My Journey to the Cloud

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Overview

- My background
- Transition
- Cloudy things
- The future as I see it
My background

• Ops
• Academia (Art of the Possible)
• Ops…(Elementary school tech but really smart, passionate, dedicated people)
  – Need for vision & strategy
  – My philosophy: Proactive versus AND Reactive
  – Challenges and Results (L3/4 versus L7 policy)
  – Centralization
  – Scaling requires Standardization and Simplification
Transition

• Choices (Cloud Co, non-gov, San Antonio)
• Lessons along the way
  – TAP is good
  – Listen to your buddies
  – Have confidence—you’re needed and valued
  – Celebrate your accomplishments
• People and problems – very familiar – your skillsets and experiences still apply
• P&L focus – similar to but not the same as mission focus
Cloudy Things

• Oh boy, there are so many differences…and so few
• Uneven handshake
• Legacy versus new
  – And we’re back to elementary school again
  – Lack of good tech in the new world to match or integrate with the rich tech in the old
  – Good thing we still have those smart, passionate, dedicated people…
• Risks
• Rewards
• Relevance of your IT and Security background in the future
The future as I see it

• Hybrid world
• Blended ops and responsibilities
• Increasing DOD focus on cyber warfighting with decreasing focus on IT
Thank you