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# Update on ONOS and ODL Security Comparison

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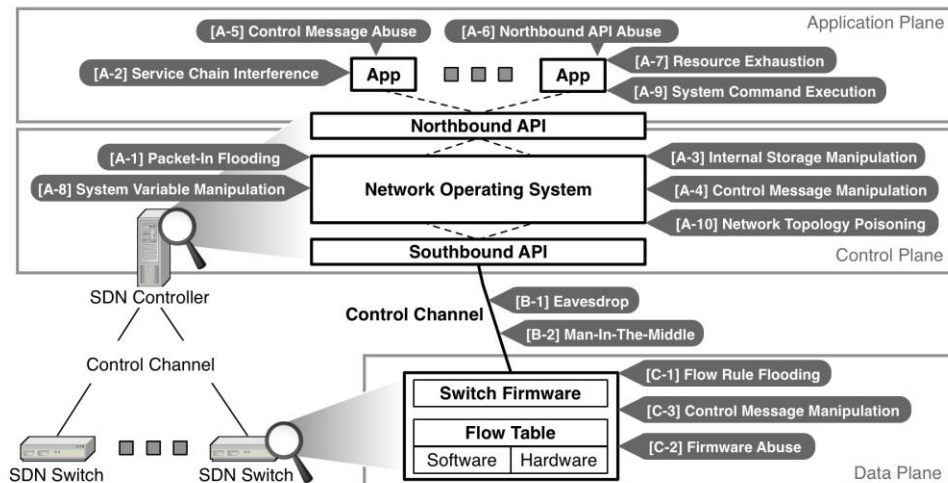
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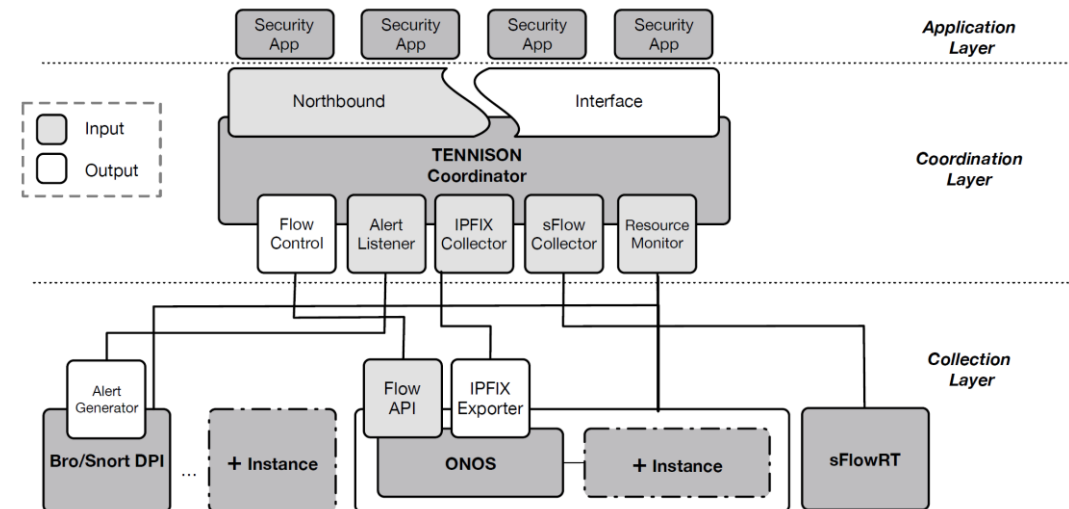
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# SDNFV Security Research - Objectives

Identifying, raising awareness, and recommending solutions to potential vulnerabilities in SDNFV network design and deployment.





Exploring scalable, analytics-based monitoring and forensics capabilities, and security solutions for these new network architectures.




# Agenda for the talk

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# Security Support – ONOS

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## Security

Created by David Jorm, last modified by Thomas Vachuska on Mar 28, 2018

### Reporting security issues

Please report any security issues you find in ONOS to: [security@onosproject.org](mailto:security@onosproject.org)

Anyone can post to this list. The subscribers are only trusted individuals who will handle the resolution of any reported security issues in confidence. In your report, please include details of any embargo you would like to impose.

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### Security advisories

The [security advisories page](#) lists all security vulnerabilities fixed in ONOS.

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# Security Support - ONOS

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Name	Description
<a href="#">CVE-2018-1999020</a>	Open Networking Foundation (ONF) ONOS version 1.13.2 and earlier version contains a Directory Traversal vulnerability in core/common/src/main/java/org/onosproject/common/app/ApplicationArchive.java line 35 that can result in arbitrary file deletion (overwrite). This attack appear to be exploitable via a specially crafted zip file should be uploaded.
<a href="#">CVE-2018-12691</a>	Time-of-check to time-of-use (TOCTOU) race condition in org.onosproject.acl (aka the access control application) in ONOS v1.13 and earlier allows attackers to bypass network access control via data plane packet injection.
<a href="#">CVE-2018-1000616</a>	ONOS ONOS controller version 1.13.1 and earlier contains a XML External Entity (XXE) vulnerability in onos\drivers\utilities\src\main\java\org\onosproject\drivers\utilities\XmlConfigParser.java loadxml() that can result in An adversary can remotely launch XXE attacks on ONOS controller via an OpenConfig Terminal Device.. This attack appear to be exploitable via network connectivity.
<a href="#">CVE-2018-1000615</a>	ONOS ONOS Controller version 1.13.1 and earlier contains a Denial of Service (Service crash) vulnerability in OVSDB component in ONOS that can result in An adversary can remotely crash OVSDB service ONOS controller via a normal switch.. This attack appear to be exploitable via the attacker should be able to control or forge a switch in the network..
<a href="#">CVE-2018-1000614</a>	ONOS ONOS Controller version 1.13.1 and earlier contains a XML External Entity (XXE) vulnerability in providers/netconf/alarm/src/main/java/org/onosproject/provider/netconf/alarm/NetconfAlarmTranslator.java that can result in An adversary can remotely launch advanced XXE attacks on ONOS controller without authentication.. This attack appear to be exploitable via crafted protocol message.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-13763</a>	ONOS versions 1.8.0, 1.9.0, and 1.10.0 do not restrict the amount of memory allocated. The Netty payload size is not limited.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-13762</a>	ONOS versions 1.8.0, 1.9.0, and 1.10.0 are vulnerable to XSS.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000081</a>	Linux foundation ONOS 1.9.0 is vulnerable to unauthenticated upload of applications (.oar) resulting in remote code execution.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000080</a>	Linux foundation ONOS 1.9.0 allows unauthenticated use of websockets.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000079</a>	Linux foundation ONOS 1.9.0 is vulnerable to a DoS.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000078</a>	Linux foundation ONOS 1.9 is vulnerable to XSS in the device. registration
<a href="#">CVE-2015-7516</a>	ONOS before 1.5.0 when using the ifwd app allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (NULL pointer dereference and switch disconnect) by sending two Ethernet frames with ether_type Jumbo Frame (0x8870).

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2015 – 1 CVE  
2017 – 6 CVEs  
2018 – 5 CVEs



# Security Support - ODL

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The OpenDaylight vulnerability management process is [documented here](#).



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## Security: Vulnerability Management

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Name	Description
<a href="#">CVE-2018-1132</a>	A flaw was found in Opendaylight's SDNInterfaceapp (SDNI). Attackers can SQL inject the component's database (SQLite) without authenticating to the controller or SDNInterfaceapp. SDNInterface has been deprecated in OpenDayLight since it was last used in the final Carbon series release. In addition to the component not being included in OpenDayLight in newer releases, the SDNInterface component is not packaged in the opendaylight package included in RHEL.
<a href="#">CVE-2018-10898</a>	A vulnerability was found in openstack-tripleo-heat-templates before version 8.0.2-40. When deployed using Director using default configuration, Opendaylight in RHOSP13 is configured with easily guessable default credentials.
<a href="#">CVE-2018-1078</a>	OpenDayLight version Carbon SR3 and earlier contain a vulnerability during node reconciliation that can result in traffic flows that should be expired or should expire shortly being re-installed and their timers reset resulting in traffic being allowed that should be expired.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000411</a>	OpenFlow Plugin and OpenDayLight Controller versions Nitrogen, Carbon, Boron, Robert Varga, Anil Vishnoi contain a flaw when multiple 'expired' flows take up the memory resource of CONFIG DATASTORE which leads to CONTROLLER shutdown. If multiple different flows with 'idle-timeout' and 'hard-timeout' are sent to the Openflow Plugin REST API, the expired flows will eventually crash the controller once its resource allocations set with the JVM size are exceeded. Although the installed flows (with timeout set) are removed from network (and thus all controller's operations DS), the expired entries are still present in CONFIG DS. The attack can originate both from NORTH or SOUTH. The above description is for a north bound attack south bound attack can originate when an attacker attempts a flow flooding attack and since flows come with timeouts, the attack is not successful. However, the attacker will now be successful in CONTROLLER overflow attack (resource consumption). Although, the network (actual flow tables) and operational DS are only (~)1% occupied, the controller requests for resource consumption. This happens because the installed flows get removed from the network upon timeout.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000406</a>	OpenDaylight Karaf 0.6.1-Carbon fails to clear the cache after a password change, allowing the old password to be used until the Karaf cache is manually cleared (e.g. via restart).
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000361</a>	DOMRpcImplementationNotAvailableException when sending Port-Status packets to OpenDaylight. Controller launches exceptions and consumes more CPU resources. Component: OpenDaylight is vulnerable to this flaw. Version: The tested versions are OpenDaylight 3.3 and 4.0.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000360</a>	StreamCorruptedException and NullPointerException in OpenDaylight odl-mdsal-xsq. Controller launches exceptions in the console. Component: OpenDaylight odl-mdsal-xsq is vulnerable to this flaw. Version: The tested versions are OpenDaylight 3.3 and 4.0.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000359</a>	Java out of memory error and significant increase in resource consumption. Component: OpenDaylight odl-mdsal-xsq is vulnerable to this flaw. Version: The tested versions are OpenDaylight 3.3 and 4.0.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000358</a>	Controller throws an exception and does not allow user to add subsequent flow for a particular switch. Component: OpenDaylight odl-restconf feature contains this flaw. Version: OpenDaylight 4.0 is affected by this flaw.
<a href="#">CVE-2017-1000357</a>	Denial of Service attack when the switch rejects to receive packets from the controller. Component: This vulnerability affects OpenDaylight odl-l2switch-switch, which is the feature responsible for the OpenFlow communication. Version: OpenDaylight versions 3.3 (Lithium-SR3), 3.4 (Lithium-SR4), 4.0 (Beryllium), 4.1 (Beryllium-SR1), 4.2 (Beryllium-SR2), and 4.3 (Beryllium-SR4) are affected by this flaw. Java version is openjdk version 1.8.0_91.
<a href="#">CVE-2015-1857</a>	The odl-mdsal-apidocs feature in OpenDaylight Helium allow remote attackers to obtain sensitive information by leveraging missing AAA restrictions.
<a href="#">CVE-2015-1778</a>	The custom authentication realm used by karaf-tomcat's "opendaylight" realm in Opendaylight before Helium SR3 will authenticate any username and password combination.
<a href="#">CVE-2015-1612</a>	OpenFlow plugin for OpenDaylight before Helium SR3 allows remote attackers to spoof the SDN topology and affect the flow of data, related to the reuse of LLDP packets, aka "LLDP Relay."
<a href="#">CVE-2015-1611</a>	OpenFlow plugin for OpenDaylight before Helium SR3 allows remote attackers to spoof the SDN topology and affect the flow of data, related to "fake LLDP injection."
<a href="#">CVE-2015-1610</a>	hosttracker in OpenDaylight l2switch allows remote attackers to change the host location information by spoofing the MAC address, aka "topology spoofing."
<a href="#">CVE-2014-8149</a>	OpenDaylight defense4all 1.1.0 and earlier allows remote authenticated users to write report data to arbitrary files.
<a href="#">CVE-2014-5035</a>	The Netconf (TCP) service in OpenDaylight 1.0 allows remote attackers to read arbitrary files via an XML external entity declaration in conjunction with an entity reference in an XML-RPC message, related to an XML External Entity (XXE) issue.

2014 – 2 CVEs  
2015 – 5(4) CVEs  
2016 – (2) CVEs  
2017 – 8 CVEs  
2018 – 2 CVEs

# Security-specific Projects/Applications - ONOS

2015/2016

Security-Mode ONOS

Access Control based on DHCP

Access Control List (ACL)

AAA

2017-2019

ARTEMIS (Automated System against BGP Prefix Hijacking)

VPLS (Virtual Private LAN Service)

**Policy Framework for ONOS**

## Secure Controller Design

Control Process (Application) Isolation

**Implementation of Policy Conflict Resolution**

Multiple Controller Instances – Resilience

Multiple Application Instances – Resilience

Secure Storage



# Security-specific Projects/Applications - ODL

2013-2016

Defense4All

Secure Network Bootstrapping Interface

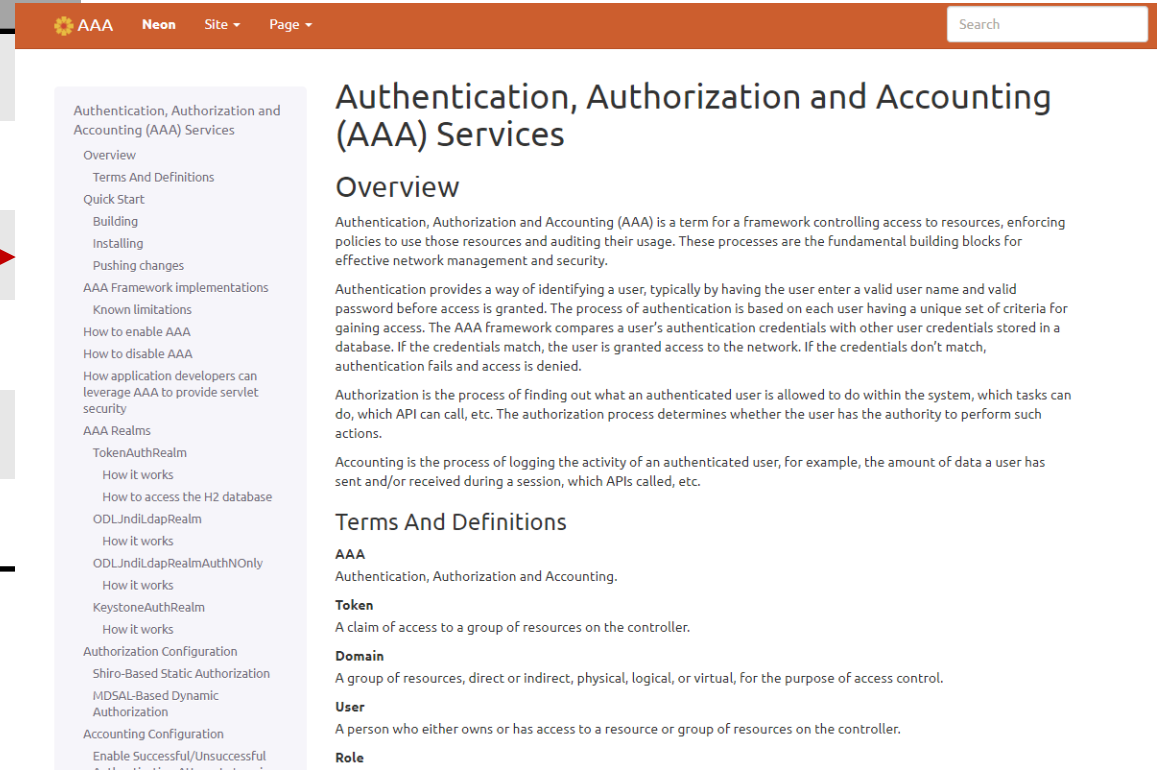
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Unified Secure Channel

Controller Shield

Cardinal – ODL Monitoring as a Service

Managed Project



The screenshot shows the ODL AAA Services documentation page. The header includes navigation links for AAA, Neon, Site, and Page, along with a search bar. The main content area is titled "Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA) Services" and includes an "Overview" section. The left sidebar contains a table of contents with links to various sections.

AAA Neon Site Page Search

## Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA) Services

### Overview

Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA) is a term for a framework controlling access to resources, enforcing policies to use those resources and auditing their usage. These processes are the fundamental building blocks for effective network management and security.

Authentication provides a way of identifying a user, typically by having the user enter a valid user name and valid password before access is granted. The process of authentication is based on each user having a unique set of criteria for gaining access. The AAA framework compares a user's authentication credentials with other user credentials stored in a database. If the credentials match, the user is granted access to the network. If the credentials don't match, authentication fails and access is denied.

Authorization is the process of finding out what an authenticated user is allowed to do within the system, which tasks can do, which API can call, etc. The authorization process determines whether the user has the authority to perform such actions.

Accounting is the process of logging the activity of an authenticated user, for example, the amount of data a user has sent and/or received during a session, which APIs called, etc.

### Terms And Definitions

**AAA**  
Authentication, Authorization and Accounting.

**Token**  
A claim of access to a group of resources on the controller.

**Domain**  
A group of resources, direct or indirect, physical, logical, or virtual, for the purpose of access control.

**User**  
A person who either owns or has access to a resource or group of resources on the controller.

**Role**

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# Security-focused design - ONOS

## Secure Controller Design

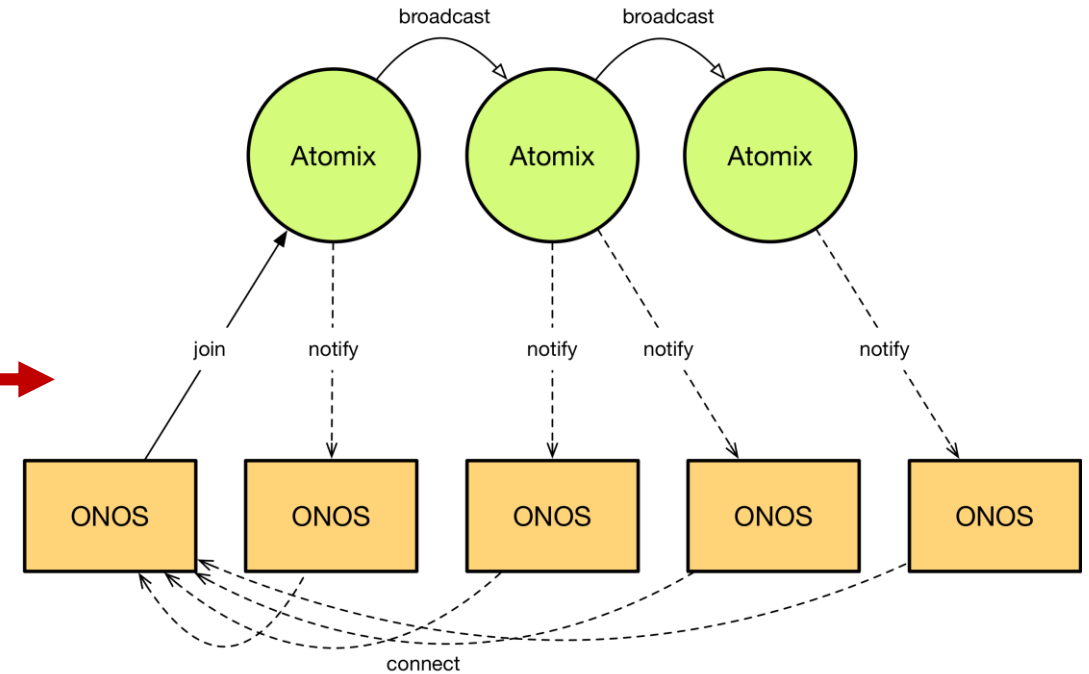
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# Security-focused design - ODL

controller

Major Features

odl-mdsal-broker

- **Feature URL:** <https://git.opendaylight.org/gerrit/gitweb?p=controller.git;a=blob;f=features/mdsal/odl-mdsal-broker/pom.xml;hb=refs/heads/stable/fluorine>
- **Feature Description:** Core MD-SAL implementations.
- **Top Level:** Yes
- **User Facing:** No
- **Experimental:** No
- **CSIT Test:** <https://jenkins.opendaylight.org/releng/view/controller/job/controller-csit-verify-3node-clustering/>

Documentation

- **Developer Guide(s):**
  - [Developer Guide](#)

## Security Considerations

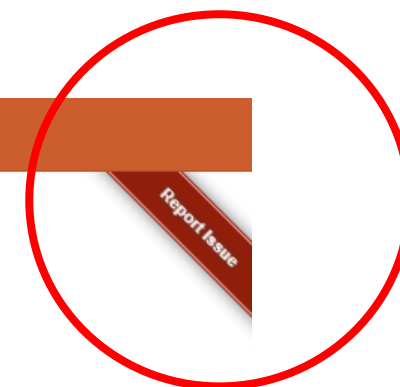
- Do you have any external interfaces other than RESTCONF?
  - Yes, akka uses port 2550 and by default communicates with unencrypted, unauthenticated messages. Securing akka communication isn't described here, but those concerned should look at the "Configuring SSL/TLS for Akka Remoting" section at <http://doc.akka.io/docs/akka/2.5.11/scala/remoting.html>.
- Other security issues?
  - No

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# Security-focused design - ODL



## Security Considerations

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## Security Considerations

This document discusses the various security issues that might affect OpenDaylight. The document also lists specific recommendations to mitigate security risks.

This document also contains information about the corrective steps you can take if you discover a security issue with OpenDaylight, and if necessary, contact the Security Response Team, which is tasked with identifying and resolving security threats.

## Overview of OpenDaylight Security

There are many different kinds of security vulnerabilities that could affect an OpenDaylight deployment, but this guide focuses on those where (a) the servers, virtual machines or other devices running OpenDaylight have been properly physically (or virtually in the case of VMs) secured against untrusted individuals and (b) individuals who have access, either via remote logins or physically, will not attempt to attack or subvert the deployment intentionally or otherwise.

While those attack vectors are real, they are out of the scope of this document.

What remains in scope is attacks launched from a server, virtual machine, or device other than the one running OpenDaylight where the attack does not have valid credentials to access the OpenDaylight deployment.

The rest of this document gives specific recommendations for deploying OpenDaylight in a secure manner, but first we highlight some high-level security advantages of OpenDaylight.

- Separating the control and management planes from the data plane (both logically and, in many cases, physically) allows possible security threats to be forced into a smaller attack surface.
- Having centralized information and network control gives network administrators more visibility and control over the entire network, enabling them to make better decisions faster. At the same time, centralization of network control can be an advantage only if access to that control is secure.

# Conclusion

OpenDaylight



ONOS



Meanwhile ... “*Tungsten Fabric* (formerly known as *OpenContrail*) is a secure software defined networking project designed for the cloud native, multcloud environment.”

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