

Palo Alto Networks in the Cloud

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NOVO network control project

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About me



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- Design and implementation of secure cloud based environments
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- Development of security programs and concepts
- Experienced project manager
- Holder of multiple certifications: CISSP, OPSA, OPST
- Active researcher @ ISECOM and contributor to Hacker High school
- Hands on experience in the telecommunications industry: wireless carriers, ITSPs, ISP and hosting providers



WHAT IS INNOVO CLOUD?

Provide Cloud-based solutions with the best possible security



- iNNOVO Cloud is a young company
 - Founded in October 2012 in Frankfurt
 - Provide Cloud-Solutions focused on SMB

- Provide SMB customers all the benefits of Cloudbased solutions and services
 - with the best possible security
 - without the "Cons" of going into an external data center

The Frankfurt Cloud becomes... ...the "iNNOVO Cloud"



- iNNOVO Cloud surfaced from the Frankfurt Cloud Project
 - Goethe Universität Frankfurt
 - and a big german Bank

- We benefit from the experience gathered in the first two generations of the Frankfurt Cloud Project
 - Security relevant results
 - Customer experiences

One standard cloud solution for all sizes



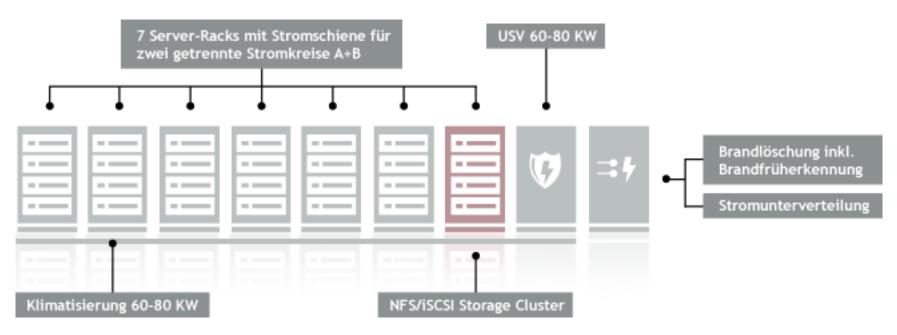
- Close work with Rittal since mid 2012
 - Standard and integrated Cloud-solution for SMB customers
- One standard cloud data center turnkey solution in different forms and sizes
 - innovo MCC
 - innovo icc
 - iNNOVO VPDC
- The iNNOVO MCC and iNNOVO ICC will be presented for the first time on CeBIT 2013
 - Halle 11 Stand F12





Based on Rittal's RiMatrix-S Container

- 7 (cloud Hw) + 2 (UPS + Power) Racks
- Enriched with the iNNOVO Cloud-services
- Customized for your needs







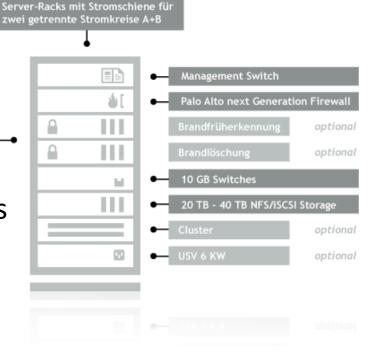
Based on the RiMatrix X5 Series from Rittal

- 1-Rack Cloud data center
 - Can be placed in the office
- Enriched with the iNNOVO Cloud-services
 - IaaS
 - Virtual Desktops
 - SaaS solutions from our partners

4 HE, 4-8 Server: 2 CPU

12 Cores, 256 GB RAM

• Customized for your needs







Virtual Private Data Center

- For customers that don't really require their data on site
- Cloud services from our regional Frankfurt Data Center
- Privacy and security have the highest priority
 - Only you have access to your VMs and data
 - Based on the same "private cloud" concept used in all our products
 - isolation between tenants



A crash course in cloud computing

CLOUD COMPUTING 101

Evolution of virtualization tech + hosting model Cloud computing

Cloud Computing

- Cloud Computing is an evolving model, which means that many definitions of the term exist.
- Started as a marketing buzzword
- Born from:
 - Cloud, referring to networks, in particular the Internet;
 - and *Computing* that refers to the processing, storage, applications, services and hardware information infrastructure.
- Result of the evolution of a series of technologies
 - virtualization,
 - and the hosting model





Cloud-washing consists in: s/managed service/cloud/g s/managed server/cloud server/g



Are all Cloud Computing offerings for real?

- Too many marketing departments have abused the term *cloud*
- "We let our data processing be dealt with by a service provider in their data center. We are then already using *the cloud*, right?"



- What once was a "managed server" or a service accessed via the Internet or VPN
 - Now labeled as Cloud Server
- This "Principle" is call **Cloud-washing**

Security is not one of the explicit trades of Cloud Computing



Characteristics or Features of Cloud Computing (according to NIST)

1. On-demand self-service

2. Broad network access:

- different networks, (the Internet, cell services)
- different devices (PC, smart phone, table)
- applications (Web based, PC application, App)
- 3. Resource pooling or sharing
- 4. Rapid elasticity or scalability
- 5. Monitoring and metering
 - transparent and accurate

Traffic separation and real multi-tenancy...

... that's what it's all about



Characteristics of a secure Cloud Computing environment

- Strict and transparent security policies
 - Ensure the availability and confidentiality of data
 - For example, the Ubuntu One
- Transparency in the controls
 - Logs
 - Alerts
- Real multi-tenancy in each module
- Effective traffic separation
 - Between different tenants
 - Can you see / access services of other tenants?
 - Between the provider and the tenants
 - Can the provider access your services?



Deployment Models

- **Public:** Anyone can consume resources i.e. Amazon EC2
- **Private:** Available only to the owner i.e. local Cloudstack instance
- **Community:** shared resources between multiple organizations with similar concerns or requirements: security, compliance i.e. cloud for banks
- **Hybrid:** Infrastructure build with 2 o more models. Normally private + public for burst or HA



SaaS -> end users - PaaS -> Develpers IaaS -> SysAdmins

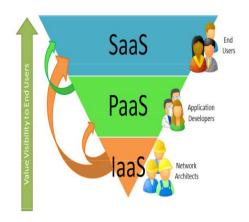
Types of service

- Software as a Service (SaaS)
 - Consume End users
 - Gmail, Sales force, Office 365
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - Build on it Developers
 - Azure, Google Apps

• Infrastructure as a Service (SaaS)

- Migrate to it SysAdmins
- Amazon EC2, Rackspace, iNNOVO CLOUD







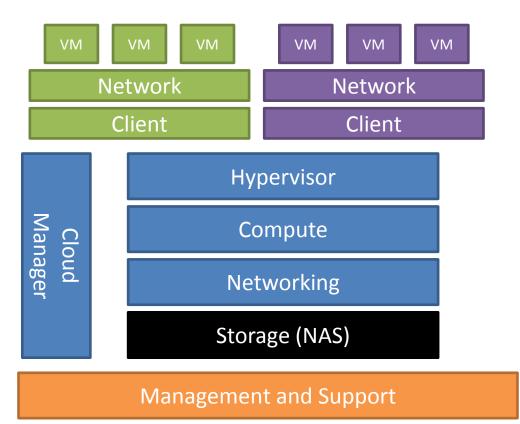


Security issues in cloud environment

MULTI-TENANCY AND THE CLOUD

Standard Cloud Architecture



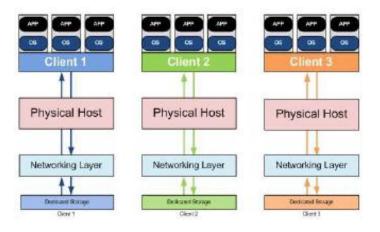


The Cloud Architecture implies sharing resources with other tenants



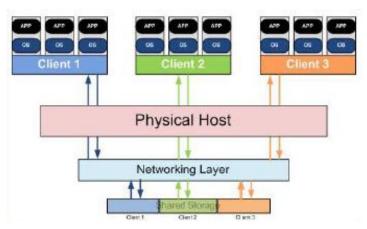
Traditional Datacenter Architecture

- Shared management?
- Traffic separation
 - Dedicated switches
 - vlans



Cloud Multi-tenancy Architecture

- Shared physical host?
- Shared storage
 - Different shares?
- Traffic separation
 - vlans, routers, firewalls?



Isolation enables real multi-tenancy



Cloud ready products and infrastructures should support **real multi-tenancy**, providing:

- Isolated contexts for each tenant and the provider
- Isolated management interfaces
 - Not only for traffic, but also services: auth, logging, monitoring
- Separate administration for each virtual container
- Heavy use of roles to permit delegation and separation of duties

Both the provider and the tenant prove to be juicy targets



Juicy targets in a cloud environment

- Tenant machines
 - To access their resources
 - To access the cloud management interfaces
 - Normally reachable using remote management protocols RDP, SSH, VNC?
- The Cloud manager
 - To gain control of the cloud: free resources, access to tenant machines / data
 - Normally reachable via a Web site or API

Countermeasures

- Isolation must be implemented in all components of the Cloud
- All normal security and hardening measures and processes should be in place on:
 - Cloud Manager
 - Firewalls
 - Hypervisors
 - OSS
 - BSS



A combination of isolation, active and passive security controls are important

Security measures

- Active security controls
 - Operations monitoring
 - Compliance scans (state monitoring)
 - Vulnerability scans and penetration testing in regular intervals.
- Passive security controls
 - Hardening of all components in the architecture (network, hypervisor, operating system, storage...)
 - Log correlation and behaviour analysis
 - Combination of both: IDS / IPS
- Isolation must be implemented in all components of the Cloud

Active security controls						
Passive security controls						
Isolation						
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Our Palo Alto devices provide most of the isolation required on the network layer



	PANOS feature				
Isolation					
Context for provider	Virtual System				
Context for each tenant	Virtual System				
Isolated mgmt. interfaces					
Traffic	Virtual Router				
Additional mgmt interface for tenant services	Not possible, everything via mgmt port				
Auth services	Multiple services configurable (traffic via mgmt port)				
Roles and auth					
Administrator for each container	Vsys admin				
Different roles	Present				
Logs and Auth					
Central logging	Panorama, syslog				
Alerting and monitoring	syslog, snmp, Splunk App				
Central auth	LDAP, Radius, Local				



Benefits of the Palo Alto Networks Next Generation Firewalls

HOW WE USE ARE PALOS

Palo Alto products play a central role in the iNNOVO CLOUD products



- Palo Alto firewalls are part of our products
 - 5000 Series for the data centers and iNNOVO ICC
 - 3000 Series for the iNNOVO MCC
 - 200 series as emergency access device
- Subscriptions:
 - Are available and used in the VPDC
 - Are optional of ICC and MCC
- Benefit of the GlobalProtect-Satellite
 - for VPN deployment
 - interconnection with remote sites and customers

Vsys enable multi-tenancy, but could use some pimping

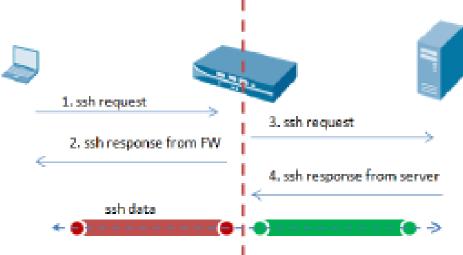


	Pros	Cons
	Provides isolation (provider + tenant)	
	Enables multi-tenancy	
	Enables self-service (tenant vsysadmin)	
vsys	Multiple auth services	All traffic via mgmt port
		SNMP context is not restricted to each vsys
		Can't use the same IP on multiple interfaces (different vr and vsys)
		Vsys admin can't see the interfaces

APP-ID provides advance protection to tenants

Use case: Block SSH tunnels

- Customer in the finance sector
- Test and QA VMs
- Uses APP-ID to allow SSH but block the use of SSH tunnels
 - Allow SSH
 - Deny ssh-tunnel



We use the API and scripting capabilities to enable automation



Automation via scripts and API

- Automatically export config backups
- Initialize a device out of the box
- Part of our automation and management portal (in development)

Automation portal

Creates new tenants in the firewall :

- •New vsys
- •New vr
- •Creates the zones
- •Configures the sub-interfaces
- •Enables NAT
- •Allows outgoing traffic

Manual configuration (GUI): 20 min Configuration via portal: 1-2 min

Next steps:

Switches

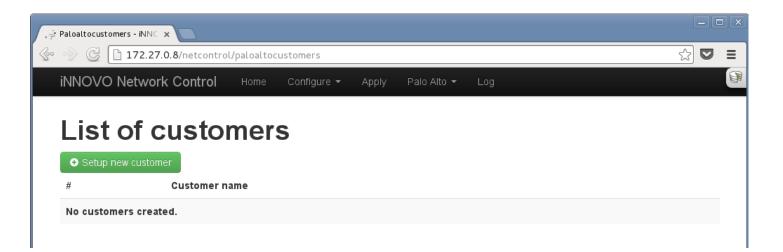
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Additional features and short comings

WHISH LIST



Vsys

- vsysadmin can't see the interfaces
- No individual SNMP context per vsys
 No individual auth (SNMPv3)
- Can't use the same IP on different interfaces when in different vr and vsys
- Should be able to configure mgmt interface for different tenants i.e. for LDAP auth and logging



Short comings

- Can't run SSL and IPsec VPNs on the same external IPs
- No support for openVPN
- When IP is changed on an interface, reference is not cleanly changed on all dependencies
 - Global Protect portal
 - Global protect gateway
 - NAT rules



QUESTIONS



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