

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a wide, reddish-brown dirt road with visible tire tracks leads into the distance. The middle ground is filled with sparse, low-lying desert vegetation, including small green shrubs and spiky yucca plants. In the background, large, flat-topped red rock formations (mesas) rise against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

Top 10 Azure Security Best Practices

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1. Enterprise Scale

2. Hybrid Identität

3. Identity Secure Score

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6. Defender for Cloud

7. Microsoft Sentinel

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Important Dates

Security Note
Effective October 1, 2022, we will begin to permanently disable Basic Authentication for Exchange Online in all Microsoft 365 tenants regardless of usage, except for SMTP Authentication. [Read more here](#)

Secure Score for Identity
46.70%

Comparison

Category	Score
Build-Clouds	46.70%
Typical 1-1000 person company	54.10%

Retiring Azure AD Connect 1.x versions

Important
On August 31, 2022, all 1.x versions of Azure AD Connect will be retired because they include SQL Server 2012 components that will no longer be supported. Upgrade to the most recent version of Azure AD Connect (2.x version) by that date or evaluate and switch to Azure AD cloud sync.

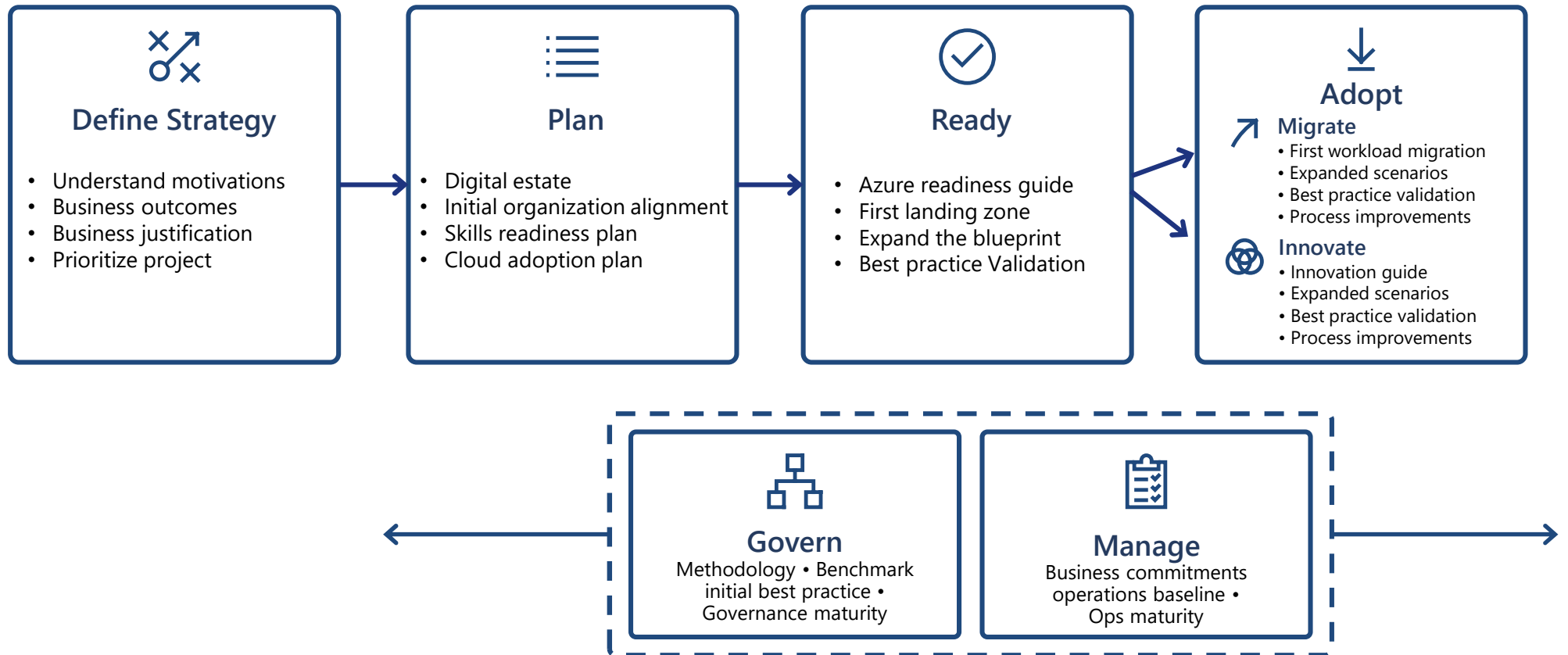
Recommendation	Percentage	Severity	Impact
Enable Password Hash Sync if hybrid	8.20%	Low	Low
Enable policy to block legacy authentication	13.11%	Moderate	Moderate
Ensure all users can complete multi-factor au...	14.75%	High	High
Require MFA for administrative roles	16.39%	Low	Low
Enable self-service password reset	1.64%	Moderate	Moderate
Do not expire passwords	13.11%	Moderate	Low

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1. Enterprise Scale



MS Cloud Adoption Framework



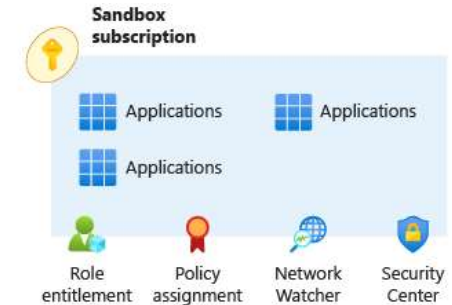
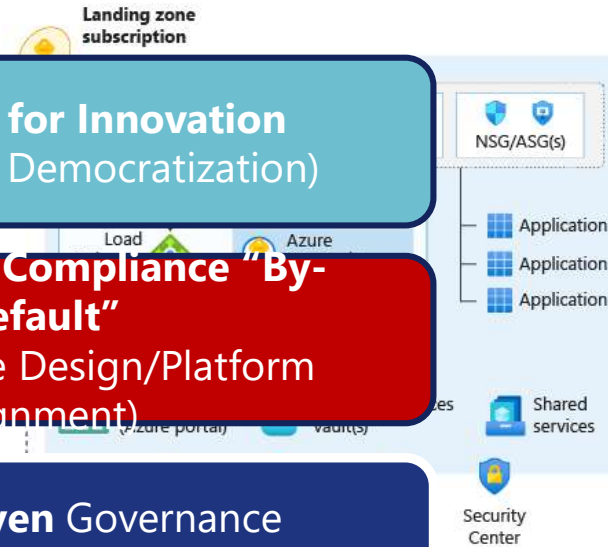
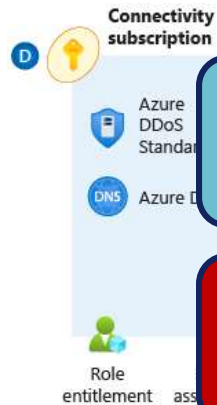
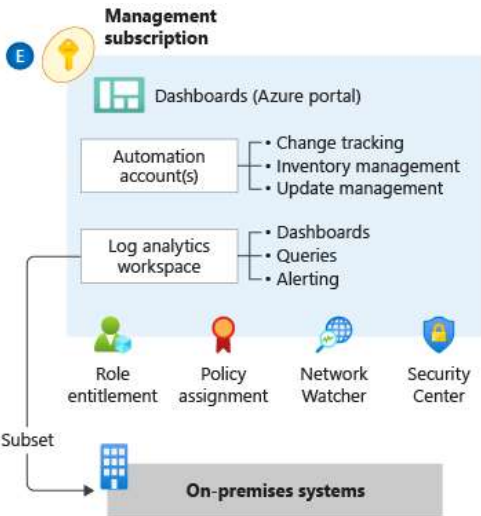
Enterprise-Scale - Design Principles



Tenant Root Group



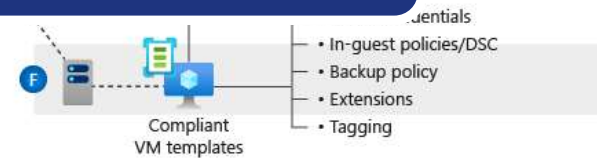
Build Clouds



Autonomy for Innovation
(Subscription Democratization)

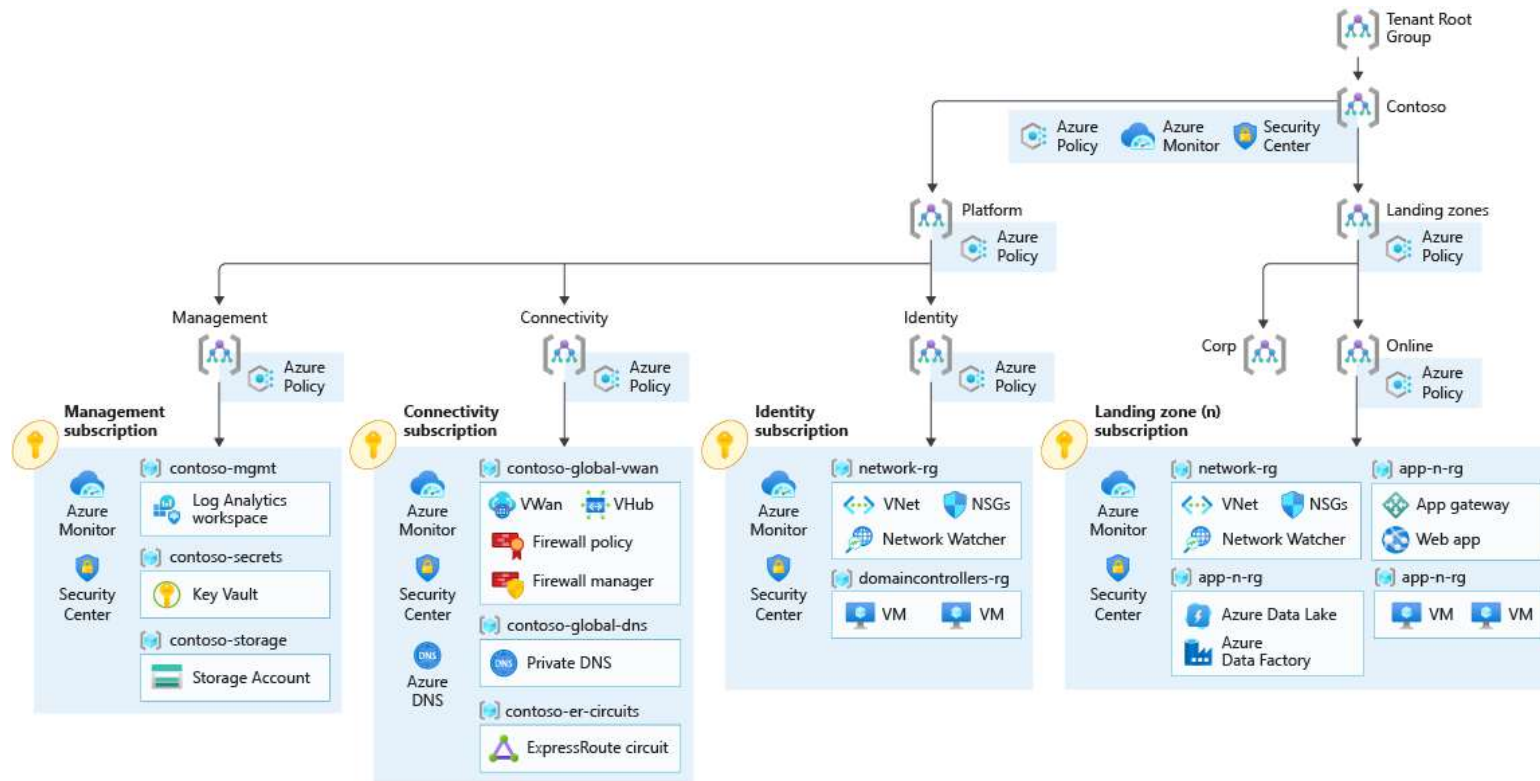
Security and Compliance "By-Default"
(Azure Native Design/Platform Alignment)

Policy-Driven Governance
(Single Control/Management Plane)



GitHub Enterprise Scale Templates

Deploy Enterprise-Scale with Azure VWAN



GitHub - Azure/Enterprise-Scale: The Azure Landing Zones (Enterprise-Scale) architecture provides prescriptive guidance coupled with Azure best practices, and it follows design principles across the critical design areas for organizations to define their Azure architecture

Azure Tenant Design approach



Tenant Root Group



Build Clouds



BC- Platform



BC- Connectivity



BC- Identity



BC- Landing Zones



Sub Connectivity



Sub Identity



Sub Infrastructure



Sub vWAN



Sub Connectivity



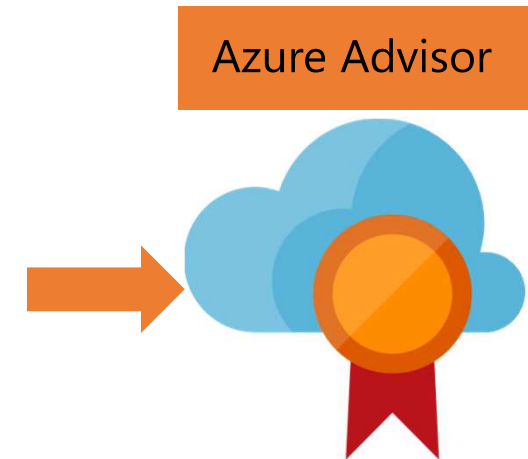
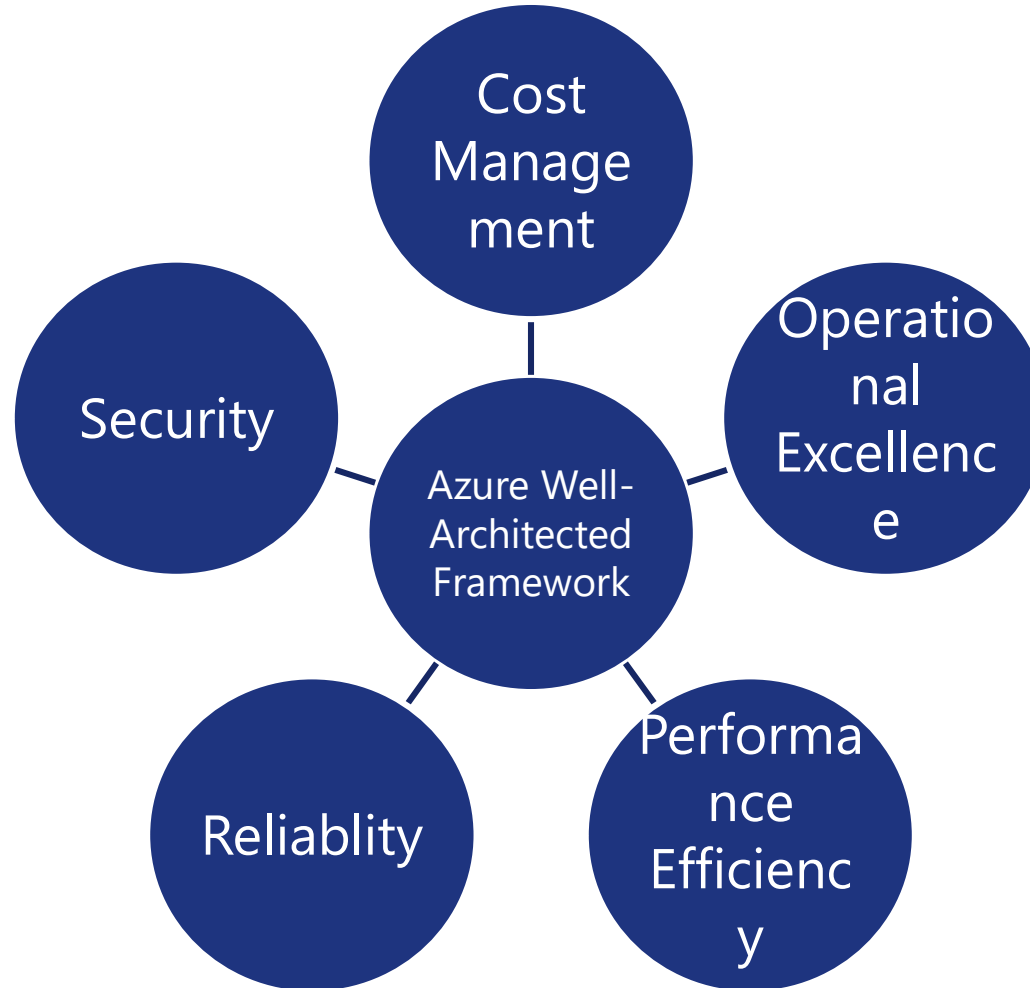
Sub AVD



Sub AVD

Well-architected Framework

“The Azure Well-Architected Framework is a set of guiding tenets that can be used to improve the quality of a workload.”



Demo

Dive into the Azure Portal

- Enterprise Scale
- Azure Advisor



2. Hybrid Identity

Identity Secure Score

Enable PHS and forgot ADFS

Microsoft Azure | Search resources, services, and docs (G+)

Dashboard > Build-Clouds | Overview > Security

Security | Identity Secure Score

Search (Ctrl+/) | Learn more | Got feedback?

Getting started

Protect

- Conditional Access
- Identity Protection
- Security Center
- Verifiable credentials (Preview)

Manage

- Identity Secure Score**
- Named locations
- Authentication methods
- or authentication
- e authorities
- rs
- kload identities (preview)
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Troubleshooting + Support

- New support request

Microsoft Secure Score for Identity is a representation of your organization's security posture and your opportunity to improve it. [Learn more.](#)

Secure Score for Identity

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Last updated 8/12/2022, 2:00:00 AM | View your [Microsoft Secure Score](#).

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Score history

7 days | **30 days** | 60 days | 90 days

Improvement actions

Download | Columns

Name	Score Impact	User Impact	Implementation Cost
Use least privileged administrative roles	1.64%	Low	Low
Protect all users with a user risk policy	11.48%	Moderate	Moderate
Designate more than one global admin	1.64%	Low	Low
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What's new in Active Directory Federation Services

Article • 07/05/2022 • 19 minutes to read • 20 contributors

What's new in Active Directory Federation Services for Windows Server 2019

Protected Logins

The following is a brief summary of updates to protected logins available in AD FS 2019:

Azure AD Cloud ~~Connect~~ Sync

	Connect Sync	Cloud Sync
Connect to multiple disconnected on-premises AD forests	No	Yes
Lightweight agent installation model	No	Yes
Multiple active agents for high availability	No	Yes
Connect to LDAP directories	Yes	No
Support for device objects	Yes	No
Support for device writeback	Yes	No
Support for group writeback	Yes	No
Support for Pass-Through Authentication	Yes	No

Temporary Access Pass

Microsoft Azure

Dashboard > Security > Authentication methods >

Temporary Access Pass settings

Basics Configure

ENABLE Yes No

USE FOR:

- Sign in
- Onboarding and recovery

TARGET

All users Select users

Name

All users

Temporary Access Pass

Temporary Access Pass is a time-limited pass strong credentials and allow onboarding of j The Temporary Access Pass authentication m the duration of the passes in the tenant betw days. [Learn more](#)

Minimum lifetime

Minutes Hours Days

Maximum lifetime

Minutes Hours Days

Default lifetime

Minutes Hours Days

Length (characters)

8

Require one-time use

Yes No

Microsoft

← tap@build-clouds.com

Enter Temporary Access Pass

Temporary Access Pass

Show Temporary Access Pass

[Use your password instead](#)

Temporary Access Pass details

Provide Pass

Provide this Temporary Access Pass to the user so they can set their strong credentials.

is valid, the user can

Secure registration

To register their credentials, have the user go to My Security Info.

<https://aka.ms/mysecurityinfo>

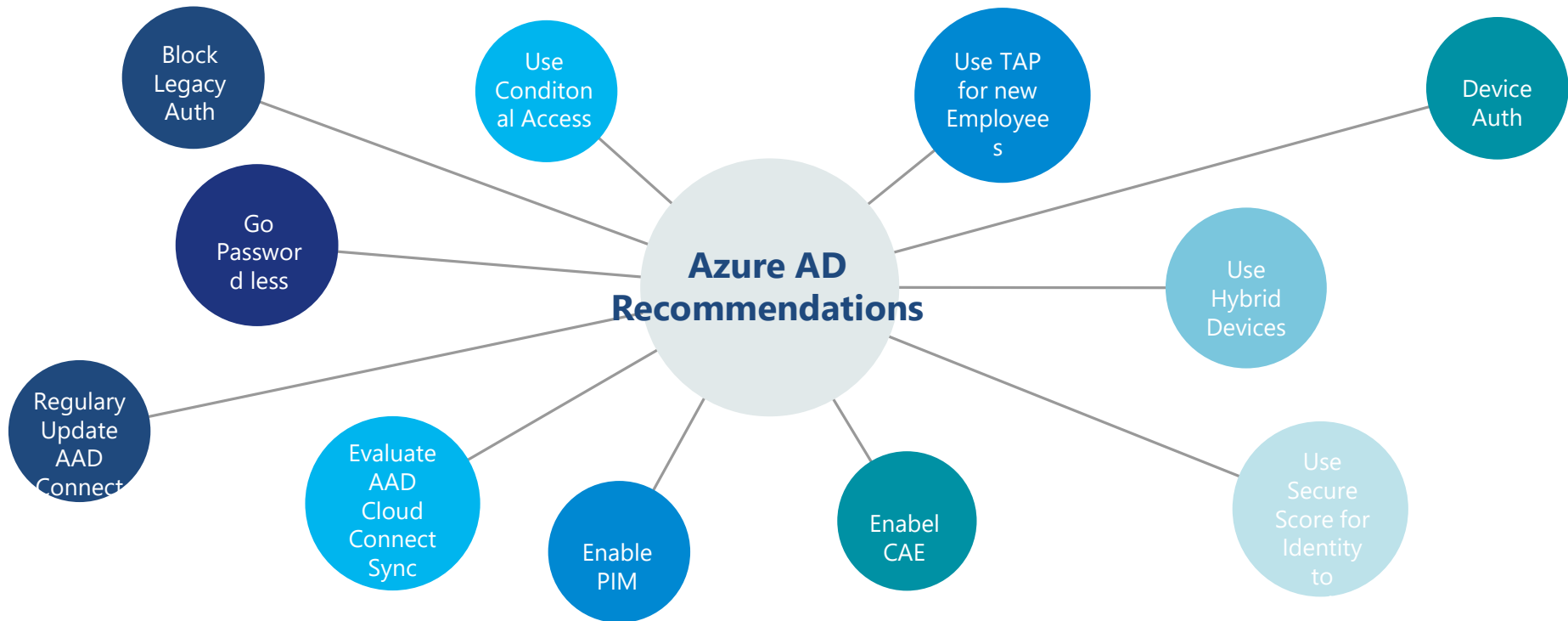
Additional information

Valid from	7/31/2022, 10:05:51 PM
Valid until	8/1/2022, 2:05:51 AM
Created	7/31/2022, 10:05:52 PM

Remove lost devices from the user's account. This is especially important for devices used for user authentication.

<https://aka.ms/mysecurityinfo>

Azure AD Recommendations



3. Identity Secure Score

Identity Protection with Conditional Access

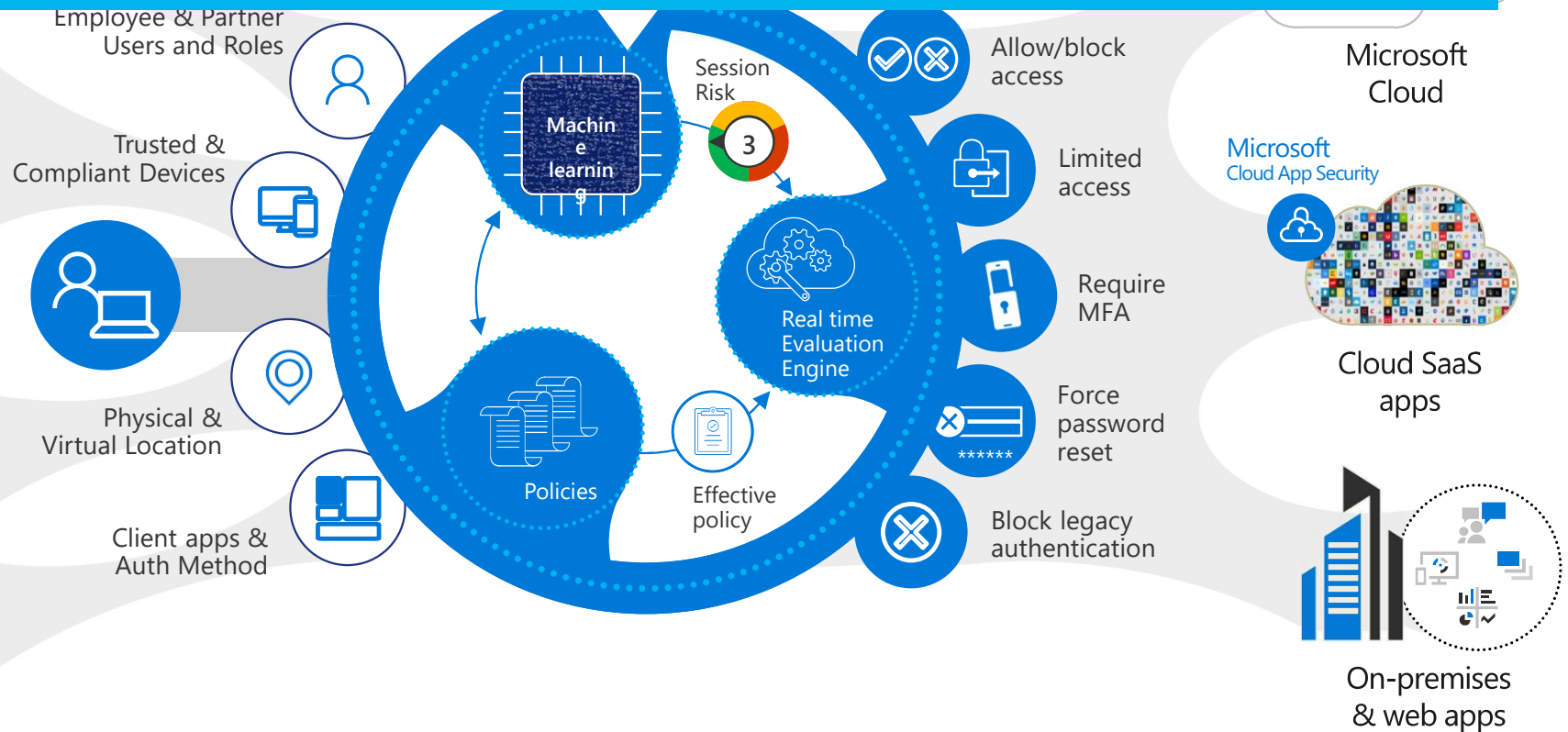
- Enable CAE (Conditional Access Evaluation)
 - To minimize lag in Token lifetime
 - User termination or password change/reset revocation will be enforced in near real time

- Azure AD
- ADFS
- MSA
- Google ID

- Android
- iOS
- MacOS
- Windows
- Windows Defender ATP

- Geo-location
- Corporate Network

- Browser apps
- Client apps



Show following settings

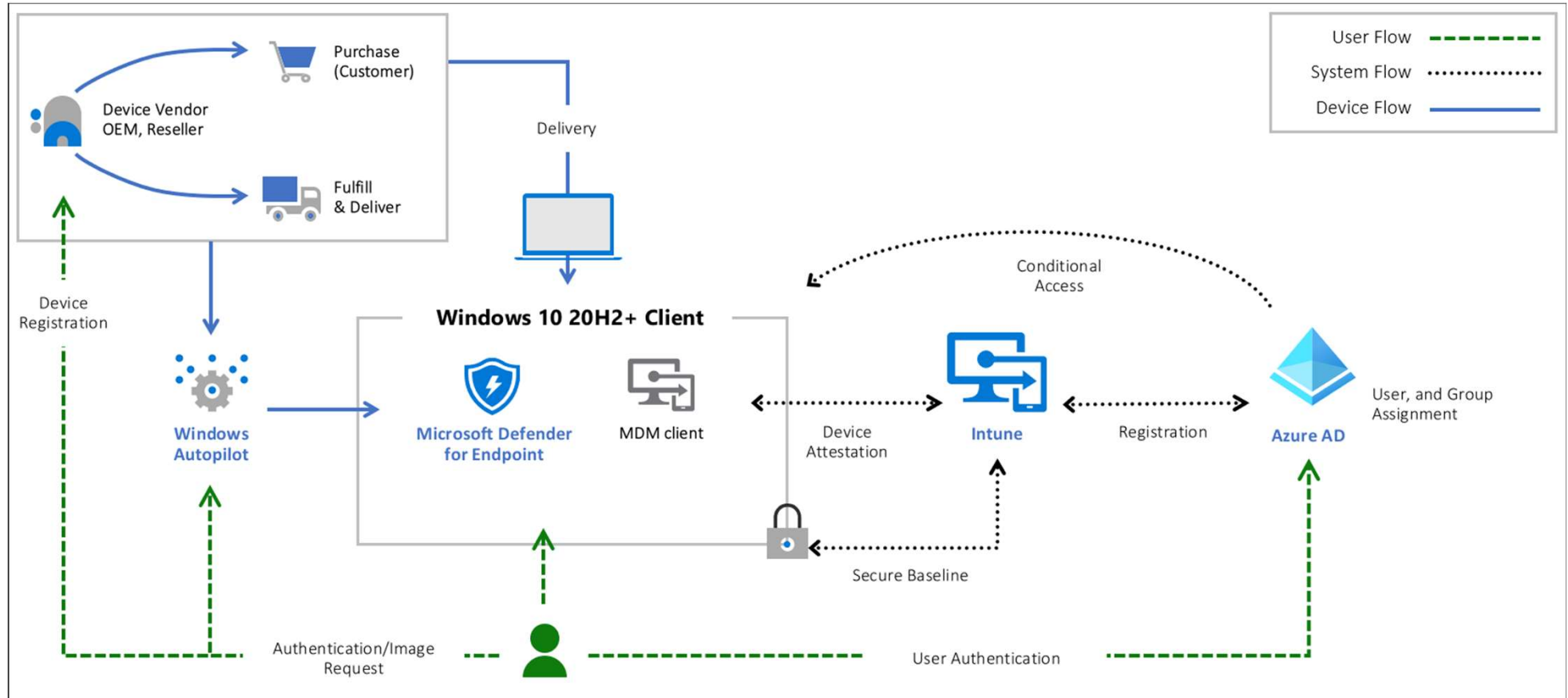
- Identity Secure Score



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4. PAW

Privileged Access Devices



Why are privileged access devices important | Microsoft Learn

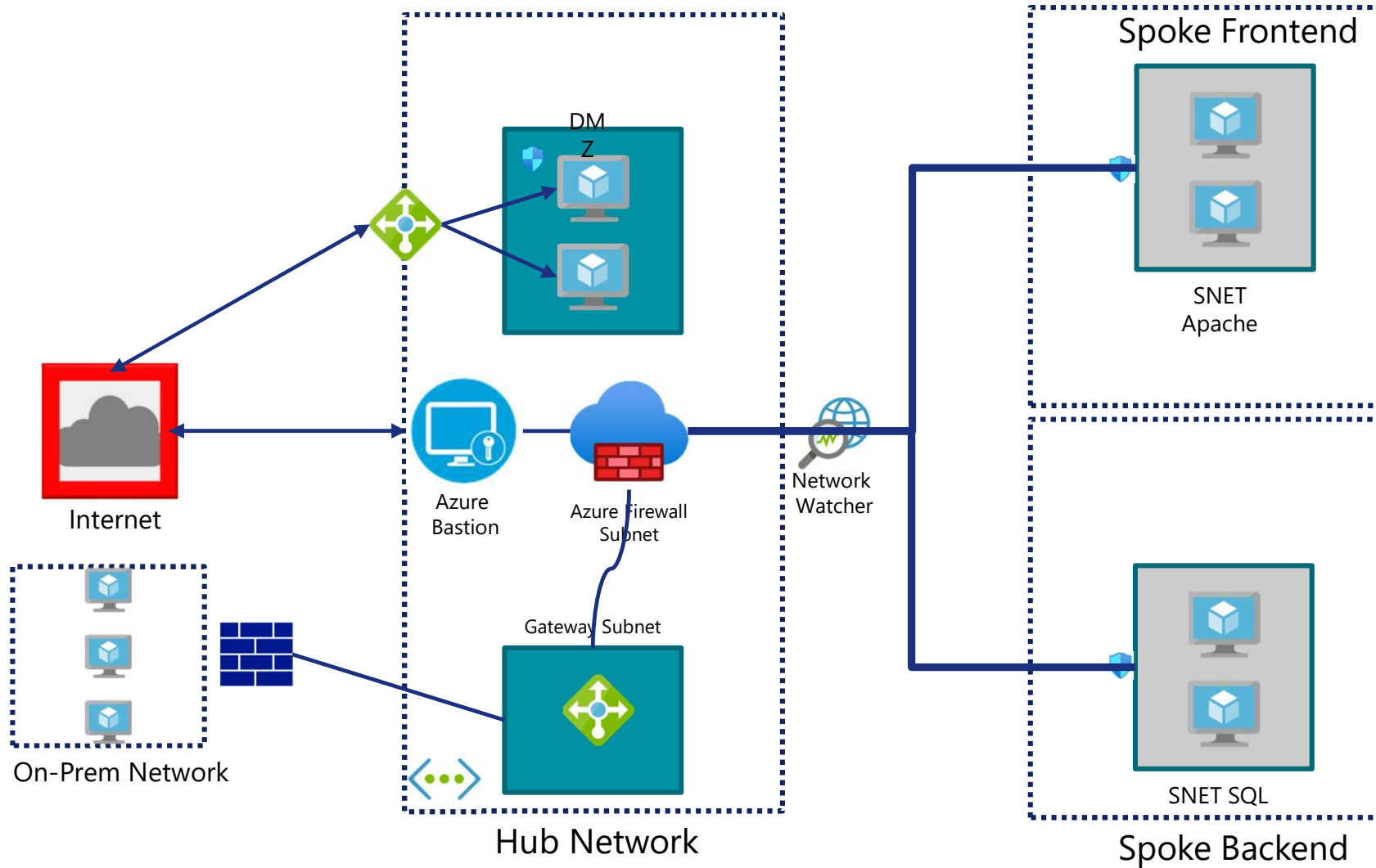
Privileged Admin Workstation

- ✓ Use dedicated VMs for manage Azure/Microsoft 365 environments
- ✓ Use this VMs only for Administration tasks
- ✓ Do not enable Internet- / Social media access on this VMs
- ✓ Enforce Device compliance via Conditional Access for this VMs
- ✓ Use AVD as PAW solution

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5. Network

Network Protection



Azure IaaS Recommendations



Segmentation of Virtual Networks



Define Subnets and use NSG at Subnet Level



Use a NVA or Azure Firewall at the Hub Network



Define UDR to Route traffic over the Hub Network and Firewall



Use Azure Web Application Firewall for Internet applications



Use DDoS Protection for Web Applications



Use Azure Bastion for VM Management

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Azure Firewall Editions

New in Public Preview
(MS Ignite 2022)



Azure Firewall Basic
2 VMs fixed under the hood
Availability Zones
App FQDN Filtering Rules?
Fixed Scale
Threat Intelligence (Alert Mode only)
FQDN in Network rules
250-500Mbps
Around XXX€

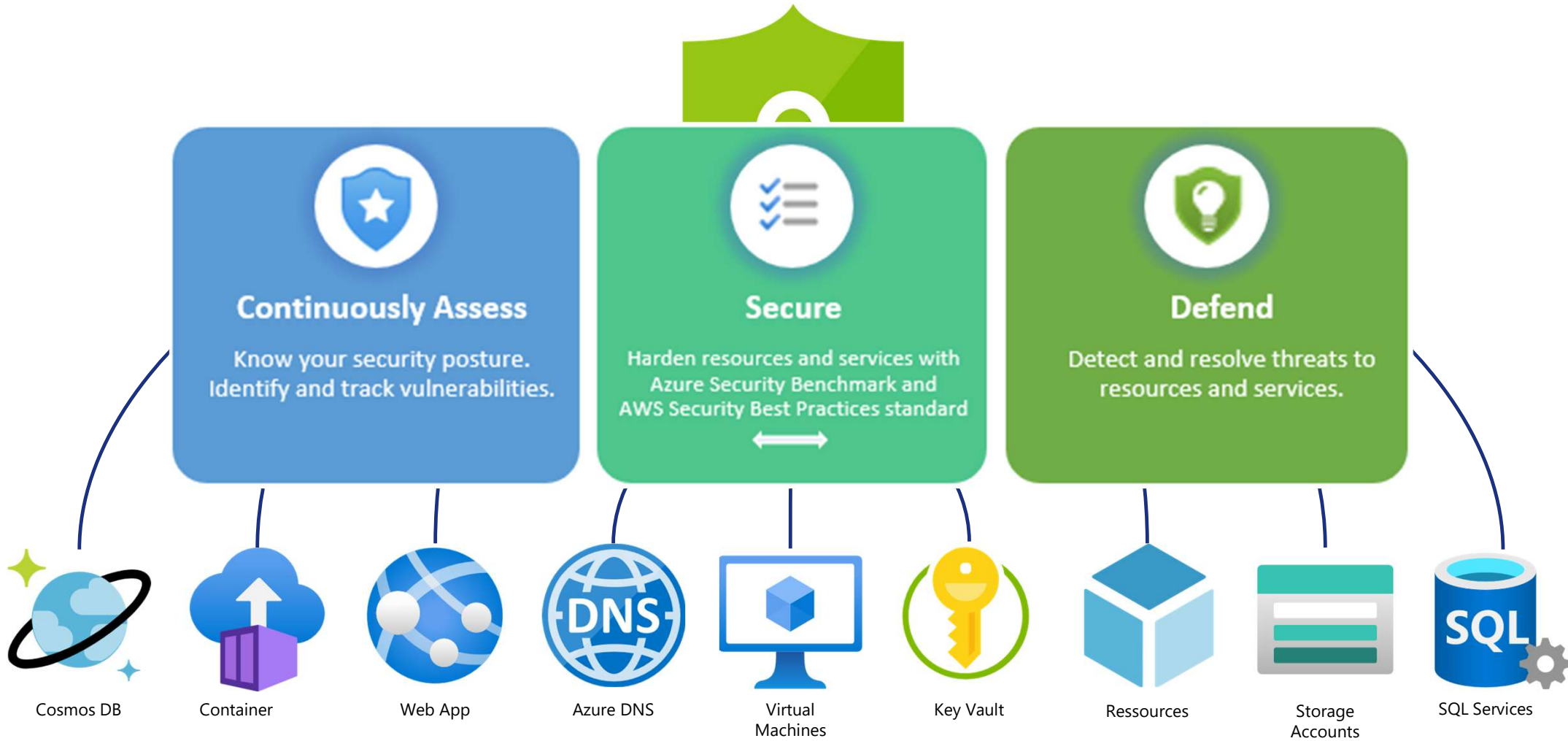
Azure Firewall Standard
Built-in high availability
Availability Zones
Application FQDN Filtering Rules
Unrestricted Cloud Scalability
Threat Intelligence
FQDN in Network rules
30GBps
901,24€ per month

Azure Firewall Premium
All from Standard +
TLS Inspection
IDPS
URL Filtering
Web categories
FQDN in Network rules
30GBps
1.262,29€ per month



6. MS Defender for Cloud




Microsoft Defender for Cloud



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MS Defender for Cloud



 Security posture & compliance	Secure score	Asset management	Policy
 Server protection (Microsoft Defender for Cloud for VMs)	Threat detection	VA (power by Qualys)	Application control
 Automation & management at scale	Automation	SIEM integration	Export

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Defender for Servers Plans

	Plan 1	Plan 2
Unified View	Yes	Yes
Automatic MDE provisioning	Yes	Yes
MS Threat and Vulnerability management	Yes	Yes
Security Policy and Regulatory Compliance	No	Yes
Integrated Vulnerability by Qualys	No	Yes
Log Analytics 500MB free data ingestion per day	No	Yes
Threat detection	No	Yes
Adaptive application control	No	Yes
File integrity monitoring	No	Yes
Just-in-Time VM access	No	Yes
Adaptive Network hardening	No	Yes
Docker host hardening	No	Yes
Fileless attack detection	No	Yes
Price	5\$ per Server	15\$ per Server

Demo

Dive into the Azure Portal

- Microsoft Defender for Cloud



Dashboard > Update management center (Preview) | Machines

Update management center (Preview) | Machines

Search (Ctrl+F)

Overview
Getting started

Manage
Machines
History
Support + troubleshooting
New Support Request

Enable periodic assessment using Azure Policy or Update settings to regularly check for updates. Enable now →

Filter by name
Subscription: **MLGB00ns** Resource group: **All** Resource type: **All** Location: **All** OS: **All** Patch orchestration: **All**
Periodic assessment: **All** Status: **All** Tags: **All**

Total machines: 9
No updates data: 9
No updates available: 0
Updates available: 0
Reboot Required: 0

Showing 9 of 9 records
 Select all

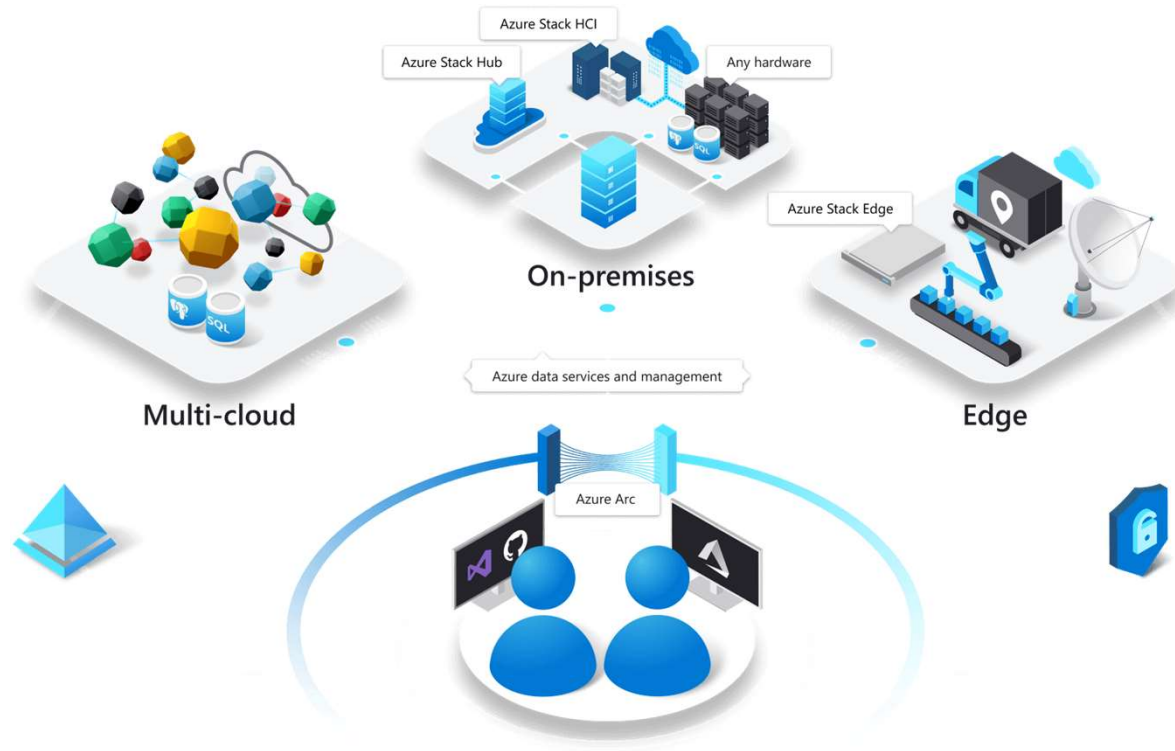
Name	Update status	Operating system	Resource type	Patch orchestrat...	Periodic assess...	Associated sche...	Status
MLGW10365Lex...	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM deallocated
AVD-PROD-01	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM deallocated
MLGLex1	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Unknown	No	-	VM deallocated
AVMMMLGMgmt1	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM deallocated
MSumpe-HV1	No updates data	Windows	Arc-enabled server	N/A	No	-	Expired
MLGHfaSrv	No updates data	Windows	Arc-enabled server	N/A	No	-	Connected
MLGDC1	No updates data	Windows	Arc-enabled server	N/A	No	-	Connected
AVMMMLGDC1	No updates data	Windows	Azure Virtual Machine	Automatic by OS	No	-	VM running
AVM3CX	No updates data	Linux	Azure Virtual Machine	Image Default	No	-	VM running



7. Microsoft Sentinel

8. Azure Arc

Azure Arc



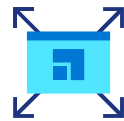
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Azure Arc: *at a high level*

Bring Azure services and management to any infrastructure, anywhere



Run Azure data services anywhere



Extend Azure management across your environments



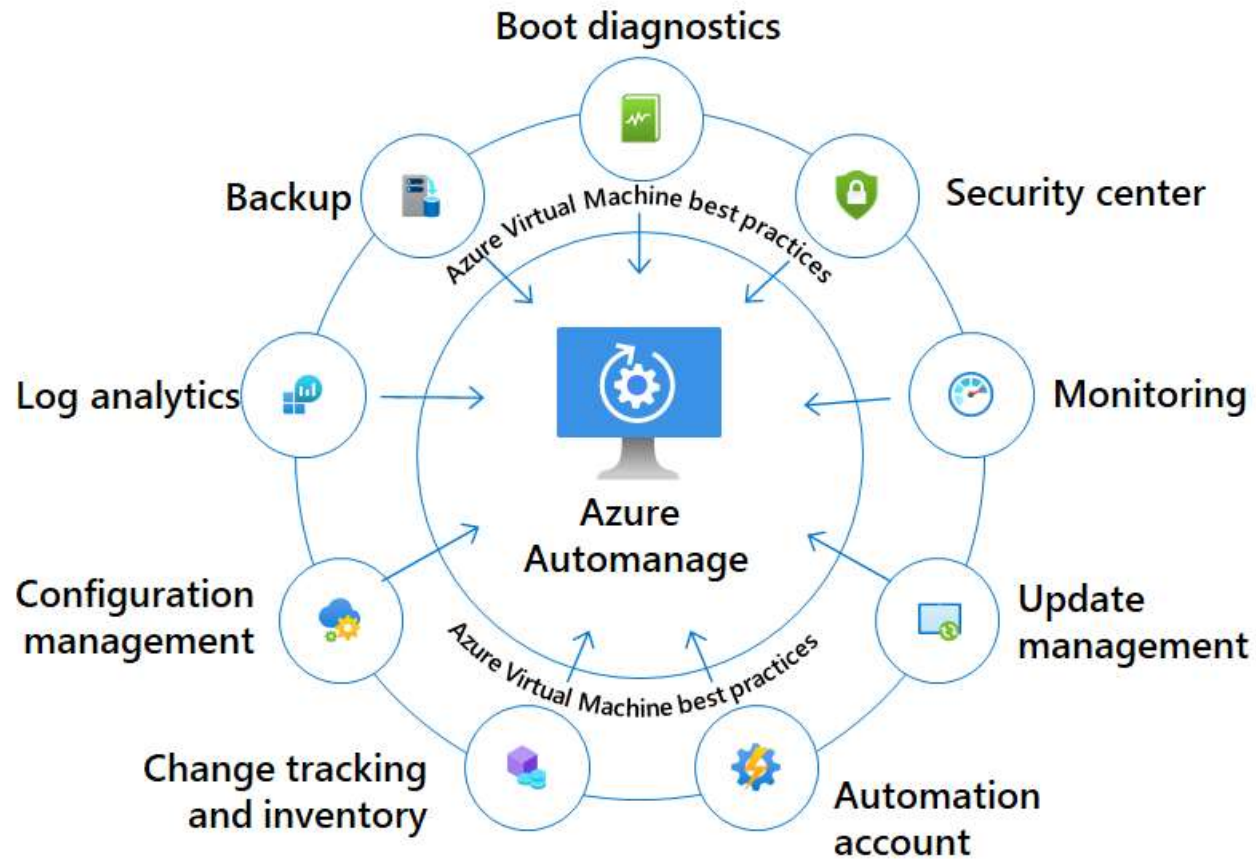
Adopt cloud practices on-premises



Implement Azure security anywhere

Azure Arc is a set of technologies that extends Azure management and enables Azure services to run across on-premises, multi-cloud, and edge

Azure Automanage



Update Management Center (preview)

New solution for centrally Update Management accross different environments

No dependencys to Log Analytics Agent

Fully support for Azure Arc managed VMs

Support Windows and Linux Vms

Support automatic VM guest patching

Support Hot patching

Is in preview wait for production until release going to GA



Cloud Security Explorer



Microsoft Defender for Cloud | Cloud Security Explorer (Preview) ...



Showing 6 subscriptions

Search



Guides & Feedback



Share query link

General

Overview

Getting started

Recommendations

Security alerts

Inventory

Cloud Security Explorer (Preview)

Workbooks

Community

Diagnose and solve problems

Cloud Security

Security posture

Regulatory compliance

Workload protections

Firewall Manager

DevOps Security (Preview)

Defender CSPM plan was enabled recently on at least one of your subscriptions/accounts. It could take up to one day until all data will be available



What would you like to search?

Virtual machines +

Has Vulnerabilities + Where Severity Equals High Remove

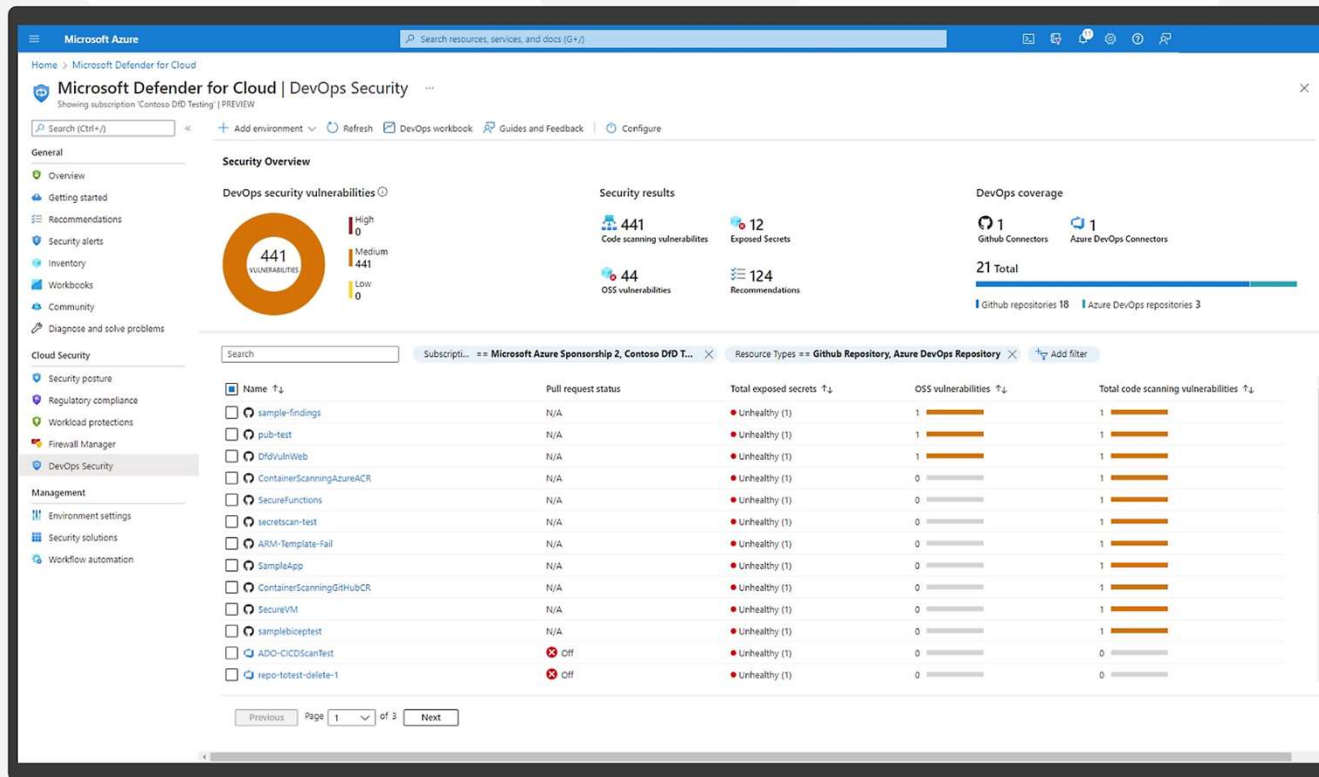
AND

Has Insight + Where Title Equals exposed to the... Remove

Clear all

Scope : MVP BC LZ Infrastructure (c7ce5f8f-0180-4dd2-b44b-2) Search

Defender for DevOps



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Learning

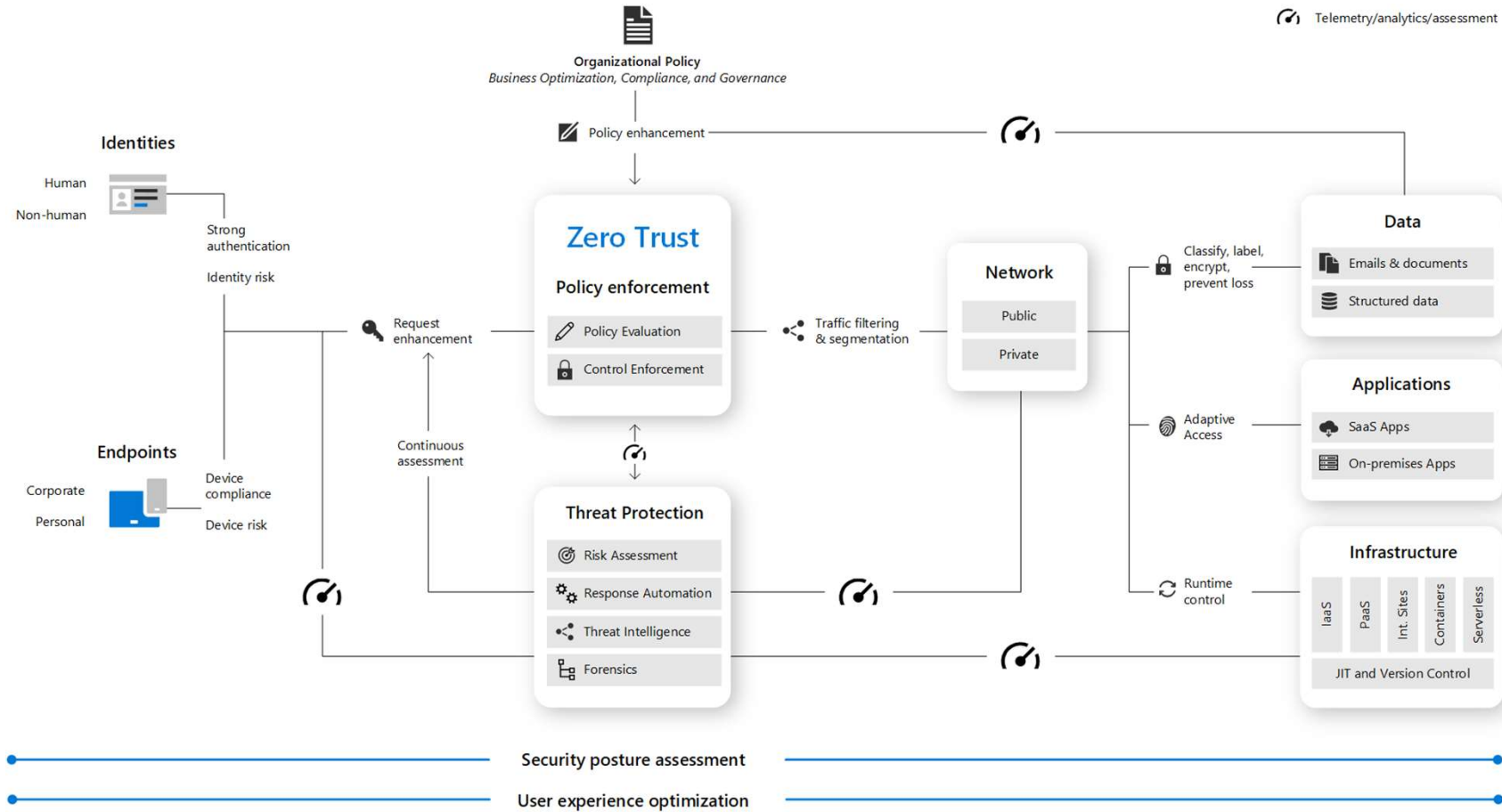
Popular learning paths and modules

<p>LEARNING PATH</p> <p>Microsoft Azure Fundamentals: Describe cloud concepts</p> <p>52 min</p> <p>Azure • Administrator • Beginner</p> <p>Save</p>	<p>LEARNING PATH</p> <p>Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals: Explore core data concepts</p> <p>45 min</p> <p>Azure • Data Analyst • Beginner</p> <p>Save</p>	<p>MODULE</p> <p>Discuss Azure fundamental concepts</p> <p>24 min ★★★★★ 4.8 (123,249)</p> <p>Azure • Administrator • Beginner</p> <p>Save</p>
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Zero Trust architecture



Microsoft Cybersecurity Reference Architectures (MCRA)

Capabilities

What cybersecurity capabilities does Microsoft have?



Azure Native Controls

What native security is available?



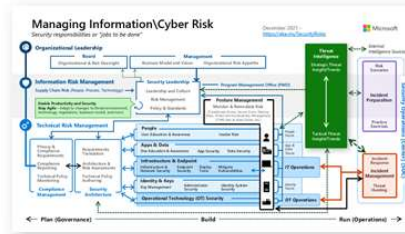
Attack Chain Coverage

How does this map to insider and external attacks?



People

How are roles & responsibilities evolving with cloud and zero trust?



Zero Trust User Access

How to validate trust of user/devices for all resources?



Security Operations

How to enable rapid incident response?



Multi-Cloud & Cross-Platform

What clouds & platforms does Microsoft protect?



Secure Access Service Edge (SASE)

What is it? How does it compare to Zero Trust?



Operational Technology

How to enable Zero Trust Security for OT?



Top 5 Must have Settings

1. Enable Multifactor Authentication
 2. Enable and Integrate Conditional Access
 3. Use Azure Advisor recommendations
 4. Cloud Security Posture Management is needed
-

Conclusion

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2. Identity Secure Score

3. Use WHfB and TAP

4. Azure AD Cloud Sync

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Links

- [Reimling.eu – Microsoft will disable Basic auth – What this means and what you have to do](#)
 - [Block legacy authentication - Azure Active Directory - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Docs](#)
 - [Deprecation of Basic authentication in Exchange Online | Microsoft Docs](#)
 - [Common Conditional Access policies - Azure Active Directory - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Learn](#)
 - [Configure a TAP in Azure AD to register Passwordless authentication - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Docs](#)
 - [Azure AD Connect: Version release history - Microsoft Entra | Microsoft Docs](#)
 - [Zero Trust security in Azure | Microsoft Docs](#)
 - [Enterprise-Scale/README.md at main · Azure/Enterprise-Scale · GitHub](#)
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