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What **Risks** Lurk In The Cloud? Ways Things Can  
Go **Badly** And **How You Can Prepare**

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**Our theme today:** SaaS can be scary and few people know the extent of the problem. So what can you do to be prepared?

## Statistics, Trends, and Context

### The ACP Game Show:

On  
Horrors in  
Shadow /  
Hidden  
Information  
Technology

**Expect** discussion questions and interactivity

# How Cloud Software Spreads



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Fred: this app will help me be so productive!

A blue button with the Google 'G' logo and the text 'Sign up with Google'. A mouse cursor is pointing at the button.

2

Fred to @Team: Check out this AMAZING App!

+20 Users

3

A red icon of a calendar with a grid of days.

6 months later...

4

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1,000+ Paid Users

5

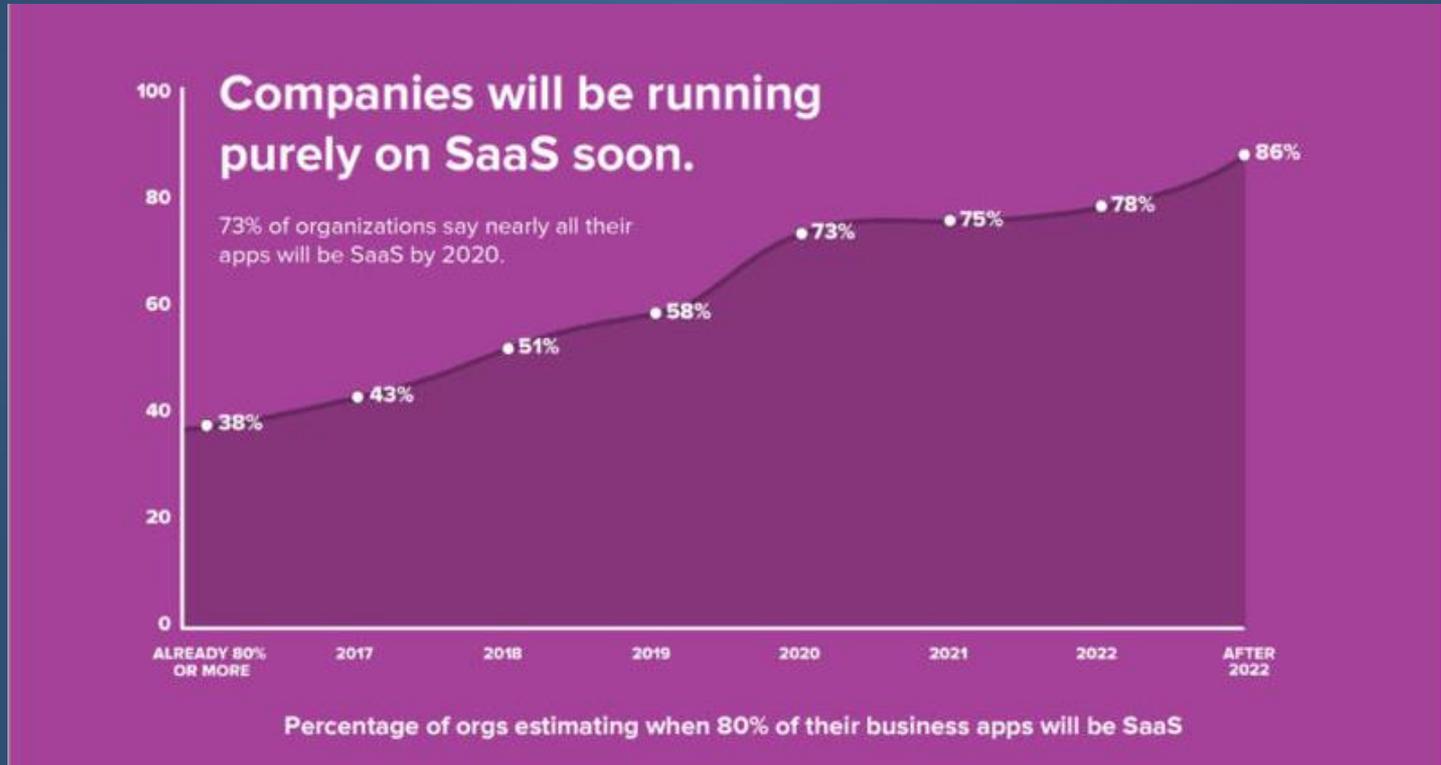
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AP Dept:  
"This is fine"

6

Fred to @Team: Check out this OTHER AMAZING App!

Rinse and repeat.



**Figure 9.** SaaS Most Highly Deployed Global Cloud Service by 2018



Source: Cisco Global Cloud Index, 2013-2018

**Growth:** 54% of CIOs expect to use cloud software for **mission critical applications** within the next 3 years.

**Budget:** CIOs expected to **double their spend** on cloud-based services, from 22% to 44%, over the next 3 years

**Motivations:** According to CIOs –

- Scalability and agility (over 70%)
- Reducing costs (44%)
- Enhancing security (34%)





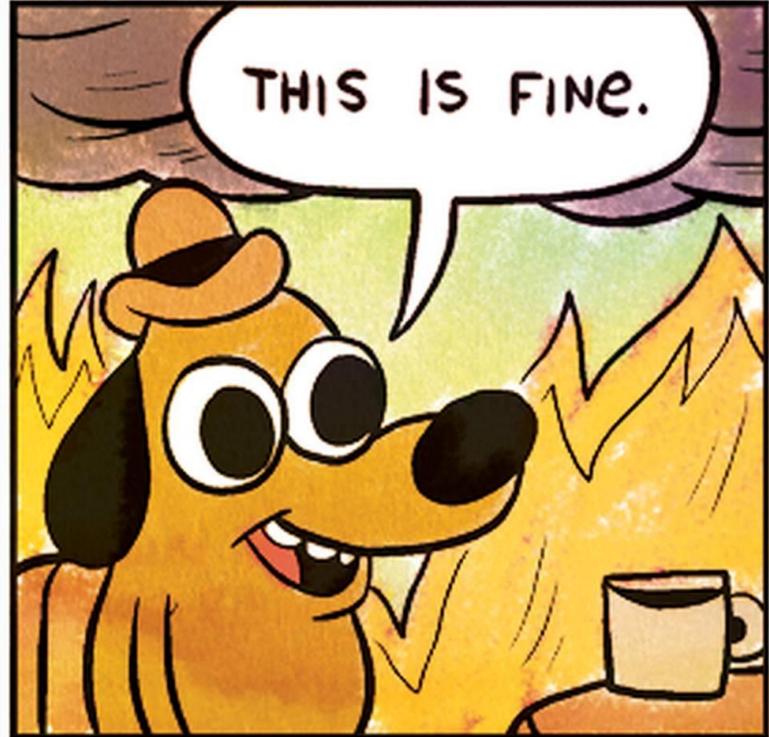
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on the topic*

**Cisco:** large enterprises use over 1,200 cloud services on average, and fewer than 50 of those cloud services are known by IT.

**CIOs estimated 51 cloud services**; had 15-22 times that amount.

**Gartner found** that shadow IT is 30-40% of IT spend; Everest group says it's 50% or more.

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A SaaS provider experienced a major data breach. How do you know if any current or former employees have an account?

- a. Ask department heads
- b. Ask someone in IT to scan firewall, agent, or proxy logs
- c. Panic
- d. Log in to a single tool and check in a few clicks

How has your organization handled SaaS, in policy and practice?

What would you expect to find in your organization?

What's important in a system of record for SaaS, from a DR perspective?

If you could pull one report on all SaaS vendors today, what would it include?

How are you handling continuity discussions around mission-critical SaaS applications?

How could some non-critical SaaS subscriptions create continuity issues?

What would be the worst part of suddenly discovering you have several hundred or thousand more vendors to deal with?

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