

5 STEPS TO EMPOWERING EMPLOYEES TO SECURELY USE CLOUD SERVICES



1 DISCOVER

Employees use the most expedient and easy to use cloud services to get their jobs done, often without considering the security implications. You need to discover which cloud applications are in use within your IT environment to better control and ensure the safety of your data.

2 IDENTIFY

As organizations get a handle on what cloud services are being used, you must assess the risks that each service poses. Some cloud applications might only require monitoring while other should be blocked altogether. You need to understand the risk that each application presents.



3 TRACK

There are a lot of non-approved applications in use within your organization. While most employees have no intentions of exposing corporate IP, there are some employees who misuse corporate data. You need to be able to track cloud application use, correlate cloud activity with users and understand how users are handling corporate data.

4 RESPOND

Based on your knowledge about application risk, user behavior, and the security requirements of your data, you need to create a series of alerts and responses, ranging from emails and text messages to completely blocking behavior. You need to have variable responses based on the potential application and behavioral risk.



5 EMPOWER

Your IT organization must empower employees with tools that will get their tasks completed in the most efficient way. You need to provide service catalog capabilities that makes it easy for employees to find and safely use, cloud services.

Want to know how you can help employees safely use cloud services? Read a Hurwitz & Associates Blog: [5 Steps for a Safer Cloud](#)

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