



# Databricks Shared Responsibility Model

*For the classic data plane*



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## Databricks Responsibilities

### Databricks Platform and Services

- Secure the Databricks Control Plane
- Utilize industry standards to harden images and operating systems deployed under our control
- Maintain a public bug bounty program
- Maintain the Databricks Control Plane with updated code and images

### Databricks Managed Resources

- Securely deploy and terminate Databricks managed systems
- Track security configurations against industry standard baselines for systems under Databricks control
- Deploy the latest applicable source code and system images upon launch of customer Data Plane hosts

### Identity and Access Management

- Authenticate Databricks personnel using industry best practices
- Set employee privileges consistent with least privilege principles
- Limit access to systems processing customer data to employees with roles that warrant access
- Restricts access to customer content based on the principle of least privilege and segregation of duties
- Secure interactions with the customer-managed cloud account
- Secure storage and policy enforcement of secrets scope

## Customer Responsibilities

### Account and Workspace Management

- Manage account responsibilities, including account setup and administration, subscription management and cloud resources ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Workspace management, including workspace creation, update, and deletion, and workspace resource access ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### Cluster Policies

- Configure cluster management policies, personal compute policies ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### VM Instance Management

- Restart workspace cluster VMs to deploy the latest patched images and code in accordance with patch management policy ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### Identity and Access Management

- Setup Single Sign-on and password access controls for Databricks account and workspace(s) ([AWS](#))
- Enable multi-factor authentication via your SSO provider
- Enable System for Cross-domain Identity Management (SCIM) integration with your identity provider ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### Identity, Service Principal and Access Management

- Manage users, groups, personal access tokens, and service principals ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Set Access Control Lists to restrict resource access (such as workspace objects, clusters, pools, jobs, tables) ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Use least-privilege principles for cross-account IAM roles ([AWS](#))
- Secure management and use of secret scopes ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

## Cloud Responsibilities

### Cloud Service Platform and Services

- Maintain security of the cloud service infrastructure
- Maintain a security management program that maintains reasonable security measures to protect customer data and services

### Identity and Access Management

- Maintain access controls required to restrict access to authorized customer resources
- Restrict employee access to customer resources



Platform Security



IAM Security





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### Databricks Managed Data

- Transmit customer content using TLS 1.2 or higher between the Customer and the Databricks Control Plane and the Databricks Control Plane and the Data Plane
- Encrypt customer data-at-rest within the Databricks Control Plane using AES-128 bit equivalent or higher
- Delete customer content contained within a customer workspace within thirty (30) days of the workspace cancellation



Data Security

### Secure Network Communications

- Separate the Databricks Control Plane from the Customer Data Plane and workspaces within the Databricks Data Plane using multiple layers of network security controls
- Deploy local firewalls or security groups within the Customer Data Plane to isolate clusters
- Enable secure defaults for network access controls and security groups within the Control Plane



Network Security

## Customer Responsibilities

### Data Governance

- Enable [Unity Catalog](#) within your Databricks account
- Follow [data governance](#) best practices, as per your organization's requirements ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### Customer-managed Data

- Secure management of data infrastructure ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#)):
  - Secure connectivity to customer-managed resources
  - Secure service integration with Databricks ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
  - [Azure] Enable Data Plane [local disk encryption](#) or [Spark inter-cluster encryption](#)

### Customer-managed Encryption Keys

- Deploy customer-managed encryption keys (CMK) ([AWS](#), [Azure](#))
  - Enable CMK for managed services
  - Enable CMK for workspace storage

### Cloud Network Security

- Configure Secure Cluster Connectivity ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Enable customer-managed networks ([AWS VPC](#), [Azure VNet](#), [GCP VPC](#))
- Configure Data Exfiltration Protection according to your organization's data protection policy ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### IP Access Control Lists and Private Link

- Configure Databricks workspace IP access lists ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Configure Private Link access for Users → Control Plane and Control Plane → Data Plane connections ([AWS](#), [Azure](#))

## Cloud Responsibilities

### Cloud Service Managed Data

- Maintain encryption hardware and services
- Encrypt data in transit and at rest, where configured
- Maintain the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data stored on CSP services
- Enable Spark inter-cluster encryption (GCP, Subset of AWS Nitro that [support in-transit encryption](#))
- Enable Data Plane local disk encryption (GCP, AWS Nitro or NVMe)

### Secure Network Communications

- Secure the physical and logical security of cloud service networking
- Maintain secure network communications for cloud services, including APIs





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## Databricks Responsibilities

### Security Monitoring

- Deploy security detection capabilities, including those provided natively by Cloud Service Providers
- Generate audit logs from customer's use of the platform services and retain them for at least one year
- Deliver audit logs from the customer's use of the platform services based on the customer's configuration (Premium subscriptions and above)
- Deploy a dedicated Detection engineering team that develops intrusion detection monitoring across its computing resources
- Employ an incident response framework to manage and minimize the effects of unplanned security events
- Inform customers of security breaches in accordance with data protection laws

### Secure Code Execution

- Maintain availability and security of the job scheduler
- Secure delivery of customer code (such as notebooks, repos and models, queries) from the control plane to the data plane

## Customer Responsibilities

### Audit Log Configuration

- Configure Databricks [audit log delivery](#) to your cloud storage ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Configure [verbose](#) audit logs for your workspace(s) ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### Account and Workspace Security Monitoring

- Deploy account and workspace [security monitoring](#)
- Deploy cloud service security monitoring
- Investigate and respond to potential security incidents related to customer-managed features, services and resources

### Application Security

- Perform security reviews of your code, libraries and jobs, such as notebooks ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#)), [Terraform](#), and third-party libraries ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

### CI/CD Pipeline and Repo Integration

- Integrate Git with Databricks repos ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Manage CI/CD Pipeline integration with Databricks ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

## Cloud Responsibilities

### Security Monitoring

- Monitor for security violations of the underlying cloud service infrastructure and services
- Deliver audit logs for cloud service events based on customer configurations
- Employ an incident response framework
- Notify customer of a security breach for which that customer is impacted

### Secure Code Execution

- Maintain cloud infrastructure



Security Monitoring



Code Execution / Jobs





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### Core Compliance

#### Standards and Compliance

- Maintain independent third-party audits, standards, and certifications that apply to all customer environments:
  - ISO 27001, 27017, 27018
  - SOC 2 Type II, SOC 1 Type II, SOC 3
- Provide tools and configurations that enable use of services in compliance with applicable laws (such as GDPR and CCPA)

*\* Additional compliance standards covered later, such as HIPAA, FedRAMP, PCI*

#### Maintain Adherence to Relevant Compliance and Standards:

- When using Databricks to process sensitive data such as PII, adhere to relevant privacy regulations such as the GDPR and CCPA
- Review your compliance needs and add optional compliance service offering where required (such as for FedRAMP, PCI-DSS, HIPAA)
- Comply with applicable laws when using Databricks, including by implementing any required configurations in accordance with Databricks documentation

#### Standards and Compliance

- Maintain independent third party audit, standards and certifications
- Maintain relevant independent third-party audits, standards, and certifications
- Maintain relevant compliant services



### Disaster Recovery

#### Maintain Disaster Recovery Capabilities\* For:

- Review Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery plans annually
- Conduct Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery drills annually
- Conduct periodic backups of the Databricks Control Plane\*

#### Data Backups

- Backup of your organization's [account and workspace](#)
- Set [Recovery Point Objectives](#) (RPO) and [Recovery Time Objectives](#) (RTO) using best practices ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

#### Disaster Recovery capabilities

- Cloud service capacity
- Review Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery plans annually
- Conduct Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery drills annually



### Security Best Practices

#### Employ Security Best Practices

- Periodically review cryptographic standards to select and update technologies and ciphers in accordance with assessed risk and market acceptance of new standards
- Maintain a vulnerability management program that follows industry best practices
- Conduct third-party penetration tests at least annually
- Employ an in-house offensive security team

#### Multi-region Workspace Deployment

- Adopt Databricks security best practices based on the organization's cybersecurity requirements ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))
- Follow security best practices for the customer's cloud environment ([AWS](#), [Azure](#), [GCP](#))

#### Employ Security Best Practices

- Review cryptographic standards
- Regularly run authenticated vulnerability scans
- Address vulnerabilities within SLAs
- Conduct third-party penetration tests





# Databricks ESM/CSP Shared Responsibility Model



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### Enhanced Security Monitoring

#### Databricks Enhanced Security Monitoring (ESM) Responsibilities

- Deploy ESM VMs with enhanced CIS Level 1 hardening
- Deploy antivirus, behavior-based malware monitoring and file integrity monitoring
- Provide Qualys vulnerability reports of the host OS upon request
- Enable FIPS 140-2 Level 1 encryption modules where available

#### Customer Enhanced Security Monitoring Responsibilities

- Enable [Enhanced Security Monitoring](#) on relevant workspace(s)
- Monitor [enhanced event logs](#) for security incidents
- Restart ESM clusters to deploy the latest patched VM versions and agent signatures
- Provide the destination Email for vulnerability reports delivery

#### CSP ESM Responsibilities

- Maintain security of the cloud service infrastructure



### Compliance Security Profile

#### Databricks Compliance Security Profile (CSP) Responsibilities

- Enable ESM security enhancements (listed above)
- Enforcement of AWS Nitro VMs on CSP workspace(s)
- Cluster update enforcement (auto-restart clusters after 25 days)
- Enumerate preview features that are usable within HIPAA, PCI, FedRAMP

#### Customer Compliance Security Responsibilities

- [Prepare](#) a workspace for the compliance security profile
- Enable the Compliance Security Profile on relevant workspace(s) ([AWS](#))
- All customer responsibilities from ESM

#### CSP Compliance Responsibilities

- Maintain security of the cloud service infrastructure



### HIPAA, PCI, DoD and FedRAMP

#### Databricks HIPAA, PCI and FedRAMP Responsibilities

- Complete annual HIPAA, PCI-DSS, FedRAMP audits ([region and cloud specific](#))
- Implement HIPAA, PCI and FedRAMP (Moderate on AWS, High on Azure Government) compliant services
- Maintain DoD Impact Level 2, 4 and 5 (IL2, IL4, IL5) (Azure Gov. only)
- Enforce Enterprise Security Monitoring and Compliance Security Profile features

#### Customer HIPAA, PCI, FedRAMP Responsibilities

- Enable [CSP](#) on relevant workspaces (AWS)
- Use only supported preview features (AWS: [PCI](#), [HIPAA](#), GCP: [HIPAA](#))
- Follow compliance-specific prerequisites:
  - Detailed docs: AWS: [HIPAA](#), [PCI](#), [FedRAMP](#), GCP: [HIPAA](#), Azure: [IL5](#)
  - Maintain a Business Associate Agreement w/ Databricks & your cloud provider (HIPAA)
  - Obtain entitlement to process regulated data from Databricks
  - Review the PCI Shared Responsibility Model requirements (PCI)
  - Follow FedRAMP PMO documentation requirements ([FedRAMP](#))

#### CSP HIPAA, PCI and FedRAMP Responsibilities

- Complete annual HIPAA, PCI-DSS, FedRAMP audits
- Maintain DoD Impact Level 2, 4 and 5 (IL2, IL4, IL5) (Azure)



### GDPR/CCPA

#### Databricks GDPR/CCPA Service Responsibilities

- Provide service that are GDPR/CCPA compliant (subject to customer responsibilities)

#### Customer GDPR/CCPA Service Responsibilities

- Maintain GDPR/CCPA compliant usage of Databricks services

#### CSP GDPR/CCPA Responsibilities

- Provide service that are GDPR/CCPA compliant (subject to customer responsibilities)

