

Evaluating Public Cloud Providers

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Security for public cloud providers is an ongoing concern. Programs like FedRAMP look to certify a minimum level of compliance. **This project aims to build a tool to help decision makers compare different clouds solutions and weigh the risks against their own organizational needs.**



The model has three classes:

1. Preconditions (diamonds)
2. Vulnerabilities (rectangles)
 - Scored using the CVSS metric
3. Impacts (ovals)
 - Scored using the OWASP metric

Current work began by implementing the model in spreadsheet form. The next step is writing software to automatically perform the calculations.



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