

Using Zero Trust strategies for responsible Generative AI adoption

Jim Reavis, CEO, Cloud Security Alliance

May 2024

ABOUT THE CLOUD SECURITY ALLIANCE

“To promote the use of best practices for providing security assurance within Cloud Computing and provide education on the uses of Cloud Computing to help secure all other forms of computing.”

? **Building security best practices for next generation IT**

? **Global, not-for-profit organization**

? **Research and Educational Programs**

? **Cloud Provider Certification**

? **User Certification**

? **The globally authoritative source for Trust in the Cloud**

205k+

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

140+

CHAPTERS

2009

CSA FOUNDED

cloud
CSA security
alliance®

500+

CORPORATE MEMBERS

30+

ACTIVE WORKING GROUPS

SEATTLE/BELLINGHAM// GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS

2,700+

STAR REGISTRY ENTRIES (provider certification)

12,000+

CONTRIBUTING RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS

BERLIN // EMEA HEADQUARTERS



CSA research is FREE!



Strategic partnerships with governments, research institutions, professional associations and industry

World's most vital cybersecurity community

SHANGHAI // GREATER CHINA REGION

SINGAPORE // ASIA PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS

How CSA is thinking about Generative AI

With irony

The Cloud and
AI had a baby
and they
named it
ChatGPT



Cloud history by version number

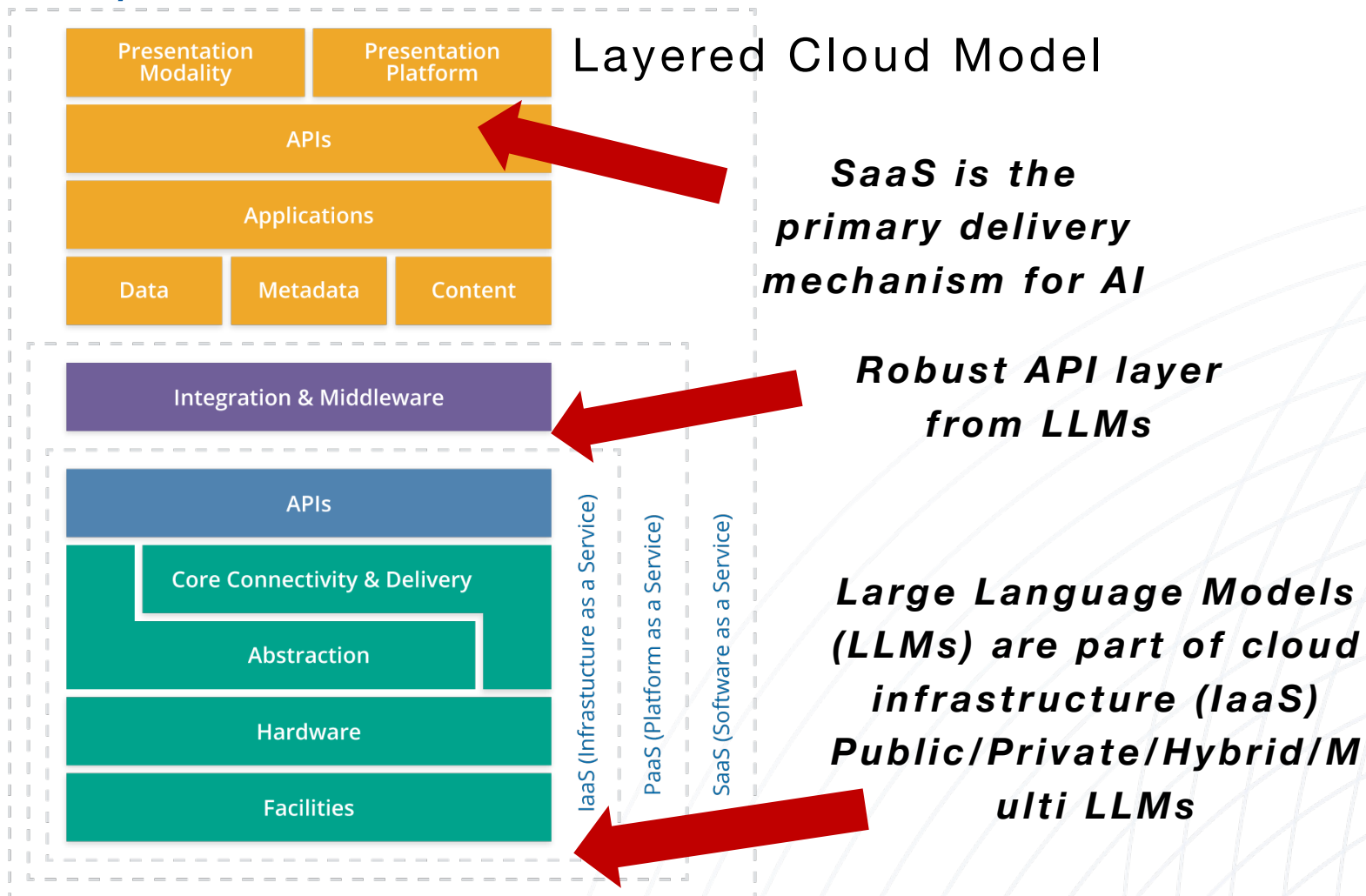
Cloud 1.0 – Cloud delivers traditional IT services (e.g. Virtual Machines) in new business model (2008-2016)

Cloud 2.0 – Cloud Native Technologies & Frameworks: DevOps, Containers, Serverless, CNAPP, etc. Pandemic accelerates move to cloud and rise of Zero Trust as the strategy for securing cloud sprawl (2016-mid 2022)

Cloud 3.0 – Tech economic downturn, Rise of Generative AI and its merger with Cloud 2.0 (mid 2022-)

History repeating itself with GenAI as Cloud

Layered Cloud Model From the 2009 CSA archives



- Enterprises will vary in adoption pace
- Soon, GenAI will be pervasive in SaaS, App stores
- Viral adoption impacts ALL!

Dimensions of the AI question CSA is investigating

- **Improving cybersecurity** through appropriate use of AI
- **How AI can be directly attacked** to assist AI's continuous improvement
- **How malicious actors** can, will and are using AI
- **AI usage guidelines** tied to existing security & governance frameworks
- **Build the new tools and frameworks** need for AI's unique characteristics
- **Anticipate future challenges of AI** and set a roadmap in place

Investigating Large Language Models

A Large Language Model is an artificial intelligence model that's trained to understand and generate human-like text.

1. Tokenization: Text broken down into smaller units
2. Transformation: Tokens processed by the model in relation to all the other tokens
3. Generation: Model predicts the following tokens in succession
 - Temperature is a parameter controlling how random vs deterministic the output is

It is a statistical model, not consciousness

Recommend Cloud (Public, Private, Hybrid, Multi LLMs) plus Edge nomenclature

Enabled by astonishing amounts of compute power

Three LLMs are considered the Frontier Models: OpenAI, Anthropic & Google Deepmind

This is some text showing off tokens, especially with longer words that aren't used as often, like pedantic, corporeal, and frangible.

Thinking About Near-Term Issues

- Data Leakage from LLM queries is probably overhyped
- **Using your Data with LLMs has the typical data lifecycle /data governance issues**
- Prompt Injection has tremendous potential for attacks
- Data poisoning & model evasion
- Hallucination, Deepfakes & Bias
- AI-enabled malicious attackers, e.g. automated vulnerability discovery & deception attacks



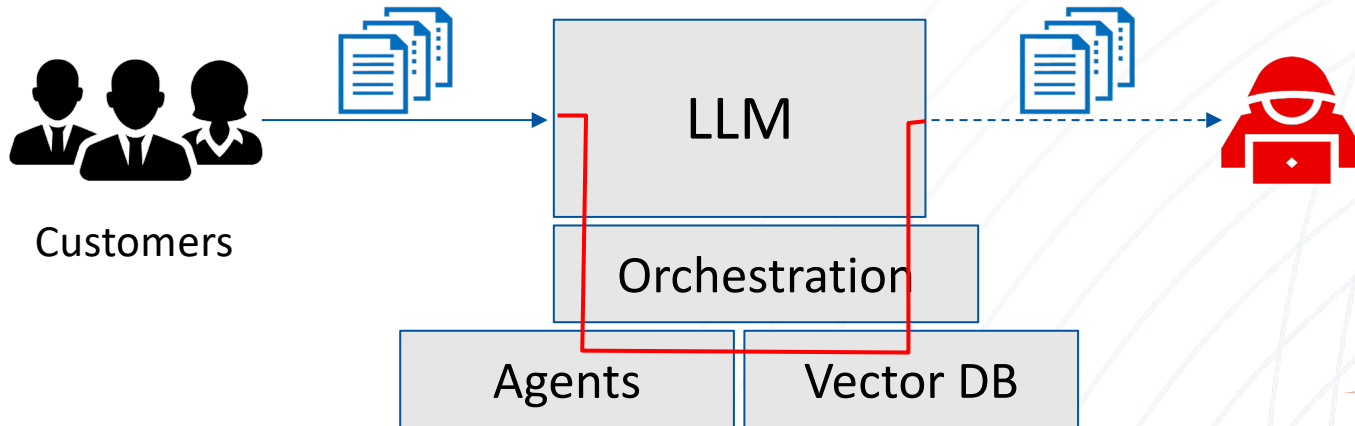
LLM Data leakage is traditional data security

Scenario 1

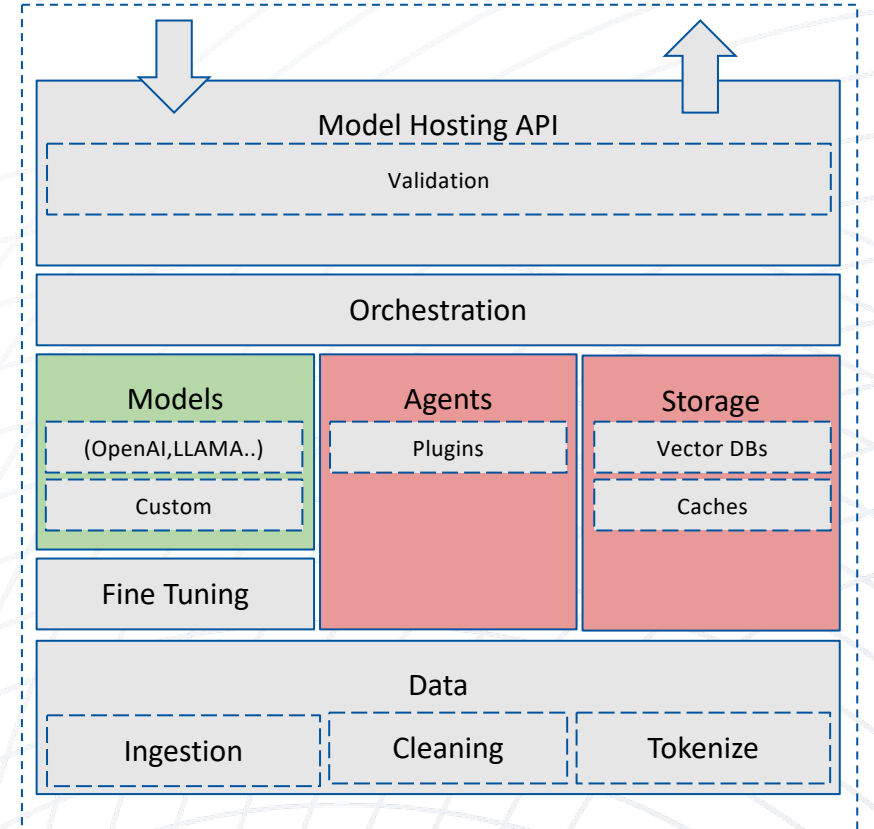


Data Leakage Risk is Low

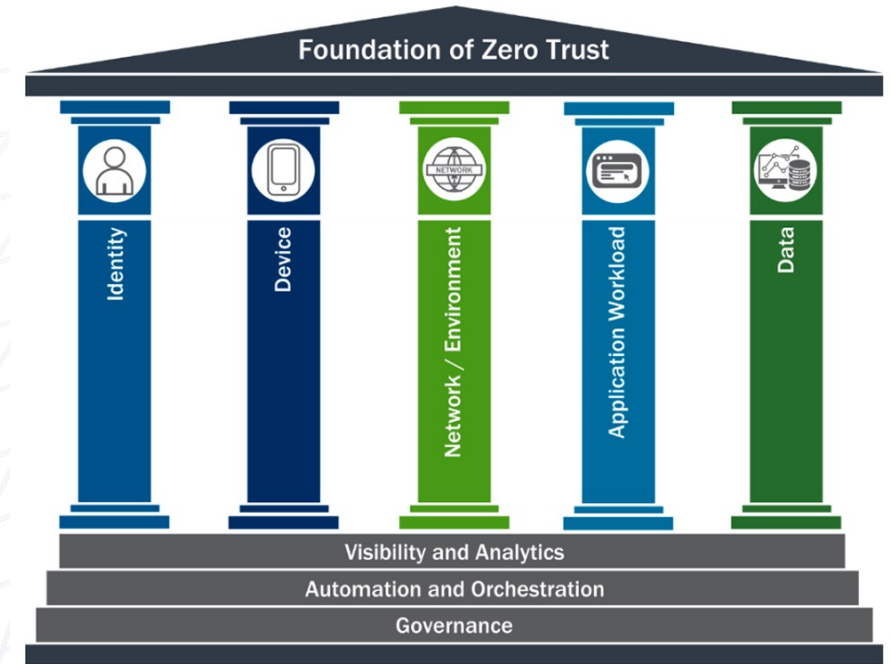
Scenario 2



Data Leakage becomes a real threat. ACL is critical



- Center is positioning Zero Trust as “Philosophy informing Strategy”
 - Assume everything can be compromised
 - Protect assets with least privilege access
 - Identity as a foundation
 - Continuous verification
- Training, Research, Resource Hub
- Full Exam & Certification available



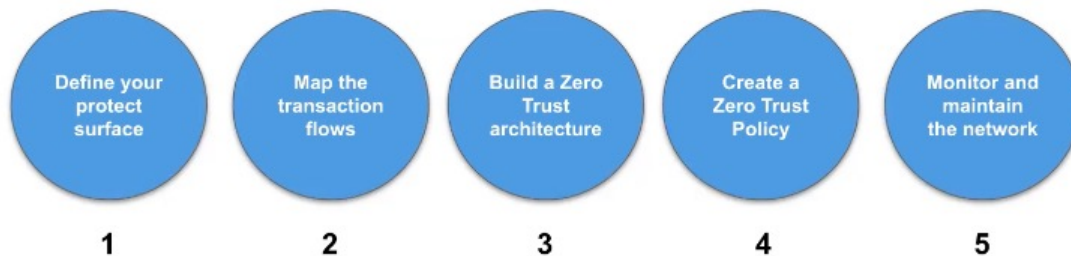
- www.cloudsecurityalliance.org/zt

- ZT Weakness is “Cloud Native”

- 72% of containers live less than 5 minutes
- 90% of granted permissions are not used
- 87% of container images have high or critical vulnerabilities
- 15% of high or critical vulnerabilities are in use
- *Source: Sysdig Cloud Native Security & Usage Report 2023*

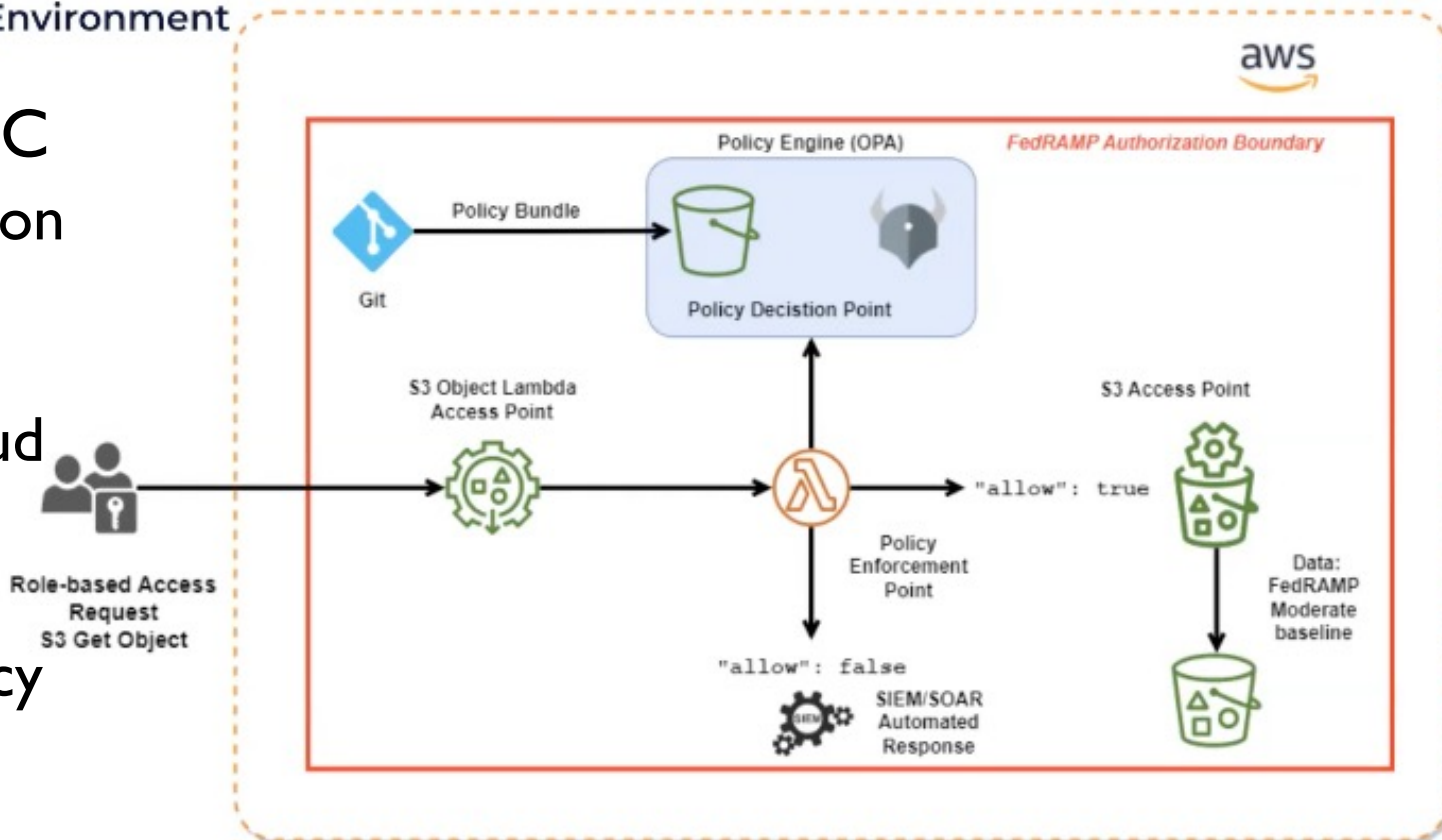
- Priority to apply ZT to DevOps & Microservices

- Extend 5 Pillars to “Cloud Native”
- Container and Serverless deployment
- Focus on Automation & Tooling
- Layer 7 Access Control
- Infrastructure as Code
- Policy as Code
- Use 5 Step process in Cloud Native Process



Demo Environment

- Developed Cloud Native ZT POC
 - Protect FedRAMP Authorization Boundary containing health information
 - Developed in AWS public cloud with mock data
 - Heavy reliance on Serverless
 - Use Terraform and Open Policy Agent to orchestrate



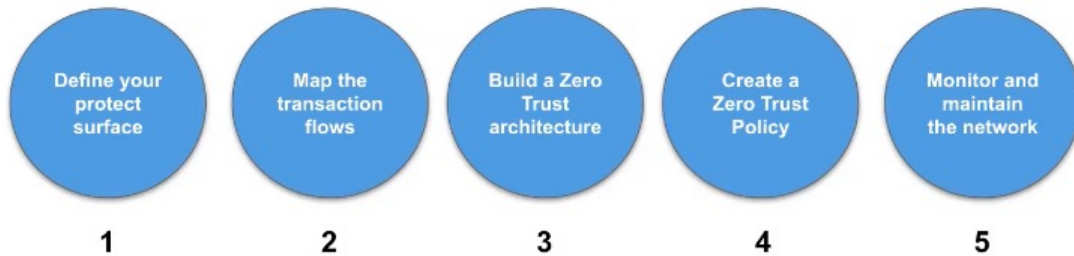
Zero Trust should be central to AI Data Transformation & Governance

Data Transformation Steps

1. Data Collection and Integration
2. Data Cleaning and Preprocessing
3. Data Augmentation
4. Data Annotation and Labeling
5. Data Storage and Management
6. Data Privacy and Security
7. Ongoing Data Monitoring and Quality Assurance

Data Governance Framework

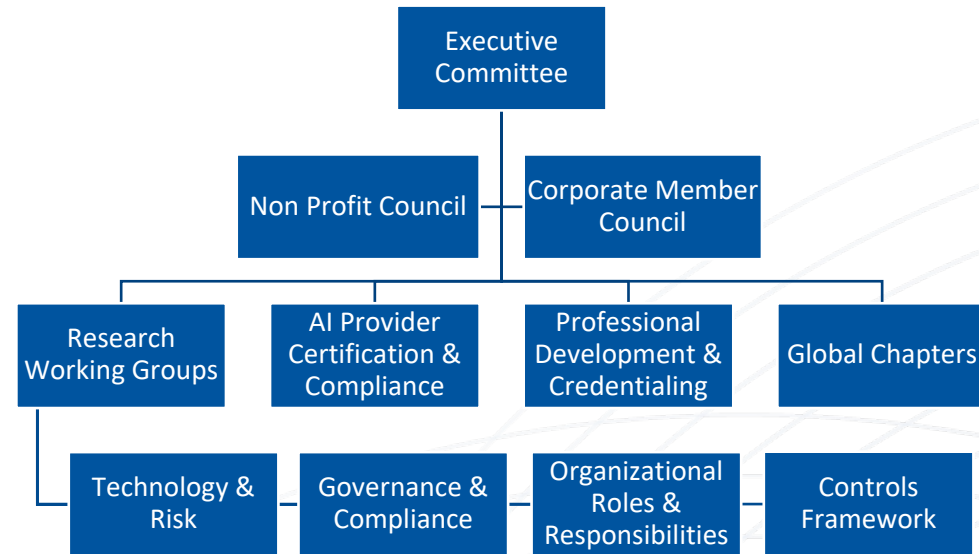
1. Governance Structure
2. Data Policies and Standards
3. Data Quality Management
4. Data Privacy and Security
5. Data Access and Control
6. Training and Awareness
7. Technology and Tools
8. Compliance and Regulatory Requirements
9. Performance Measurement



CSA AI Safety Initiative

Executive Committee

- Frontier Model Companies
 - OpenAI
 - Google Deepmind
 - Anthropic
- Hyperscalers
 - Amazon AWS
 - Google Cloud
 - Microsoft
- CISA (USA)
- Key stakeholders from government and industry around the world



Non Profit Council

- Chaired by United Nations International Computing Centre

Corporate Member Council

- Represent 500 corporate members from AI, Cloud, Cybersecurity, Audit and all critical infrastructure industries

Additional Support

- 1,500 volunteer experts in research working groups
- Chapters from over 60 countries
- www.cloudsecurityalliance.ai

Summary

Pervasive Generative AI is the biggest technology trend to date

Cloud 3 is the merger with AI

The world is hungry for data – your data

Modern identity strategy

Robust data governance

Zero Trust is key

Thank You!



jreavis@cloudsecurityalliance.org