



MAS Notice 655 Cyber Hygiene

Google Cloud Platform Mapping

This document is designed to help financial institutions (“**regulated entity**”) supervised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (“**MAS**”) to consider [Notice 655 Cyber Hygiene](#) (“**framework**”) in the context of Google Cloud Platform (“GCP”) and the Google Cloud Services Contract.

We focus on the following requirements of the framework: IV. Cyber Hygiene Practices. For each paragraph, we provide commentary to help you understand how you can address the requirements using the Google Cloud services and the Google Cloud Services Contract.

#	Framework reference	Google Cloud commentary	Google Cloud Services Contract reference
1	4.1 Administrative Accounts		
2	A relevant entity must ensure that every administrative account in respect of any operating system, database, application, security appliance or network device, is secured to prevent any unauthorised access to or use of such account.	<p>This is a shared responsibility between Google and the customer. Different platforms have different shared responsibilities.</p> <p><u>Administrative account management</u> Google takes appropriate measures to manage administrative accounts with BeyondCorp. BeyondCorp is used by most Googlers every day to provide user- and device-based authentication and authorization for Google's core infrastructure and corporate resources.</p> <p>BeyondCorp is Google's implementation of the zero trust model. It builds upon a decade of experience at Google, combined with ideas and best practices from the community. By shifting access controls from the network perimeter to individual users, BeyondCorp enables secure work from virtually any location without the need for a traditional VPN.</p> <p><u>Encryption</u> Furthermore, customer data is encrypted both at rest and in transit. Google allows you to easily encrypt your data in the cloud using software-backed encryption keys, FIPS 140-2 Level 3 validated HSAs, customer-provided keys or an External Key Manager.</p> <p>You can use customer-managed encryption keys (CMEK) to control the encryption of data across Google Cloud products while benefiting from additional security features such as Google Cloud IAM and audit logs.</p> <p><u>Information security</u> This is addressed in the Data Processing and Security Terms where Google makes commitments to protect your data, including regarding security.</p> <p>The security of a cloud service consists of two key elements:</p> <p><u>(1) Security of Google's infrastructure</u> Google manages the security of our infrastructure. This is the security of the hardware, software, networking and facilities that support the Services.</p> <p>Given the one-to-many nature of our service, Google provides the same robust security for all our customers.</p> <p>Google provides detailed information to customers about our security practices so that customers can understand them and consider them as part of their own risk analysis.</p> <p>More information is available at:</p>	Data Security; Security Measures (Data Processing and Security Terms)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our infrastructure security page • Our security whitepaper • Our cloud-native security whitepaper • Our infrastructure security design overview page • Our security resources page <p>In addition, you can review Google's SOC 2 report.</p> <p>(2) <u>Security of your data and applications in the cloud</u></p> <p>You define the security of your data and applications in the cloud. This refers to the security measures that you choose to implement and operate when you use the Services.</p> <p>(a) <u>Security by default</u></p> <p>Although we want to offer you as much choice as possible when it comes to your data, the security of your data is of paramount importance to Google and we take the following proactive steps to assist you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encryption at rest. Google encrypts customer data stored at rest by default, with no additional action required from you. More information is available at: https://cloud.google.com/security/encryption-at-rest/default-encryption • Encryption in transit. Google encrypts and authenticates all data in transit at one or more network layers when data moves outside physical boundaries not controlled by Google or on behalf of Google. More information is available at https://cloud.google.com/security/encryption-in-transit <p>(b) <u>Security products</u></p> <p>In addition to the other tools and practices available to you outside Google, you can choose to use tools provided by Google to enhance and monitor the security of your data. Information on Google's security products is available on our Cloud Security Products page.</p> <p>(c) <u>Security resources</u></p> <p>Google also publishes guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security best practices • Security use cases 	
3	4.2 Security Patches		
4	(a) A relevant entity must ensure that security patches are applied to address vulnerabilities to every system, and apply such security patches within a timeframe that is commensurate with the risks posed by each vulnerability.	<p>Security patching is a shared responsibility between Google and the customer. Different platforms have different shared responsibilities.</p> <p>More information is available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Security patching page • Our OS Patch Management page <p>Additionally, for more information on the allocation of information security roles and responsibilities, refer to Row 2.</p>	Data Security; Security Measures (Data Processing and Security Terms)

5	(b) Where no security patch is available to address a vulnerability, the relevant entity must ensure that controls are instituted to reduce any risk posed by such vulnerability to such a system.	<p>This is a customer consideration.</p> <p>In the event that no security patch is available, Google recognizes that entities need to review our internal controls as part of their risk assessment. To assist, Google undergoes several independent third-party audits on at least an annual basis to provide independent verification of our operations and internal controls. Google commits to comply with the following key international standards during the term of our contract with you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO/IEC 27001:2013 (Information Security Management Systems) • ISO/IEC 27017:2015 (Cloud Security) • ISO/IEC 27018:2014 (Cloud Privacy) • ISO/IEC 27701:2019 (PII) • PCI DSS • SOC 1 • SOC 2 • SOC 3 <p>You can review Google's current certifications and audit reports at any time.</p>	Certifications and Audit Reports
6	4.3 Security Standards		
7	(a) A relevant entity must ensure that there is a written set of security standards for every system.	<p>This is a customer consideration.</p> <p>Refer to Row 5 for information on the system security standards that Google complies with.</p>	N/A
8	(b) Subject to sub-paragraph (c), a relevant entity must ensure that every system conforms to the set of security standards.	N/A	N/A
9	(c) Where the system is unable to conform to the set of security standards, the relevant entity must ensure that controls are instituted to reduce any risk posed by such non-conformity.	<p>This is a customer consideration.</p> <p>Refer to Row 5 for information on the system security standards that Google complies with.</p>	N/A
10	4.4 Network Perimeter Defence		
11	A relevant entity must implement controls at its network perimeter to restrict all unauthorised network traffic.	<p>The security and confidentiality of information when using a cloud service consists of two key elements:</p> <p><u>(1) Google's infrastructure</u></p> <p>Google manages the security of our infrastructure. This is the security of the hardware, software, networking and facilities that support the Services.</p> <p>Given the one-to-many nature of our service, Google provides the same robust security for all our customers.</p> <p>Google provides detailed information to customers about our security practices so that customers can understand them and consider them as part of their own risk analysis.</p> <p>More information is available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our infrastructure security page • Our security whitepaper • Our cloud-native security whitepaper • Our infrastructure security design overview page • Our security resources page <p><u>(2) Your data and applications in the cloud</u></p>	Data Security; Security Measures (Data Processing and Security Terms)

		<p>You define the security of your data and applications in the cloud. This refers to the security measures that you choose to implement and operate when you use the Services.</p> <p>(a) <u>Encryption by default</u></p> <p>Although we want to offer you as much choice as possible when it comes to your data, the security of your data is of paramount importance to Google and we take the following proactive steps to assist you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encryption at rest. Google encrypts customer data stored at rest by default, with no additional action required from you. More information is available at: https://cloud.google.com/security/encryption-at-rest/default-encryption. • Encryption in transit. Google encrypts and authenticates all data in transit at one or more network layers when data moves outside physical boundaries not controlled by Google or on behalf of Google. More information is available at https://cloud.google.com/security/encryption-in-transit. <p>(b) <u>Security products</u></p> <p>In addition to the other tools and practices available to you outside Google, you can choose to use tools provided by Google to enhance and monitor the security of your data. Information on Google's security products is available on our Cloud Security Products page.</p> <p>(c) <u>Security resources</u></p> <p>Google also publishes guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security best practices • Security use cases <p>Additionally, refer to our blog on Google Cloud networking in depth: three defense-in-depth principles for more information around how we secure network traffic.</p>	
12	4.5 Malware protection		
13	<p>A relevant entity must ensure that one or more malware protection measures are implemented on every system, to mitigate the risk of malware infection, where such malware protection measures are available and can be implemented.</p>	<p>This is a customer consideration.</p> <p>Google's malware strategy begins with infection prevention by using manual and automated scanners to scour Google's search index for websites that may be vehicles for malware or phishing. While utilizing Chrome, Google's Safe Browsing technology examines billions of URLs per day looking for unsafe websites. In addition to our Safe Browsing solution, Google operates VirusTotal, a free online service that analyzes files and URLs enabling the identification of viruses, worms, trojans and other kinds of malicious content detected by antivirus engines and website scanners. VirusTotal's mission is to help in improving the antivirus and security industry and make the Internet a safer place through the development of free tools and services.</p> <p>Refer to our security whitepaper for more information.</p> <p>Google offers our customers with malware protection services to assist with mitigating measures.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automating malware scanning for documents uploaded to Cloud Storage • Installing antivirus and file integrity monitoring on Container-Optimized OS 	

14	4.6 Multi-factor Authentication		
15	Subject to paragraph 4.7, a relevant entity must ensure that multi-factor authentication is implemented for the following:		
16	(a) all administrative accounts in respect of any operating system, database, application, security appliance or network device that is a critical system; and	<p>This is a shared responsibility between Google and the customer. Different platforms have different shared responsibilities.-</p> <p>Customers are responsible for implementing and operating multi-factor authentication measures used to determine and ensure the security of their data and applications in the cloud.</p> <p>Additionally, Google cloud provides customers the capability to enable MFA. Customers can protect their user accounts and company data with a wide variety of MFA verification methods such as push notifications, Google Authenticator, phishing-resistant Titan Security Keys, and using your Android or iOS device as a security key. Refer to Multi-Factor Authentication Cloud Identity Google for more information.</p> <p>For it's part, Google requires MFA for employees to authenticate with their account to all Google corporate services by default.</p> <p>Refer to Row 2 for more information on administrator account security.</p>	
17	(b) all accounts on any system used by the relevant entity to access customer information through the internet.	<p>This is a customer consideration.</p> <p>Customers may leverage Google services and tools such Identity and Access Management (IAM) to ensure only authorized personnel have access to their cloud instances.</p> <p>Refer to Row 16 for more information.</p>	