



# Azure Governance



Governance is the ability to provide strategic direction, track performance, allocate resources, and make adjustments to ensure that organizational objectives are met, without breaching the parameters of risk tolerance or compliance obligations. Cloud Governance is the people, process, and technology associated with your cloud infrastructure, security, and operations. This should not be confused with cloud management. Governance involves a framework with a set of policies and standard practices. This could include policies for cost optimization, resiliency, security, or compliance.

In the public cloud, because decisions are made in a decentralized manner and at a rapid pace, a governance model or policy becomes critical for keeping the entire organization on track.

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## Policy & Blueprints

- ❑ Stay compliant with internal and external regulations by configuring templates using policies & access controls. Proactively ensure consistent development environments through policy enforcement. Manage updates to blueprints through versioning control. Take advantage of the most comprehensive set of compliance offerings, including ISO-27001.

## Management Groups

- ❑ Subscriptions can be grouped into containers called "management groups" and apply governance conditions.
- ❑ All subscriptions within a management group automatically inherit the conditions applied to the management group.

## Cost Management

- ❑ Create custom dashboards to view and analyze your cloud usage and spend.
- ❑ Increase efficiencies by right sizing your virtual machines and purchasing reserved instances.
- ❑ Track resource usage and manage costs across all your clouds with a single, unified view.

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## Proof

Governance is made up of several core services that Azure provides to all customers for free, but at a high level the term typically refers to resource organization, resource security, auditing & cost control.

The first place we started is in how to organize the resources within the Azure subscriptions. Defining a resource organization policy to define how they should be categorized is extremely important and is the starting point for all the other pieces of the governance policy.

Within the scope of Azure subscriptions, there are three main areas of security with respect to the resources that are deployed. The user security, the resources security / lockdown and the policies.

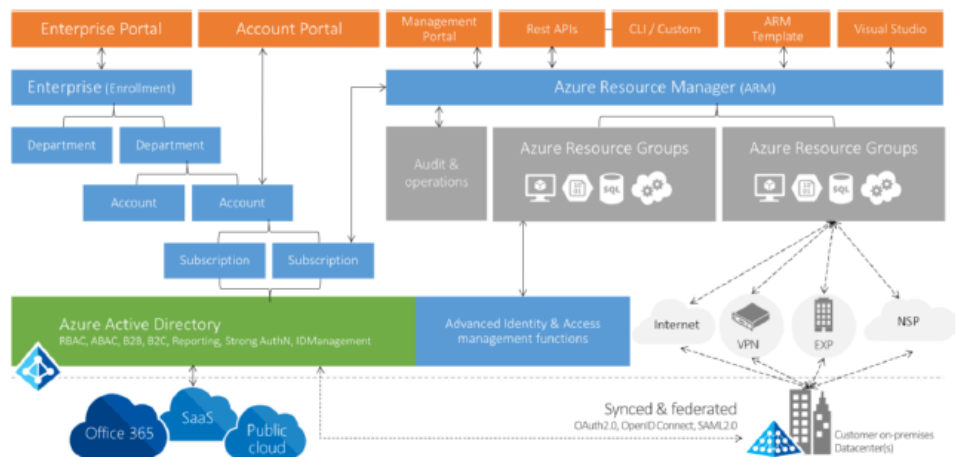
The next area we talk about is the way that Cloud Admins and/or Architects validate that the Governance Policy is being implemented correctly.

The last area we discuss is around Cost Controls. In order to make this effective, it will be important that the finance team is involved in defining the resource group and tagging strategy.

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IT governance in enterprises is needed to control and align IT Security and Business strategy. Also, it enables organizations to optimize the use of technology in a way to obtain the best of it with cost optimization.

In a modern, agile enterprise that seeks to be digitally efficient, it is all about the speed – speed of development and release, ease of access, and self-service abilities. However, IT governance is restrictive to this agility because it enforces to adopt policies, cost and security controls.



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