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The [Cloud Security Alliance \(CSA\)](#) is the world's leading organization dedicated to defining and raising awareness of best practices to help ensure a secure cloud computing environment. Since 2009, CSA harnesses the subject matter expertise of industry practitioners, associations, governments, and its corporate and individual members to offer cloud security-specific research, education, certification, events and products.

## Research

[CSA Research](#) is made by the industry for the industry. The consensus driven, vendor-neutral research is created by subject matter experts who volunteer for CSA [working groups](#). Each working group focuses on a unique topic or aspect of cloud security, covering over 20 areas of cloud computing. View the [CSA Research Lifecycle](#) to learn how CSA Research is created.



## Education

Training, certificates and [educational resources](#) based on CSA's vendor-neutral research. The [Knowledge Center](#), CSA's online learning platform, is a centralized place to access online training and educational resources.



## Trainings

CSA offers [training](#) for both individuals and companies looking to expand their competence in cloud security, privacy and auditing. The class formats range from in-person, to virtual instructor-led, to online self-paced. [Enterprise trainings](#) are available at your location to provide employees the opportunity to have direct and dedicated interactions with an instructor.



## Membership

[Members](#) of the Cloud Security Alliance are tapped into the collective knowledge of the security community, gaining direct access to an extensive network of cloud professionals and a variety of exclusive benefits. From providers and customers, to governments, entrepreneurs and the assurance industry, CSA provides a forum through which diverse parties can work together to create and maintain a trusted cloud ecosystem. [Memberships](#) are available for both solution providers and enterprises. Contact the CSA [membership team](#) for more information.



## Certificates

The [Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge \(CCSK\)](#) is recognized as the standard of expertise for cloud security and gives you a cohesive, vendor-neutral understanding of how to secure data in the cloud. The CCSK is the foundation to prepare you to earn additional cloud credentials.



Building on the body of knowledge covered in CCSK, the [Certificate of Cloud Auditing Knowledge \(CCAK\)](#) is the first credential available for industry professionals to demonstrate their expertise in the essential principles of auditing cloud computing systems. The CCAK credential and training program fills the gap in the market for technical education for cloud IT auditing.



## Assurance

### STAR

The [Security Trust Assurance and Risk \(STAR\)](#) program encompasses key principles of transparency, auditing and alignment of standards. Companies who use STAR indicate best practices and validate the security posture of their cloud offerings through a listing in the STAR registry, the world's largest repository of cloud provider security statements. STAR registry entry types include Level 1 Self-Assessment and Level 2 Third-Party Audit.



### Trusted Cloud Provider

The [Trusted Cloud Provider](#) program extends the credibility of the STAR registry by allowing organizations to demonstrate their commitment to holistic security and serving as a reference point for customers looking to identify cloud providers that are aligned with their security requirements. Members of the program receive a trustmark that is displayed on their organization's STAR registry.



### GDPR

The [GDPR Center of Excellence](#) is the information hub for GDPR compliance in the cloud and emerging technologies. The center bundles knowledge from cloud experts and acts as a single point of entry for everything around GDPR in the world. Access tools, services, best practices, and other important resources to comply with GDPR by visiting the center.

### Global Consultancy

The [Global Consulting Program](#) allows cloud users to work with a network of trusted security professionals and organizations that offer qualified professional services based on CSA best practices. These providers bring with them a broad understanding of the challenges organizations face when moving to the cloud. Become a cloud consulting partner or find cloud consulting services through the CSA.

## Community Engagement

### Chapters

With more than 100 [chapters](#) around the globe, chapter participation is an excellent way to learn what other experts in your region are doing in cloud security. Regional chapters also provide an ideal opportunity for networking, fellowship, and the exchange of ideas with local security practitioners and companies.



### Events

Hear prominent industry leaders and subject matter experts share their perspectives on a variety of topics in cloud and cybersecurity at CSA hosted [global events](#). Earn CPE credits by attending in-person and virtual events, connect with your peers through networking opportunities, and learn from those who are taking cloud computing to the next level.

### Circle

[Circle](#) is a global community that facilitates resources and security discussion within a diverse group of CSA partners. The platform provides a forum to learn, discover and collaborate to solve critical security issues faced by individuals and organizations. Join the community and elevate your profile among industry professionals.



### CloudBytes Webinar Series

[CloudBytes](#) is CSA's educational webinar series covering all matters related to cloud computing including trending topics, new technologies and latest research. Designed to introduce new ideas that address the growing skills gap, CloudBytes provides audiences with CPE credits and actionable knowledge they can take away.



# Office Locations



# Join the Alliance



**110,000+**

Individual Members



**400+**

Corporate Members



**100+**

Global Chapters



**30+**

Active Working Groups



**1000+**

Providers listed in the STAR registry



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