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The Notorious 9

Cloud computing Threats

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What we are going to talk about?

Cloud computing threats –
what are they?

How do they reflect in the real world?

Which attacks vectors used?

Sources:

- ✓ **Cloud Security Alliance** **Notorious nine cloud computing threats.**
- ✓ **Cloud Security Alliance** **Cloud Computing Vulnerability Incidents: A Statistical Overview**



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Cloud computing 2014 – what affects security?

We used to talk about cloud like this:

Software as a Service

Platform as a Service

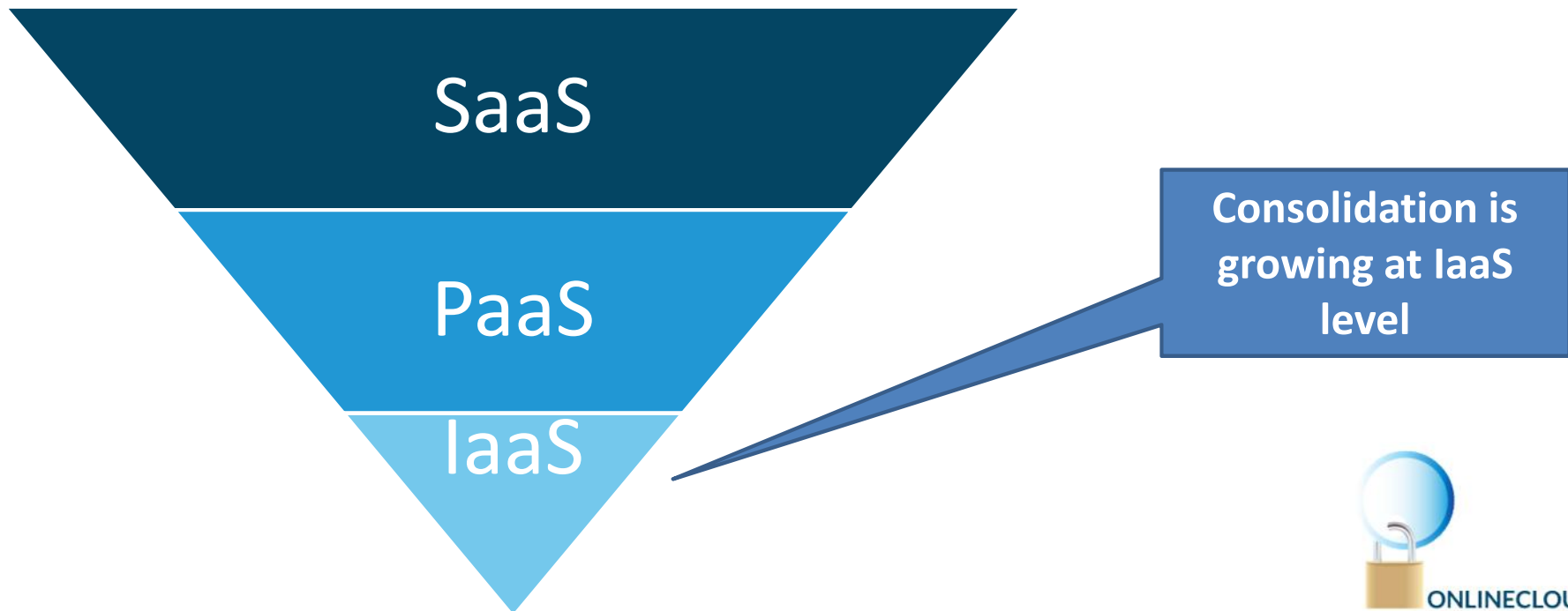
Infrastructure as a Service



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Cloud computing 2014 – what affects security?

But it is more like this:



More supply Chain Attacks

Target Hackers Broke in Via HVAC Company

Metasploit's DNS Registrar Hacked Via Fax

Intrepid Hackers Use Chinese Take-Away Menu
To Access Major Oil Company



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The Cloud & Cyber

Cloud Services Ransom Malwares



Stealing CPU time



Crimeware-as-a-Service



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Moving on:

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#1 Data Breaches

- ✓ Cloud Provider are targets for data breaches, sometimes just for the accounts details and not even for the data.
- ✓ iCloud, Evernote, Adobe tells the story well.
- ✓ But not all data lost happens due to hacking, Unintended disclosure is also happening.
- ✓ Cloud Computing and Shadow IT contribute to this phenomena.

Adobe Breach Impacted At Least 38 Million Users

iCloud Data Breach: Hacking And Celebrity Photos

Shadow IT



#2 Data Lost

- ✓ **Hacking or simple failures – it does not really matter.**
- ✓ **Multi Cloud backup or external backups are not a “nice to have”.**

How Apple and Amazon Security Flaws Led to My Epic Hacking

Oops! Dropbox Bug in Selective Sync Inadvertently Deletes Files

Utility Computing provider Flexiscale's Cloud appears to have floated away.

Microsoft 'sorry' as Hotmail bug hits 17,000

Gmail users howl in anguish at 'disappeared' accounts



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#3 Account Hijacking

New account Hijacking Motivation:



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Breaking: Two Explosions in the White House and Barack Obama is injured

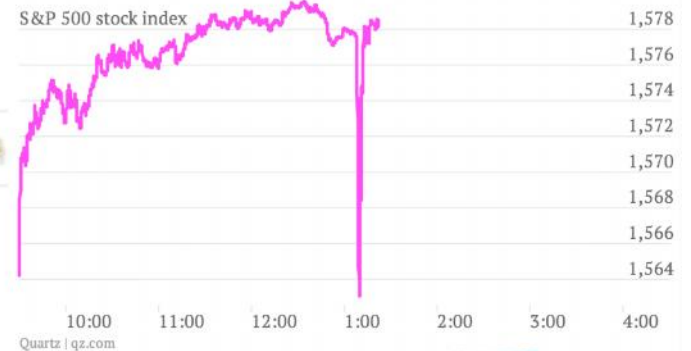
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Code Spaces forced to close its doors after security incident



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#3 Account Hijacking

- ✓ Most attacks used spear phishing.
- ✓ DNS ownership is also at attack vector
- ✓ Two factor & pro-active defenses for identifying account hijacking will continue.
- ✓ We will see more attacks on PaaS and on federation protocols.

Zeus bot found using Amazon's EC2 as C&C server

“ ...the basic methods of gaining access to a victim's environment are not. The most prolific is the old faithful: **spear phishing.** “

Verizon data breach report 2014



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#4 Insecure Interfaces and API's

The cloud providers management dashboard, especially in IaaS, is the most intimidating attack vector

For the second time this year, someone has broken into Twitter's internal admin system and accessed accounts.

Why the Attack on Buffer Was a Serious Wake-Up Call for the Web

OPENSSL HACKERS USED WEAK PASSWORD AT WEB HOST TO DEFACE SITE



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#5 Denial of Service

- ✓ Network DDOS are becoming less common when talking about cloud providers.
- ✓ But application level attacks are increasing.



Cybercrooks use DDoS attacks to mask theft of banks' millions

Wikileaks hit by second DDoS

DDoS attack against Bitbucket darkens Amazon cloud

DNS Flood DDoS Attack

90 Million requests/sec (Above 110 Gbps)



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#6 Malicious Insider

GCreep: Google Engineer Stalked Teens, Spied on Chats (Updated)

Fired techie created virtual chaos at pharma company

Entire kids TV show deleted as former data hosting employee takes revenge



Microsoft accuses former employee of cloud data theft



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#7 Abuse of Cloud Services

U.S. based Cloud Hosting providers contribute 44% of Malware distribution

Twitter transformed into botnet command channel

PlayStation Network hack launched from Amazon EC2

Cloud economics strikes again

Sudden FBI Raid claims Innocent Web Server – Is Your Website Next?

Attackers Using Dropbox and Wordpress to Target, Disguise and Distribute

Megaupload user content safe for two more weeks

EFF joins battle to free user data from shuttered company's servers



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#8 Insufficient due Diligence

- ✓ Evaluating your provider is hard, very hard.
- ✓ Government legislation and industry efforts will lead to better understanding of Cloud Accountability.
- ✓ CSA will help in promoting transparency and provider evaluation methodology.

Gold Rush History



Eli Lilly dumps Amazon Web Services over legal struggle

Nirvanix cloud customers face worst nightmares

You have 2 weeks to pickup your cloud



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#8 Insufficient due Diligence

- ✓ **Transparency is a key feature for trust.**
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- ✓ **CSA will help in promoting transparency and provider evaluation methodology.**



#9 Shared Technologies vulnerabilities

Zoho users logging into other accounts by accident

Windows Live suffers user details identity crisis

Cloud file-hosting service Dropbox leaves 25m users' accounts unlocked for four hours

New Virtualization Vulnerability Allows Escape To Hypervisor Attacks



Recommendation for Cloud Consumers

- ✓ Invest in education.
- ✓ Establish Cloud Strategy.
- ✓ Decide what is going to the cloud, and under which controls.
- ✓ Invest in technologies to help you maintain control of your data.
- ✓ Learn how to audit your provider, his services and the supply chain.

Preventive

- Anti virus
- Authentication

Detective

- IDS
- Logs

Corrective

- Patches
- Scanning

Compensatory

- DR & backups
- Audits

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