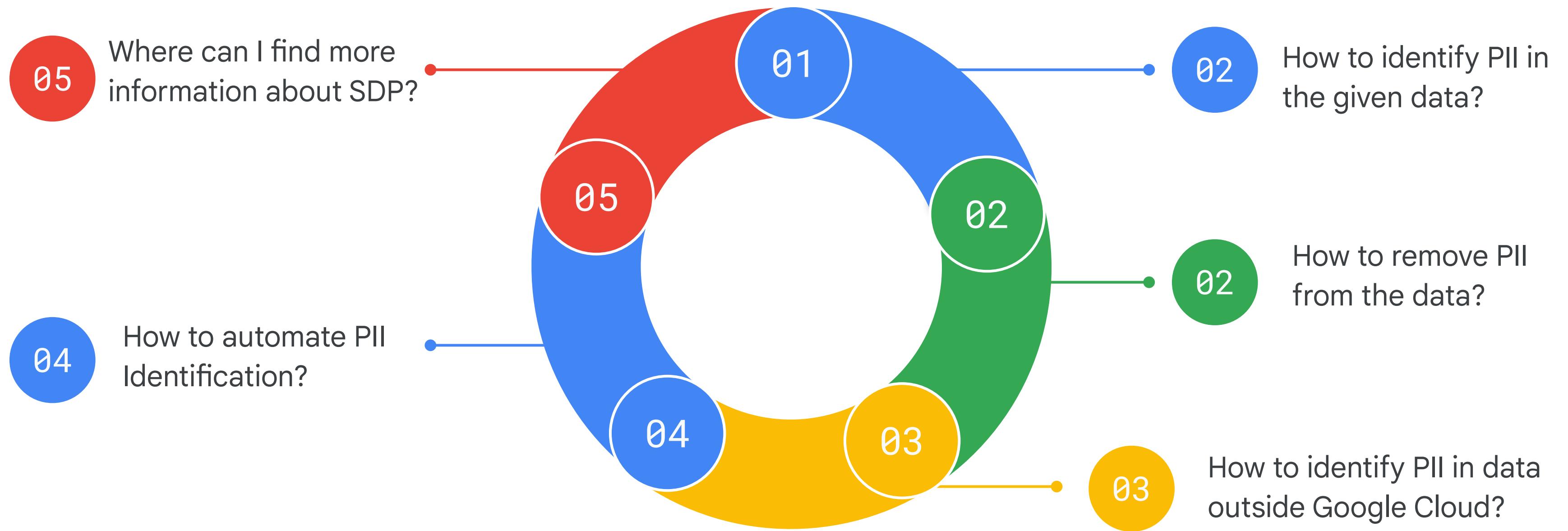


Restrict code execution:

- Use service accounts with appropriate roles.



Questions we will try to answer...



Cloud DLP: Core capabilities

Fully managed and highly-scalable service designed to help enterprises discover, classify, and protect their most sensitive data.

Discover and classify sensitive data

- automatic SDP for BigQuery
- deep inspection for BigQuery and Cloud Storage
- support for structured and unstructured
- real-time and at rest

De-identify

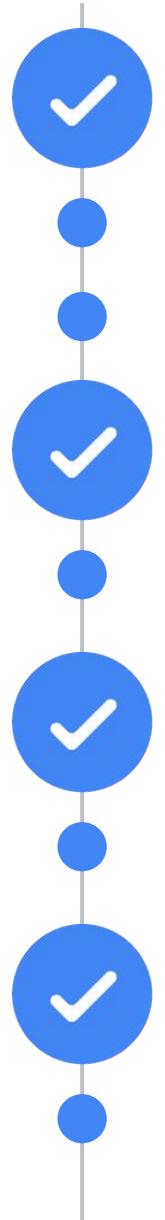
De-identify to help protect data and reduce compliance risk including masking, tokenization, bucketing, date-shifting, and more.

Re-ID Risk analysis

Re-ID Risk analysis to understand statistical anomalies that can lead to increased privacy risk.

This adds additional layers of governance and protection for sensitive data like PII. Complementing traditional security, encryption, and access control

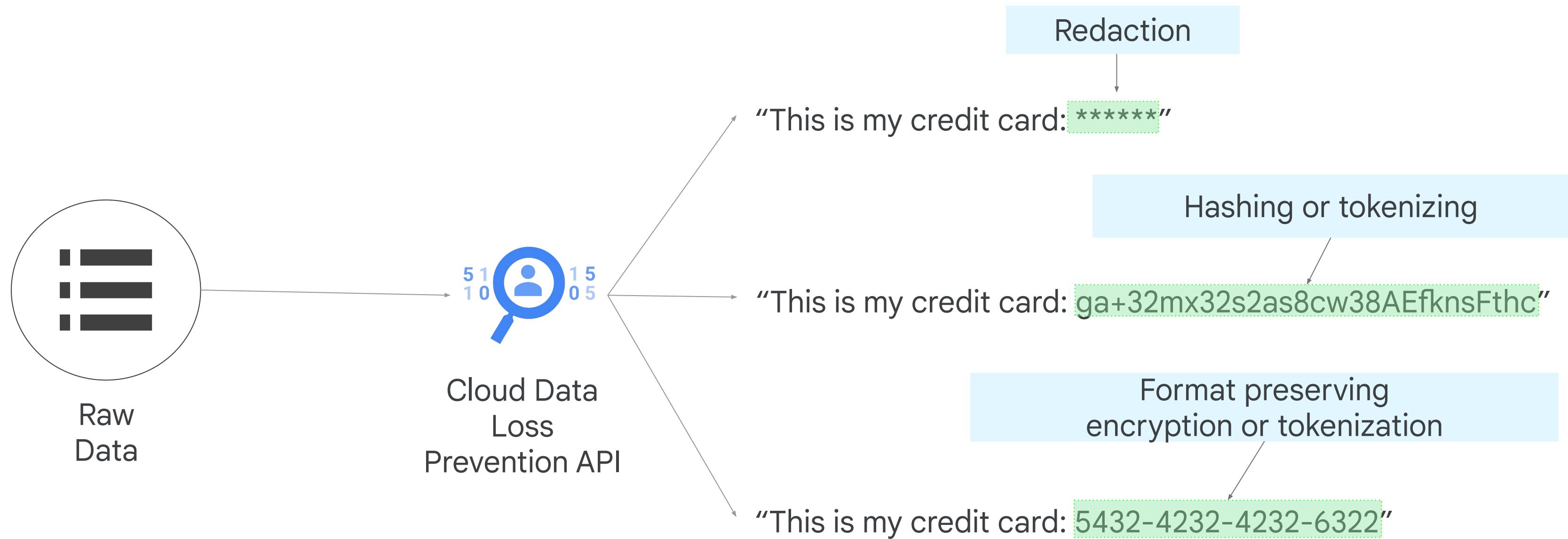
Data Loss Prevention (DLP)



- API to help classify and redact sensitive data
- Helps customers meet their compliance obligations
- Works with image or text data
- Data can be in Google Cloud, other clouds, or on-premises
- Built-in support for BigQuery, Datastore, and Cloud Storage
- 150-plus built-in detectors for common sensitive data items
 - E.g., credit card numbers
- Detectors can be customized to classify/redact new data items
 - E.g., social security numbers in a particular country's format

Cloud Data Loss Prevention (Cloud DLP)

Provides programmatic access to a powerful detection engine for PII Data



Predefined content detectors for 40+ countries

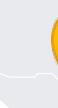
Canada

Quebec Health Insurance Number (QHIN)
Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)
British Columbia Personal Health Number (PHN)
Social Insurance Number (SIN)



United States

Social Security Number
Driver's License number
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Number
ABA Routing Number
National Provider Identifier (NPI)
CUSIP
FDA Approved Prescription Drugs



Global

Credit Card Number
Bank Account Number (IBAN)
Bank Account Number (SWIFT)
ICD 9-CM Lexicon Global
ICD 10-CM Lexicon

United Kingdom

Driver's License Number
National Health Service (NHS) Number
National Insurance Number (NINO)



Spain

NIF Number
NIE Number



Netherlands

National Identification Number (BSN)

France

National ID Card (CNI)
Social Security Number (NIR)



India

Personal Permanent
Account Number (PAN)

Australia

Medicare Account Number
Tax File Number (TFN)



Brazil

CPF Number

[Build Custom infoType detectors](#)

How to identify PII in the given data?

InfoTypes as defined in DLP:

Global

- Example: FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, CREDIT_CARD_NUMBER

Country specific

- Example: US_SOCIAL_SECURITY_NUMBER

Custom

- Small custom dictionary detectors
- Large custom dictionary detectors
- Regular expressions (regex)

How to identify PII in the given data?

How likely is the match?

ENUM	Description
LIKELIHOOD_UNSPECIFIED	Default value, same as POSSIBLE.
VERY_UNLIKELY	It is very unlikely that the data matches the given InfoType.
UNLIKELY	It is unlikely that the data matches the given InfoType.
POSSIBLE	It is possible that the data matches the given InfoType.
LIKELY	It is likely that the data matches the given InfoType.
VERY_LIKELY	It is very likely that the data matches the given InfoType.

Identifying PII - DLP uses pattern plus context

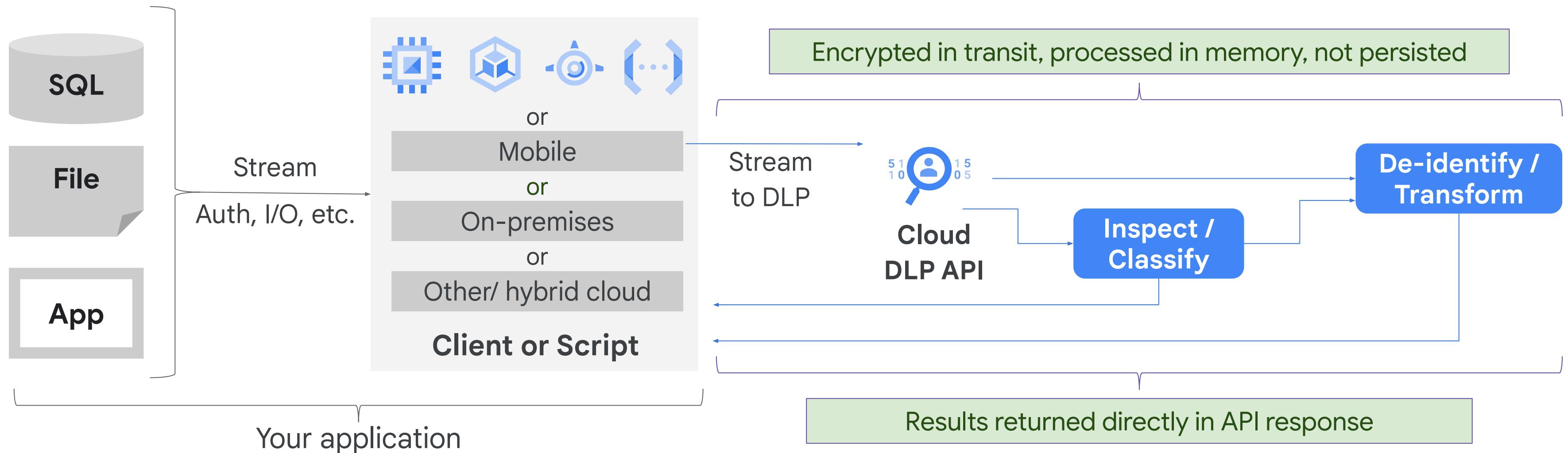
Pattern

Does the text match predefined regular expression pattern?

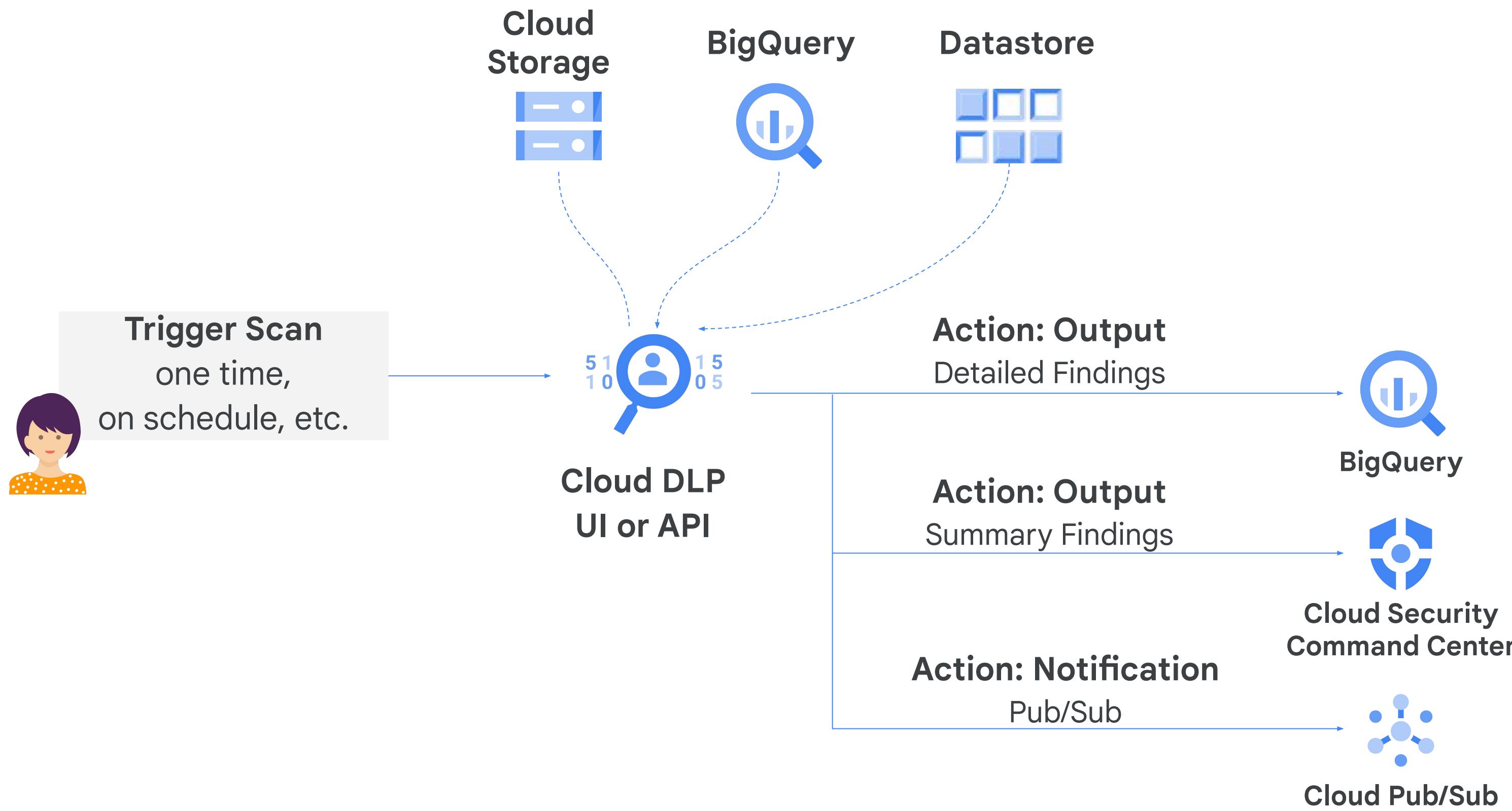
Context

Is there positive or negative context around the identified pattern?

Implementing Cloud DLP (content methods)



Implementing Cloud DLP (storage methods)



Life of a Cloud DLP request

Input

Jennifer Nyongo, born on May 12th, 1985 was admitted into the hospital on 5/5/1998. She was prescribed Ibuprofen for a diagnosis of degeneration of cervical intervertebral disc.

Contact Dr. Smith at 412-432-1244.

Her SSN is 555-44-1111 and her MRN is AH444432.

Data Loss
Prevention API



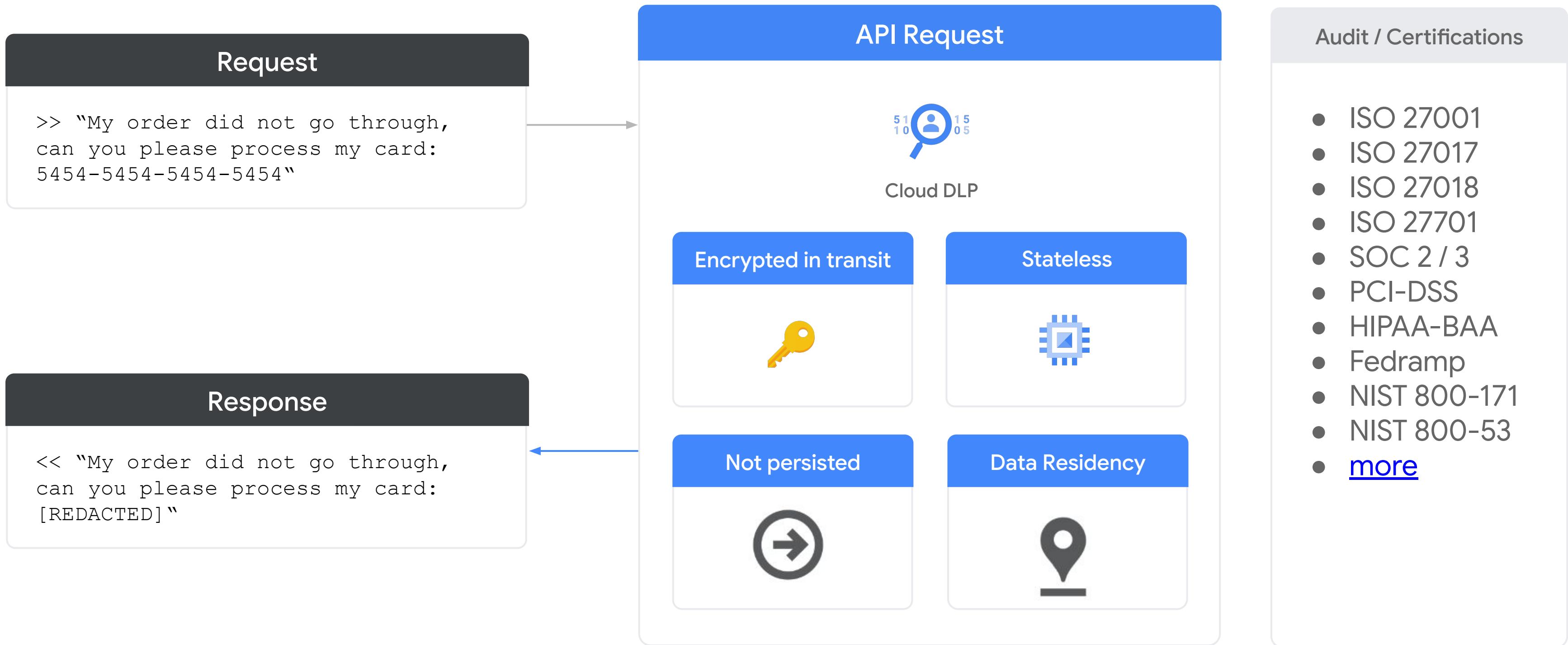
Masked output

[PERSON_NAME], born on [DATE_OF_BIRTH] was admitted into the hospital on [DATE]. She was prescribed [FDA_CODE] for a diagnosis of [MEDICAL_TERM].

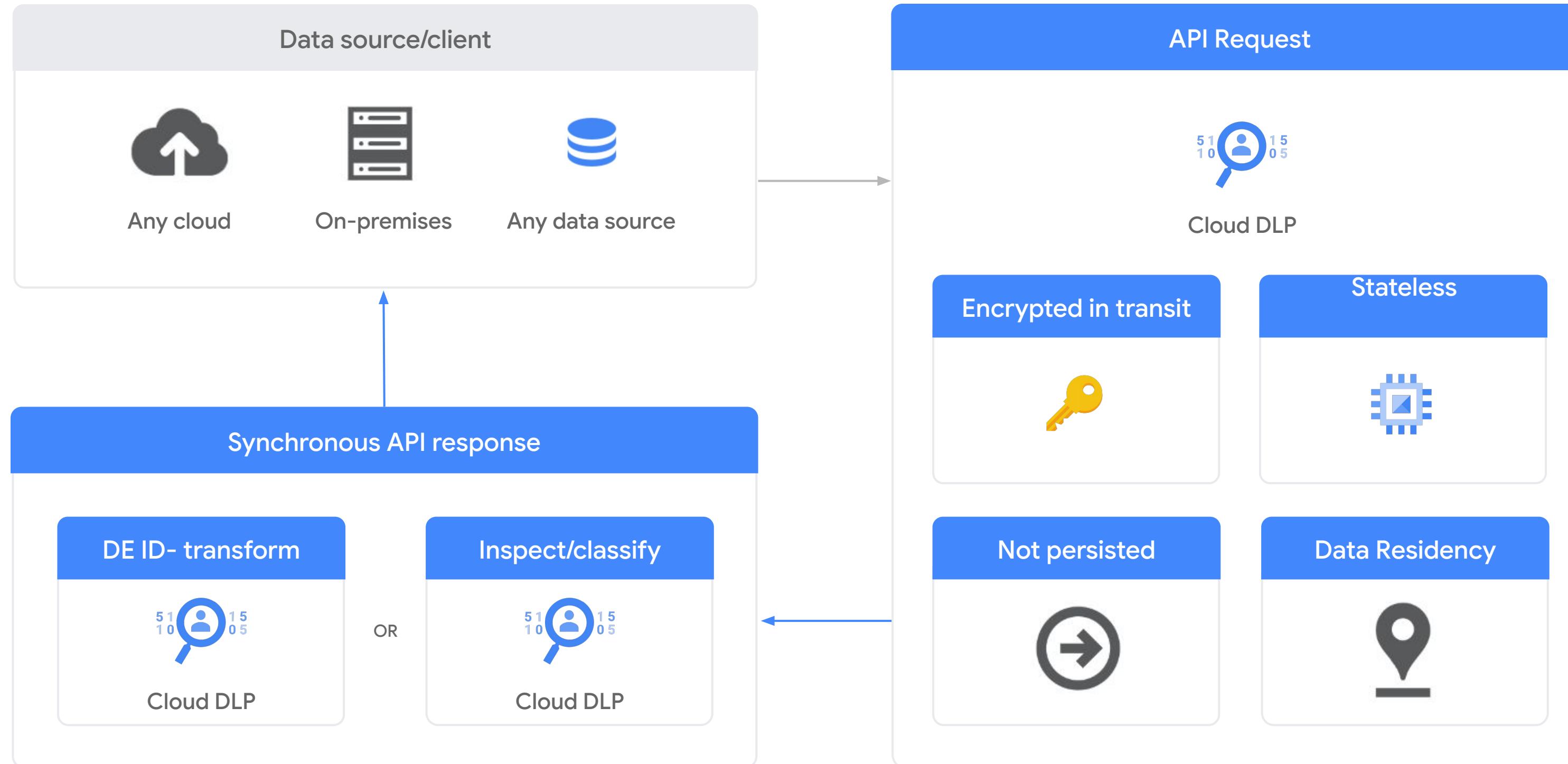
Contact [PERSON_NAME] at [PHONE_NUMBER].

Her SSN is [US_SOCIAL_SECURITY_NUMBER] and her MRN is [GENERIC_ID].

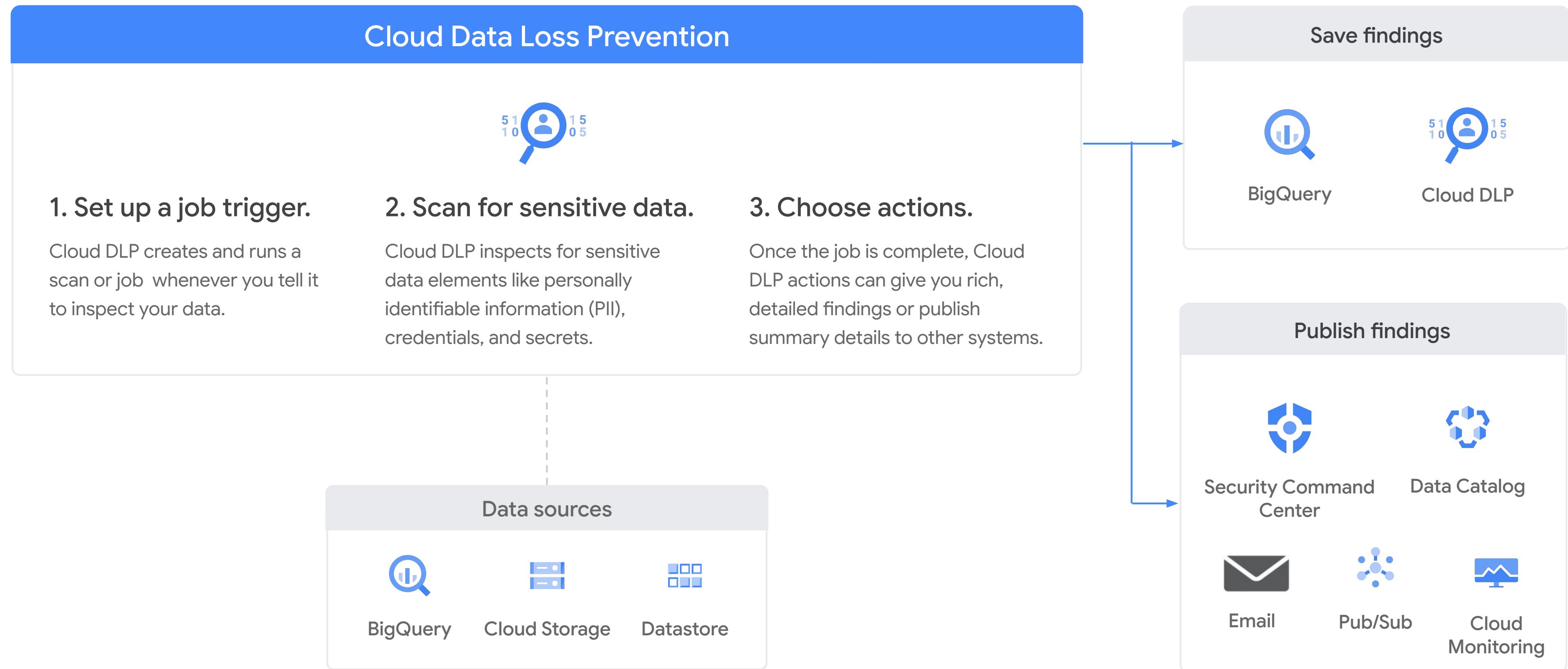
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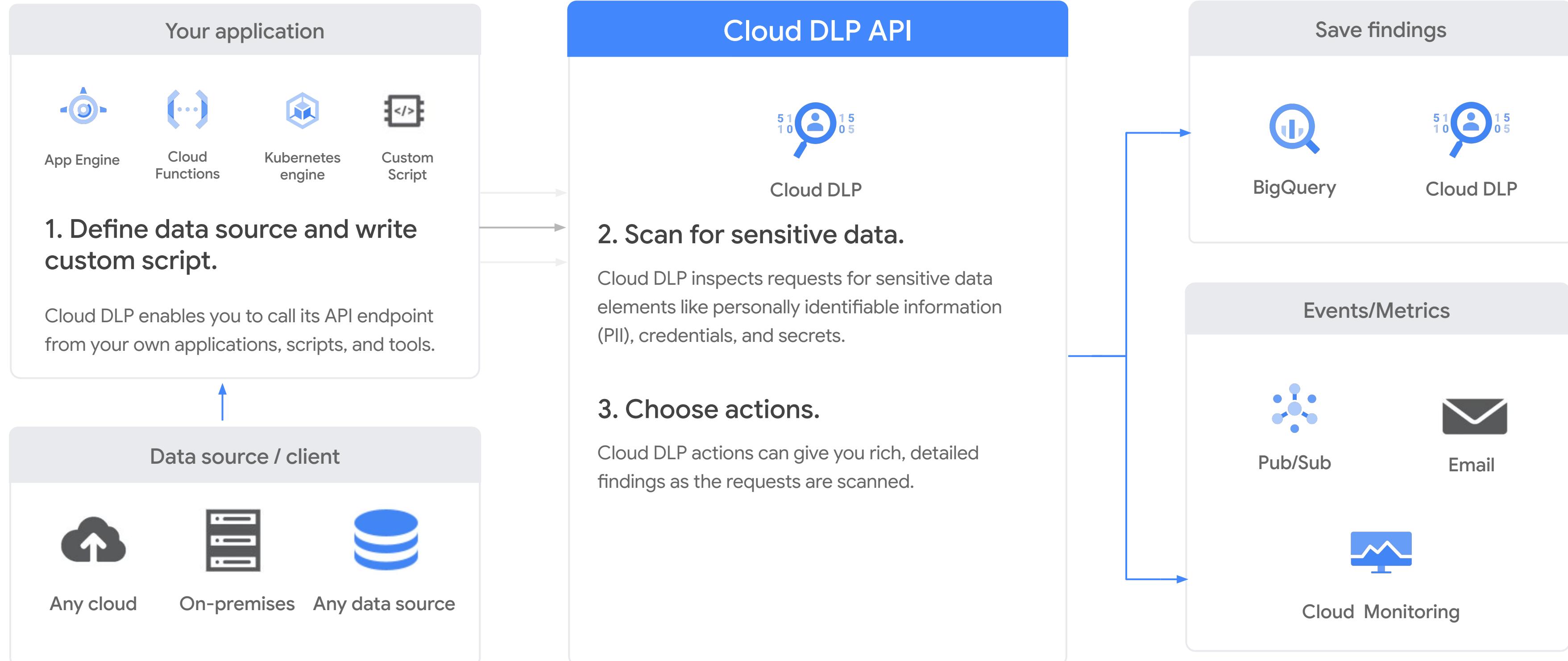
How does Cloud DLP work: Content methods



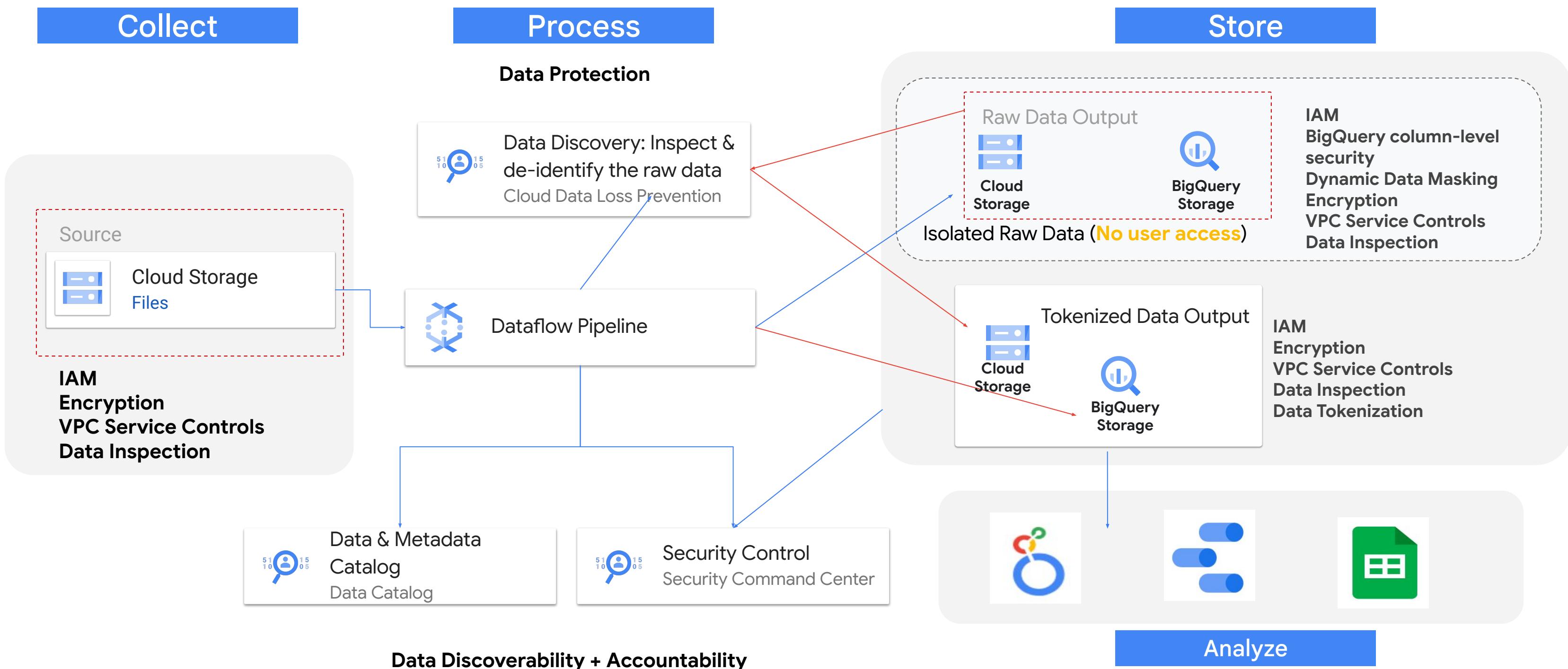
How does Cloud DLP work: Storage methods



How does Cloud DLP work: Hybrid methods

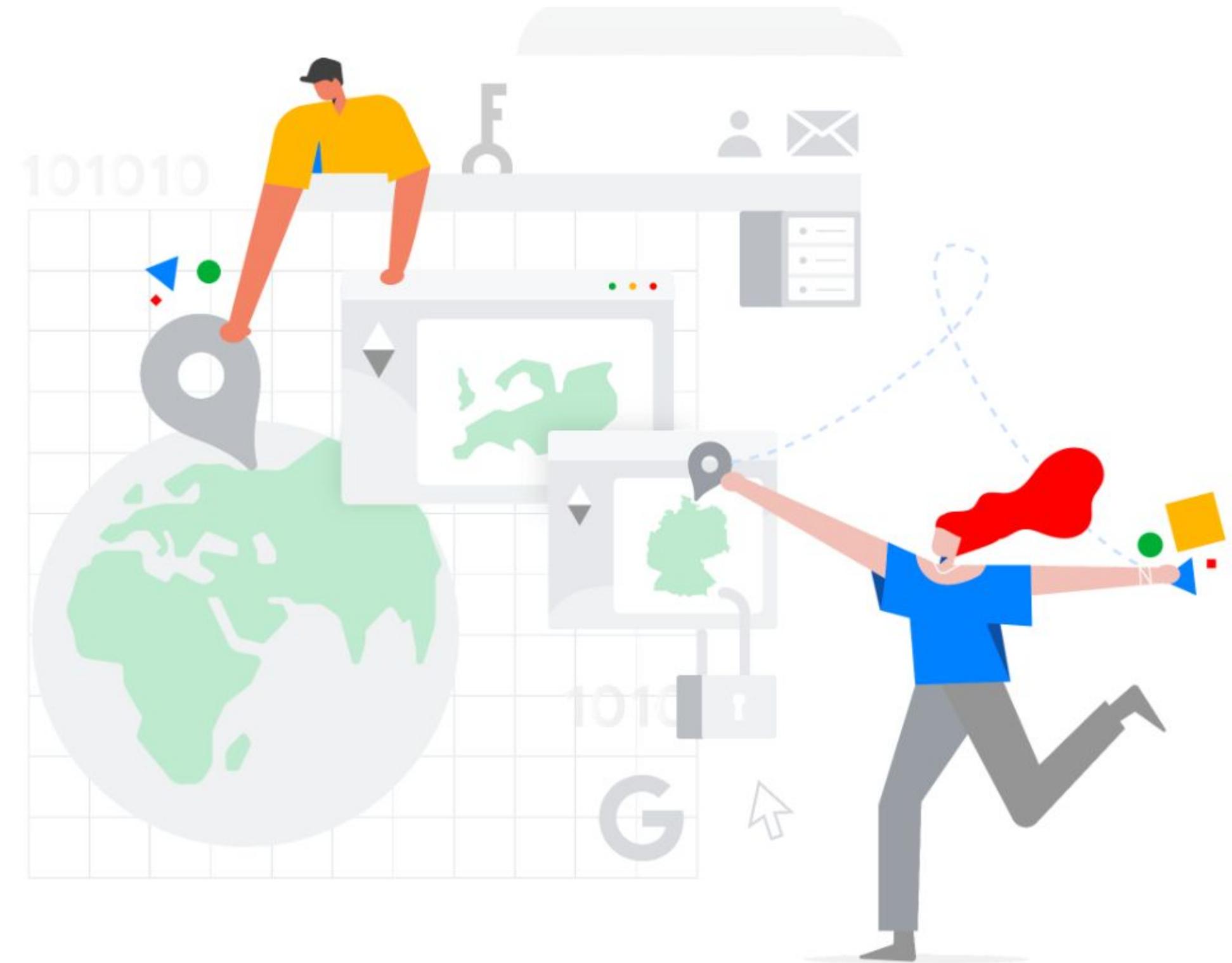


Data inspection and de-identification using dataflow



DLP regional endpoints

- Specify a region in which to perform your Cloud DLP operations.
- Control where your sensitive data is processed.



DLP regional endpoints

```
POST https://www.googleapis.com/dlp/v2/projects/[PROJECT-ID]/locations/global/content:inspect
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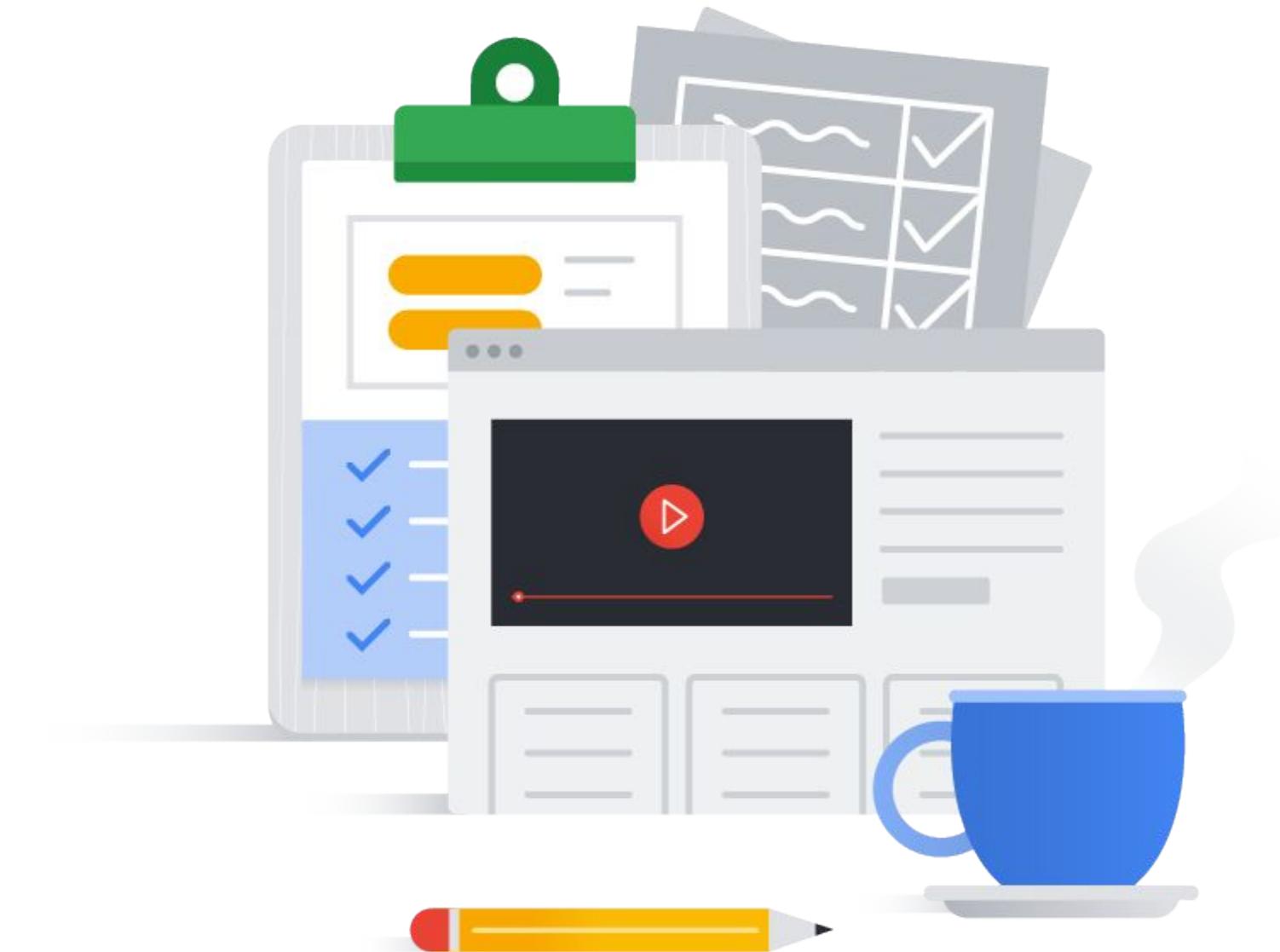
Region-specific request

To specify a region for processing, within the resource URL, insert `locations/` and then the region name.

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POST https://www.googleapis.com/dlp/v2/projects/[PROJECT-ID]/locations/us-west2/content:inspect
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DLP Additional resources

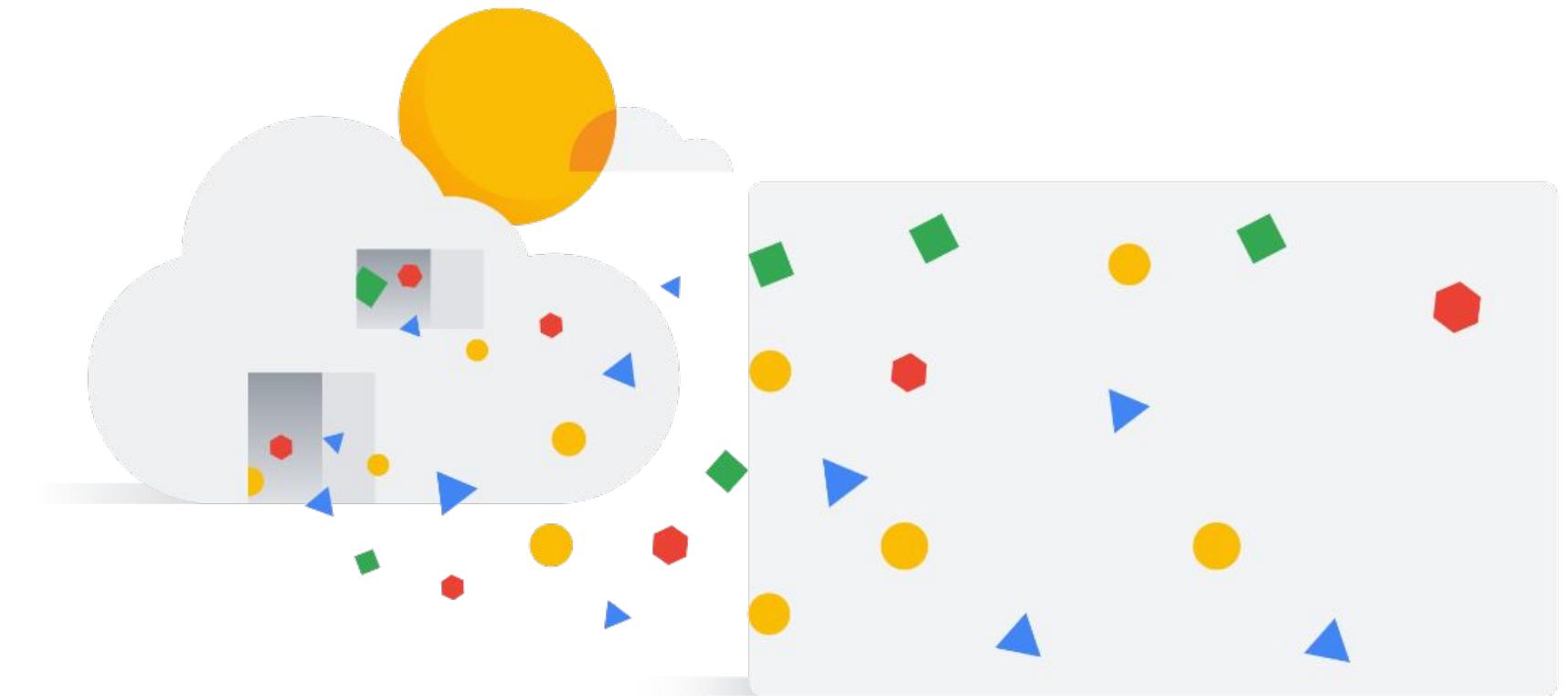
- [Youtube series](#)
- [De-identification and re-identification of PII in large-scale datasets using Cloud DLP](#)



Data misuse

Data misuse is the inappropriate use of data.

- Can be a legal/regulatory violation.
- Can also be use of the data in a way that was not intended when collected.



Types of data misuse

- Exposing sensitive content
- Allowing access to restricted content
- Inadvertently including unacceptable content



Privacy violations

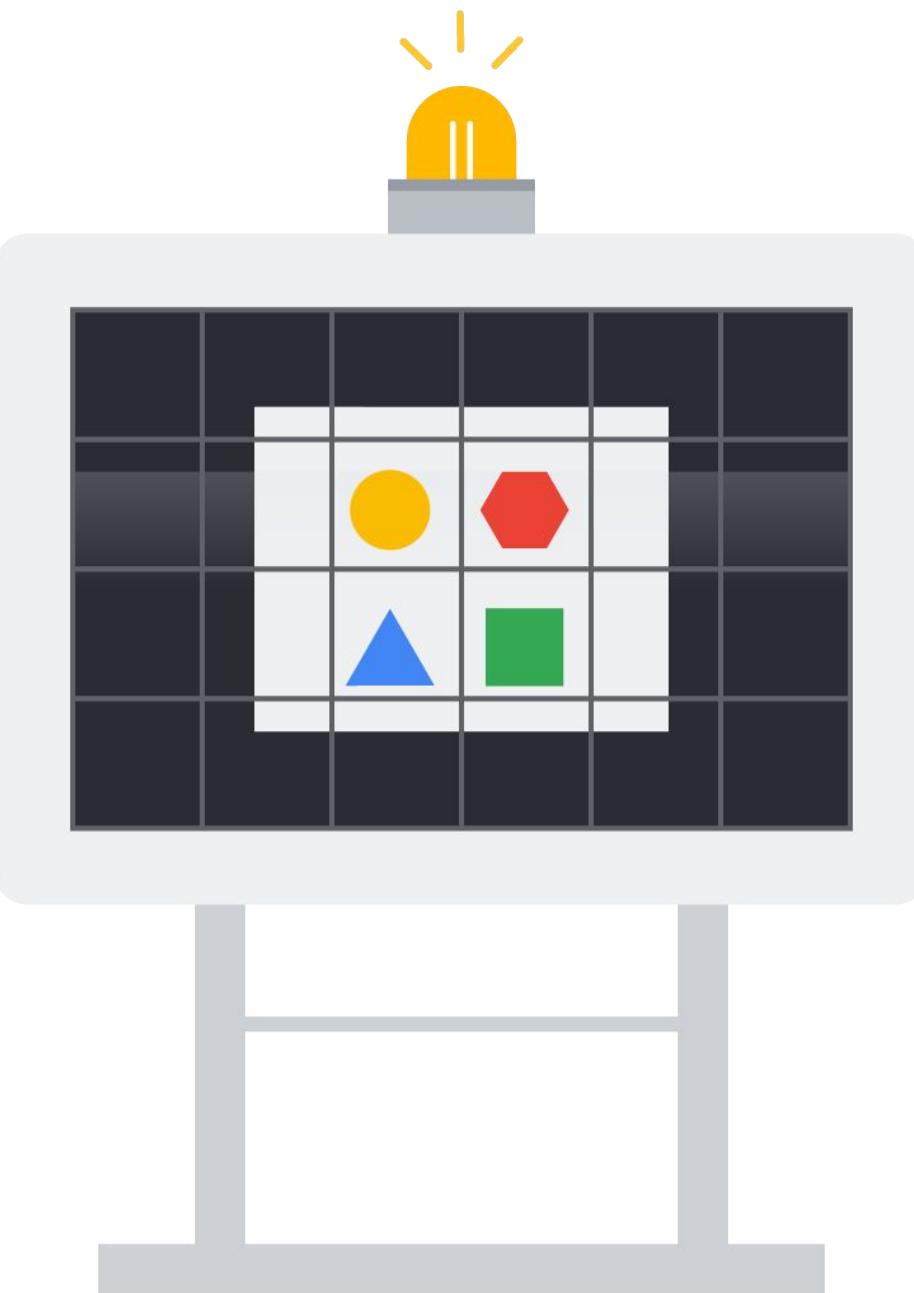
Accidentally exposing sensitive data can have additional ramifications:

- Videos
- Hands-on exercises
- Quizzes



Mitigation strategies

-  Classifying content
-  Scanning and redacting content
-  Detecting unacceptable content



Mitigation: Classifying content

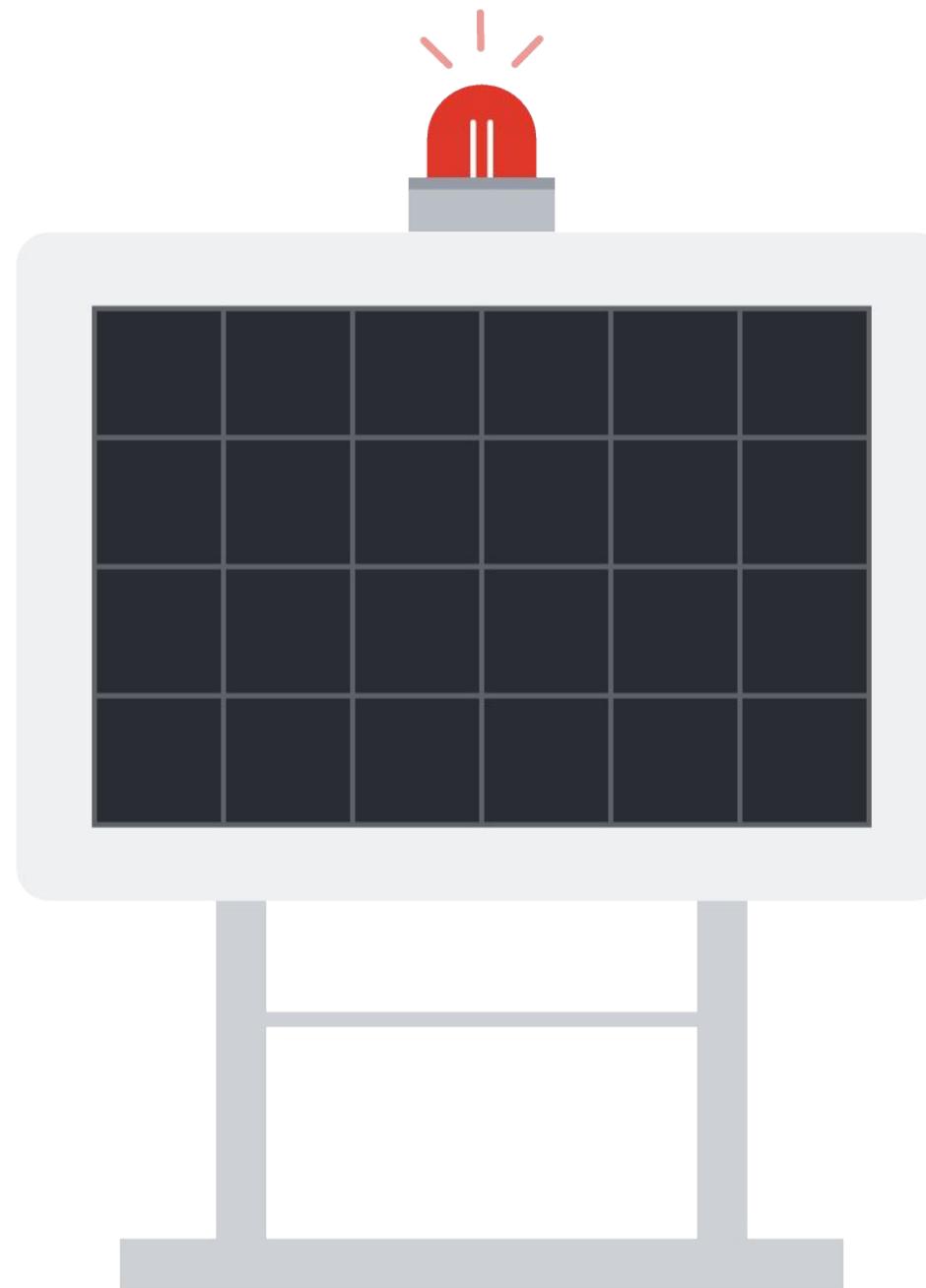
Classifying content using the Cloud Natural Language API:

- Classifies content into categories along with a confidence score.



Mitigation: Detecting unacceptable content

- Moderate content and detect inappropriate content.
- The Cloud Vision API easily detects different types of inappropriate content, from adult to violent content.



Mitigation: Scanning and redacting content (1/2)

Leverage the Cloud Data Loss Prevention API:

- Scan all documents for sensitive data before publication.
- Redact any sensitive data.



Mitigation: Scanning and redacting content (2/2)



Original

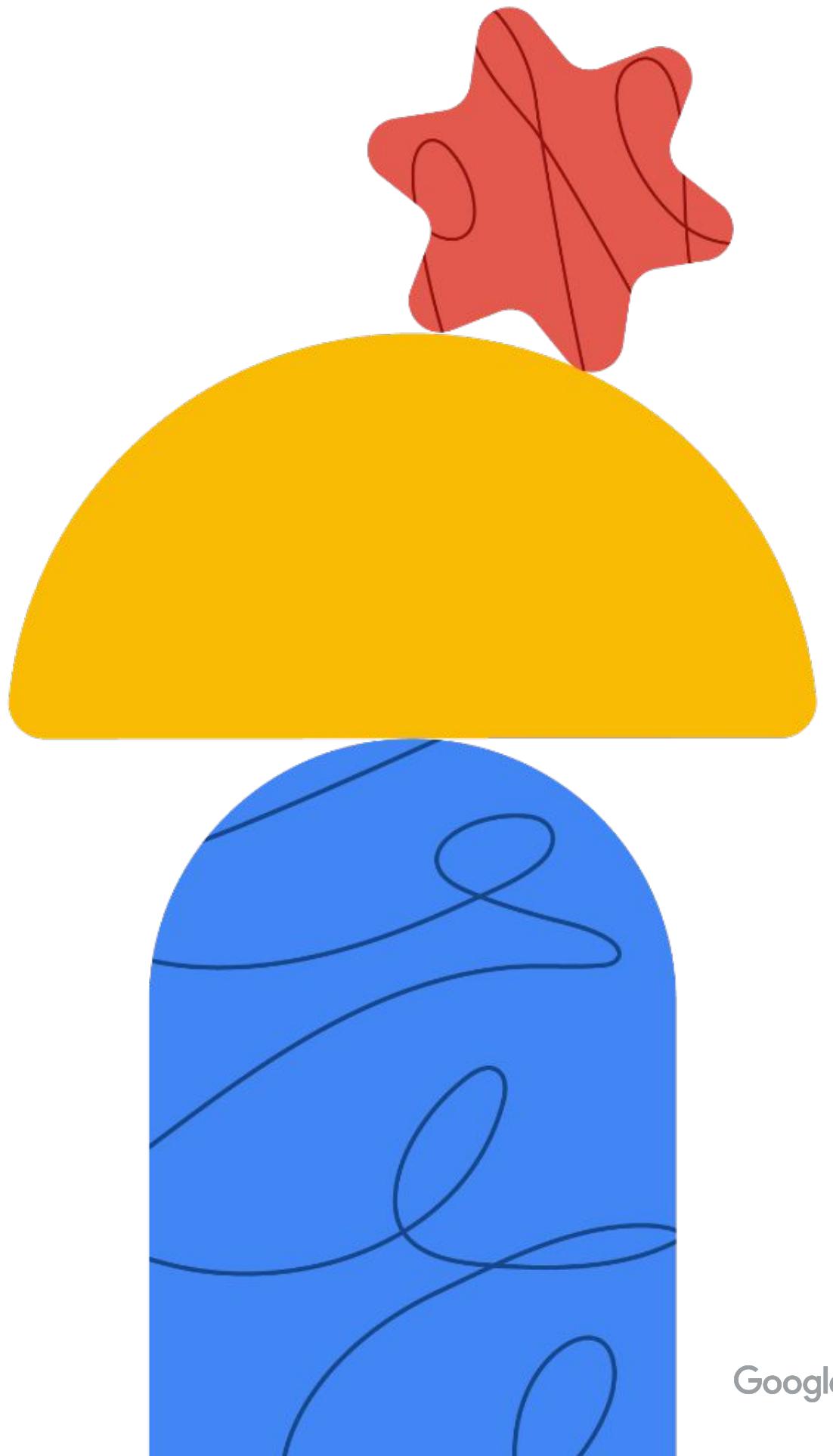
Hello, my name is Thomas Anderson. I received a message that my account has been closed. Can you please reopen my? Do you need my SSN: 123-45-6789. Please call +1-727-555-1212 or email thomas.anderson@example.org



Redacted

Hello, my name is Thomas Anderson. I received a message that my account has been closed. Can you please reopen my? Do you need my SSN: [REDACTED] Please call [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Monitoring, logging, auditing, and scanning



Security Command Center provides a centralized view for cloud resources

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Platform Security Command Center interface. The left sidebar lists various security features: Security Command Center, Threat detectors, Vulnerability detectors, Cloud Phising Protection, VM Patching, Access Transparency, Identity-aware Proxy, Cryptographic Keys, VPC Service Controls, Binary Authorization, Access Context Management, and Security Scanner. The main dashboard has tabs for DASHBOARD, ASSET, and FINDINGS. The DASHBOARD tab is selected, showing an 'Assets' section with a table:

Type	Deleted	New	Total
All	2	23	500
Organization	3	3	50
Project	0	10	40
Application	0	1	30
Service	0	0	30
Address	0	0	20
Disk	0	0	10
Firewall	0	23	5
instance	2	3	4
Network	3	1	3
Route	2	3	2
Subnetwork	1	4	1
Kind	2	3	1
Bucket	3	4	1

The FINDINGS tab is selected, showing a 'Findings Summary' section with 631 total security findings. It includes a table:

Source	Count	Type	Count
Event Threat Detection	374	RedLock	10
Security Health Analytics	112	Cloudflare	10
Enterprise Phishing Protection	15	Qualys	8
Crowdstrike	14	Data Loss Prevention	7
Palo Alto Networks	12	+10 more	

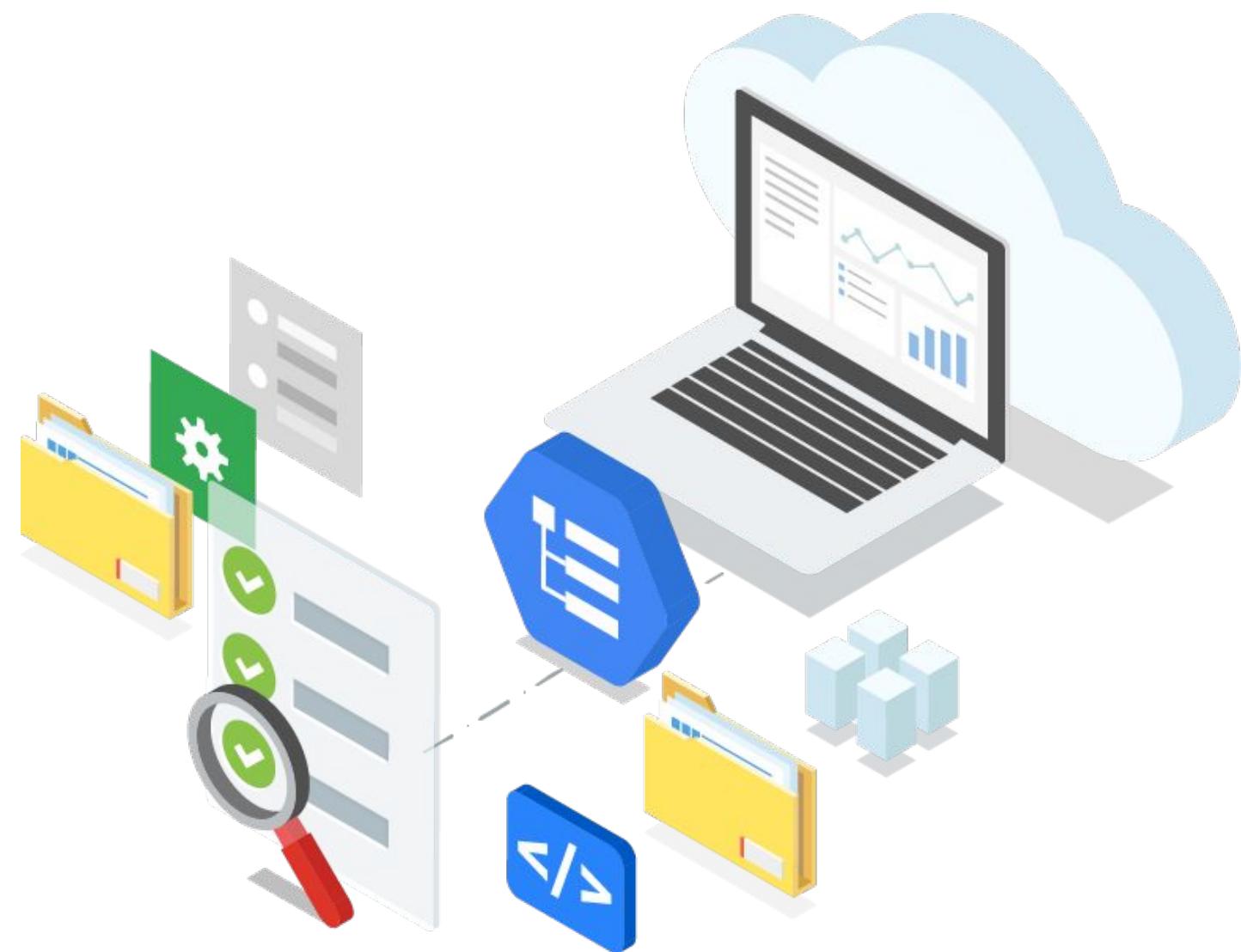
Below this is an 'Event Threat Detection' section with 374 total security findings, showing active threats over the last 24 hours and 7 days. It includes two tables:

Threat	Severity	Count
Malware: domain		8
Cryptomining: IP		4
Malware: hash		4
Brute force: SSH		2

Type	Severity	Count
Malware: domain		52
Malware: IP		37
Malware: hash		32
IAM: anomalous grant		11

Security Command Center helps you prevent, detect, and respond to threats

- Gives centralized visibility into your cloud resources.
- Uncovers machines that are being used for malicious purposes.
- Integrates with both Google and third-party security tools.
- Helps meet compliance requirements.



Security Command Center works by generating “findings” associated with assets

- Security Command Center scans for assets at least once a day.
- Dashboard displays any findings (possible security risks).
- Findings come from Google Cloud, third-party solutions, or other security detectors.



Security Command Center requires two IAM administrative permissions to set up

- **Organization Administrator** role -
roles/resourcemanager.organizationAdmin
- **Security Center Admin** role -
roles/securitycenter.admin



Security Command Center: Standard tier

Standard tier

Security Health Analytics

Web Security Scanner custom scans

Security Command Center errors

Support for granting users IAM roles at the organization level

Access to integrated Google Cloud services
(Cloud DLP, Google Cloud Armor, Anomaly Detection)

Integration with BigQuery

Free!

Security Command Center: Premium tier

Premium tier

All standard features

Event Threat Detection

Container Threat Detection

Virtual Machine Threat Detection

Security Health Analytics

Web Security Scanner (additional OWASP top 10 detectors)

Continuous Exports feature

Security Command Center: Enterprise tier

Enterprise tier

All standard and premium features

Multi cloud support

SIEM capabilities

SOAR capabilities

Expanded detection of software vulnerabilities in VMs and containers

Security Command Center prices vary

- Any costs associated with the Security Command Center tier.
- Any costs associated with additional paid scanners (Cloud DLP, third-party partner).
- Any App Engine costs associated with using Web Security Scanner.



Cloud Audit Logs



Who?



did what?



where and when?

Security automation benefits

- Improves consistency, quickness, and reliability.
- Once you have encapsulated some task in automation, anyone can execute the task.
- Allows scaling faster than the growth of threats and assets.



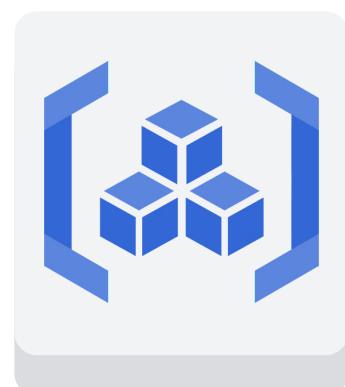
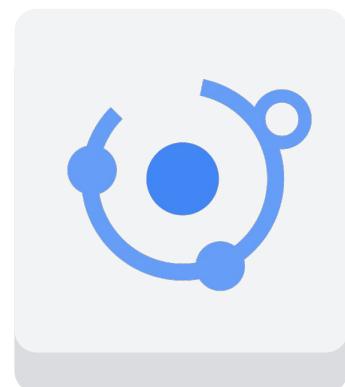
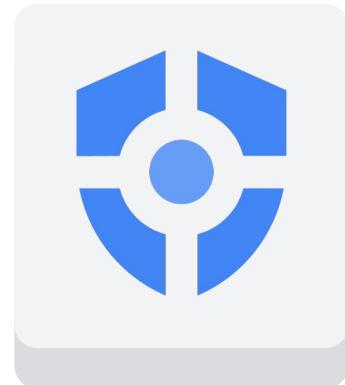
Security automation risks

- Automated responses can sometimes result in disastrous outcomes, if not planned correctly.
 - Example: production systems at a major technology companies deleted.
- Ensure you have:
 - Peer reviews
 - QA & testing
 - Highly descriptive playbooks
 - Other processes in place when developing automated responses



Security automation service examples

- **Security Command Center:** automate the discovery of misconfigurations and vulnerabilities and detect threats targeting your Google Cloud assets.
- **Web Security Scanner:** automates the testing of security vulnerabilities in your web applications by following links and exercising as many user inputs and event handlers as possible.
- **Artifact Registry:** automatically detects risky images from being deployed to Google Kubernetes Engine





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