



Lessons Learned in the Cloud

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Best of Lessons learned „Cloud“



Cloud Network

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Defenders

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Bridging On-Premise Infrastructure and Cloud Environments.

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Allowing Bridging and Connections within Cloud.

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Confidentiality in the Cloud.

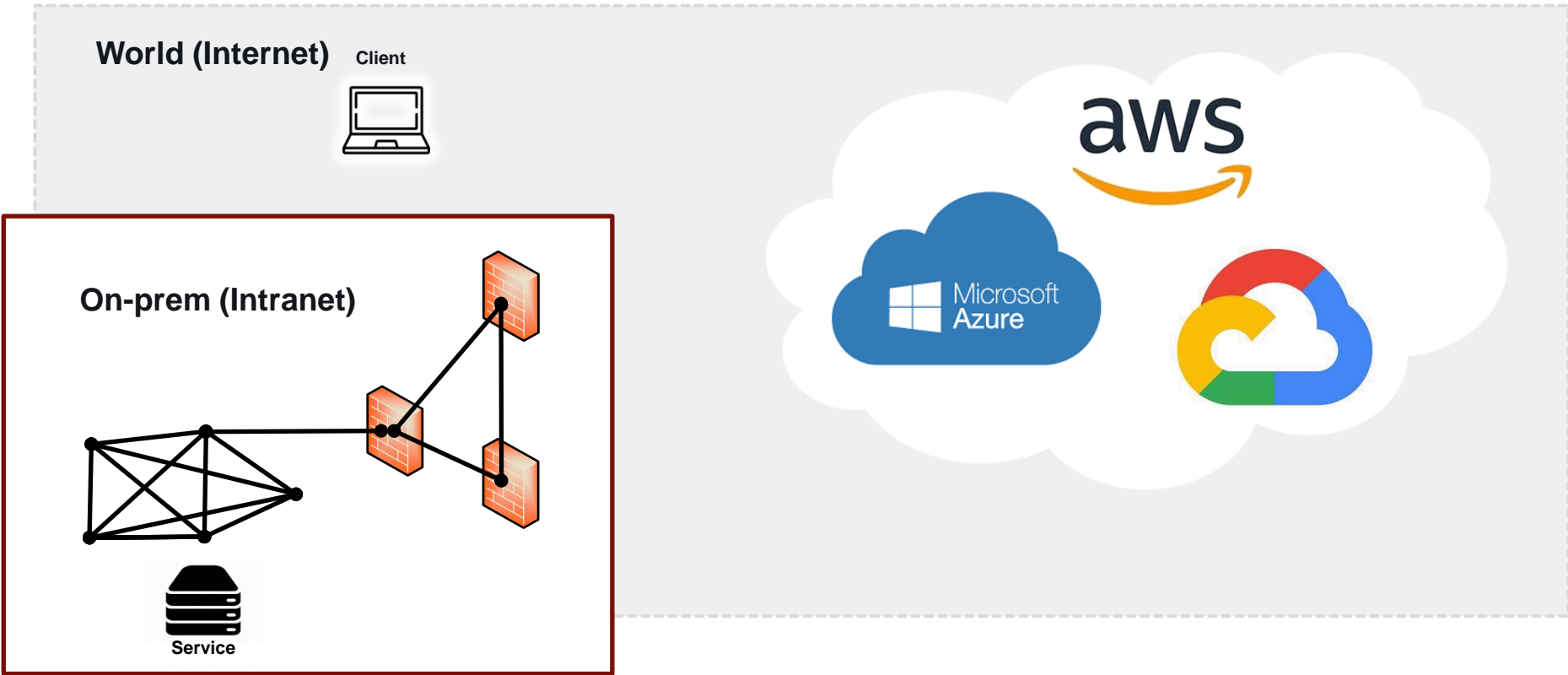
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Compare Features used by Users with the Microsoft License.

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Every Defender needs its own resources

1 Bridging On-Premise Infrastructure and Cloud Environments



How to connect to the cloud?

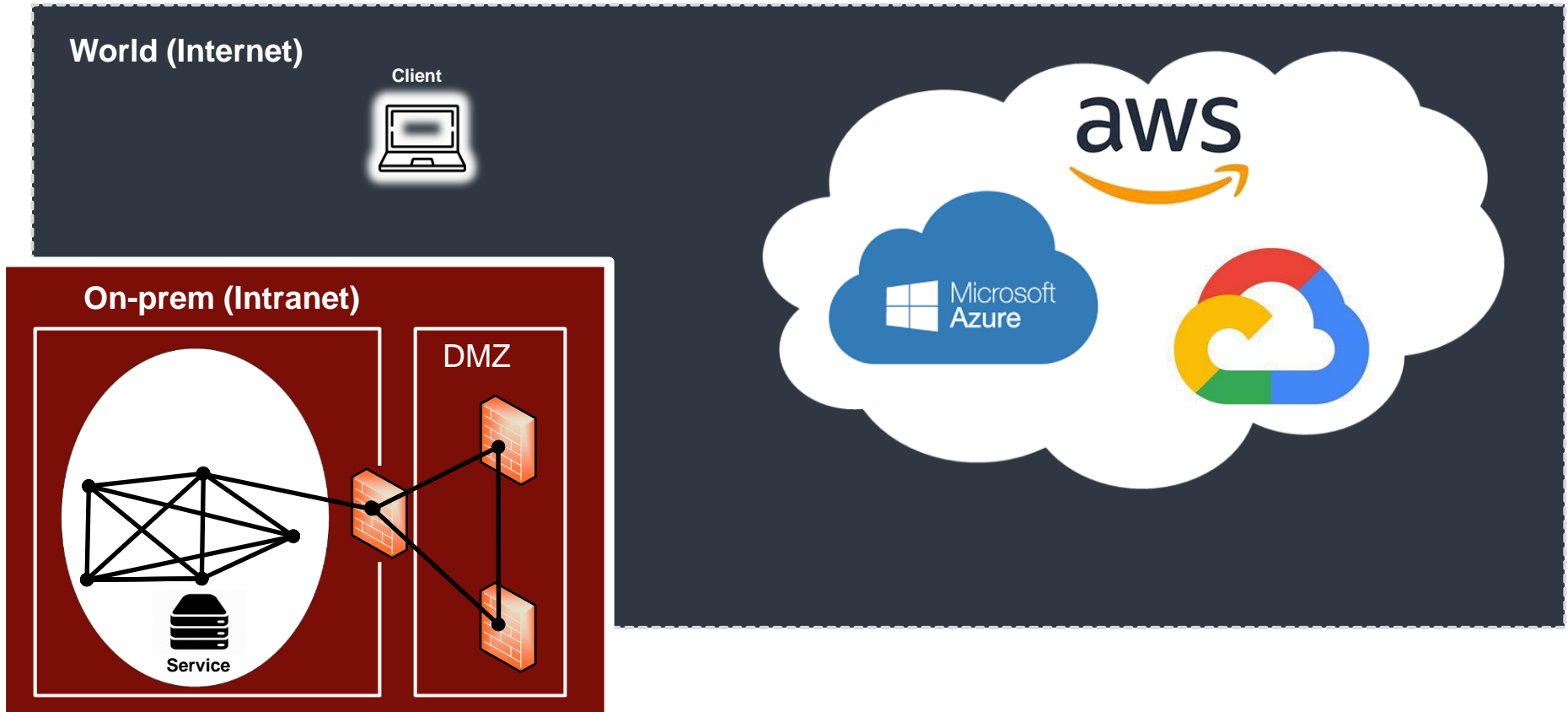
HTTPS, VPN, dedicated cable (ExpressRoute, Direct Link, Dedicated Interconnect)?

Comparison

	HTTPS	S2S VPN (Non-Azure native)	S2S VPN (Azure native)	Express Route (incl. IPSec)
Security (logical)	+	+	+	+
Security (physical)	-/+	-/+	-/+	++
Latency	-/+	-	-	++
Bandwidth	+	-/+	-/+	-/+
Complexity of operations (lower better)	+	-	+	-/+
Vendor lock-in	++	+	-	-
HTTP lock-in	--	+	+	+
Interoperability with legacy/proprietary protocols and applications	-	++	+	+
Deployment time	++	-	++	--
Elasticity (Scalability)	++	-	+	-
Interoperability with Azure native services	+	-	+	+
Transparency over endpoints	+	+	-	-
Capex (lower better)	++	-	+/-	-
Opex (lower better)	+	-	-	--

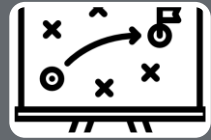
Lesson learned: Do not limit the customer. Answer the needs!

2 Allowing Bridging



Which connections are allowed?

‘Lessons Learned | Obvious’ Procedure to Cloud Adoption



Cloud should be the enabler in your company. Align to IT-Strategy:

- Cloud only
- Cloud first
- Cloud too



Be fair and not only black white.

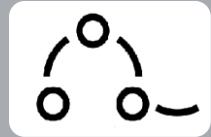


Apply policies and assessments to all cloud providers and services in the same manner.



Start with Use Cases and clearly define connection matrices within the company

(include enterprise architects, network architects, cloud developers, information security & data protection officers, product owners)

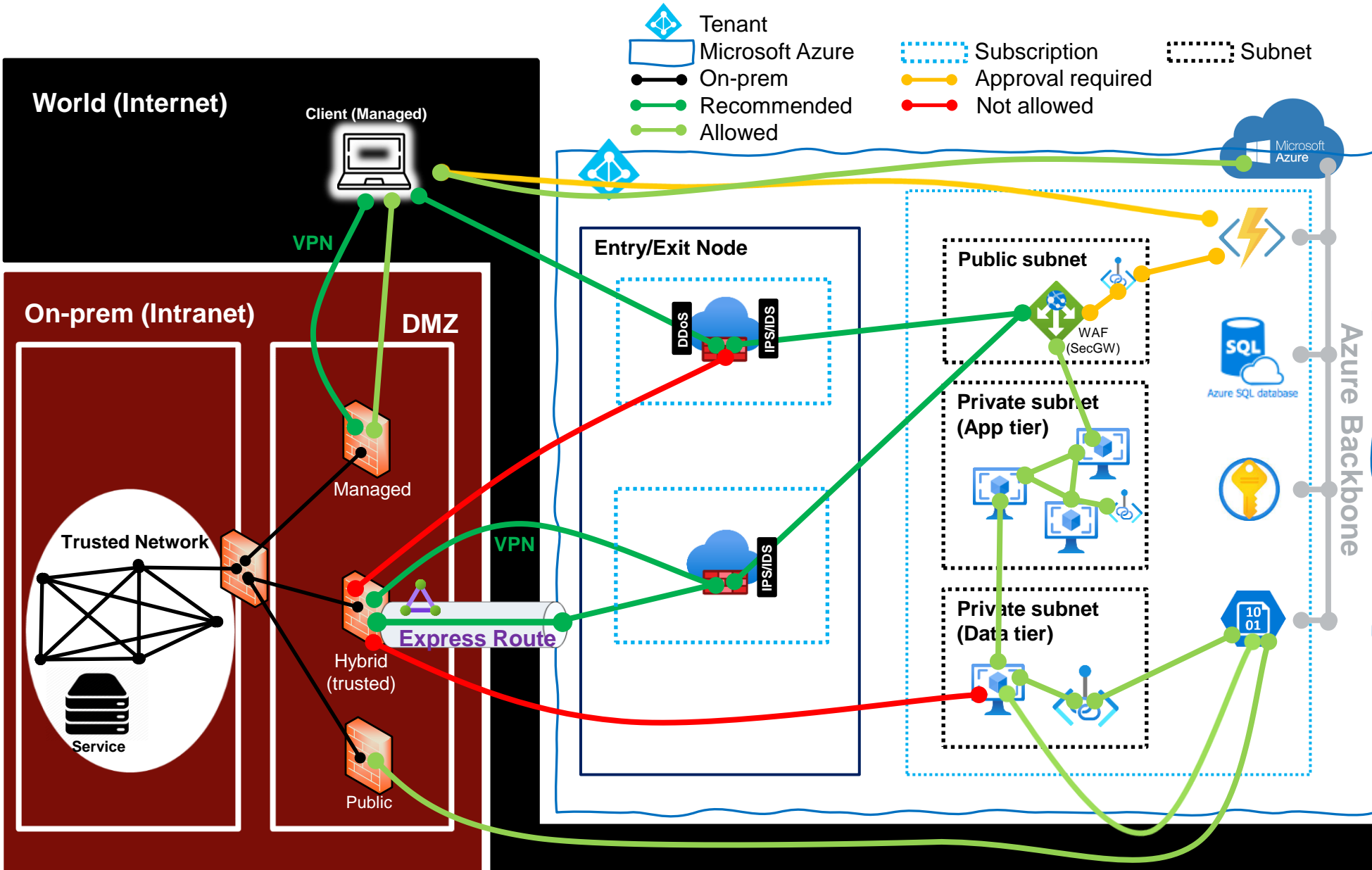


Make the connection matrix transparent and visualize it

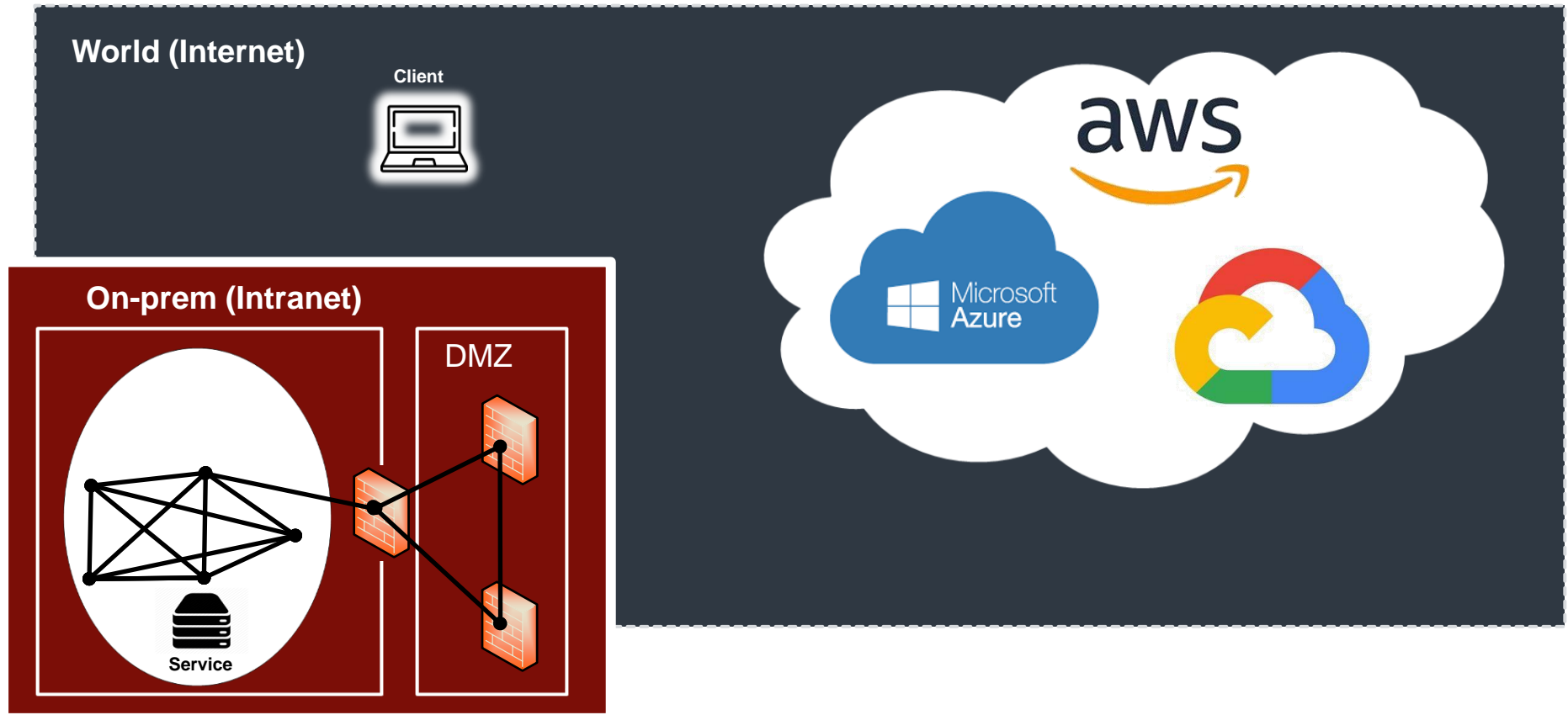


Find time for lessons learned

Example of Visualization



3 Confidentiality in the Cloud



How do I handle confidential data in the cloud?



Learn to trust (but verify).



Understand shared responsibility model and how it applies to you.



Learn your risk appetite. Remember, cloud environments are not your on-prem infrastructure. You are usually one of many customers.



Let stakeholder (business owner, data owner, legal, data privacy officers, management,...) classify their data.



Define security protection measures according to classification levels, not cloud providers or services. Prioritize data classification over service classification.



Start with being more strict, the business will overrule you.

Example of a Decision Table – Data at Rest

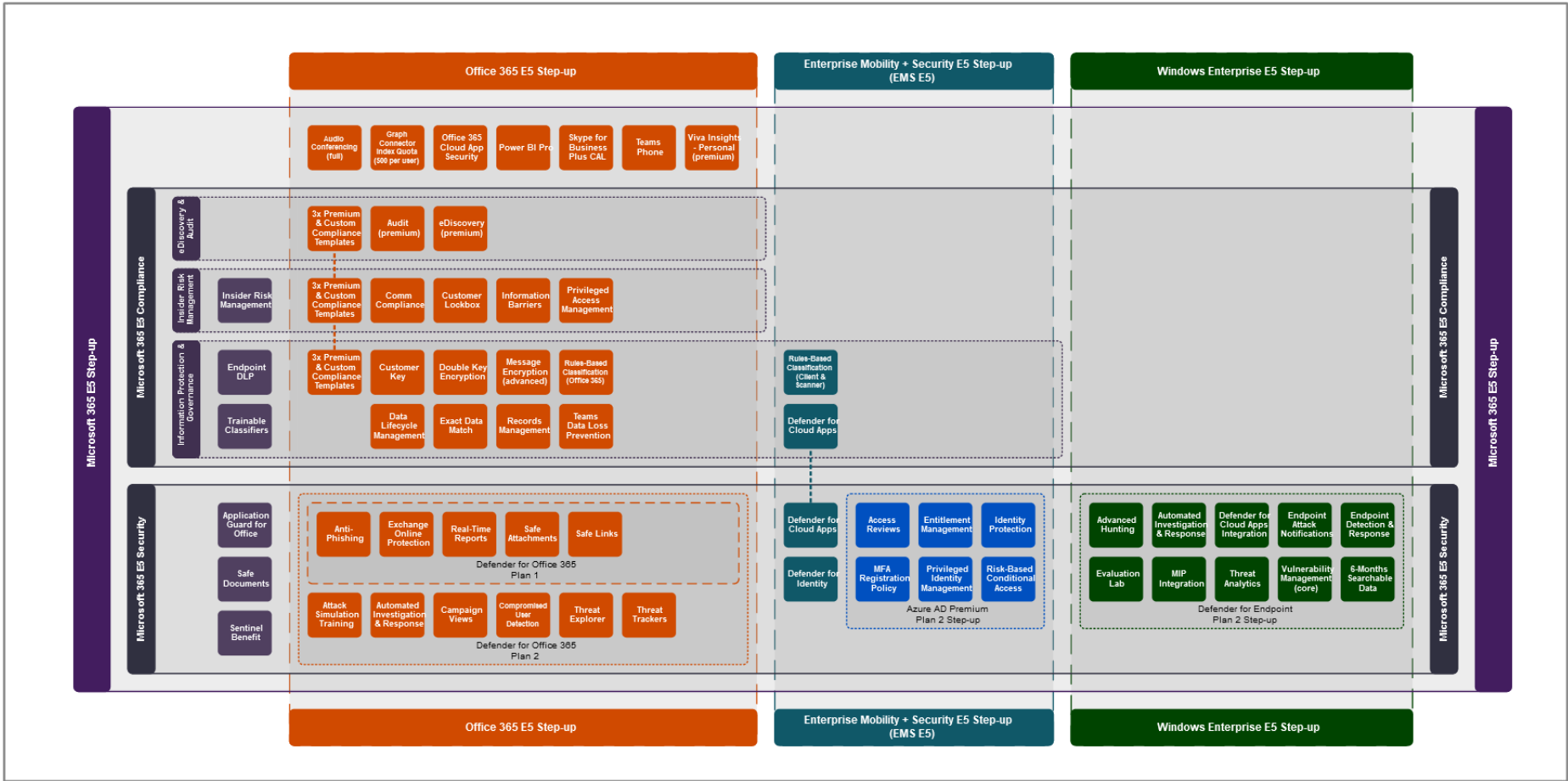
Confidentiality				
	Public	Internal	Confidential	Strictly confidential
Native credentials & encryption				
BYOK credentials & encryption				
Long term archiving of BYOK credentials in the Cloud				
HYOK credentials & encryption				

Legende: Optional Mandatory Additional approval Not allowed



***How comfortable are you with your on-prem key management?
HYOK is best, but complex to handle it. BYOK seems to be a „Kompromiss“.***

4 Compare Features used by Users with the Microsoft License.



<https://m365maps.com/files/Microsoft-365-E5.htm>

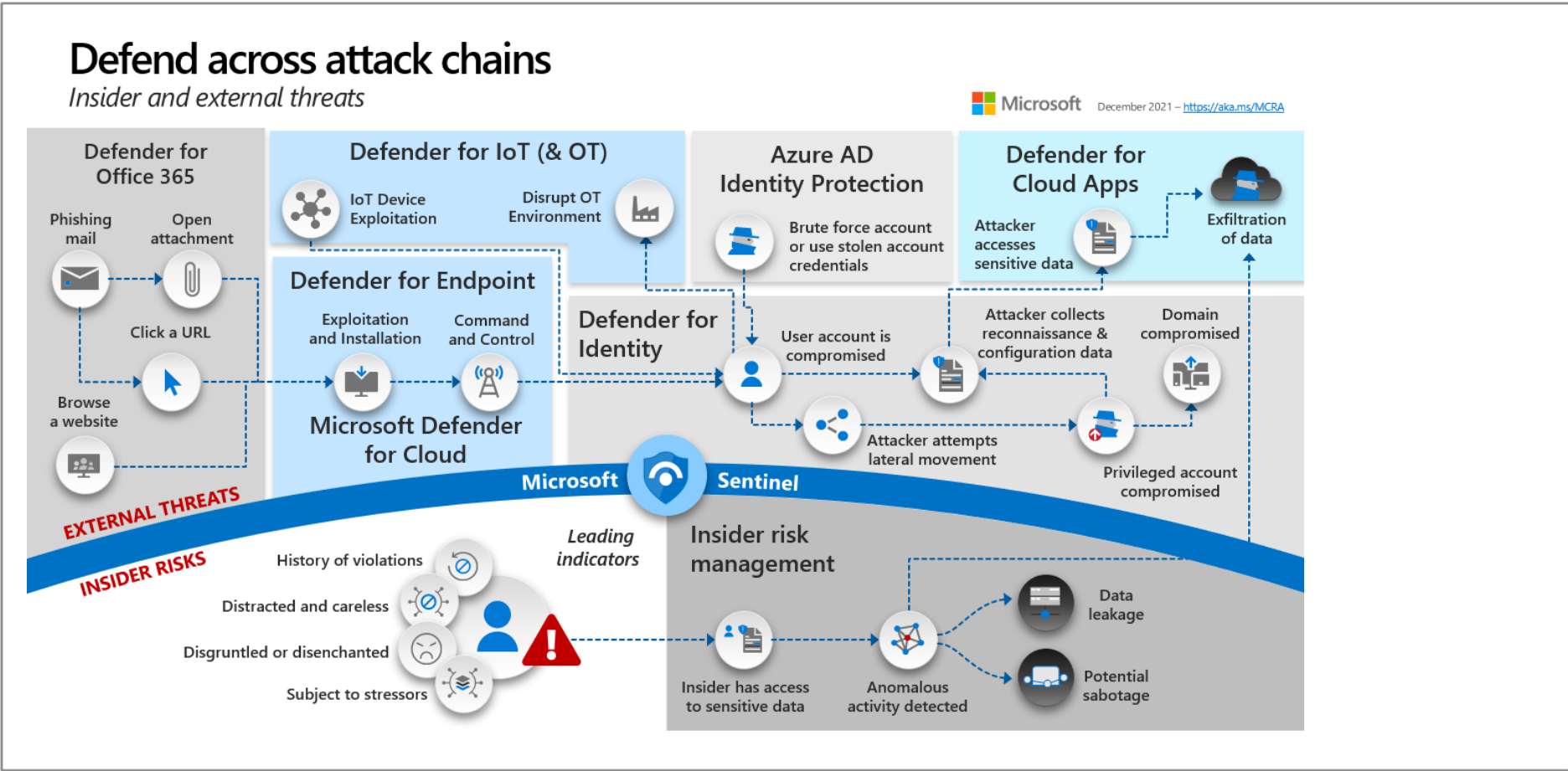
Compare Features used by Users with the Microsoft License.

- Define functionality you need before deep-diving into E3 or E5 features. It is not X-mas yet!
- You will virtually always find a new „useful“ add-in.
- Compare licensed features with deployed ones.
- Check if all licensed features are well configured or only default configuration is set.
- Check the status of the feature (GA / public preview)

	Microsoft 365		Office 365		
	E3	E5	E1	E3	E5
Security and Compliance					
Microsoft 365 E5 Security	+	●	N/A	N/A	N/A
Microsoft 365 E5 Compliance	+	●	N/A	N/A	N/A
Microsoft 365 E5 Info Protection and Governance	+	●	+ ¹	+ ¹	●+ ^{1,2}
Microsoft 365 E5 Insider Risk Management	+	●	+	+	●+ ³
Microsoft 365 E5 eDiscovery and Audit	+	●	+	+	●
Microsoft Defender for Identity	+	●	+	+	+
Microsoft Defender for Office 365 Plan 1	+	●	+	+	●
Microsoft Defender for Office 365 Plan 2	+	●	+	+	●
Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps	+	●	+	+	+
App governance add-on for Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps	+ ⁵	+	+ ⁵	+ ⁵	+ ⁵
Microsoft Defender for Endpoint Plan 1	●	●	+	+	+
Microsoft Defender for Endpoint Plan 2	+	●	+	+	+
Premium Assessments add-on for Compliance Manager ⁶	+	+	+	+	+
Priva Privacy Risk Management	+	+	+	+	+
Priva Subject Rights Requests	+	+	+	+	+
Compliance Program for Microsoft Cloud	+	+	+	+	+
Microsoft Purview Data Loss Prevention (for email and files)	●	●	+	●	●
Exchange Archiving	●	●	+	●	●
Azure Active Directory Premium Plan 1	●	●	+	+	+
Azure Active Directory Premium Plan 2	+	●	+	+	+
Microsoft Intune	●	●	+	+	+
10-year Audit Log Retention	N/A	+	N/A	N/A	+
Microsoft Endpoint Manager Remote Help	+	+	+ ⁷	+ ⁷	+ ⁷

● = Included
 + = Can be added
 N/A = Not available

5 Every Defender needs its own 24x7 resources – do you have it?



Thank you, any Questions & Feedback?



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Thank you