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Recent Cloud Incidents (Outage)



Google Cloud outage brought down Snapchat, Spotify, and 'Pokémon Go'



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Google Cloud Outage Triggered By Networking Issue

Google's Tuesday afternoon outage brought down popular services, including Spotify and Snapchat.

By Gina Narcisi

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Google Cloud suffered an outage that slowed down or stopped several popular services on Tuesday afternoon, including Spotify and Snapchat.

Google confirmed via its cloud status dashboard that it became aware of a networking issue impacting its load balancers just after noon PT on Tuesday.

"We are investigating a problem with Google Cloud Global Load balancers returning 502s for many services including AppEngine, Stackdriver, Dialogflow, as well as customer Global Load Balancers," the cloud giant reported at 12:34 p.m. PT.

[Related: [Europe To Impose Record Fine in Google Antitrust Case: Report](#)]

According to Google, disruption began within its App Engine, Cloud Networking and Stackdriver, a service that provides performance and diagnostics data to public cloud users.

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TechRepublic SEARCH IT Policy Downloads 5G

Five lessons from Microsoft's outage

by Nick Heath in Cloud on September 18, 2018, 5:05 AM PST

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Microsoft has released a preliminary report from its investigation into how a fierce storm in southern Texas caused the recent service brownout.



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Microsoft South Central US datacenter outage takes down a number of cloud services

A cooling problem in Microsoft's South Central U.S. data center seems to be causing issues for a number of Microsoft Cloud services users in the U.S. and beyond.

By Mary Jo Foley for All About Microsoft | September 4, 2018 -- 14:35 GMT (12:35 GMT-08:00) | Topic: Cloud

Pre-configured containers with GPU-accelerated software will help data scientists, developers, and researchers circumvent integration and testing steps before running HPC tasks

A number of U.S.-based customers connecting to Microsoft cloud services, including Office 365, Azure Active Directory and Visual Studio Team Services, are reporting outages this morning, September 4. The issue seems to stem from problems in Microsoft's South Central U.S. datacenter.

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Microsoft reveals train of mistakes that killed Azure in the South Central US incident'

underbolt and lightning, Azure outage frightening

Richard Speed 17 Sep 2018 at 18:39 48 SHARE

A photograph of a bright lightning bolt striking a dark, stormy cloud.

Microsoft has published the preliminary findings for what it calls "the South Central US incident", but what many will call "the day the Azure cloud fell from the sky" and it doesn't make for happy reading.

Recent Cloud Incidents (Outage)



Amazon AWS Outage Shows Data in the Cloud is Not Always Safe

By [Lawrence Abrams](#)

September 5, 2019 12:01 PM



A recent power outage at an Amazon AWS data facility and the resulting data loss for some customers shows that storing data in the cloud does not mean you do not also need a backup.

This came to light after a tweet from author/programmer [Andy Hunt](#) went viral as he reminded people that hardware failure can happen anywhere and that hosting data in the cloud does not automatically make it safe

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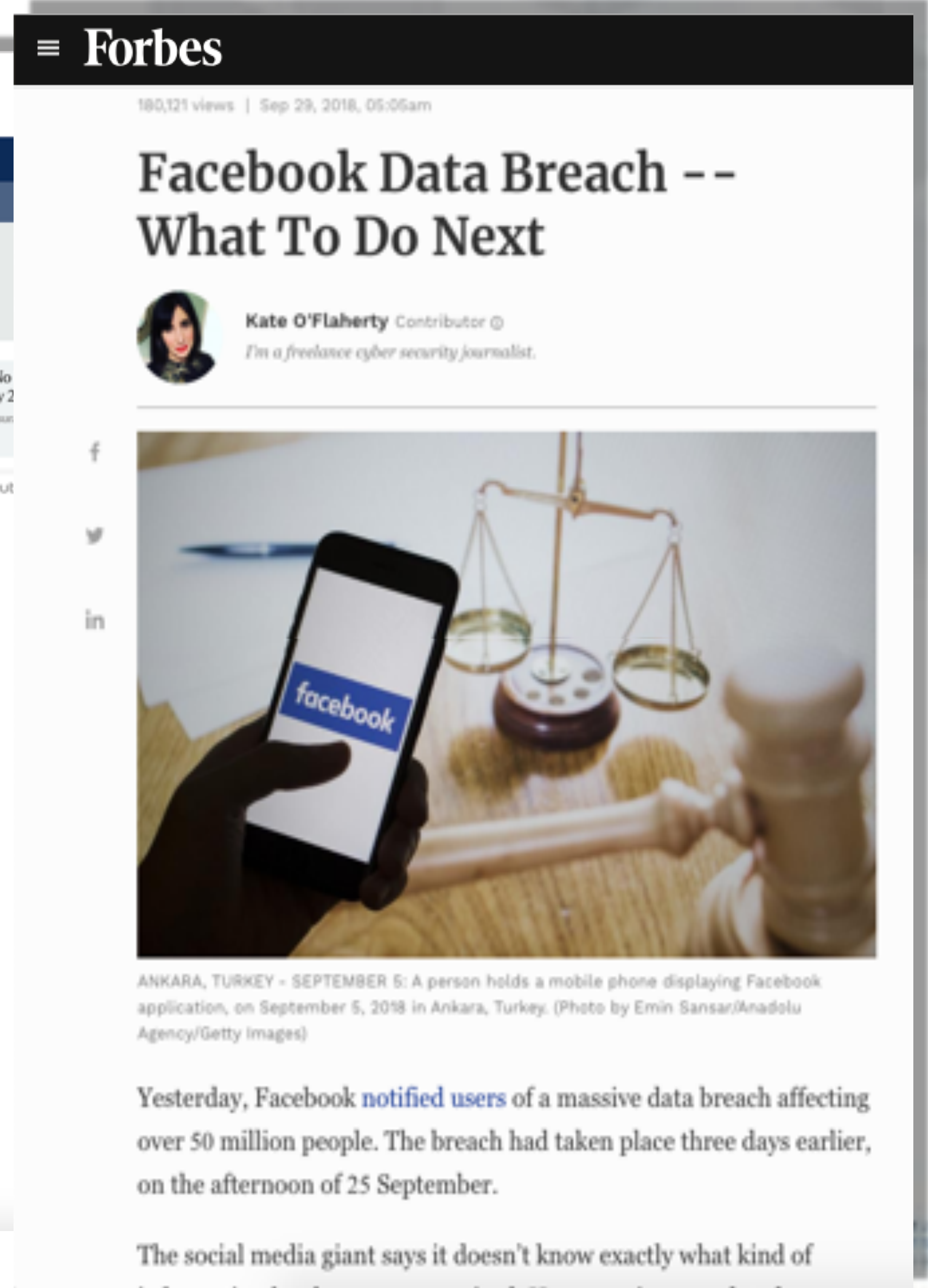


Hunt's data were eventually NOT recovered..

AWS:

"Due to the damage from the power event, the EBS servers underlying these volumes have not recovered. After further attempts to recover these volumes, they were determined to be unrecoverable."

Major Cloud Incidents (Data Breach)



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Marriott Breach Exposes Far More Than Just Data

David Volodzko Contributor
Manufacturing
I am an editor at the technology and information company Brightwire.

Marriott News Center

Marriott Announces Starwood Guest Reservation Database Security Incident

Marriott has taken measures to investigate and address a data security incident involving the Starwood guest reservation database. On November 29, 2018, the investigation determined that there was unauthorized access to the database, which contained guest information relating to reservations at Starwood properties* on or before September 18, 2018.

On September 8, 2018, Marriott received an alert from an internal security tool regarding an attempt to access the Starwood guest reservation database in the United States. Marriott quickly engaged leading security experts to help determine what occurred. Marriott learned during the investigation that there had been unauthorized access to the Starwood network since 2014. The company recently discovered that an unauthorized party had copied and encrypted information, and took steps towards removing it. On November 29, 2018, Marriott was able to decrypt the information and determined that the contents were from the Starwood guest reservation database.

The company has not finished identifying duplicate information in the database, but believes it contains information on up to approximately 500 million guests who made a reservation at a Starwood property. For approximately 327 million of these guests, the information includes some combination of name, mailing address, phone number, email address, passport number, Starwood Preferred Guest ("SPG") account information, date of birth, gender, arrival and departure information, reservation date, and communication preferences. For some, the information also includes payment card numbers and payment card expiration dates, but the payment card numbers were encrypted using Advanced Encryption Standard encryption (AES-128). There are two components needed to decrypt the payment card numbers, and at this point, Marriott has not been able to rule out the possibility that both were taken. For the remaining guests, the information was limited to name and sometimes other data such as mailing address, email address, or other information.

Marriott reported this incident to law enforcement and continues to support their investigation. The company has already begun notifying regulatory authorities.

Marriott

Marriott's data breach, exposing up to half a billion guests, is the largest data breach in the industry since the 2013 Target attack — not only must we better defend our networks, but where we lay our heads

Marriott now says 5 million unencrypted passport numbers were stolen in Starwood hotel data breach

Zack Whittaker @zackwhittaker 13 months ago

Starwood's data breach just got both better and worse at the same time.

Marriott, which owns hotel chain giant Starwood, said it has revised the number of customers affected by its data breach from 500 million to "fewer than 383 million unique guests." That doesn't mean

Major Cloud Incidents (Data Breach)



A hacker gained access to 100 million Capital One credit card applications and accounts

By Rob McLean, CNN Business
Updated 2:17 GMT (05:17 HKT) July 30, 2019



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New York (CNN Business) – In one of the biggest data breaches ever, a hacker gained access to more than 100 million Capital One customers' accounts and credit card applications earlier this year.

Paige Thompson is accused of breaking into a Capital One server and gaining access to

Overview FAQs

Information on the Capital One Cyber Incident

Updated 9:30 PM ET, Sun Aug 4, 2019

What happened
On July 19, 2019, we determined that an outside individual gained unauthorized access and obtained certain types of personal info and individuals who had applied for our credit card products.

What we've done
Capital One immediately fixed the issue and promptly began working with federal law enforcement. The person responsible was a... is unlikely that the information was used for fraud or disseminated by this individual. However, we will continue to investigate.

"While I am grateful that the perpetrator has been caught, I am deeply sorry for what has happened. I am the Chairman and CEO of Capital One. I sincerely apologize for the understandable worry this incident has caused and I am committed to making it right."

Safeguarding information is essential to our mission and our role as a financial institution. We have invested heavily in cybersecurity and the learnings from this incident to further strengthen our cyber defenses.

What's the impact
Based on our analysis to date, this event affected approximately 100 million individuals in the United States and approximately 6 million in Canada. Importantly, no credit card account numbers or log-in credentials were compromised and less than one percent of Social Security numbers to date, we believe it is unlikely that the information was used for fraud or disseminated by this individual.

The largest category of information accessed was information on consumers and small businesses as of the time they applied for credit cards in early 2019. This information included personal information Capital One routinely collects at the time it receives credit card applications.

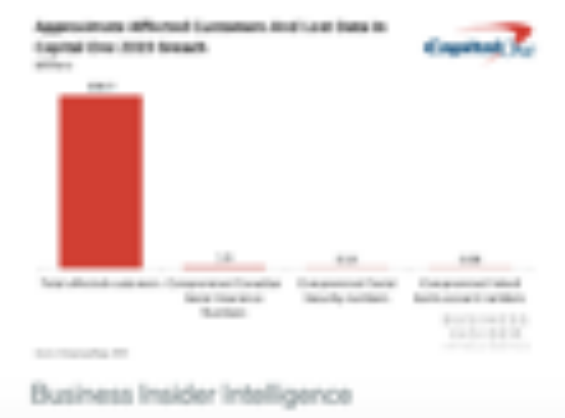
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Capital One's data breach affected over 100 million customers

- This is an excerpt from a story delivered exclusively to Business Insider Intelligence Banking subscribers.
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Capital One Financial Corp. **disclosed** on Monday that it suffered a data breach in which a hacker accessed the personal information of around 100 million individuals in the US and another 6 million in Canada, [TechCrunch reports](#).

Paige A. Thompson was arrested by federal agents in Seattle in connection with the breach and is accused of breaking through a Capital One firewall to access customer data the bank stored on Amazon.com Inc.'s cloud service over a federal criminal



Who Pays for Outages and Incidents?



Cloud Users

Disruption to businesses (especially SMEs) will undermine confidence in cloud adoption, if not dealt with properly.

Important Pointers:

- Have a stalwart BC plan
- Insure that incidents and outages do not result in a major impact to business
- Prepare for adverse outcome to mitigate risks & respond accordingly



Source: Help Net Security

Lloyd's Estimates the Impact of a U.S. Cloud Outage at \$19 Billion

By: Sean Michael Kerner | January 24, 2018



A joint research report from insurance provider Lloyd's of London and the American Institutes for Research (AIR), looks at the potential costs related to a major public cloud outage in the U.S.

Source: eWeek.com

Prior Work – COIR

BACKGROUND

Cloud Outage Incident Response (COIR)

- Different CSPs respond to cloud outages and services levels differently.
- These different approaches require CSCs to spend resources liaising with CSPs for a COIR plan
- Lack of a common COIR framework hinders CSCs in taking preventive measures.



To **mitigate damages and losses** and help **CSCs to choose the appropriate outage protection measures** to complement their own business continuity/IT DR capabilities.

WG members come from:



COIR SCOPE



Cloud outages directly associated with:

- **Operational mistakes;**
- **Infrastructure or system failure;**
- **Environment issues** (like flooding/fire)



Cloud Users

Transparency of service provided by CSPs

CSPs

Aligned to market demand on the services expectation



Cyber-security incidents & malicious acts

COIR Framework Overview

4 categories were defined in the COIR framework **based on impact of outage** to business, sector, economy and human life



Category D

For cloud services that are **least important** to an organisation's ops.

Alternative means/fallback mechanisms are available. Duration of outage in days is tolerable. Low urgency to access data during outage period



Category C

For cloud services that are **essential** to an organisation's ops.

Ops restored within same day. Medium urgency to access data during outage period. Else outage will impact org's ops efficiency/effectiveness significantly.



Category B

For cloud services that are **critical** to an org's ops. Any outage can **impact biz severely**

Ops shall be restored within hours. Have a high urgency to access data during this period. Else, survival is at stake if outage prolongs



Category A

For cloud services that are **mission or safety critical** or affect stability of economy, mkt, industry (systemic).

The impact is beyond organisation's ops. Any outage will put human safety/stability of market, economy or industry at stake.

COIR Framework - Parameters

16 parameters (in 5 groups) for COIR categories



Availability & Resiliency

1. Availability %
2. Historic Record of Availability
3. Recovery Time Objective (RTO)
4. Recovery Point Objective (RPO)



Response Plan

9. Sharing of CSP's COIR Plan
10. Exercise of CSP's COIR Plan



Outage Handling

11. Notification Time of Cloud Outage Incident
12. Comm Channel Used for Notification of Cloud Outage Incident
13. Comm Channel Used by CSC to Report Cloud Outage Incident
14. Response Time by CSP
15. Frequency Of Status Update of Reported Outage
16. Channel of Comm Used for Status Update



Health Monitoring

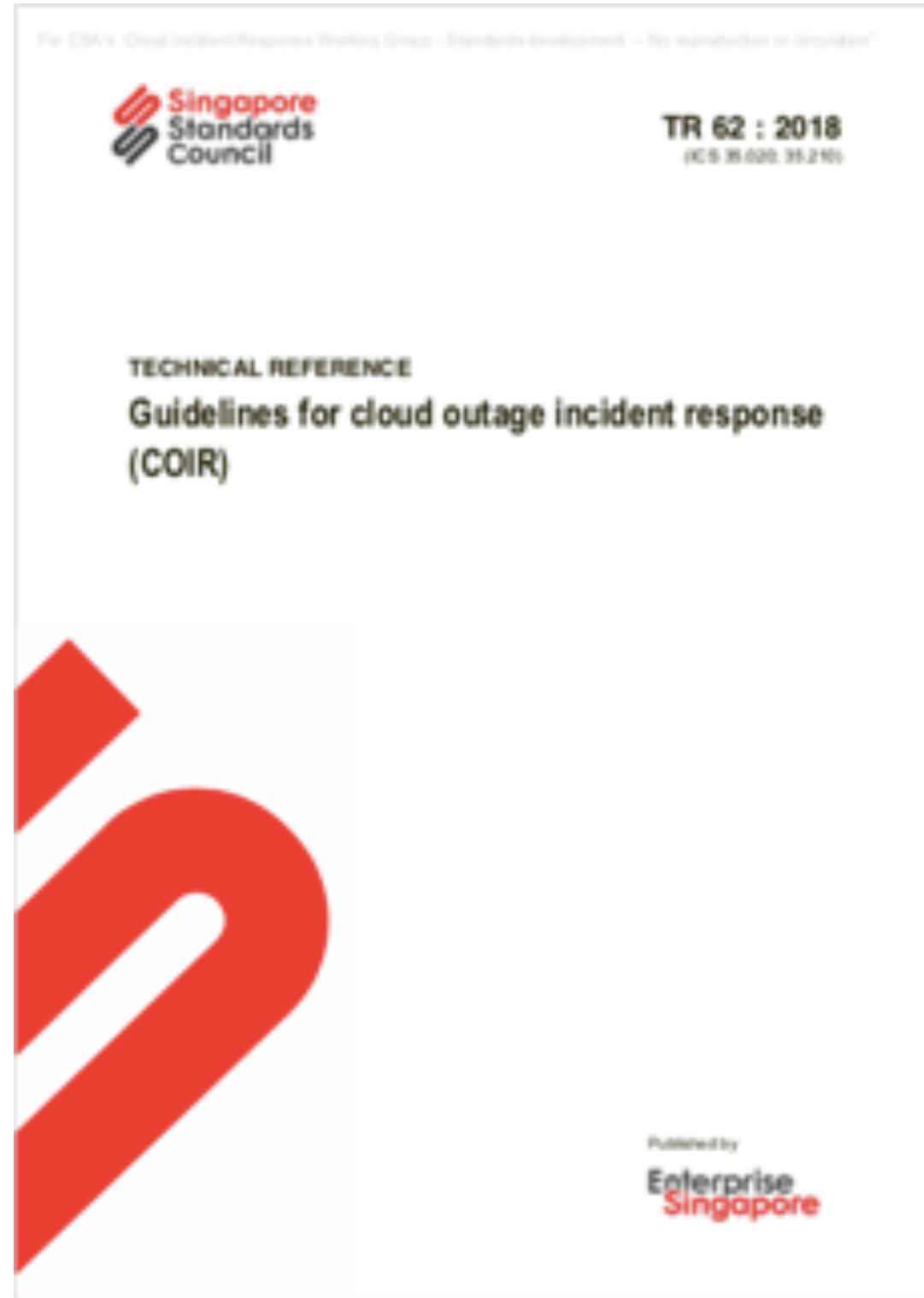
7. Monitoring of Cloud Service Health by CSP
8. CSPs to Cloud Users for Health Monitoring of Cloud Services



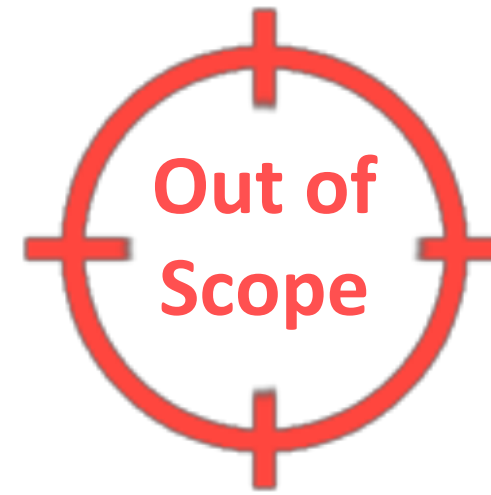
Support & Planned Maintenance

5. Support Hours
- 6a. Notification of Planned Maintenance to Cloud Users
- 6b. Notification Lead Time of Planned Maintenance

Gap to Bridge



TR 62 - Cloud Outage
Incident Response



Cyber-security incidents & malicious acts,
previously out of scope in TR 62

Cloud incidents that **do not involve** outages but
may impact regular operations, for e.g.

- Data breaches
- Misconfigurations

Cloud Incident Response (CIR)



TR 62 - Cloud Outage Incident Response



CSA Security Guidance v4.0 (Domain 9 Incident Response)



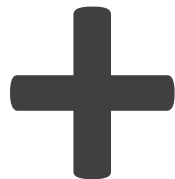
ISO 27035 Information Security Incident Management



ENISA Cloud Computing Security Risk Assessment



NIST - Computer Security Incident Handling Guide



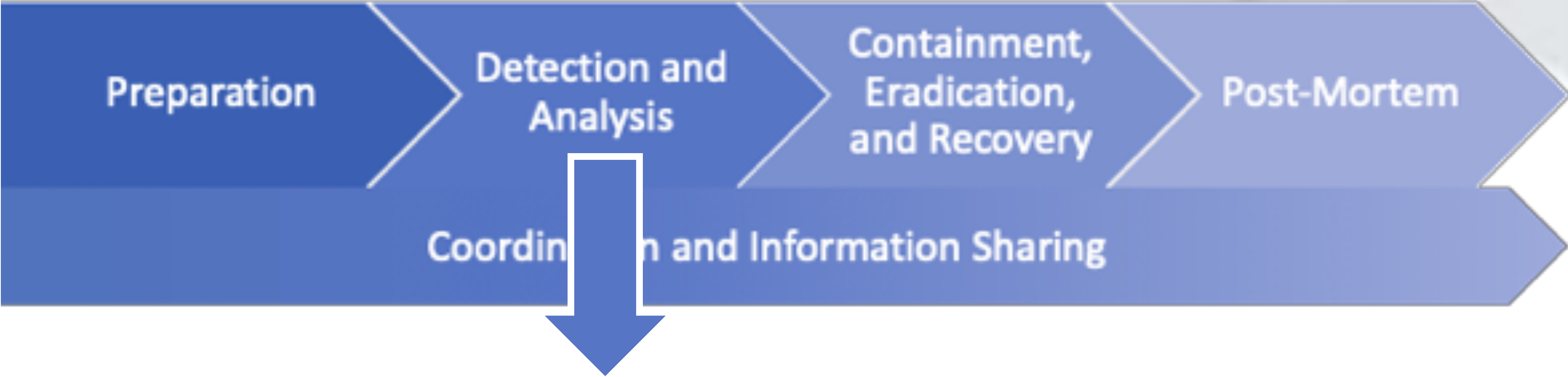
Other relevant documents suggested by WG members:

- [ISO 223220:2011 Societal Security](#)
- [FedRAMP Incident Communications Procedure](#)



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SCOPE



4.2 Detection and Analysis

4.2.1 Inducement

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4.2.2 Incident Classification Scale

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Deliverable: CIR Framework

INCIDENT CLASSIFICATION SCALE

	Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
ENISA	Impact 0 Something went wrong in an exercise or a test. No impact on users.	Impact 1 Incident had impact on assets, but no direct impact on customers.	Impact 2 Incident had impact on assets, but only minor impact on customers.	Impact 3 Incident had impact on customers.	Impact 4 Incident had major impact on customers.	
NIST (Functional Impact)	None No effect to the organization's ability to provide all services to all users	Low Minimal effect; the organization can still provide all critical services to all users but has lost efficiency	Medium Organization has lost the ability to provide a critical service to a subset of system users		High Organization is no longer able to provide some critical services to any users	
NIST (Information Impact)	None No information was exfiltrated, changed, deleted, or otherwise compromised		Privacy Breach Sensitive personally identifiable information (PII) of taxpayers, employees, beneficiaries, etc. was accessed or exfiltrated Proprietary Breach Unclassified proprietary information, such as protected critical infrastructure information (PCII), was accessed or exfiltrated Integrity Loss Sensitive or proprietary information was changed or deleted			
TR 62	Category D – Minimal impact A category of cloud services that is least important to the operations of an organization. Alternative means or fail-back mechanisms are readily available or long duration of outage in days is tolerable and access to data is not urgent during this period.		Category C – Operational impact A category of cloud services that is essential to the operations of an organization. The organization's operations are usually restored within 24 h and have a medium urgency to access data during this period or else outage would significantly impact the organization's operational efficiency and effectiveness.		Category B – Business critical impact Impact business severely. The organization's operations are restored within hours, during which data access is urgent and survival is at stake if the outage is prolonged.	Category A – Systemic/ mission critical impact The impact is beyond an organization's operations and any outage will put human safety or the stability of market, economy or industry at stake.

The Incident Classification Scale classifies incidents into 5 categories, from **Level 1** to **Level 5**, with **increment of impact** at each level.

Severity of each level can be mapped to:

- ENISA Cloud Security Incident Reporting
- NIST Computer Security Incident Handling Guide (Functional and Information impact)
- TR 62 Guidelines for Cloud Outage Incident Response

Deliverable: CIR Framework

INCIDENT RESPONSE CONTROL LIST

5 Incident Response Control List

The below table takes the IR controls discussed above and maps them to incident response sections of four of the most well known cloud security standards:

COIR	Short Name	NIST ³ #	CIS ³ #	ISO ⁴ #	CCM ⁵ #
	Policy & Procedures.	IR-1	19.1	16.1.1	SEF-02
	Training	IR-2	19.7		SEF-03
	Testing	IR-3	19.7		
	Handling	IR-4	19.3		SEF-02 SEF-05
	Monitoring	IR-5	19.4		SEF-02 SEF-04 SEF-05
	Reporting	IR-6	19.4	16.1.2 16.1.3	SEF-01 - SEF-03
	Assistance	IR-7	19.5		
	Plan	IR-8	19.1		SEF-01 SEF-02 SEF-04 SEF-05
	Spillage	IR-9	N/A		
	Analysis Team	IR-10	N/A		
	Job Titles and Duties		19.2		
	Publish Incidents		19.6		

WG members can contribute by proposing new ideas / chapters to consider.

This Incident Response Control List is volunteer-proposed and -developed chapter.

The list maps controls that were discussed in the framework to incident response sections of 4 of the most well known cloud security standards & guidelines, namely:

1. NIST
2. CIS
3. ISO
4. CSA's Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM)

CIR WG

CURRENT STATUS

EXECUTION

Cloud Incident Response Framework

In process of working with WG co-chairs and members to develop outline of the deliverable. Beefing up scope and structure.

Next phase: OPEN PEER REVIEW

- + **CIR WG Charter:** [CLICK HERE](#)
- + **CIR Framework Draft:** [CLICK HERE](#)
- + **Volunteers' Responsibility:** [CLICK HERE](#)

CSA welcomes any domain experts to join the WG.

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COMPOSITION

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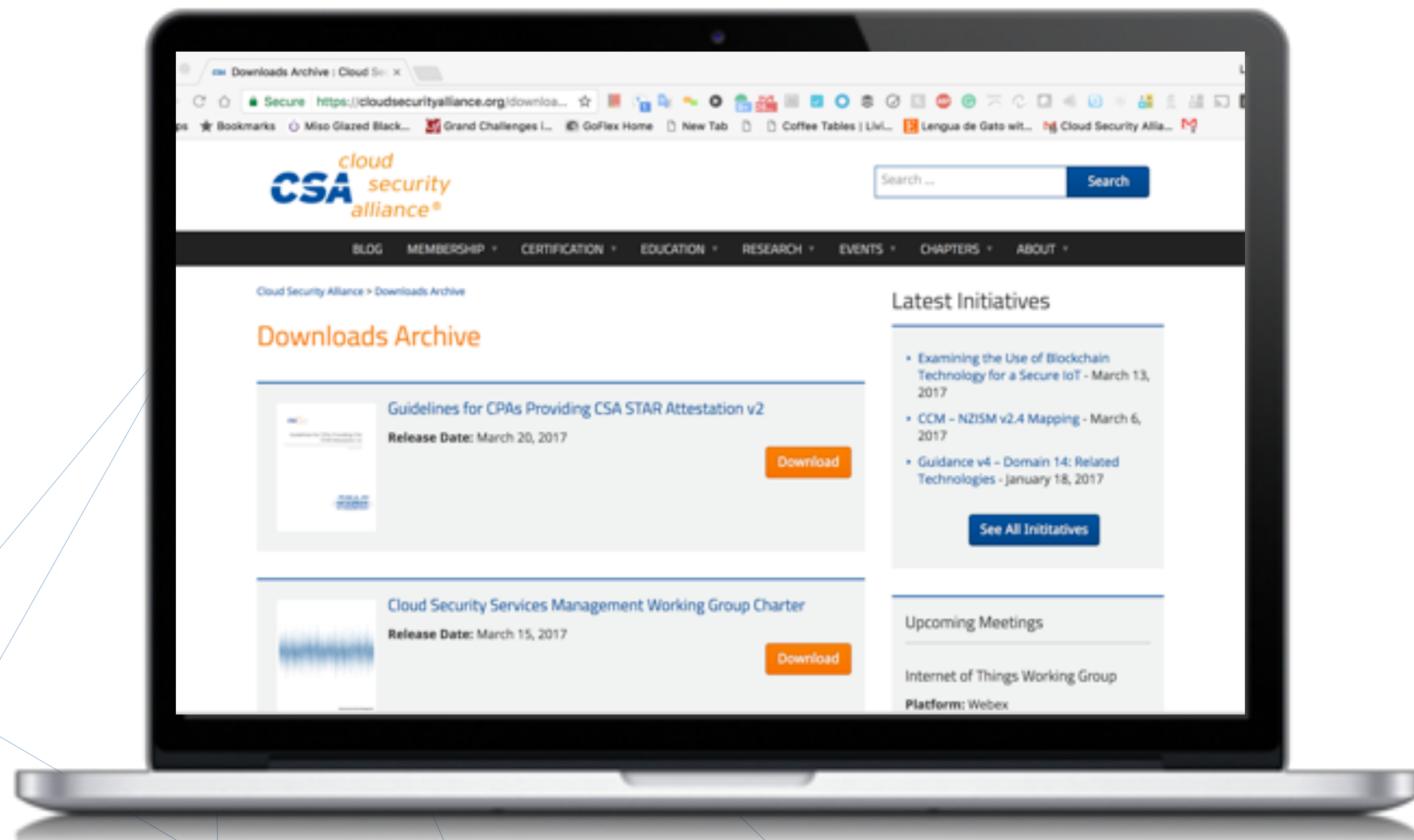
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- DGA
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- ORMGT
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Please go to:

https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/working-groups/cloud-incident-response/#_join

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