

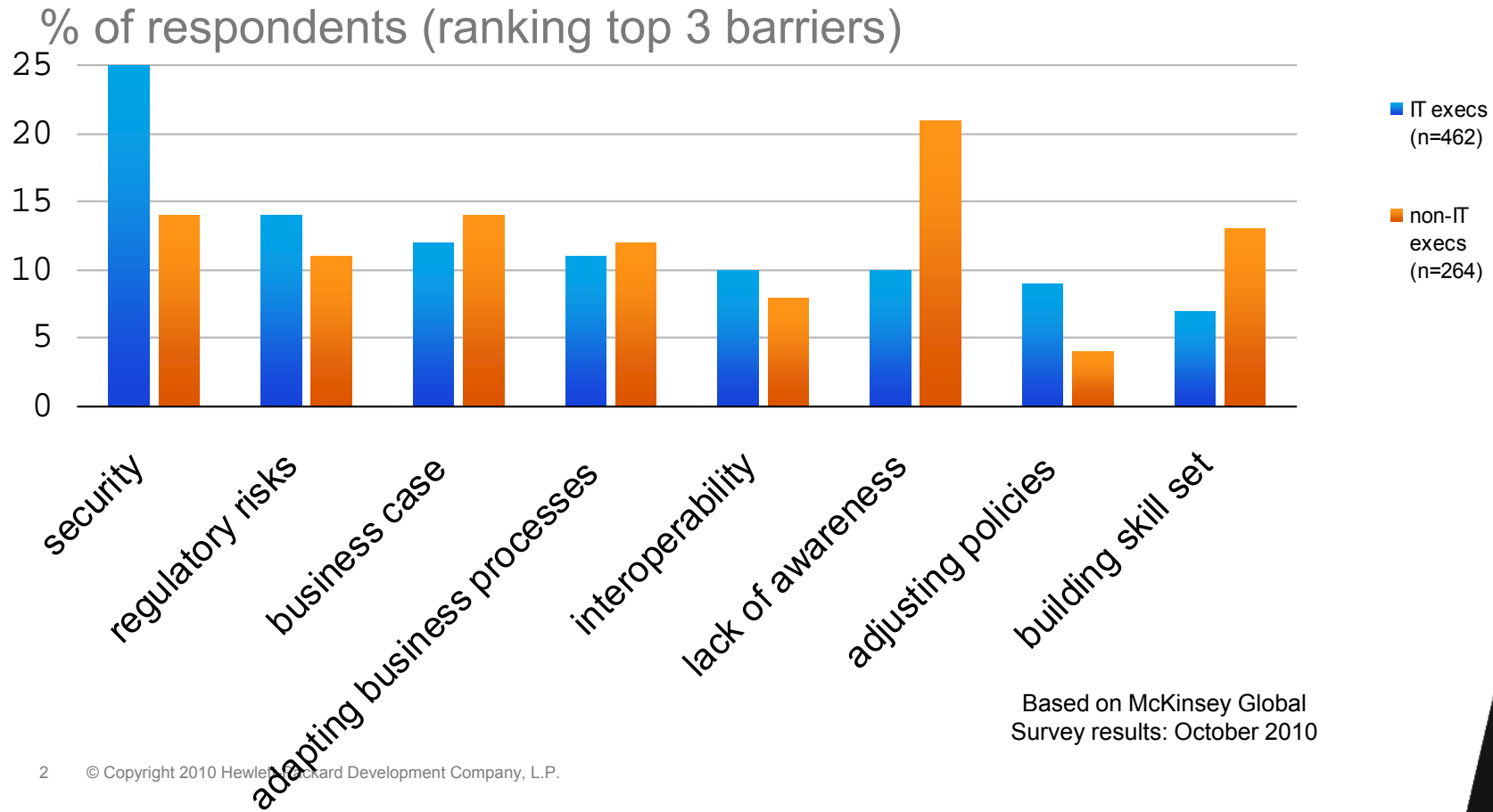
PRIVACY, SECURITY AND TRUST ISSUES ARISING FROM CLOUD COMPUTING

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BARRIERS TO CLOUD TECHNOLOGY



CONTENT

- Privacy issues for cloud
- Security issues
- Legal aspects
- Trust
- Addressing these issues



PRIVACY ISSUES



WHAT IS PRIVACY?

At the broadest level, privacy is:

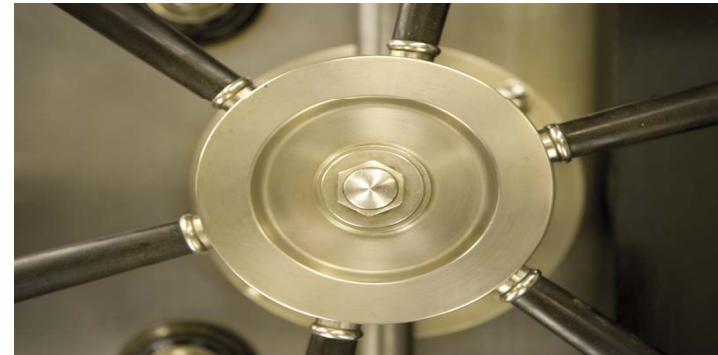
- The right to be left alone
- The right to associate with whom you choose

In the commercial/consumer context:

- Privacy is about the protection and careful use of the personal information of customers
- Meeting the expectations of customers about the use of their personal information

For corporations, privacy is about:

- The application of laws, policies, standards and processes by which Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of individuals is managed



PRIVACY BASICS

Definition – Personally identifiable information

Personally Identifiable Information commonly referred to as personal data or personal information in Europe and Asia, can be defined as *information that can be traced to a particular individual*, and include such things as the items listed below:

Full name: Mike Smith
Home address: 123 Main St.
Home phone: 408-555-1212
Social security number or national identity number
Credit card #: 4755-5555-5555
Email address: jdoe@jdoe.com
Password: 851pass392
Date of birth: 4 April 1975



PRIVACY BASICS

Definition – Sensitive information

Sensitive Information can be considered as a sub-set of personal information, and because of its sensitive nature greater care must be taken in its handling. Use is especially regulated in EU. Sensitive information includes information revealing:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Political opinions
- Religious or philosophical beliefs
- Trade-union membership and
- Data concerning health or sex life.
- Financial or medical information.



PRIVACY CHALLENGES

Individuals

Solicited marketing

Identity theft

Revealing personal information friends, family members

Behavioral advertising

Unintended use or inferences from information

e.g. from Social Networking data

Government surveillance

Exposure of information stored “in the cloud”



PRIVACY CHALLENGES

Businesses

Data breaches

can be costly (on average \$204 per record, according to 2010 Ponemon
Institute study)

Country-specific laws expose companies to a risk of litigation

When customers are concerned for the welfare of their privacy it
can affect a company's ability to do business.

Negative public attention and loss of brand value

Complexity of managing privacy



PRIVACY ISSUES FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

Complex information environment

Data flows tend to be global and dynamic

Data proliferation

Dynamic provisioning

Lack of user control

Unauthorized secondary usage

Retention of data

Has data been properly destroyed?

Have privacy breaches occurred?

Who is at fault in such cases?



SECURITY ISSUES

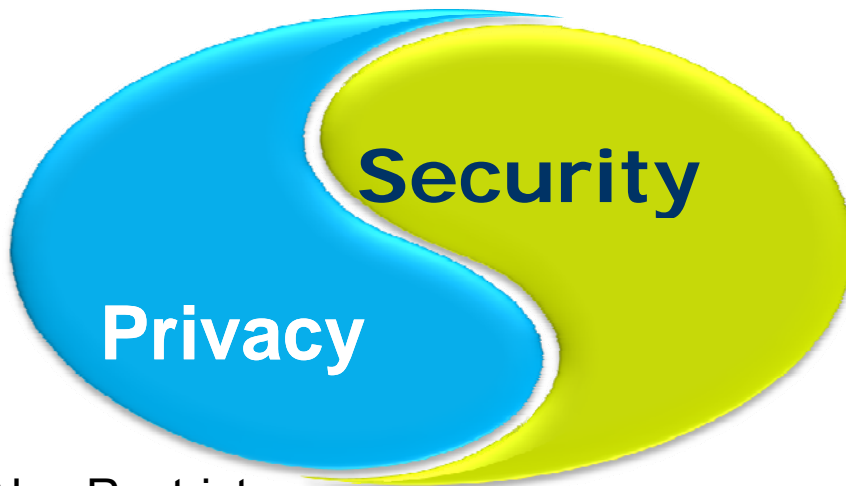


HOW ARE SECURITY AND PRIVACY DIFFERENT?

Personal Information- Handling Mechanisms

Individual Rights”
Fairness of Use
Notice
Choice
Access
Accountability
Security

Privacy Laws Also Restrict
Border Data Flow of
Personal Information



Protection Mechanisms

- Authentication
- Access controls
- Availability
- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Retention
- Storage
- Backup
- Incident response
- Recovery

REVIEW

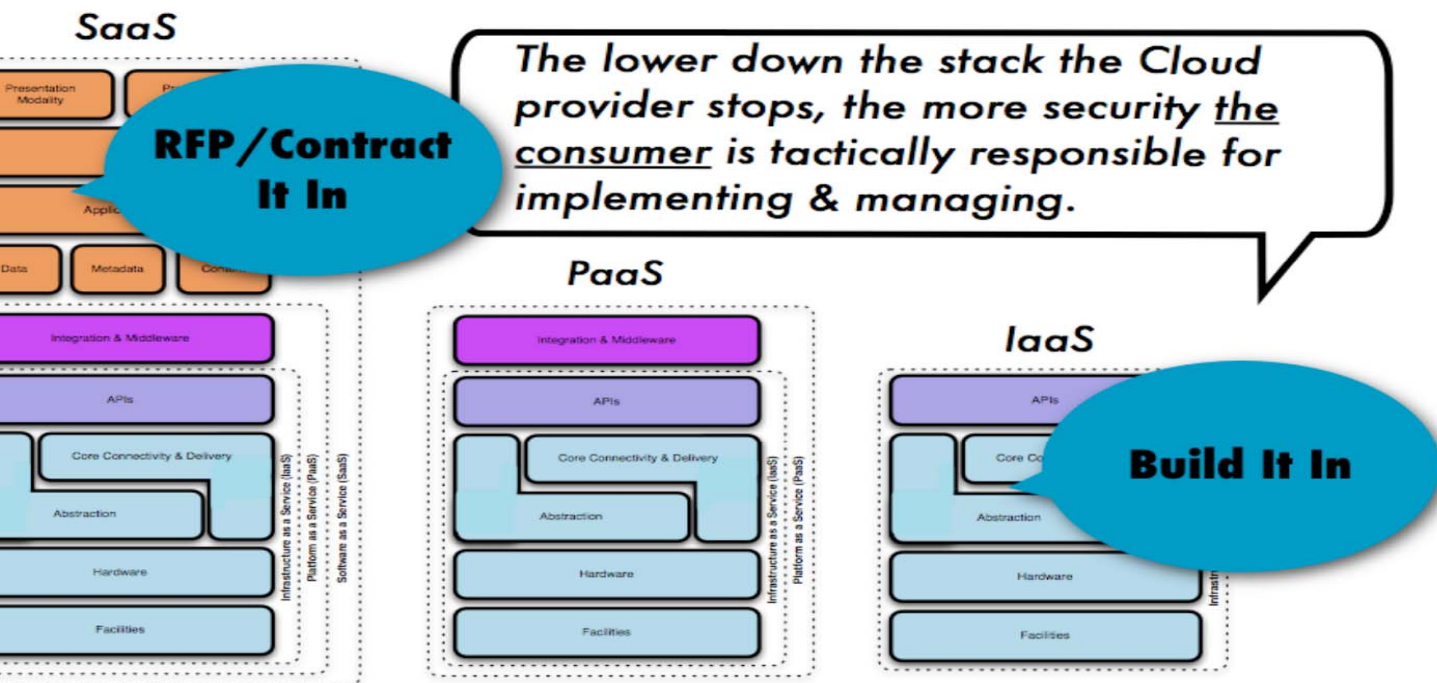
Privacy relates to
personal information

Security and
confidentiality can relate
to all information

Context is important: different information can
have different privacy, security and confidentiality
requirements



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SECURITY ISSUES FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

Access control

Control over data lifecycle

Availability and backup

Lack of standardisation

Audit

Vulnerabilities, e.g.

Botnets and trojan horses exist in cloud services

Data theft in cloud

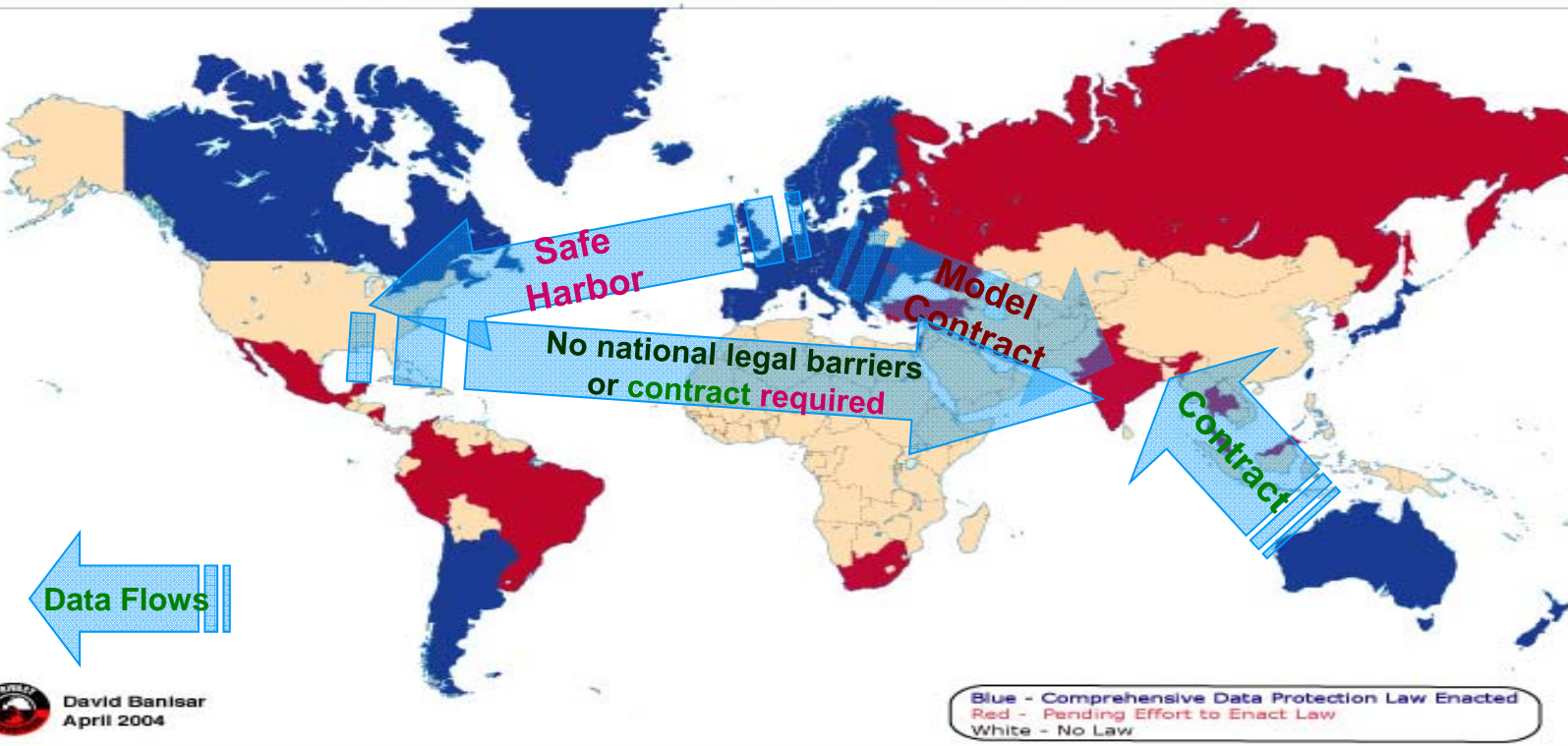
Cross-VM side channel attacks



GAL ASPECTS



DATA PROTECTION LAWS AROUND THE WORLD



LEGAL ISSUES FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

jurisdiction matters

difficult to comply with legislation

especially transborder data flow requirements

data processors must use 'reasonable security'

ISP may be forced to hand over data stored in cloud

regulation subject to change



TRUST ISSUES



CLOUD PERSPECTIVES

Cloud Service Provider



Cloud Service Consumer

You own and manage all of the IT assets
You assume the specific costs and risks
of the service components

***Two very different
roles***
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***Two very different
perspectives***

- You don't need software, hardware, technical knowledge.
- You don't own the assets.
- You don't assume the specific costs and risks of the service components

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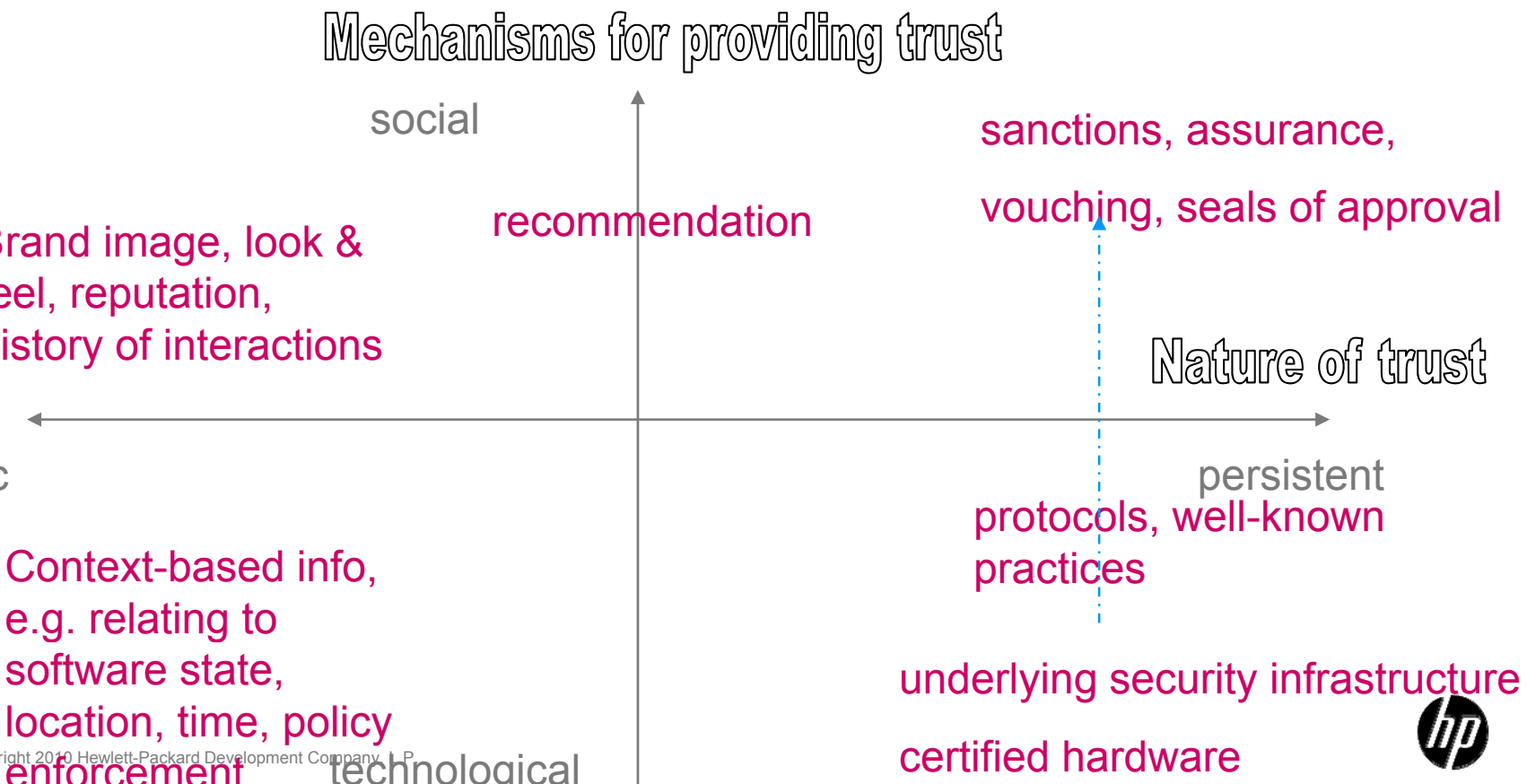
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Studies of on-line trust

- Brand image
- Provision of assurance info
- Security & privacy



PERSISTENT VS. DYNAMIC TRUST



TRUST ISSUES FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

Weak trust relationships

Non-transitivity of trust, esp. 'on demand' models

Trust mechanisms need to be propagated right along chain of service provision

Lack of consumer trust

Due to lack of transparency and control

esp. for sensitive info

Trust key to adoption of SaaS



DRESSING PRIVACY, SECURITY AND TRUST ISSUES

different approaches



IMPORTANCE OF CONTEXT

Privacy need be taken into account only if the cloud service handles personal information, in the sense of collecting, transferring, processing, sharing or storing it

Privacy threats differ according to the type of cloud scenario, e.g.

low privacy threat if the cloud service is to process information that is (or is very shortly to be) public, cf. NY Times

high privacy threat for cloud services that are dynamically personalized – based on people's location, preferences, calendar and social networks, etc.

Context is central to requirements

The same information collected in a different context by a different entity might have completely different data protection requirements.

Multiple requirements may need to be met by the same provider.

- e.g. cloud-based services marketplace customer engaged in international health study would have to comply with EU and US privacy laws, and as the data controller, would need a way to obtain assurances that any potential service suppliers are employing proper data privacy protection practice

Factors: location, sensitivity of data, culture, trust relationships,...



STANDARDISATION

Internationally recognized
Cloud Computing standards
Relevant Industry
Organizations with substantive
Cloud
Computing initiatives and
Programs
Government and international
Standards and practices
Organizations

Cloud Security Standards

- OASIS
- Trusted Cloud
- CSA cloud security alliance
- THE Open GROUP Making standards work®

Industry Programs

- JERICHO
- DMTF
- tmforum
- Open Cloud Consortium
- ISACA Serving IT Governance Professionals
- OpenGridForum OPEN FORUM | OPEN STANDARDS
- SNIA
- IEEE

Best Practices Organizations & Programs

- ISO
- ANSI American National Standards Institute
- NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology
- ETSI
- ENISA



SIGN FOR PRIVACY

Is	Is Not
Driven by global and local regulations	A replacement for other Secure Design Principles and requirements
Initial set of best practice design principles and standards	Bolted on at end of design process



ADDRESSING ISSUES IN CLOUD COMPUTING

Procedural measures

Determining capabilities of CSP before selection

Negotiating contracts

Restricting transfer of confidential data to CSP

Data security mitigation

Encryption

Mechanisms for increasing trust

Privacy intermediaries, sticky policies, agents

Solutions need to address a combination of issues above => new

Mechanisms



CURRENT RESEARCH

transparency

design patterns

accountability in the cloud

natural language policies in contract associated with lower-level
machine-readable policies that

define usage constraints of the associated PII

transmitted through the cloud associated with PII

acted upon automatically within the cloud without the need for human
intervention

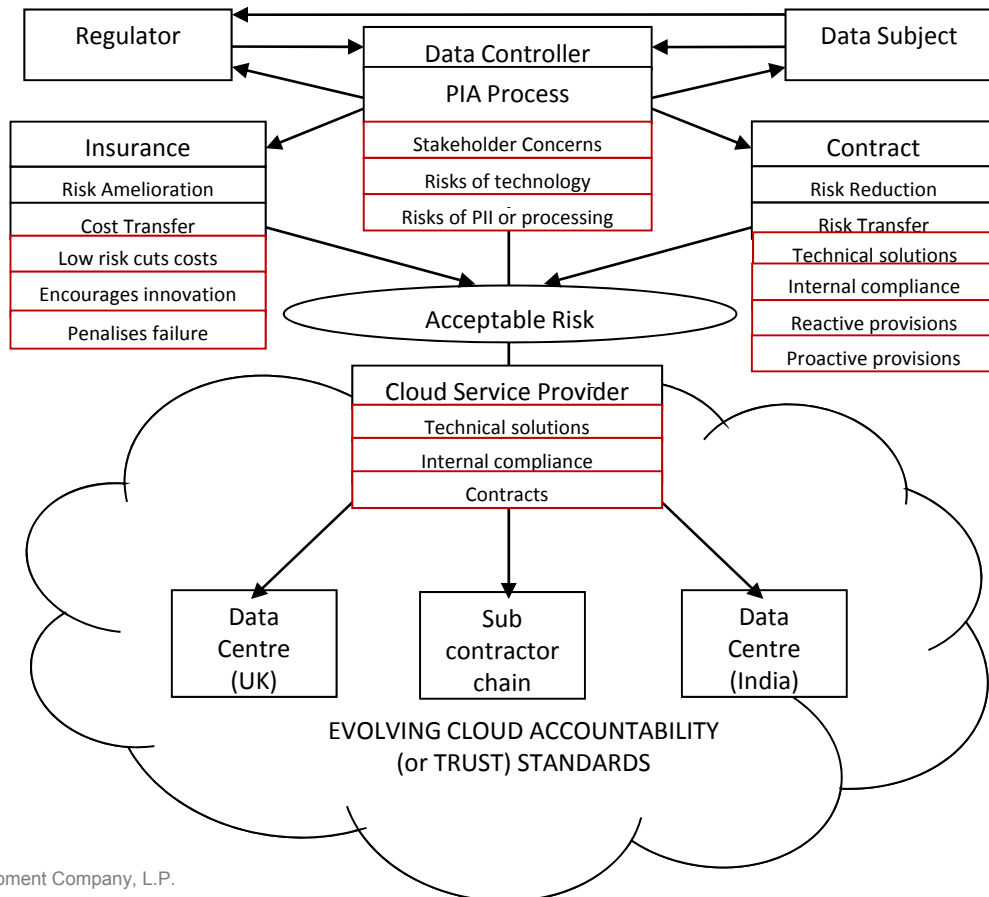
privacy protecting controls built into different aspects of the business
process

ongoing process of review throughout the contractual chain

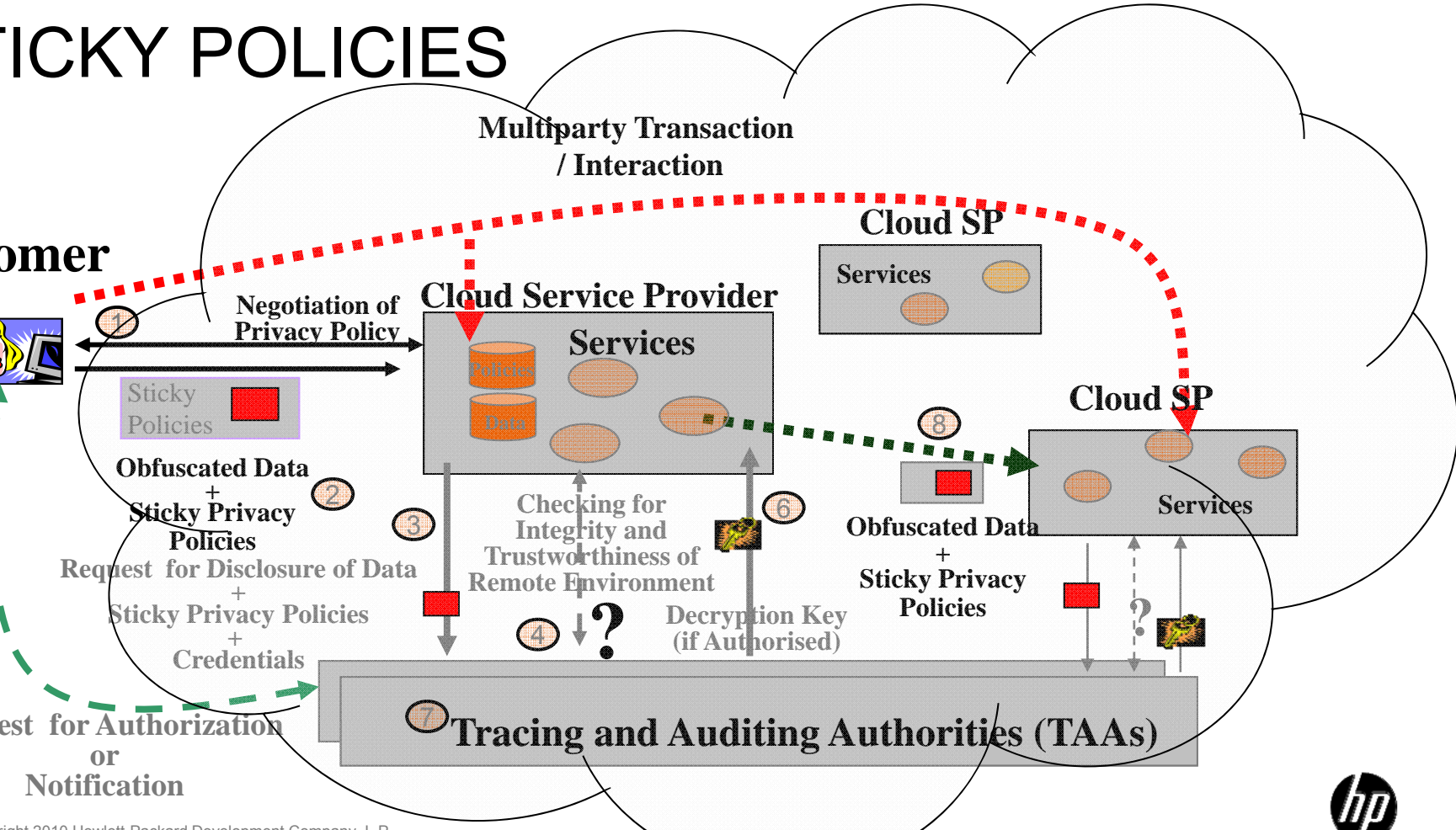
risk assessment & decision support to assess harm



COUNTABILITY



STICKY POLICIES



CONCLUSIONS

Advantages of cloud computing can bring higher risk to data privacy and security

e.g. Rapid scaling (through subcontracting), remote data storage, sharing services in a dynamic environment

High user concern, particularly for financial and health data

Associated lack of trust + difficulties in meeting legal requirements
Business inhibitor

We are currently researching the development of solutions

Consent management, sticky policies, risk analysis, data obfuscation



Q&A

