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Oracle Cloud Guard

Cloud Security Posture Management for Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

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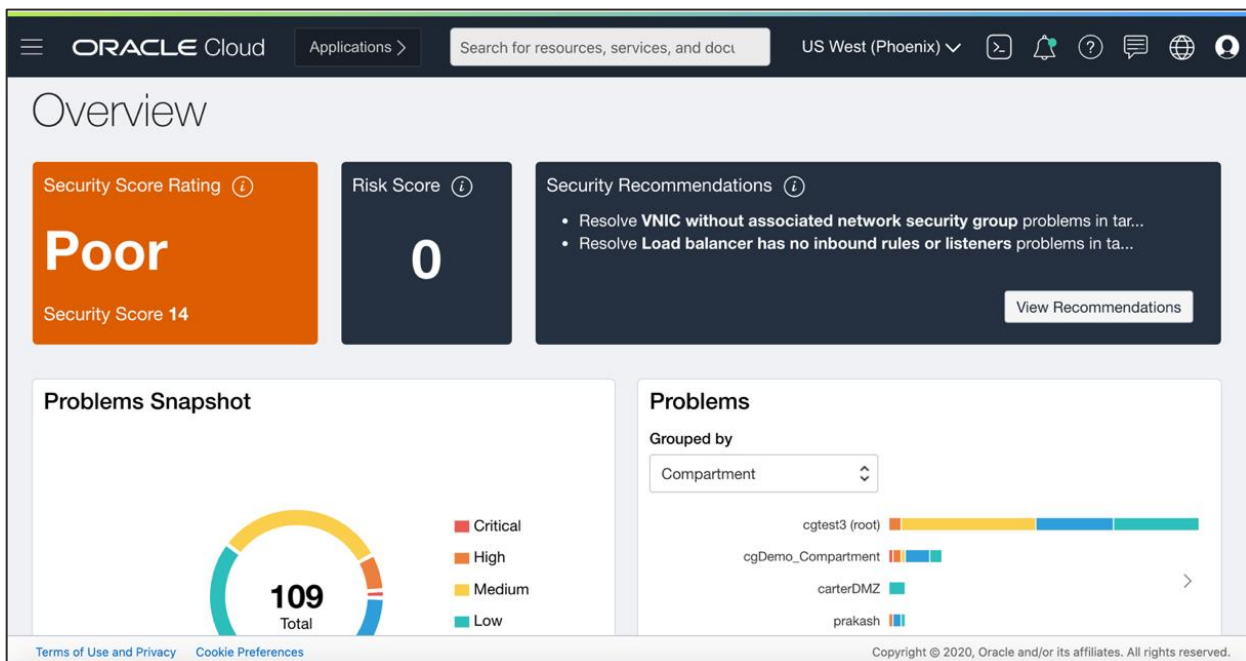
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Misconfigured resources and insecure activity in the cloud represent one of the most difficult problems for security professionals. Misconfigured cloud tenancies around cloud resources can present themselves in many different ways; from publicly accessible object storage buckets, unencrypted data storage, sensitive ports open to the internet. The behavior of users and administrators within the cloud are also a concern. Insecure activity in a cloud infrastructure offering is difficult to detect as it oftentimes spans beyond simple detection rules and can be generated from authenticated users. Insecure activity can oftentimes be attributed to different parts of the cyber kill chain such as: intrusion, reconnaissance, exploitation, privilege escalation, exfiltration, etc.

[Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Cloud Guard](#) is a cloud security service that detects misconfigured resources and insecure activities. Cloud Guard acts as a log and events aggregator that directly integrates with all major [Oracle Cloud Infrastructure](#) services (Compute, Networking, Storage, etc.) providing actionable results. Cloud Guard offers the flexibility to take action on security issues manually or automatically with conditional operators.



In the Cloud Guard Overview, administrators are provided a single view into their overall cloud security posture within their OCI tenancy. The dashboard incorporates a number of different analytics that help security personnel identify, triage, and prioritize different cloud security issues. Cloud Guard incorporates the use of a cloud security scorecard, so that administrators have a quantitative measure to manage risk over time. Furthermore, security issues which are referred to as problems in Cloud Guard are automatically assigned a severity and can be grouped by compartment, region, or resource type within the dashboard.

Issues that Cloud Guard identifies are called Problems. Cloud Guard presents problems in the Cloud Guard console the same way you would manage security issues in traditional security operations center workflows. Problems are listed in a queue and are categorized either as a resource misconfiguration or insecure activity. Security analysts can drill down into a problem and leverage the problem details such as the resource name, resource type, compartment, detection time, etc. to further investigate. Problems are uniquely identified with a resource identifier and can be remediated, marked as resolved, or dismissed. For compliance reporting use-cases, Cloud Guard maps problems related to misconfigured resources to [Center for Internet Security \(CIS\) Benchmarks](#).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Problem Name	Risk Level ▲	Detector Type	Resource	Target
<input type="checkbox"/>	VCN Security list allows traffic to restricted port	Critical	Configuration	...etwork_20200805	...ltcbpo4h
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance has a public IP address	High	Configuration	...e-20200812-1424	...emo_roc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance has a public IP address	High	Configuration	spulinstance1	...emo_roc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance terminated	High	Activity	resourcejanitor	...epjb7wr
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance has a public IP address	High	Configuration	...k-test-instance	...emo_roc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance has a public IP address	High	Configuration	...e-20200805-1217	...emo_roc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance has a public IP address	High	Configuration	...e-20200805-1224	...emo_roc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instance has a public IP address	High	Configuration	spulinstance1	...emo_roc

Cloud Guard embeds Oracle security expertise and provides end users out-of-the-box recipes that detect cloud common security issues (i.e., detector recipes) and can automate remediation processes (i.e., responder recipes). Cloud Guard detector recipes can be cloned and modified with the input settings appropriate for that resource. Cloned recipes can be enabled or disabled and can apply different severities to issues. Cloud Guard detector recipes have rule-based conditions based on time, system version, user, tag, IP address metadata, and resource identifier. As Oracle adds additional rules to its managed recipes, these new rules will also appear in the cloned recipes with the default configuration. This way, as Cloud Guard expands its coverage for more security issues, customers inherit that expansion. Responder recipes, which automate remediation, can provide close that gap in response time and incorporate security playbook themes such as: removing public access, disabling a user, stopping an instance, rotating an API key, and pushing event notifications to information security communications channels. In this way, Cloud Guard provides customers a cloud detect-and-respond framework that helps security organizations scale.

Oracle Cloud Guard Recommendations

Only the top 10 recommendations are shown. These are the most critical issues and will have the highest impact on improving your security posture once resolved.

Recommendations	Total
Resolve VNIC without associated network security group problems in target cg_demo_root_target	6
Resolve Object Storage bucket is encrypted with Oracle-managed key problems in target cg_demo_root_target	16
Resolve Load balancer has no inbound rules or listeners problems in target cg_demo_root_target	1
Resolve VCN has InternetGateway attached problems in target test	2
Resolve VCN has Local Peering Gateway attached problems in target test	2
Resolve User has API keys problems in target cg_demo_root_target	2
Resolve VCN has InternetGateway attached problems in target cg_demo_root_target	9
Resolve Load balancer has no back-end set problems in target cg_demo_root_target	1

In addition to aggregating logs and events for managed cloud services in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, Cloud Guard ingests metadata and threat intelligence data across Oracle Cloud Infrastructure that help correlate a specific cloud security attack type. For instance, a threat actor that has compromised an account within a cloud tenancy will sometimes use an IP address associated with command-and-control server or a Tor proxy to hide their location. Since Cloud Guard ingests network-based threat intelligence data, it can detect and correlate insecure activity from suspicious IP addresses.

Responders give security operations personnel the ability to remediate problems in Cloud Guard as specified by a corresponding security playbook. If a specific type of problem is detected, you can enact a responder to lower the mean time to respond. At its core, a responder is a serverless compute function that automatically triggers based on the event criteria (i.e. the type of problem). Cloud Guard gives administrators the option to remediate problems manually or automatically so analysts can focus their attention on more advanced cloud security issues.

Oracle Cloud Guard Responder Activity

Responder Name	Responder Activity OCID	Resource	Region
Disable IAM User	...h4q7wadmkdwp2fwha3q	terence.chong@oracle.com	US East (Ashburn)
Disable IAM User	...fbpfoqbgzpgaxrjd4cga	terence.chong@oracle.com	US East (Ashburn)
Delete Public IP(s)	...ggpocb6blfyqmy3cwaa	spulinstance1	US East (Ashburn)
Terminate Compute Instance	...hbpamfomuy4nwrzadzq	spulinstance1	US East (Ashburn)
Stop Compute Instance	...fogyxt25lmysmtdsd6pkq	spulinstance1	US East (Ashburn)
Delete Public IP(s)	...suciyq6sh2pfjfofutaq	spulinstance1	US West (Phoenix)
Terminate Compute Instance	...nzh3mzk3oemuwkecbjq	spulinstance1	US West (Phoenix)
Stop Compute Instance	...xmdpt2ff2uy53jz72nq	spulinstance1	US West (Phoenix)

In summary, Cloud Guard provides security administrators the cloud detect-and-response framework needed to lower the mean time to respond and scale out security operations centers. Cloud Guard can be deployed in your OCI tenancy quickly and provides embedded security expertise out-of-the-box. Try Cloud Guard today in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure [commercial regions](#).

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