

## How to get a Job in the Cloud/Cyber?

Practical tools, advices and resource to get a job in cybersecurity (Cloud & DevSecOps) with advices from a panel of experts

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*“To take the best of the Global CSA guidance and make it relevant and practical for a UK audience, encouraging the growth of local cloud security talent.”*

- **Chapter intro - Francesco Cipollone (5 min)**
- **Talk/Panel – Francesco/Stephen/Ben/Owanate (30-40min)**
- **Closing – Francesco Cipollone (5 min)**

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*“To take the best of the Global CSA guidance and make it relevant and practical for a UK audience, encouraging the growth of local cloud security talent.”*

- <http://www.cloudsecurityalliance.org.uk/>
- **Research**
  - 1-pagers, blog posts, projects
- **Events**
  - Conference presentations, CCSK Training
  - AGMs, featuring world-leading experts
- **Academic Outreach**
  - Undergrad and Postgrad Research projects
  - Student mentoring

# Volunteer!



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- Mentoring
- Research – we currently open for proposal
- Events – we currently have September event
- Networking

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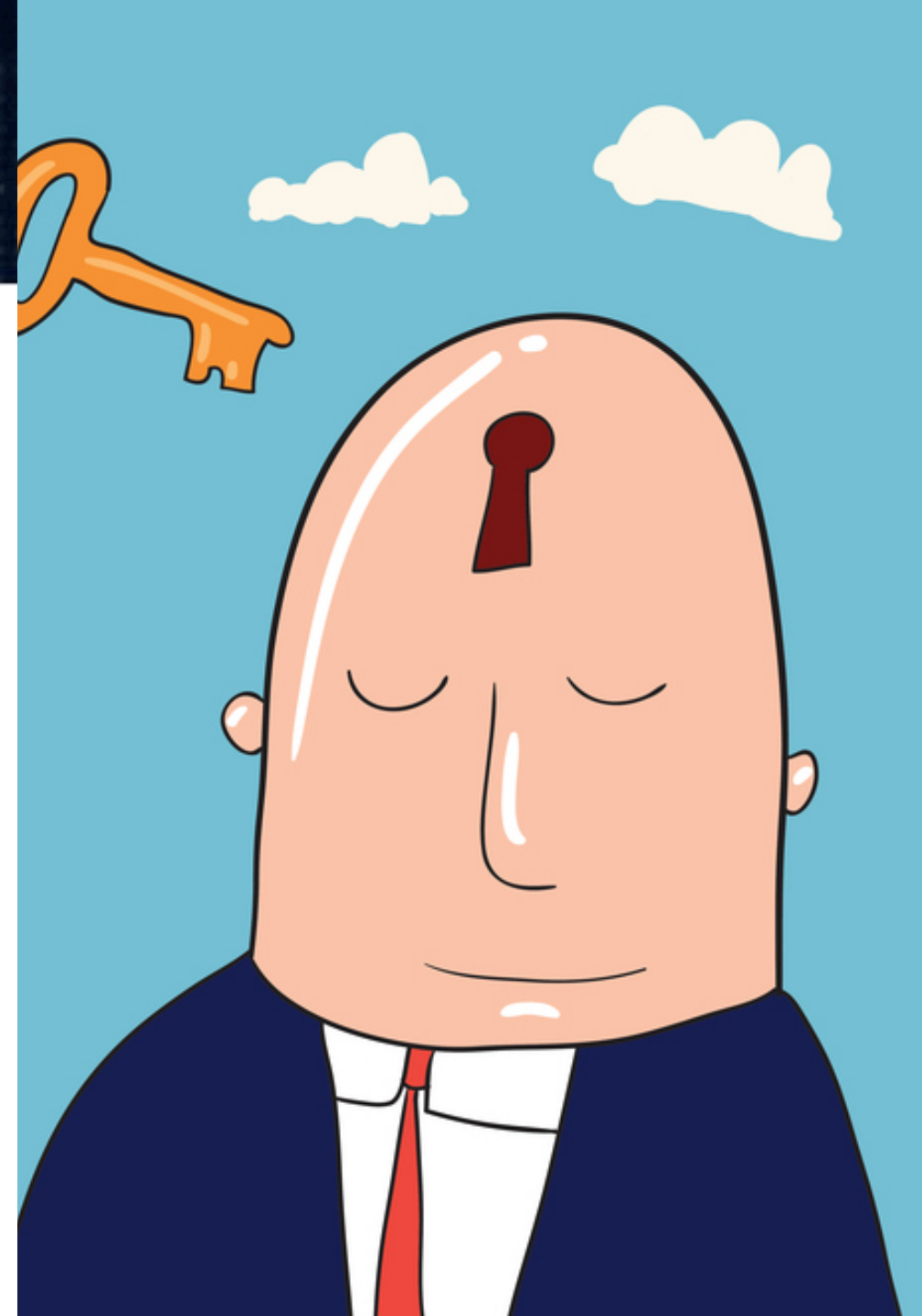
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# DEVSECOPS & Cloud Security Career Paths

Unlike other technology professions, Cloud careers are a continual knowledge quest. Security elevates it to the next level.

If you don't like learning and not passionate about the subject, Move on, nothing to see here!



# Meet The Panel



**Francesco Cipollone**

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# The panellist



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## Francesco Cipollone

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Francesco is the Director of NSC42 Ltd a cybersecurity consultancy UK Based.

Francesco brings his absolute passion for everything cyber to the chapter and the energy that characterize him

Francesco and NSC42 have been helping organizations define and implement cybersecurity strategies and protect their organizations against cybersecurity attacks



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Stephen Owen is a Security Leader with complementary Security, Cloud Architecture and Data Privacy professional skills, who was formerly CISO and DPO for several high-profile UK companies where he was well known for his detailed and pragmatic advice. Over the last ten years, Stephen has supported a range of companies throughout EMEA on multiple cloud digital transformations and legacy transition projects. Capping his data privacy and security expertise, Stephen was also recognised by the industry and awarded a Fellow of Information Privacy from the International Association of Privacy Professionals in 2016.



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## Benjamin Craig



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Director of Communications

Ben is one of the rare unicorn in the recruitment industry. Committed and passionate about cybersecurity and focused on growing his and the community knowledge.

Ben brings his network and insight of the industry and most important his passion for cybersecurity in the UK Chapter.

Ben is currently a principal consultant at Infosec People.

# The panellist

## Owanate Bestman



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Owanate has spent the last 7 years recruiting in the Cyber Security field, securing individuals and teams which meet specific technical and/ or leadership requirements for some of the world's most innovative firms, to the mutual benefit of individuals' career progression and the needs of the company. Before this Owanate recruited Technology and Operational Risk specialists, during this period he was successful in staffing several high profile banking regulatory programmes.

Owanate is the founder of Bestman Solutions, a search and selection firm dedicated to meeting the demand for cyber security skills.



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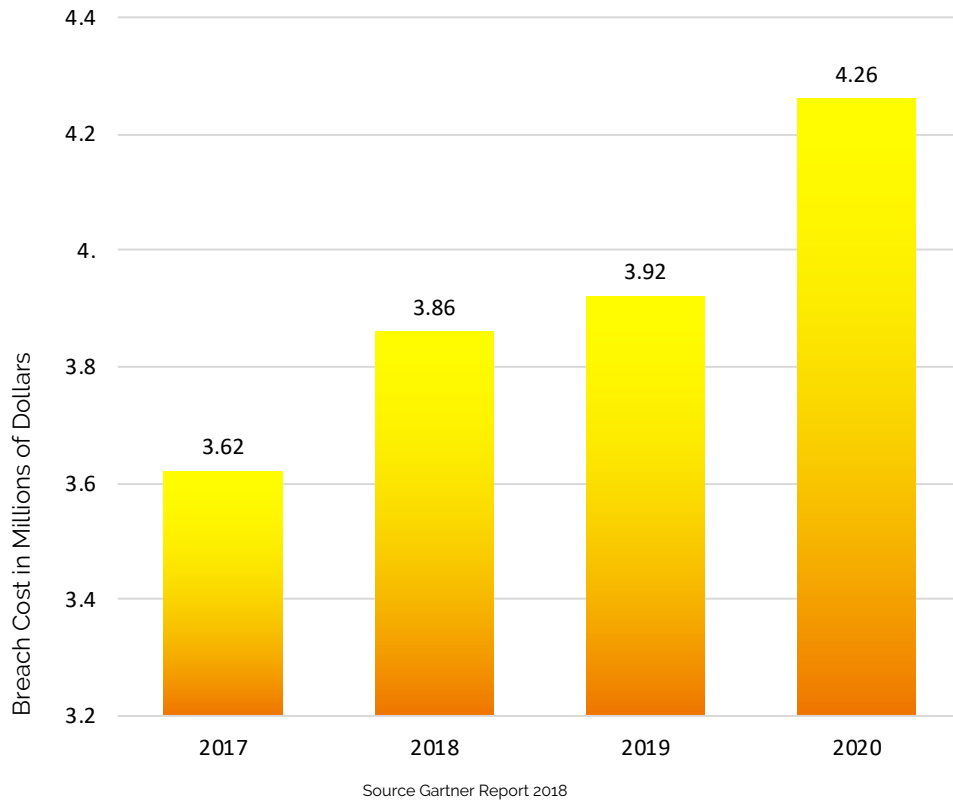


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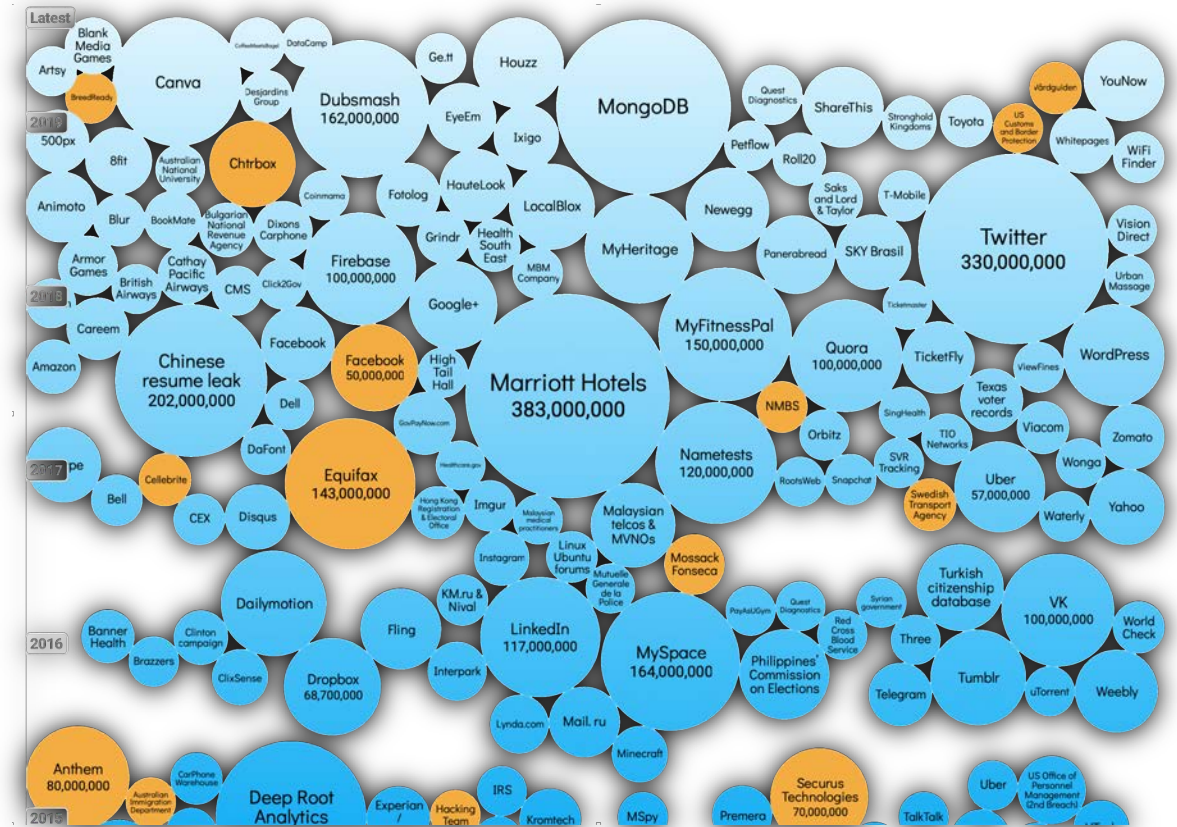
# Why Security

**71% of breaches in 2019 were financially motivated**



AVERAGE COST OF DATA BREACH IN MILLION OF DOLLARS

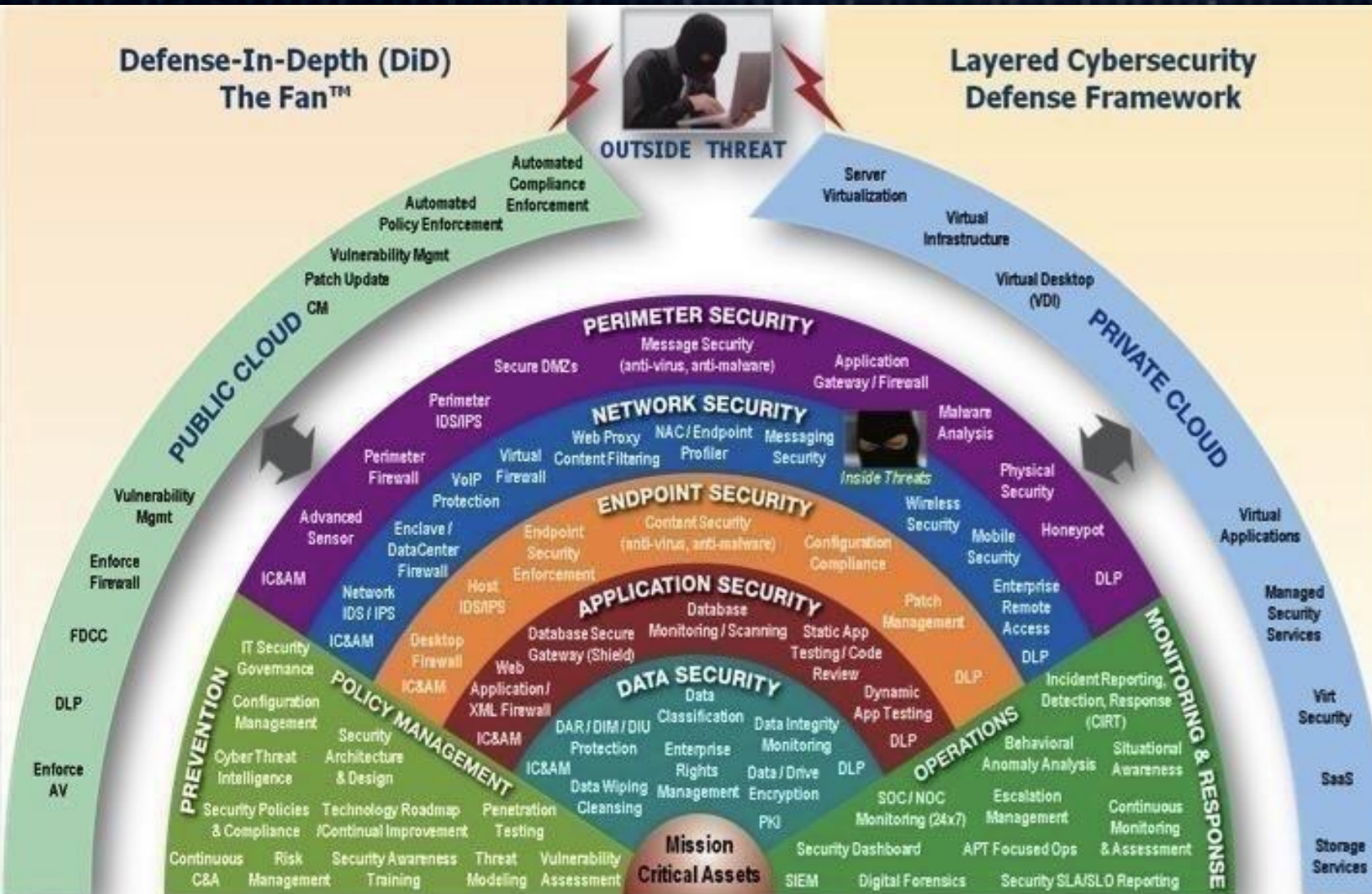
**The number of data breaches reported since 2017 to regulators has increased 480%.**



THE BREACH OVERVIEW



# Cybersecurity Landscape



- Cloud Security – Defends Cloud Configuration, VM,
- Network/Infrastructure security – defends OS and Other layers on prem but also on cloud
- Endpoint Security – defends user facing

## Operational Security

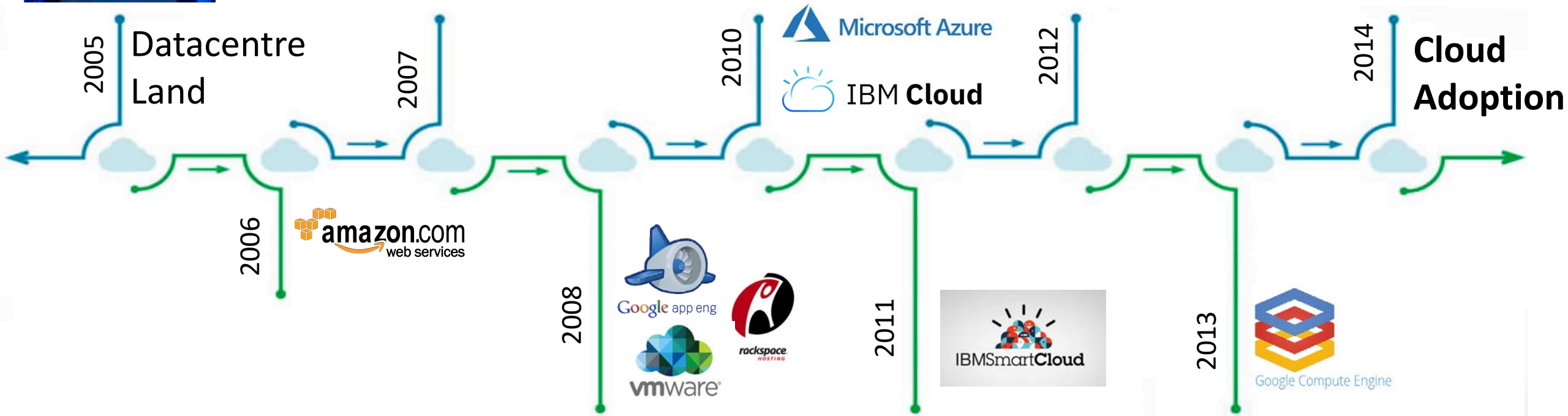
- SOC, Red team etc...

## Governance –

- Policy and regulations, compliance...

**Today we will focus on cloud security but all the other areas are applicable**

# Story of the Cloud





# Security Salary at a glance

## CISO

The CISO is a broad job title, reflected in the variance in salaries on offer. Can be a managerial, executive leadership or board level role.

EU/SI

## Security Architect

Technical roles with something of a management overview, will focus predominantly on High Level Design looking at the workflow and broad controls. Will translate the security policy into technical specification.

EU/SI/PS

## Security Solutions Architect

Senior yet hands-on role which encompasses developing technical solutions, identifying security controls, and creating design documentation. Will help embed security in to projects throughout the business.

EU/SI/PS/V

## Enterprise Security Architect

Proven track record of developing security architectures and acting as technical design authority cross enterprise-scale infrastructures. Ability to understand deep technical topics from a top-down and management perspective.

EU/SI

## Application Security Specialist

Responsible for architecting security controls around all aspects of the application environment, from secure development, server stacks and web app firewalls.

EU/SI/V

## SecDevOps

Responsible for developing applications securely. Will have thorough knowledge of Java and agile development practices.

EU/SI/V

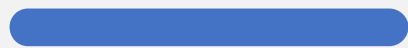


Source: Acumin 2020  
Salary Report

# Cloud Security careers

## DevSecOps

Keeping the security lights on in the Cloud



### Golden Unicorns

4+ Years experience  
£80k..£120k

LinkedIn UK roles as of May 2020 – 169 vacancies

## Cloud Security Architect

Bridge between business & implementation



### Unicorns

4+ Years experience  
£90k..£130k+

LinkedIn UK roles as of May 2020 – 248 vacancies

## Cloud Auditors

Should and will they exist.



### TBC

£80k+?

## DevOps

Build it now! and keep the lights on



### Stallions

4+ Years experience  
£70k..£105k

Google jobs UK roles as of May 2020 xxxx

# Positioning yourself to a hiring manager for cloud security careers



## Focus on Your Technical Skills

When speaking to a hiring manager, focus on your technical skills and certifications. You will find you are both 'speaking the same language'. Tip: if you can teach the hiring manager something new that they don't know, you will stand out.



## Take a Consultative Approach

The most successful interviews are when the interviewee takes a consultative approach to prove themselves. Challenge the status quo with technical solutions or empirical examples of what you have done previously; remember the hiring manager is looking for someone who can think for themselves and problem-solve.



## Communicate

The integration of security into other areas (e.g. DevSecOps) means that teams who have not historically collaborated need to be totally transparent as they learn together, and that requires an environment which encourages change and growth alongside excellent communication. Alongside talking about your technical skills ensure your people-skills and personality come across too.



## Target Your Potential Employers

Consider whether your technical skills, personality and background would suit a big corporate employer or a small consultancy, or a start-up/SME. Target employers based on this and explain to the hiring manager what specific skills you can bring to that environment.

Remember to build connections and expand your industry network via events and networking; this is the best way to get a foot in the door to new opportunities.



# Who is hiring in Cloud?

- There are currently over 3000 vacancies on LinkedIn in Cloud Security in the UK
- The emergence of Cloud vacancies mean that employers are seeking transferrable skills to address the skills gap
- Key employers hiring in the Cloud space are;

**Government**

**Insurance**

**Communication  
Technology**

**Consultancies**

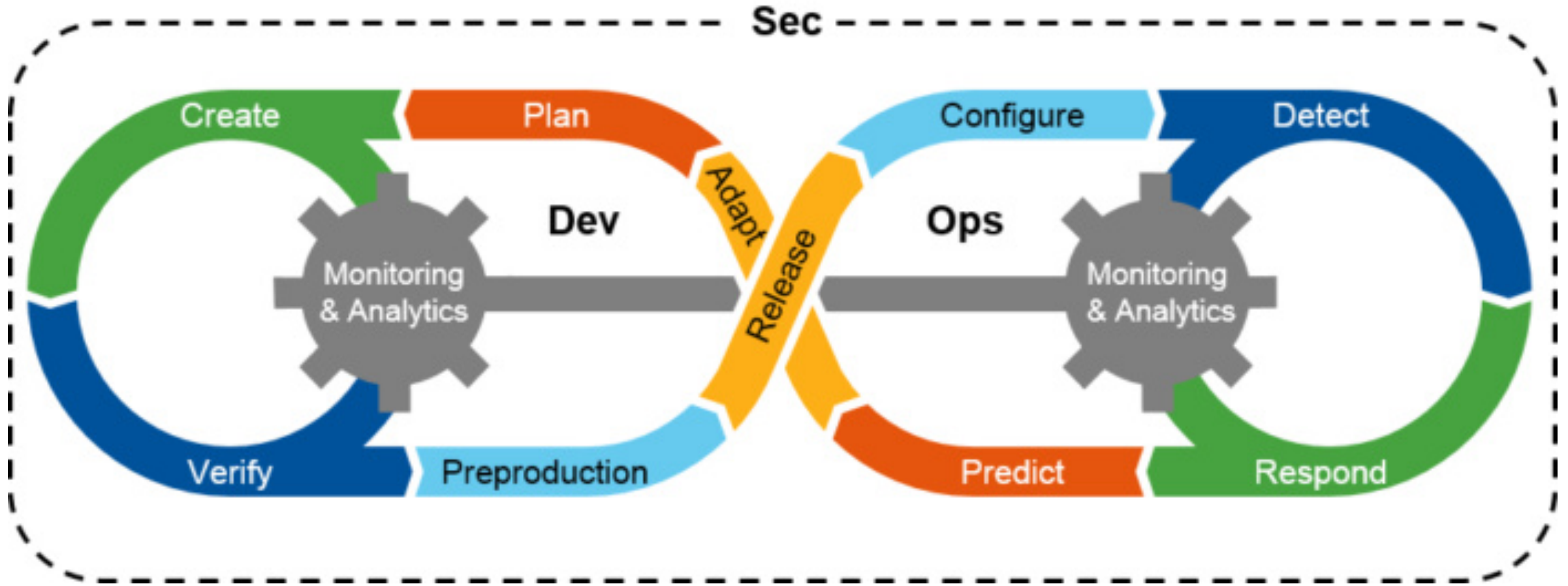
**Banking**

**Tip: utilise a specialist recruitment consultancy**

"This was my first high-level hire for cloud transformation and the market expertise of InfoSec People was invaluable. I was looking for someone to tell me what 'good' looks like - InfoSec fully scoped my vacancy and helped me position it favourably in the marketplace".

- Director of a local SME on the advantages of using a specialist recruiter

# What Is DEVSECOPS



# What Is DEVSECOPS

## Design

The Objective of the various areas are

- **Ingredients**
- **Recipe**
- **Stock List (asset Register)**

## Security Design

Act as Health Inspector

- **Verify Ingredients are not mouldy**
- **Verify Recipe does not contain poison**
- **Stock List (asset Register)** – verify the component used in the cake are genuine



## Build/Test

The Objective of the various areas are

- **Combine ingredients (libraries+Code)**
- **Bake the cake**
- **Test the cake**

## Security Build & Test

Act as Health Inspector

- **That the cake is made up of genuine ingredients (from asset register)**
- **Test the cake for mould**



## Operate

The Objective of the various areas are

- **Sell The cake**
- **Restock the cake on the shelf**

## Secure Operate

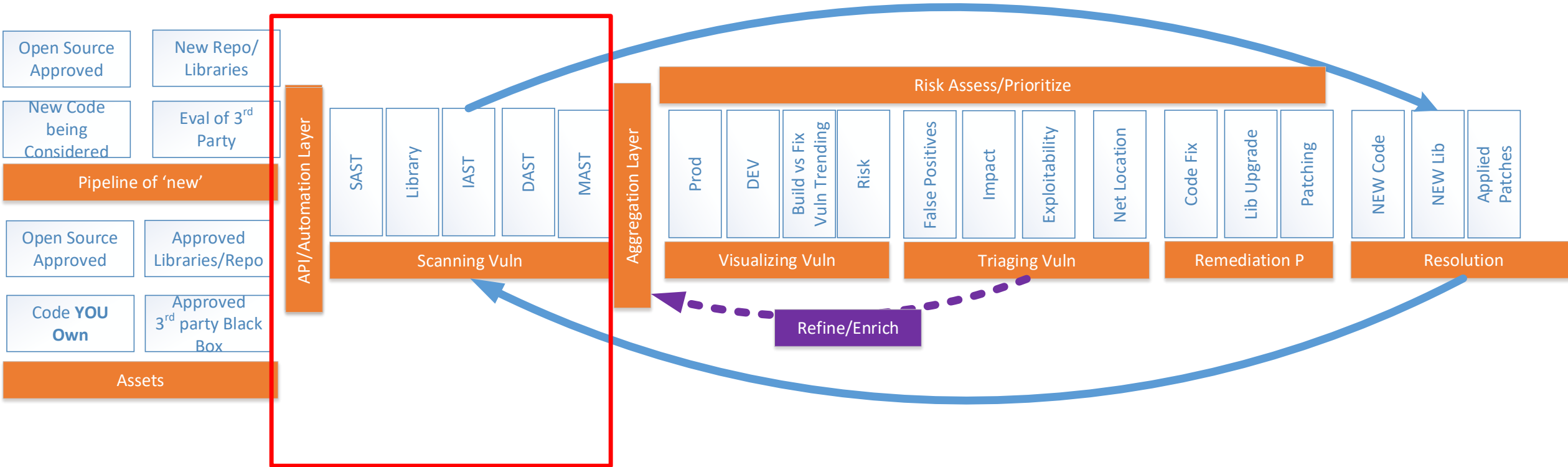
Act as Health Inspector

- **Verify Cake on the shop are made of genuine ingredients (from asset register)**
- **Verify expiry data of Cake**
- **Test the cake for mould**





# DEVSECOPS AREAS



# How to get started DevSecOps

Network Engineer

Developer  
DevOps

IT Admin / Infrastructure Engineer



Virtual Machines, Storage (e.g AWS S3)  
General functions/Lambda, Logging(e.g Cloud Watch)

IAM Access control, Terraform  
CompTIA Security+, (Python or GO), AWS Associate Developer

Databases, Golden images, WAF rules,  
General functions/Lambda, Logging(e.g Cloud Watch),  
Key/Secrets management. Concepts of Docker, Threat feeds,  
Understanding of Security in pipeline CI/CD

AWS Associate DevOps, AWS Security specialist

Logging ELK stacks, forensic snapshots, Kubernetes,  
Maintaining compliance, Data leakage, MITRE ATT&CK alignment, Static/Dynamic Code analysis tools

AWS Professional DevOps, AWS Advanced Networking

Cloud Security Alliance Chapter, DevSecCon

Fine grain access control, Big data, IoT security, short life  
10min certificates, Multi Cloud experience

CISSP, CCSP, Multi Cloud qualifications

BlackHat, Presenting /Papers+

£45k..£60k

£50k..£70k

£70k..£100k

£80k..£120k

They provide security guidance to DevOps/Infrastructure teams of reducing mistakes, promotion of good practices, providing repeatable protection and detection "capabilities" to allow teams to adopt and build faster (security is transparent). Eyes and ears to CISO, Security Operations Teams (SOC), support forensic and audit reviews.

Projects/Exposure

Qualifications

Sector involvement

# How to get started Cloud Security Architect



Design reviews, Dataflow, Interface diagrams, digital asset and risk vs cost/effort recommendations, secrets management, legacy applications migration, data access management models, layered security controls, Landing zone/control tower patterns; External API (Auth/Protection), OWASP API/Application security

CompTIA Security+, (Python or GO), AWS Associate Architect

MITRE ATT&CK, Threat modelling, Cloud security design patterns, Docker/Kubernetes, image provenance/validation lifecycle, Security Operating Centre (SOC) logging/triage collaboration; Scope and management of external Pen testing; Security Monkey or Config drift patterns; Regulatory sector compliance requirements  
AWS Security specialist, AWS Data Analytics

Evolve soft skills, Big data and continuous event stream security patterns, Data leakage/usage tracking/retention, Privacy by Design, audit/gap assessment of environments, Cloud focus Incident management; Security and contractual review of third-party SaaS providers;  
AWS Professional Architect, Privacy CIPP/E

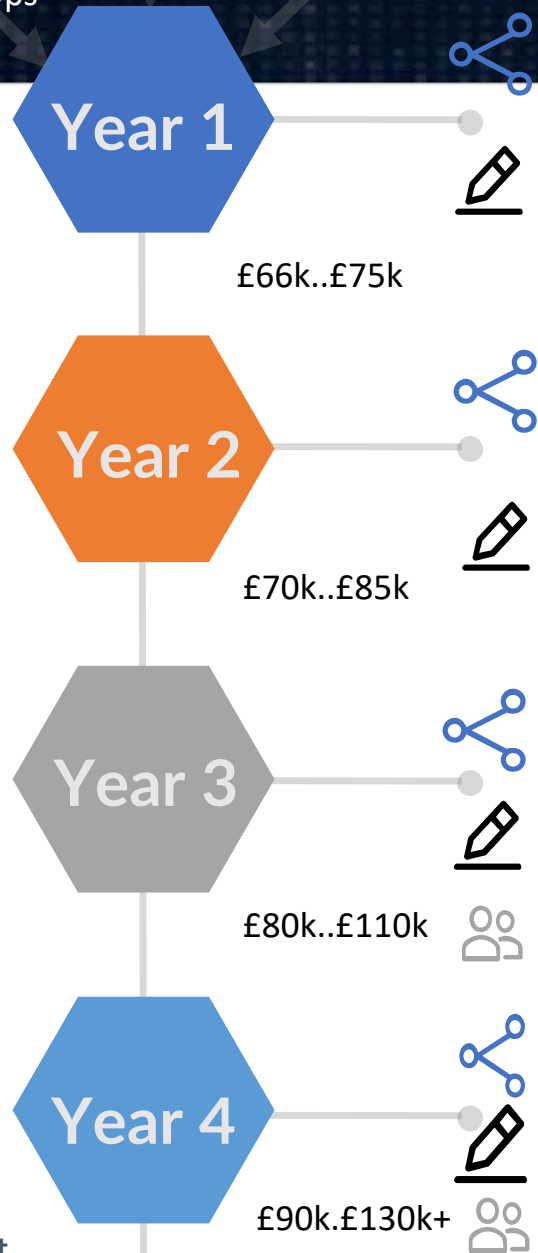
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Forensics, ELK log design patterns, Scope definition for purple team events and Audit/gap assessment of environments, Cloud focus Incident management

CISSP, CCSP, Multi Cloud qualifications

BlackHat, Presenting /Papers+

Proactive role - SME of all things Cloud Security: SaaS, PaaS & IaaS. Lead or advise business stakeholders, architects and DevOps of the appropriate level of security. Define and maintain Cloud centric Security "blueprints" (reference architecture patterns). Threat modeling, Logging specialist, Compliance alignment. Role works closely with DevOps and DevSecOps to verify pattern adoption and refinement of future recommendations. **Its not using the same on-premise design patterns in the Cloud!**



Projects/Exposure
 Qualifications
 Sector involvement



# Cloud Security Cert - Independent



**CCSK**  
Course Sample

Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge Course Sample



**CCSK Plus**  
Course With Exam Token

Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge - Lectures and Labs



**CGC**  
Course

Cloud Governance & Compliance



**CCAK**

Certified Cloud Audit Knowledge



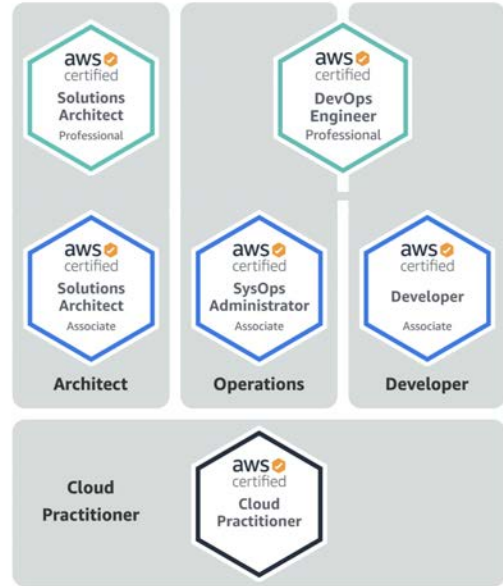
Certified Cloud Security Professional



# Cloud Security Cert

## Professional

Two years of comprehensive experience designing, operating, and troubleshooting solutions using the AWS Cloud



## Specialty

Technical AWS Cloud experience in the Specialty domain as specified in the exam guide



## Associate

One year of experience solving problems and implementing solutions using the AWS Cloud

## Foundational

Six months of fundamental AWS Cloud and industry knowledge

## Specialization



## Architect



## Foundation





# DEVSECOPS Resources



**OWASP Virtual AppSec Days April 2020**

Your Computer | Training: April 28-29 (4 hours each day)  
Conference: April 27  
CTF: April 30-May 2

## NSC42 Limited

 Cloud Security Training

 DEVSECOPS & SDLC Security

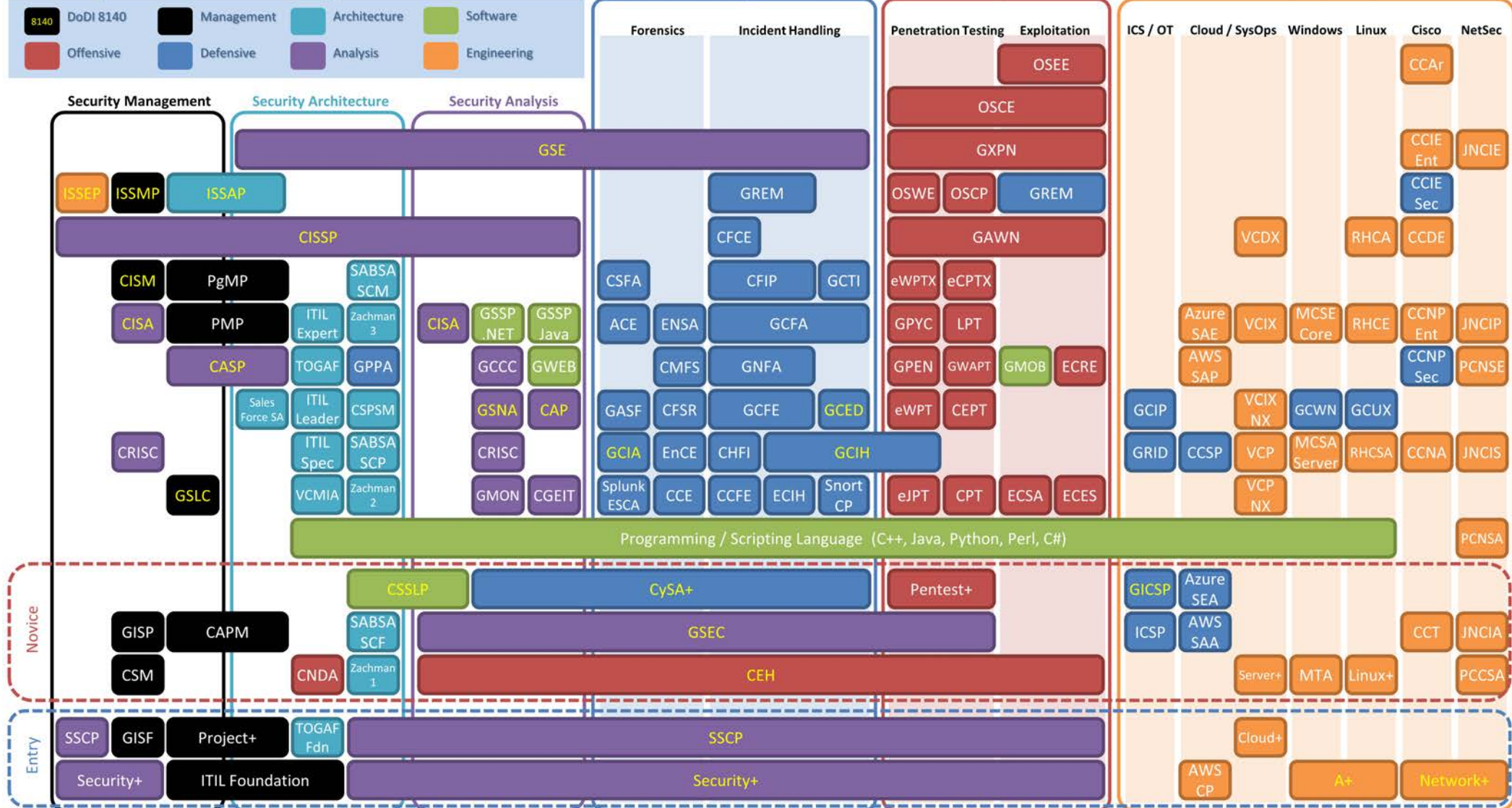


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Practical DEVSECOPS



# Other Certifications

## Security Certification Progression Chart 2020



# Cloud Learning (Low cost route)

*Other providers are available*

[Online – Azure Learning](#)

[Online – AWS Security Essentials](#)

[Online – GCP Cloud Infrastructure](#)

[Online - Cloud Guru](#)

[OneLine - Cloud Academy](#)

[Online – Cloud Udemy](#)

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## Cloud Security Influencer of the Year

Submission – 10 of May 2020 (TBD)

**Ceremony 4 July 2020**

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