Approaches to Threat Monitoring and Detection for Cloud-Based Enterprises

Cloud Threat Monitoring Strategies are Complex

Looking Ahead

Solutions to Address Challenges

How are companies managing the transition to the cloud and keeping up with compliance issues and managing security in public and hybrid cloud environments?

Gatepoint Research surveyed 200 executives* from various industries to find out—and their responses were very insightful.

A majority (two-thirds) of survey participants reported they use either a multi-public cloud (37%) or a hybrid cloud (30%). 26% use a single cloud provider while only 7% use a private cloud.

Large amounts of cloud workloads mean organizations are struggling with manual effort, compliance changes, and new threats to apps, APIs, and infrastructure, especially in the cloud-native environment. They want to improve their threat detection best practices and achieve compliance in an easier way.

What percentage of workloads are in the cloud?

- More than 80%
- 41% to 60%
- 20% or less
- 61% to 80%
- 21% to 40%

Is your company undertaking digital transformation/app modernization projects?

- Currently moving business apps to the cloud
- Already completed those types of projects
- In beginning stages of those types of projects
- Had discussions but no actions
- Not relevant for our company

Detection and alerting practices for cloud environment

- Assembled combination of best-of-breed solutions
- Partner with a single large vendor
- Have a custom-built system
- Do not have anything in place today

How are you hosting your infrastructure in the cloud?

- Multi-public cloud
- Hybrid cloud
- Single cloud provider
- Private cloud

Common security and compliance process complaints

- Compliance and auditing are difficult/time-consuming
- Our in-house team is overwhelmed
- We’re unsure if we are staying ahead of evolving risks
- We lack visibility across the infrastructure
- We receive irrelevant alerts and data on high-priority threats

Top security initiatives for the next 12 months

- Refine security policies and procedures
- Improve threat detection
- Achieve continuous compliance
- Secure containerized environments
- Update end-user security training

Survey participants report that the following cloud security solution features would be most useful to their team:

- Anomaly detection via machine learning
- Recurring scans
- Customizable rules
- Managed SOC escalations

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9% are Architects
7% are Security Analysts