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Managing IT Security in Cloud Infrastructures

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Security Technology

Provides an **overview of the IT security market**
Tests IT security products against customer use cases
Brings together **IT security experts** across borders



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The TEC Team

Tested over **80 products** from different domains
Participated in over **500 product demonstrations**
Active since 2017



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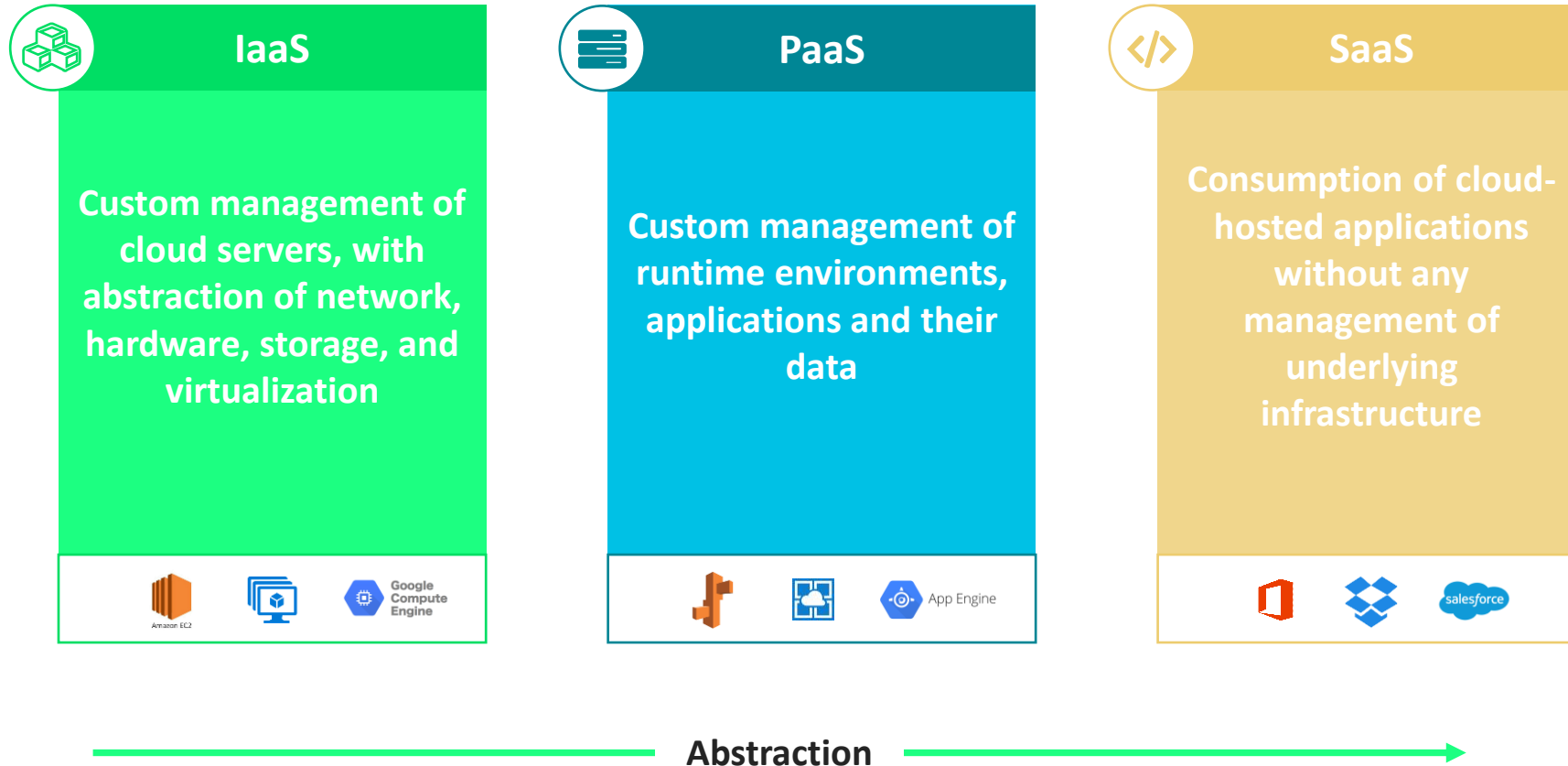
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Offers shared cyber-security services and coordinates collaboration efforts



Cloud Computing: Technical Implementation

Abstraction Levels in Cloud Environments



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Cloud Workloads

1

Virtual Server

Access to virtualized server systems with complete management of resources, operating system, network, and application stack

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Cloud Application

Deployment of (web) applications in a runtime provided by the cloud provider — abstraction of underlying server, with management options for scalability

3

Container

Deployment and management of containers in cloud environments by utilizing either provider-specific or standardized orchestration solutions

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Database

Managed SQL/NoSQL database services without access to underlying server infrastructure

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Object Storages

Unstructured object storage accessible through API, without management of storage resources, their capacity, or scalability for users

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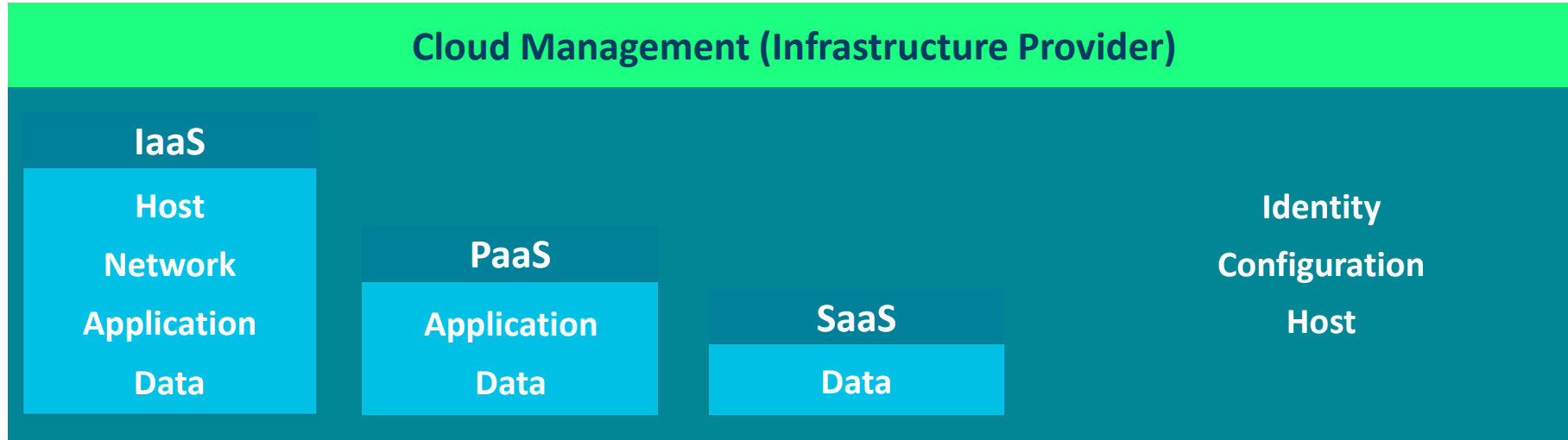
Cloud Functions

Execution of stateless functions that suppose the availability of all necessary components to execute the business logic — easy horizontal scaling available due to missing state



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Protected Assets per Security Measure



Host – Platform to consume or provide services
Network – Components that enable enterprise communication
Application – Service provided on top of a host

Data – Information at rest or in motion
Identity – Context, aspects and rights related to human and machine identities
Configuration – Management of cloud environments



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Challenges of Diverse Infrastructures

- ! Multi-cloud, multi-account environments
 - ! Diverse target assets
 - ! Large number of assets, accounts and applications leading to huge amounts of events
 - ! Policy enforcement within dynamic & individual environments
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Missing visibility of IT Security Operators in Cloud Environments

Inapplicability of “Traditional” IT Security Solutions



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Comparison to know IT Security Capabilities

“Traditional” IT Security Products may work in cloud environments but lack capabilities to

- Cover and handle **security events in an abstracted way** (e.g., cloud infrastructure, host system)
- Scale across **large numbers of assets and networks**
- Target **volatile applications and storage systems**
- Engage a **broad attack profile**



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Product Capabilities

Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM)

- Monitoring of cloud hyperscalers (e.g., AWS, MS Azure, GCP) and their configuration
- Comparison and attestation of compliance against industry frameworks
- Remediation of insecure configuration
- Detection of identities and their access rights
- Cost management

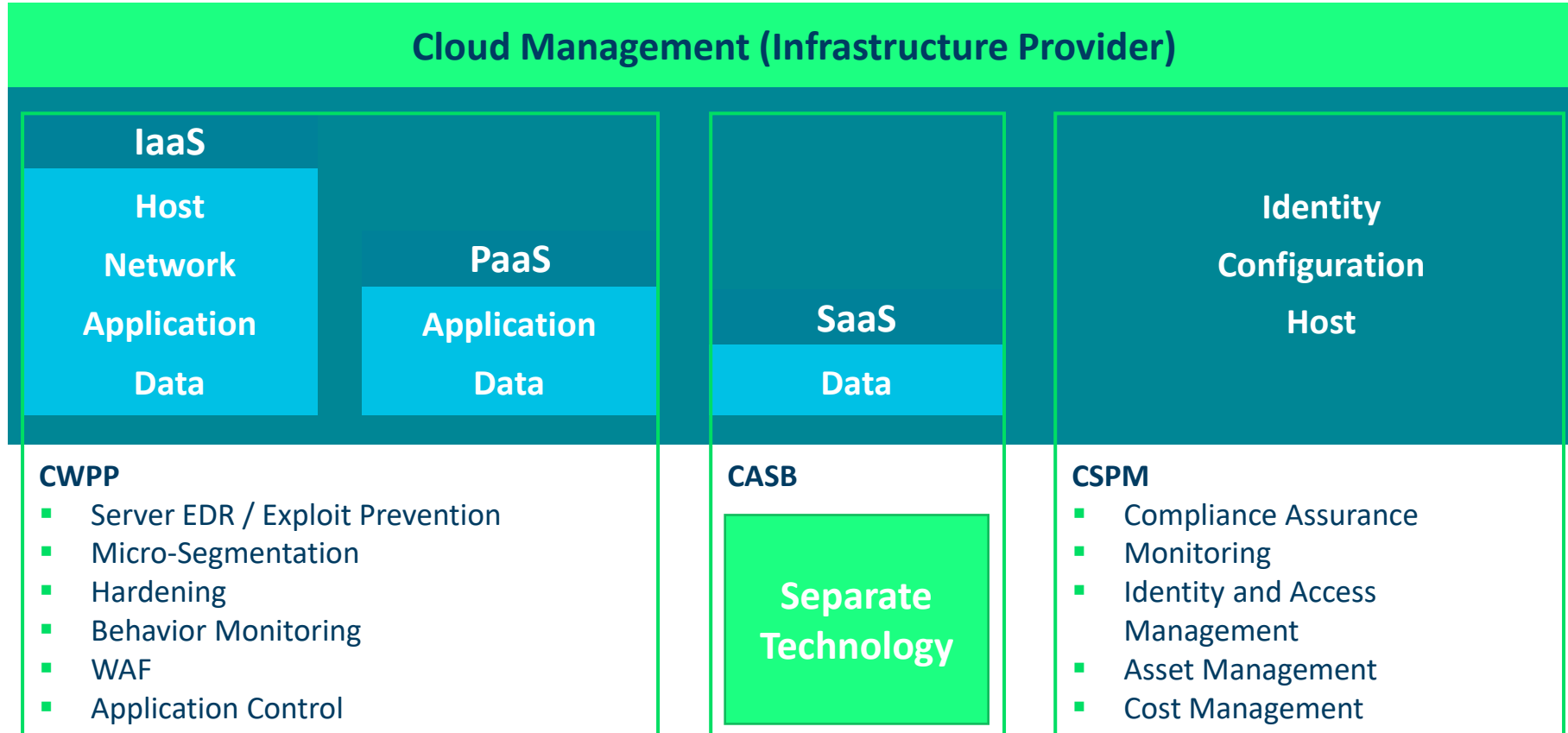
Cloud Workload Protection Platform (CWPP)

- Diverse functionality per asset type located in hyperscaler (differences in abstraction)
- Segmentation of networks and hosts
- Threat protection (Antivirus, Exploit Prevention, IDS/IPS)
- Application control, Web application firewall
- Container (Kubernetes) security



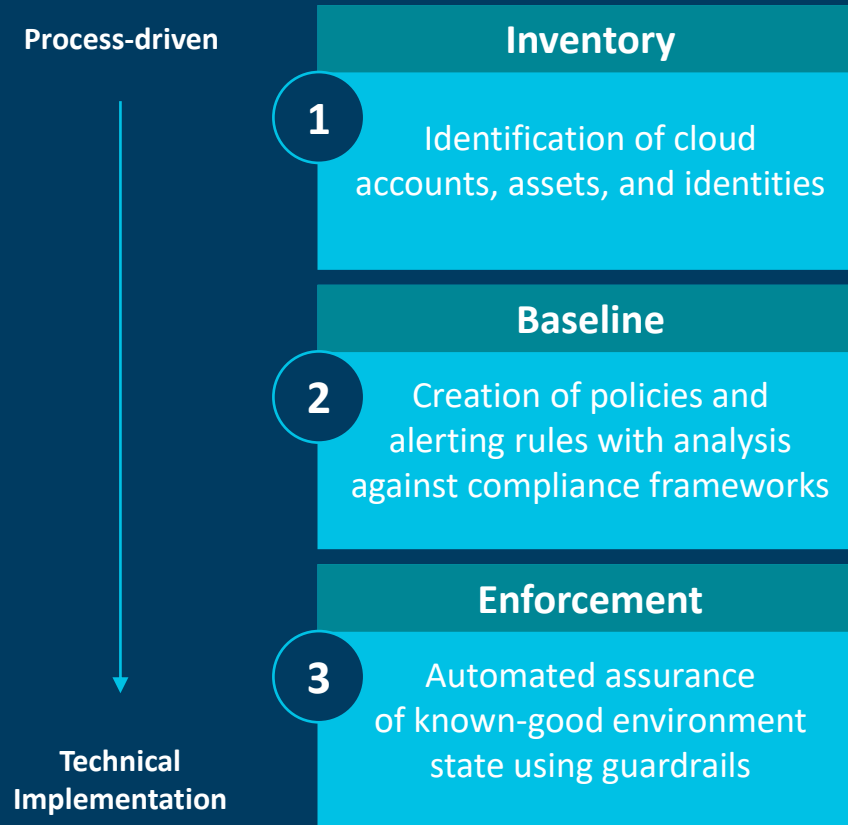
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CSPM: Designing a Setup Process



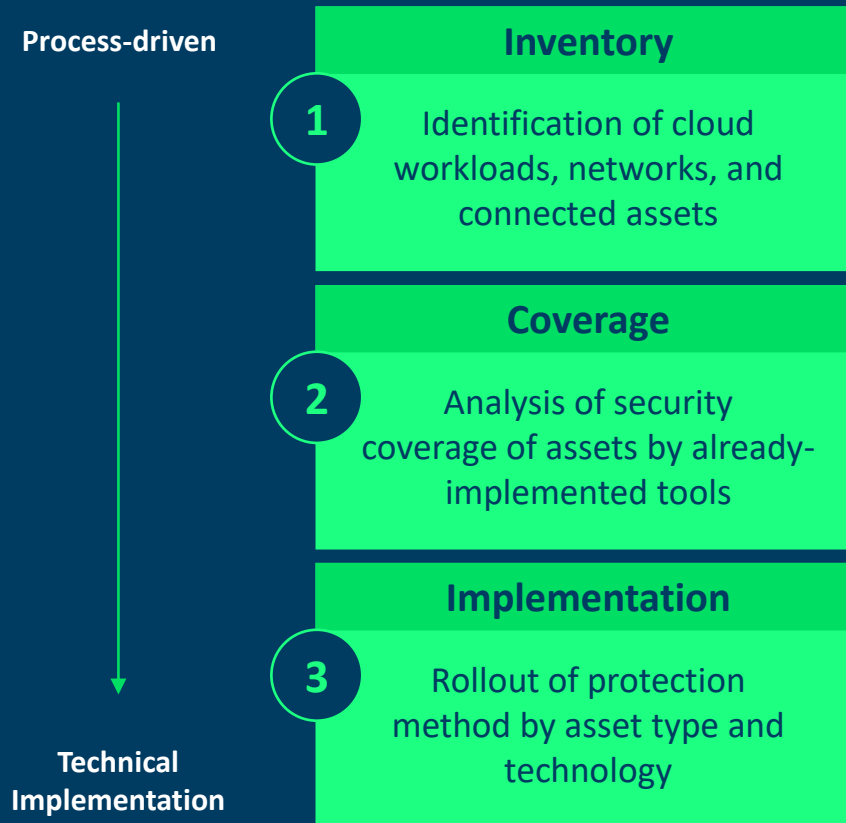
- Exchange of ideas and approaches with DevOps teams
- Definition and restriction of providers and technologies

- Backed by continuous refinement process
- Gradual extension of automated enforcements
- Audit-safe, continuous assurance of compliant infrastructure state



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CWPP: Designing a Setup Process



- Exchange of ideas and approaches with DevOps teams
- Alignment of protection methods with “traditional” asset types
- Extension of in-place technologies to cloud environments
- Gradual extension of covered asset types and technologies



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