

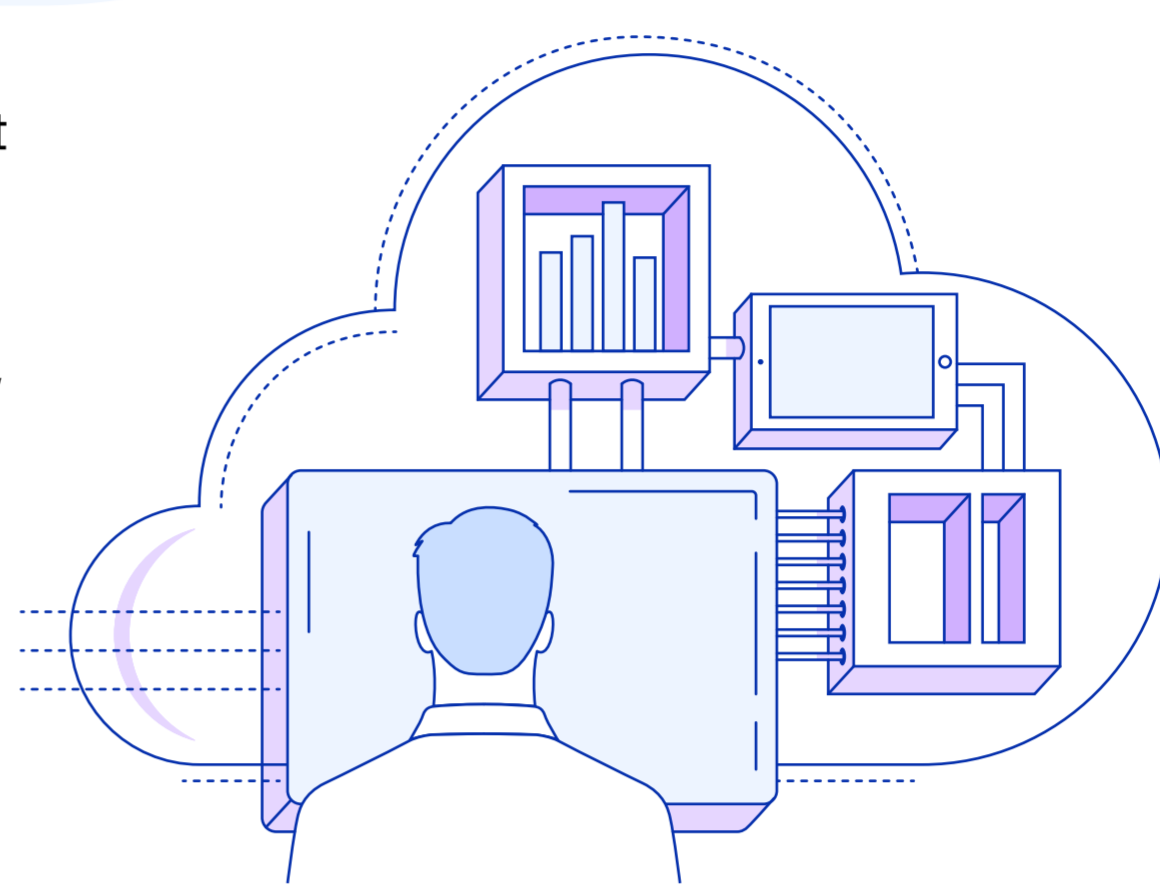
IBM Cloud Owners' Declaration of Rights



Cloud providers are being judged not just by how they use data, but by whether they are responsible and transparent stewards of other people's data. You have a choice when it comes to cloud providers. Given your data's value, you need to build trust with the providers you choose. Determine their level of responsibility by asking if they can uphold our six unalienable rights.

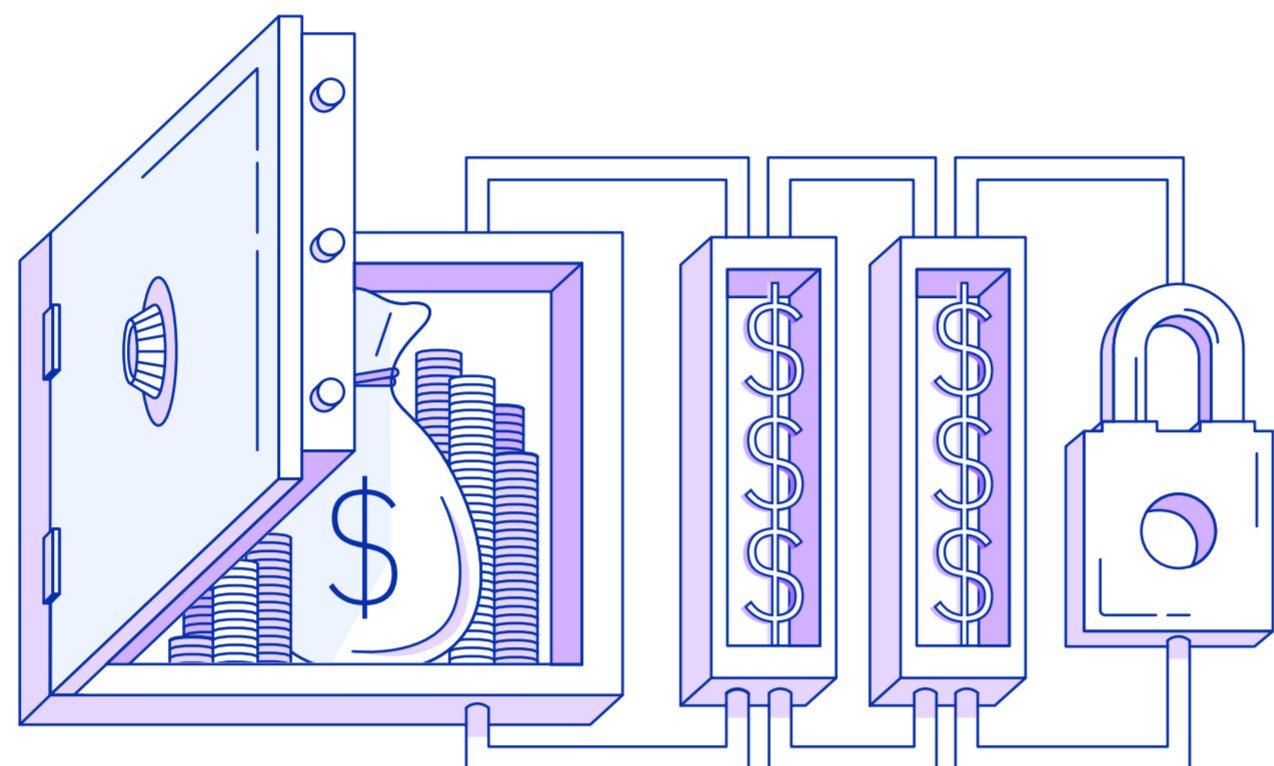
1. All data is the exclusive property of its owner.

Your cloud provider must respect your right to manage and control your data because the insights gleaned from it have value—and only your agency can decide how that data can be used.



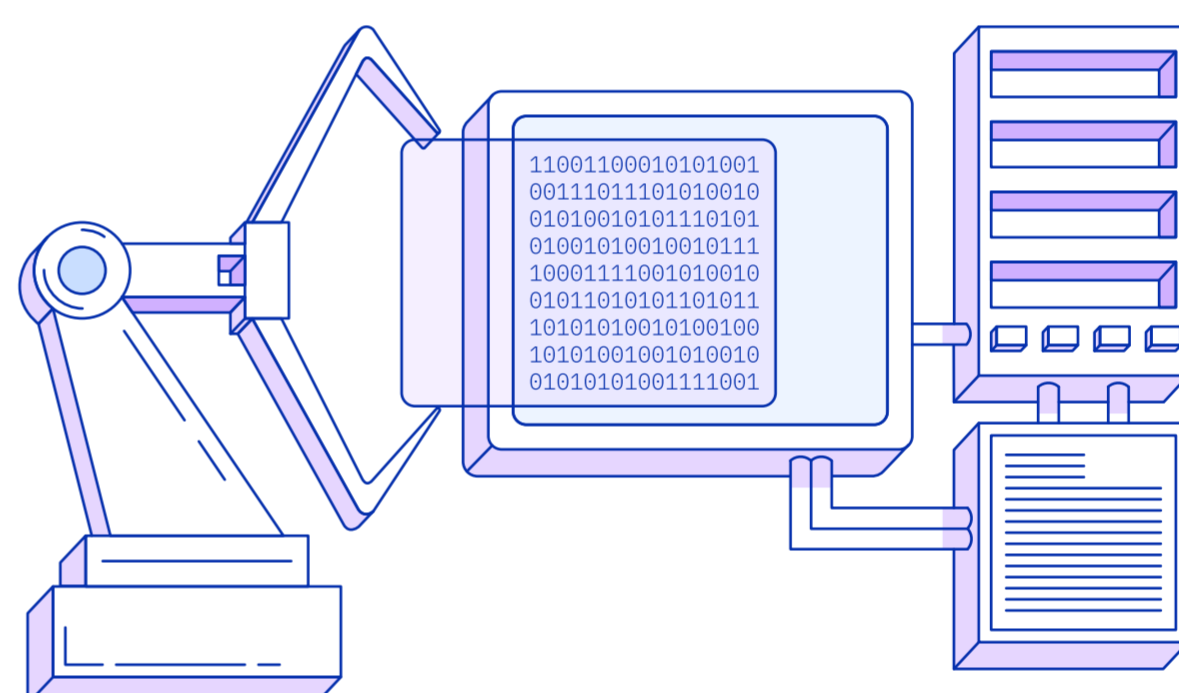
2. An individual's personal data is not a monetizable commodity.

Don't jeopardize the permission given to use their information as intended. Your cloud provider is a steward of that data on your behalf and must do only what they are permitted to do.



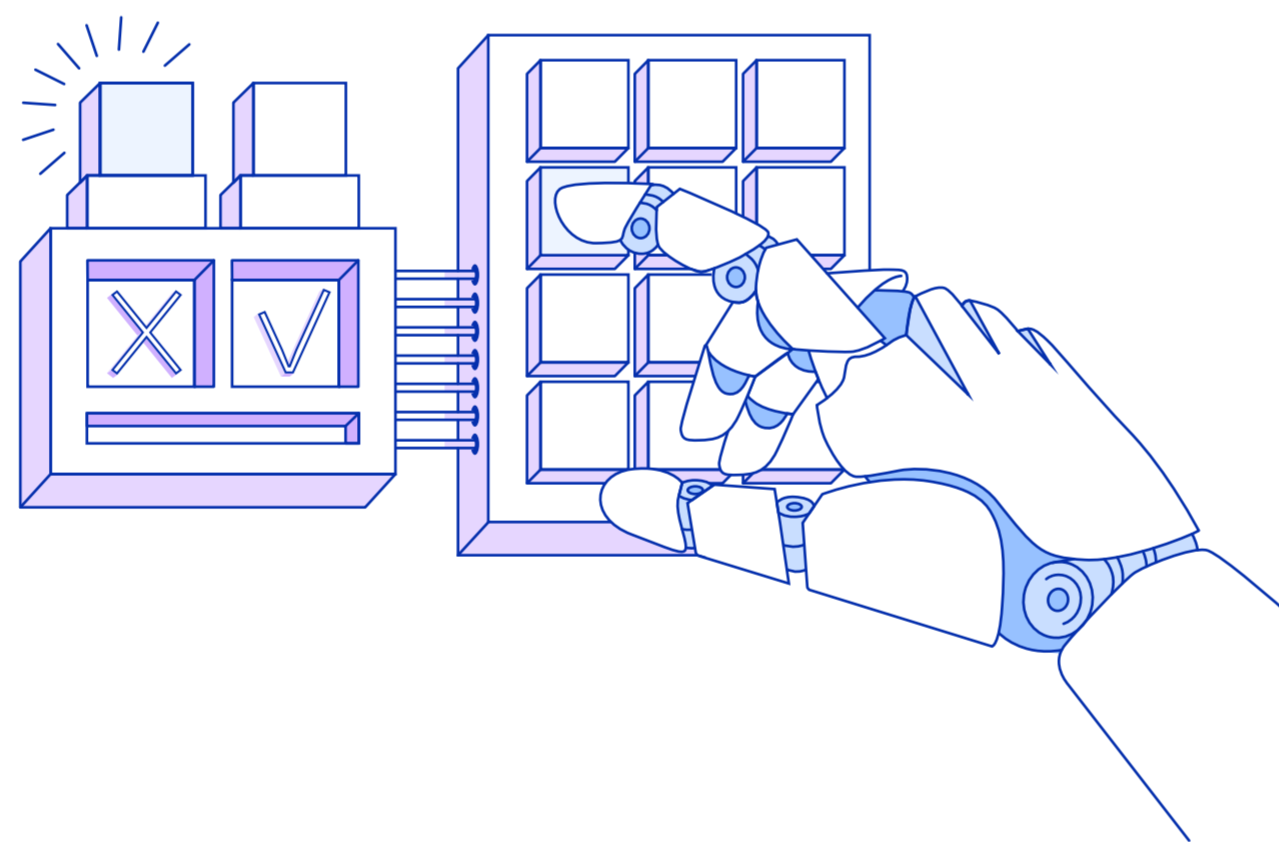
3. AI functions must be explainable and transparent.

Powerful technology must be applied responsibly. Your cloud provider must fully explain the sources of information and methods of training used by AI systems to reach conclusions and address unconscious bias and errors.



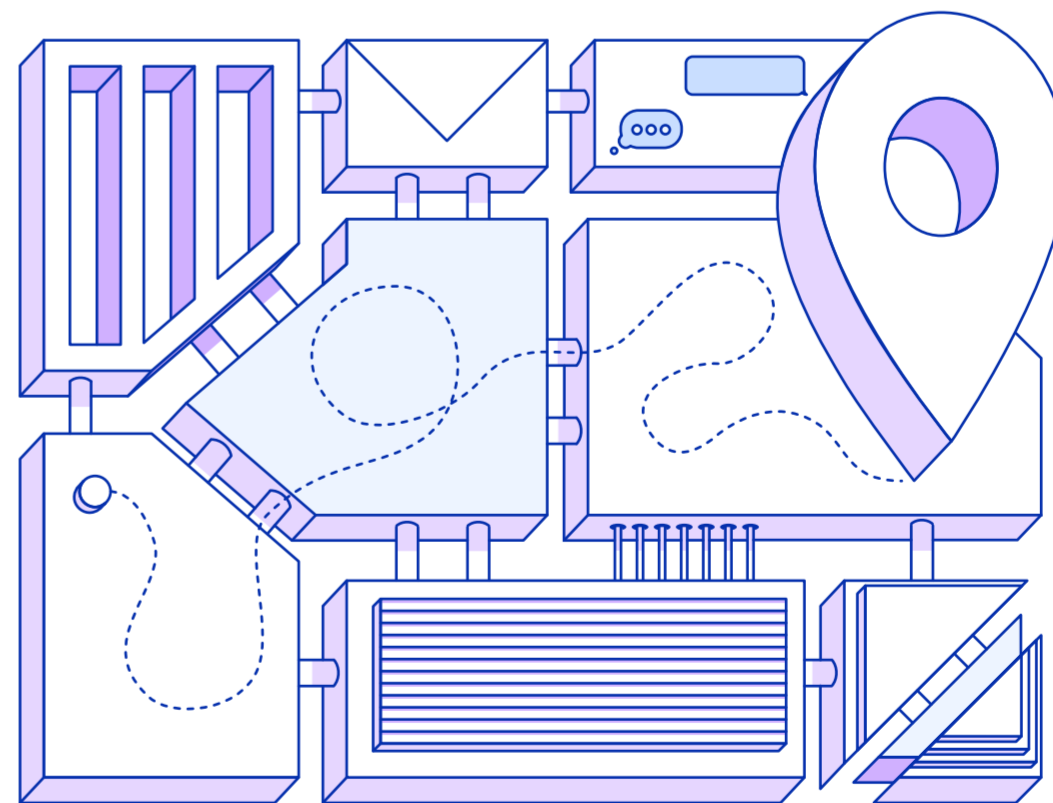
4. New technologies must be employed to proactively protect privacy.

Your cloud provider should never introduce new technologies that may violate individual and agency expectations of data privacy.



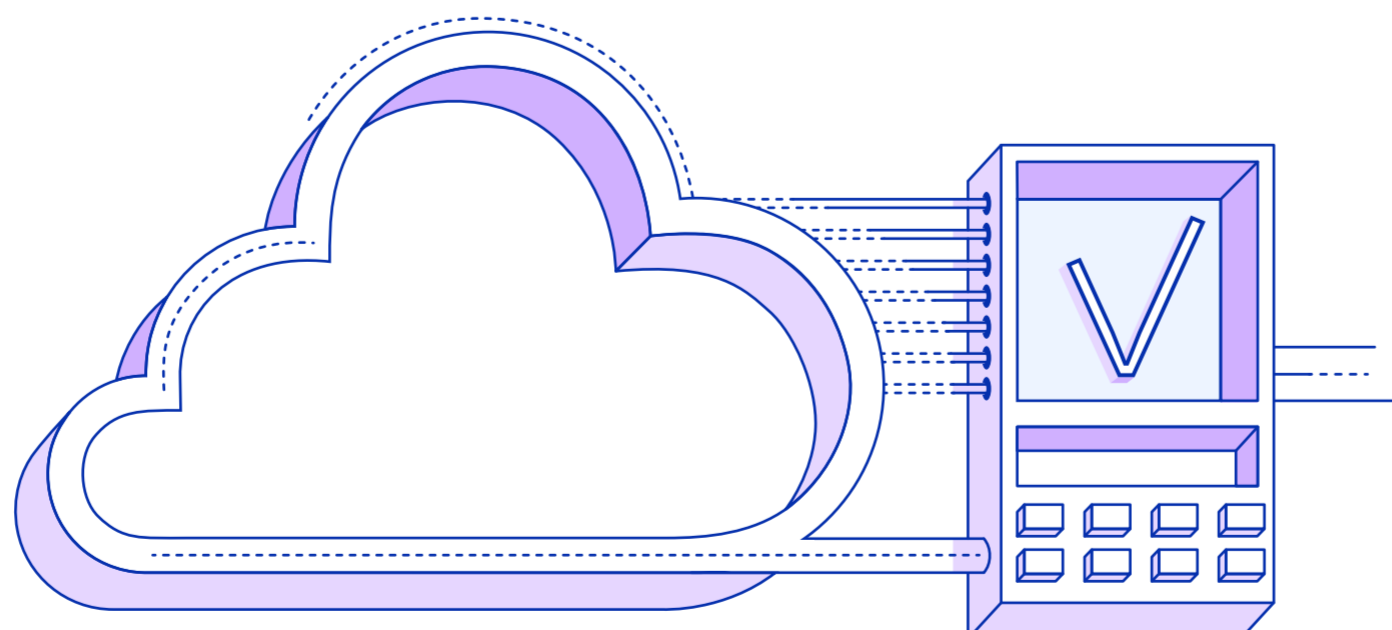
5. The location of all data shall be monitored and verified.

Your cloud provider should always know exactly where your data resides and how it is being used—at all times. This rule is key to preventing cyberattacks, data spillage, misuse and abuse.



6. The movement of data shall not be restricted.

It's your data. Don't allow your cloud provider to restrict the movement of that data, especially not through burdensome data transfer fees. Data transfer charges should be transparent.



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