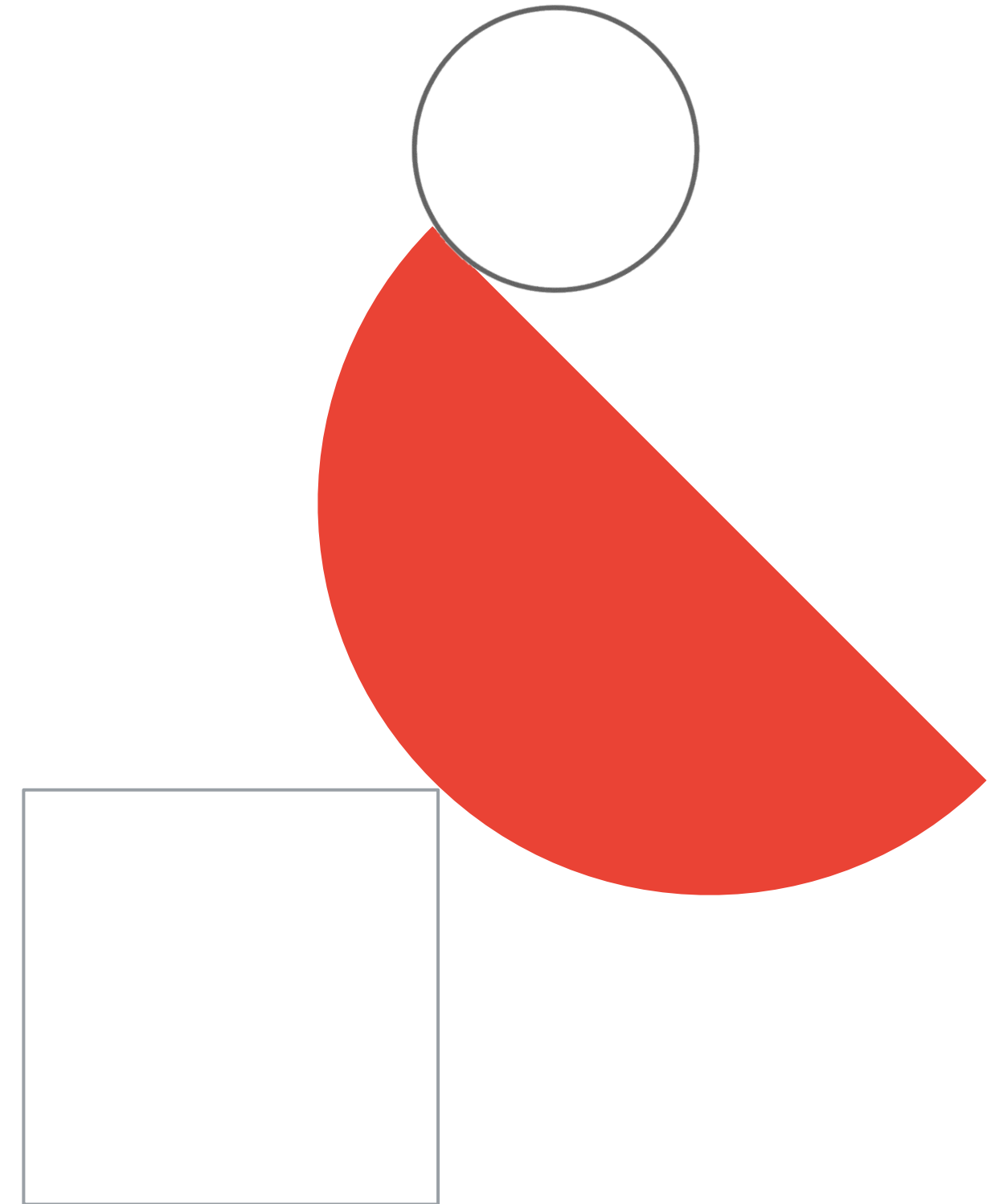


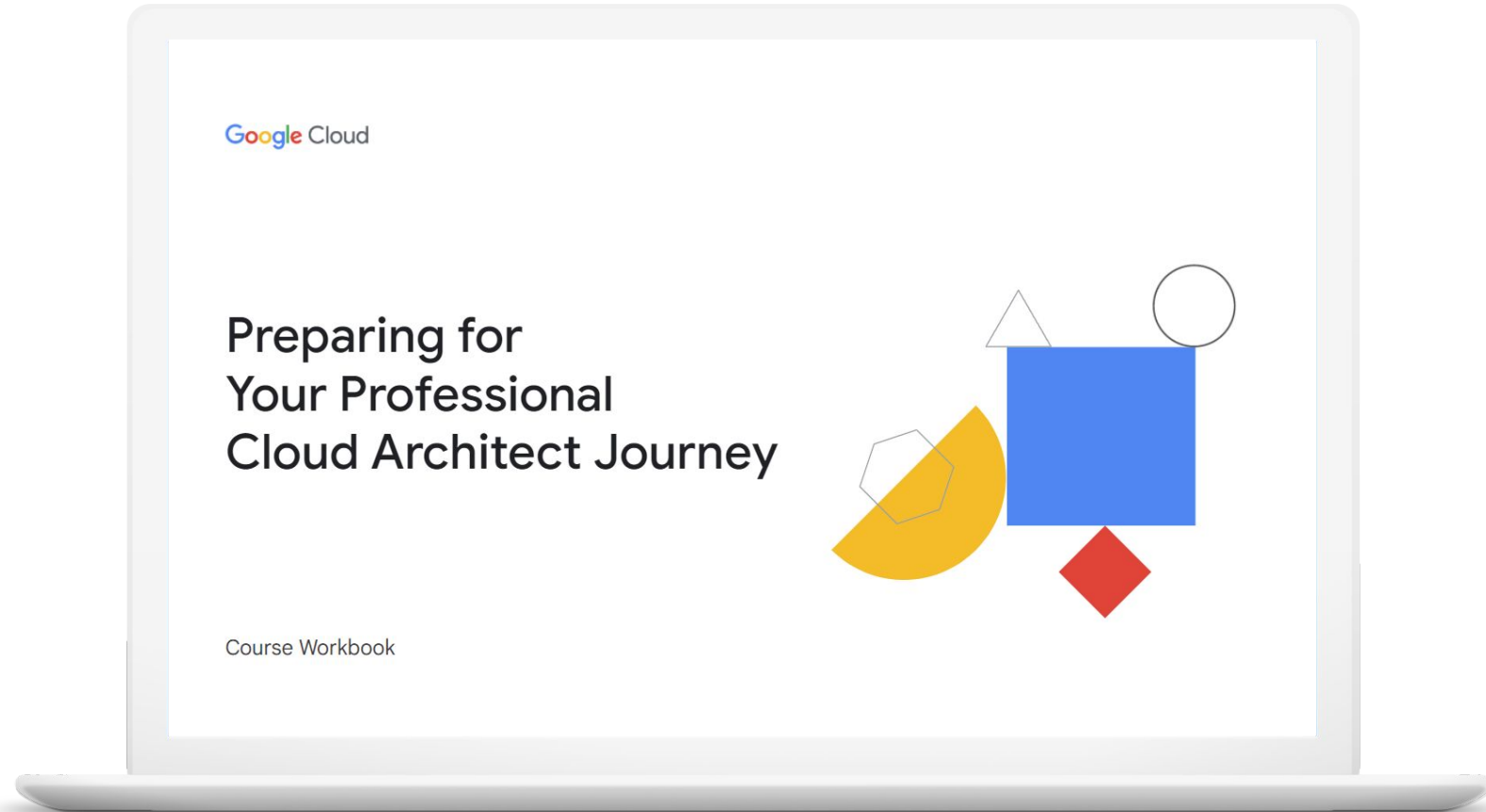
# Diagnostic Questions

for Exam Guide Section 3: Designing  
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Considerations include:

- Identity and access management (IAM)
- Resource hierarchy (organizations, folders, projects)
- Data security (key management, encryption, secret management)
- Separation of duties (SoD)
- Security controls (e.g., auditing, VPC Service Controls, context aware access, organization policy)
- Managing customer-managed encryption keys with Cloud Key Management Service
- Remote access

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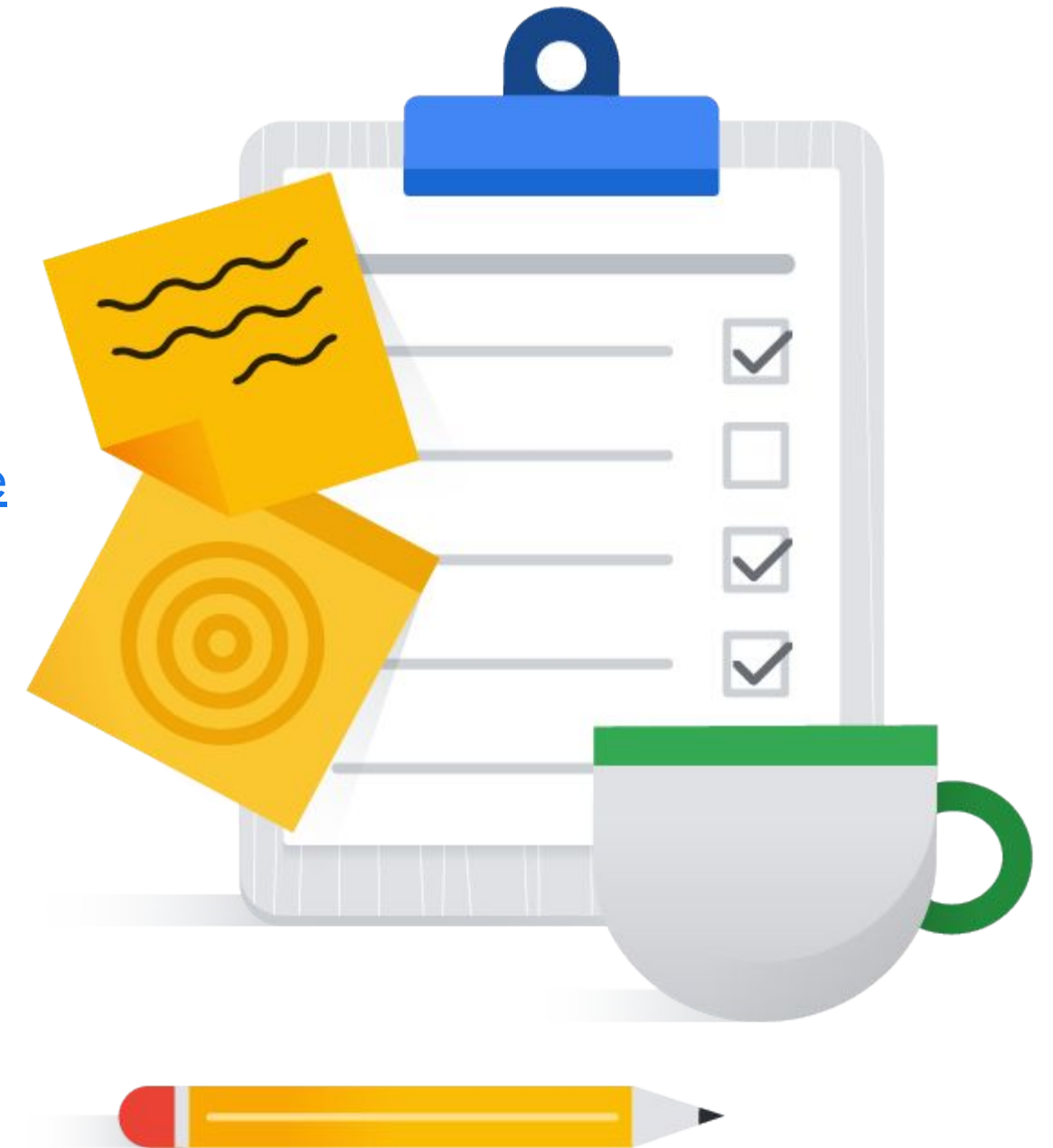
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## 3.2 | Designing for compliance

Considerations include:

- Legislation (e.g., health record privacy, children's privacy, data privacy, and ownership)
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- Industry certifications (e.g., SOC 2)
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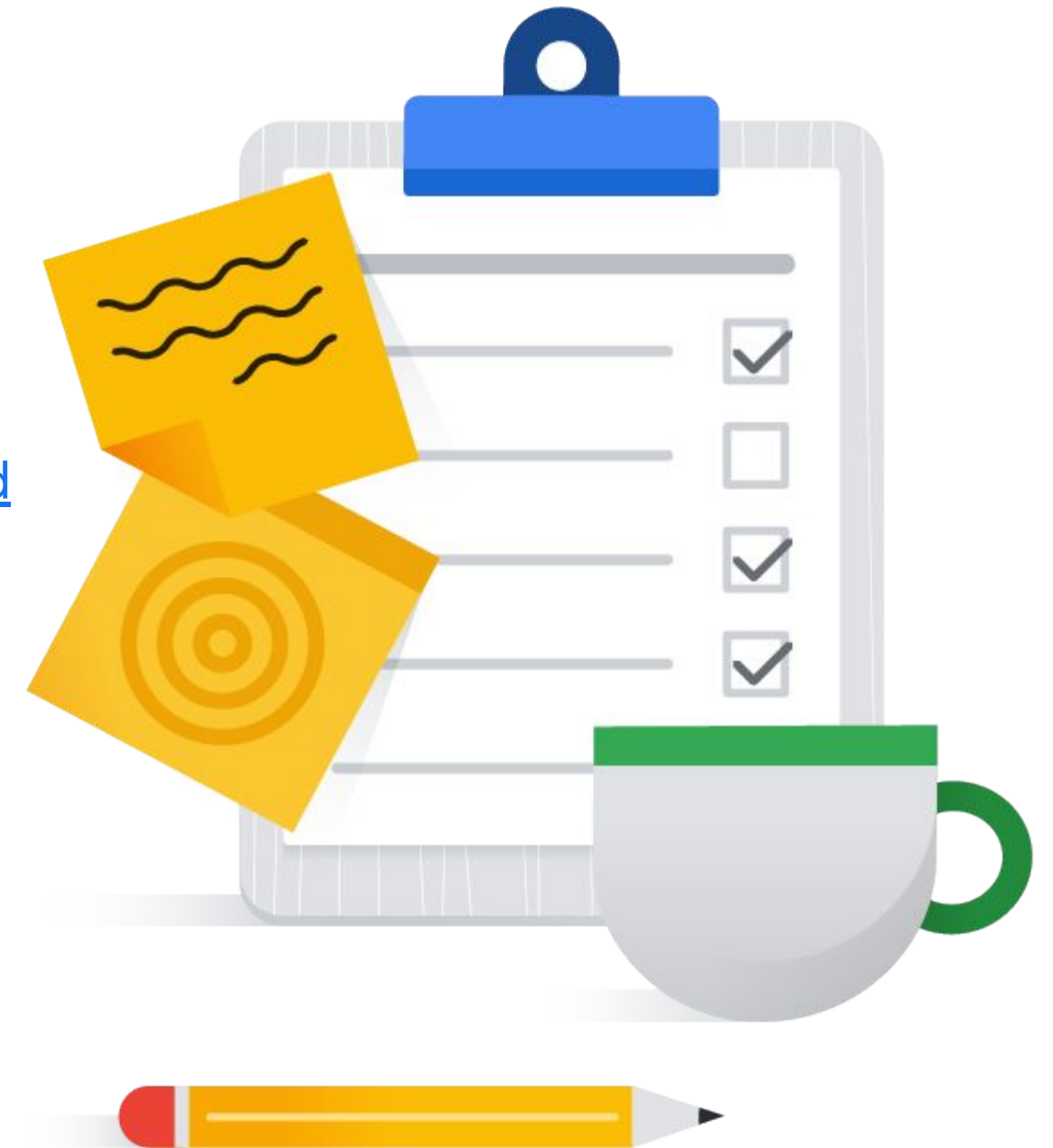
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