Cloud Security Survey

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Cloudy Cloud is Cloudy

What is the cloud?

On Demand Service

Network access

Resource pooling

Elasticity of Resources

Measured Service

Cloud Types/Variants

laaS - Infrastructure as a Service rackspace, AWS, Google Drive

PaaS - Platform as a Service heroku, Google App Engine

SaaS - Software as a Service github, Google Drive, salesforce.com

Private vs. Public

Internal Cloud

Public Cloud

Hybrid Cloud combination. Private cloud with overflow going to public cloud.

Cloud Software Basics

Immense Hypervisor based Clusters

Heterogeneous OSes virtualized

Abstract slice

Security Concerns

Virtual Machine Separation

PaaS app separation

Service Hijacking

Secure API's for cloud access? SOAP, REST vulnerabilities XML Sig wrapping

Exploiting performance measures

Obscurity (Good)

Physical Location of Resources geographic locations

Virtualization harder to make sense of everything

Obscurity (bad)

"Just trust us" - trade secrets, physical resource management, virtual resource management, human resource management

Who else is on my share? collateral damage

Business Issues

Cost-overrun attacks - availability never threatened, but may cost \$\$\$.

Deceptive Billing - trusting black box

Captivity - can you switch? what are costs?

Bankruptcy - if cloud provider goes bankrupt

Legal Issues

Indirect Impact from Other Cloud Users

Government Access

Hazards from Cloud Localities

Potential Fixes

Better hypervisors - smaller, verifiable

3rd Party Auditors - verify usage, performance

SECaaS - Cloud hosted security measures

Certifications - measurements for cloud security.

Cloud Questions

If you have \$0 security budget, could cloud be a security improvement?

Who owns the data of the cloud?

Where should encryption go?