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Organizations are failing to protect sensitive data in the cloud

2019 Cloud Security Study

Results from the 2019 Thales Cloud Security Study, a survey of more than 3300 executives in 8 countries who are familiar with and involved in their companies' use of both public and private cloud resources. Survey, reporting and analysis conducted by the Ponemon Institute, commissioned by Thales

Businesses are taking advantage of the cloud, but not applying adequate security



49%

of all corporate data is stored in the cloud compared to 35% three years ago

of organizations are encrypting sensitive data in the cloud

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30%

of organizations have a unified system for secure access to both cloud and on-premise applications





32%

don't employ a security-first approach to storing data in the cloud

Only half of businesses remain in control of the keys to their encrypted data stored in the cloud



53%

of businesses are controlling the encryption keys when data is encrypted in the cloud,

despite

saying it's important to retain ownership of the encryption keys

More businesses are adopting a multi-cloud strategy when it comes their IT infrastructure and services needs.



of organizations have a multi-cloud strategy, with AWS, Microsoft Azure and IBM being the top three cited cloud providers

Businesses use 29 cloud applications on average, compared to 27 two years ago



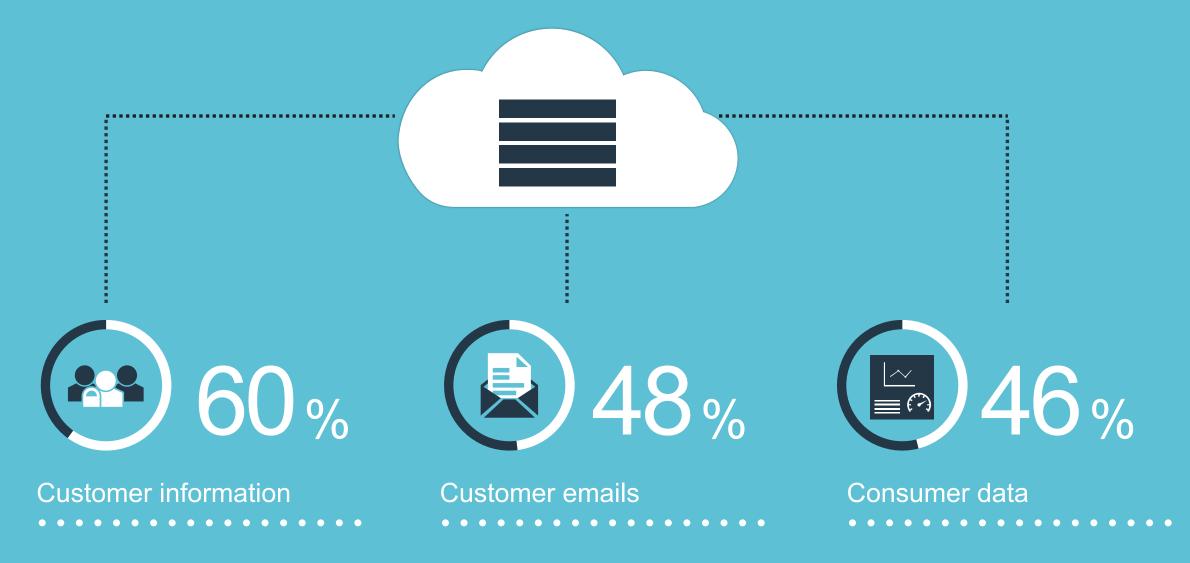
Businesses struggle to reduce complexity of managing privacy and data protection regulations in the cloud environment



revealed that storing customer data in the cloud makes them more of a security risk and a compliance risk (56%)

of organizations are careful about sharing sensitive information with third parties

The biggest amount of data stored in the cloud:



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