

RETHINKING WEB-APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE FOR THE CLOUD

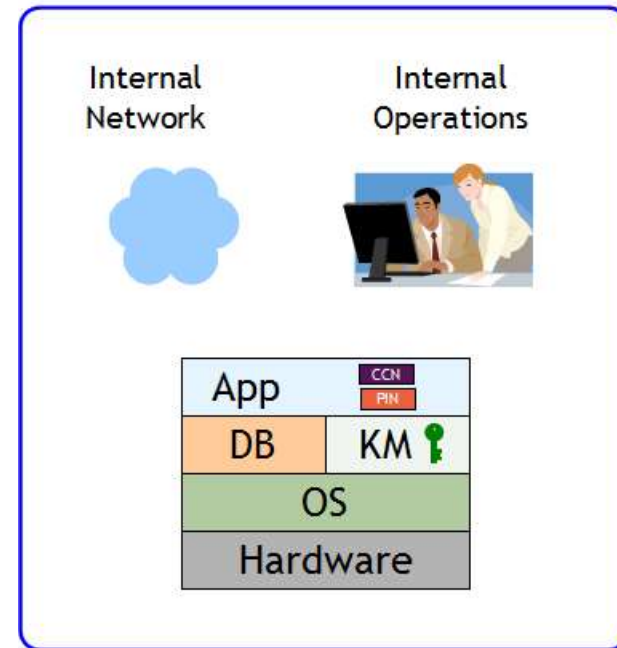
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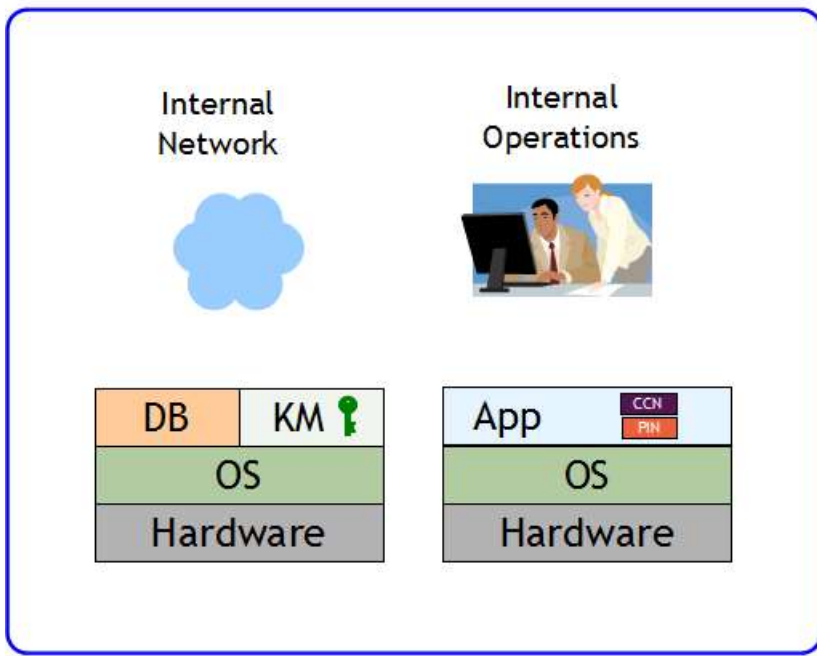
- ▶ Your data-center
- ▶ Your mainframe or mini-computer
- ▶ Your network
- ▶ Your Operations staff
- ▶ Your **single-tiered, monolithic** applications



Company Perimeter

The PC-LAN

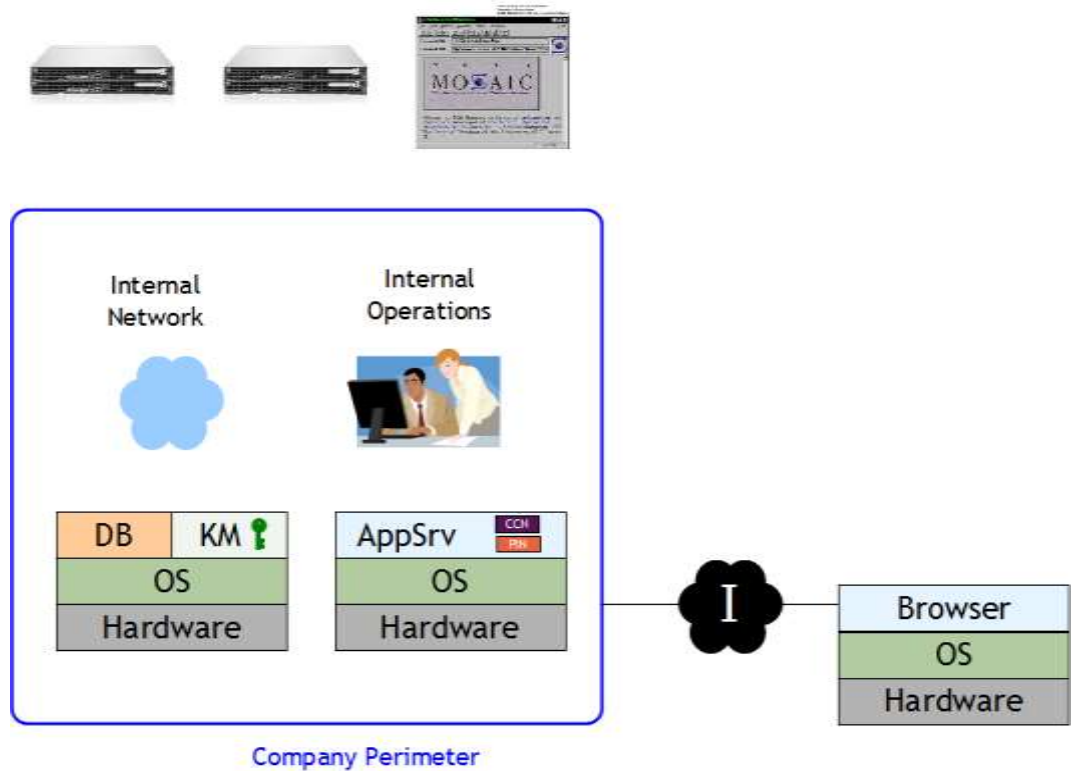
- ▶ Your data-center
- ▶ Your PC Server
- ▶ Your PC Client
- ▶ Your network
- ▶ Your firewall
- ▶ Your Operations staff
- ▶ Your **two-tiered client-server** applications



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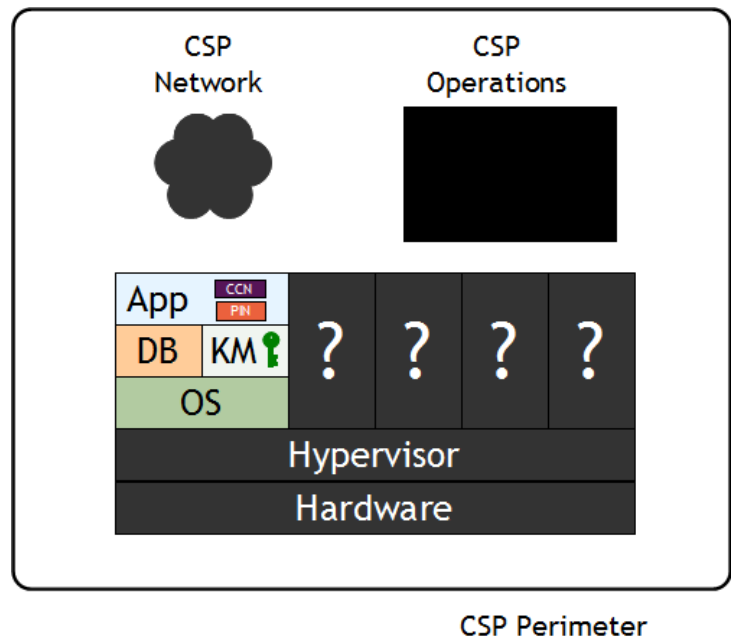
The WWW

- ▶ Your data-center
- ▶ Your Servers
- ▶ Your network
- ▶ Your firewall
- ▶ Your Operations
- ▶ Your **three-tiered web-applications**

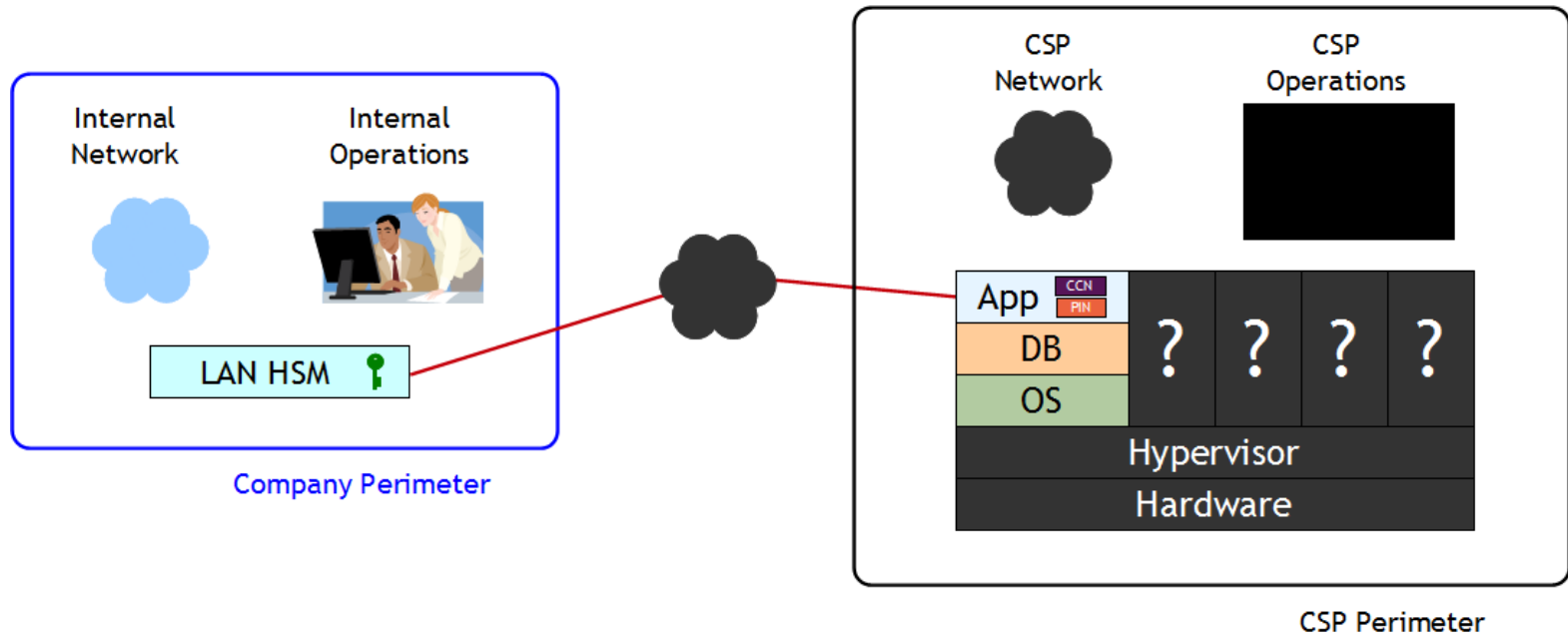


The Public Cloud

- ▶ Cloud Service Provider's (CSP) data-center
- ▶ CSP's hardware
- ▶ CSP's hypervisor
- ▶ CSP's network
- ▶ CSP's Operations
- ▶ Unknown guests in VMs
- ▶ Your applications and data?



EKM in the Cloud?



— What's missing?

- ▶ A methodology to take your applications and data to the Cloud without taking your vulnerabilities along
- ▶ Security controls to guarantee that neither the CSP nor attackers can compromise your sensitive data in the Cloud

— The paradigm shift

- ▶ **Regulatory Compliant Cloud Computing (RC3)**
- ▶ An architecture that secures your data in Public Clouds while proving compliance to data-security regulations



— RC3 Characteristics

- ▶ Data Classification
- ▶ Distinct processing/storage zones
- ▶ Enterprise Key Management Infrastructure

— RC3 Data Classification

▶ **Class-1**

- ▶ Sensitive and **regulated** data
- ▶ Examples: PII, PHI, etc.

▶ **Class-2**

- ▶ Sensitive, but unregulated data
- ▶ Examples: Application credentials, salaries, etc.

▶ **Class-3**

- ▶ Non-sensitive (public) data

Data – Before RC3

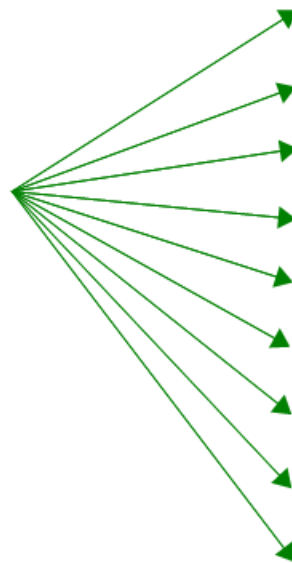
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SSN	111-22-3333
Firstname	John
Lastname	Doe
HireDate	01/01/2011
Supervisor	23456
Salary	55000
Location	123
....	

Class-1 data

Class-2 data

Data – After RC3

Class-3 data



Employee	
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SSN	9999000000003912
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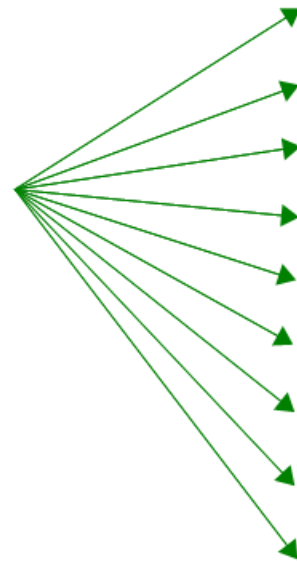
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BranchID	123
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Balance	794.25
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Class-2 data

Class-1 data

Data – After RC3

Class-3 data



Bank Account	
AID	9999000000023745
Firstname	9999000000071847
Lastname	9999000000071849
SSN	9999000000088764
BranchID	123
AccountType	1
DateOpened	02/02/2012
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Data – Before RC3

Patient	
PID	1234567
SSN	111-222-5555
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Lastname	Smith
Gender	M
DateOfBirth	03/03/1953
BloodType	O+
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Class-2 data

Class-1 data

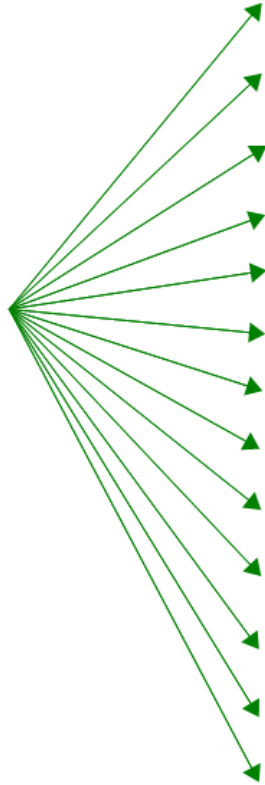
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Class-2 data

Class-1 data

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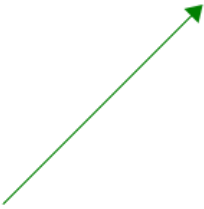
Class-3 data



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BloodType	O+
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Blood Report	
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ReportDate	04/04/2012
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Data – After RC3 – Alternative

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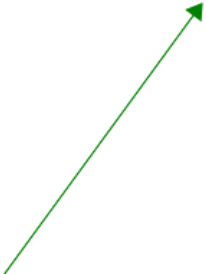


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BloodType	O+
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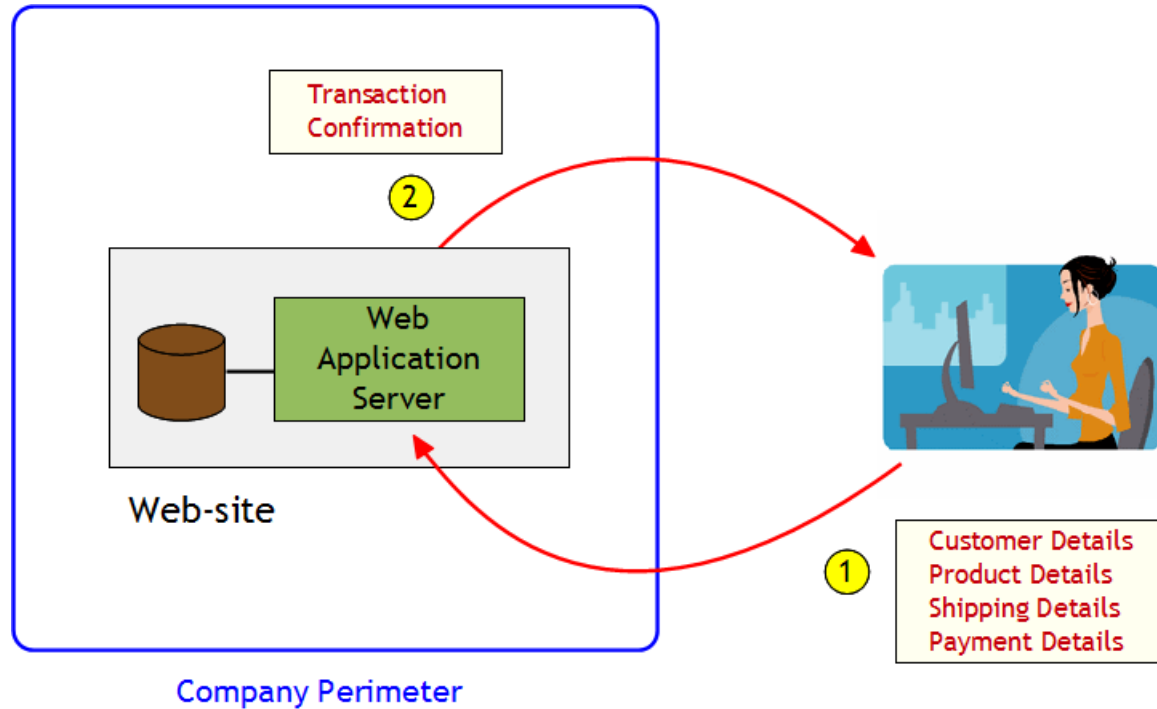
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RC3 Zones

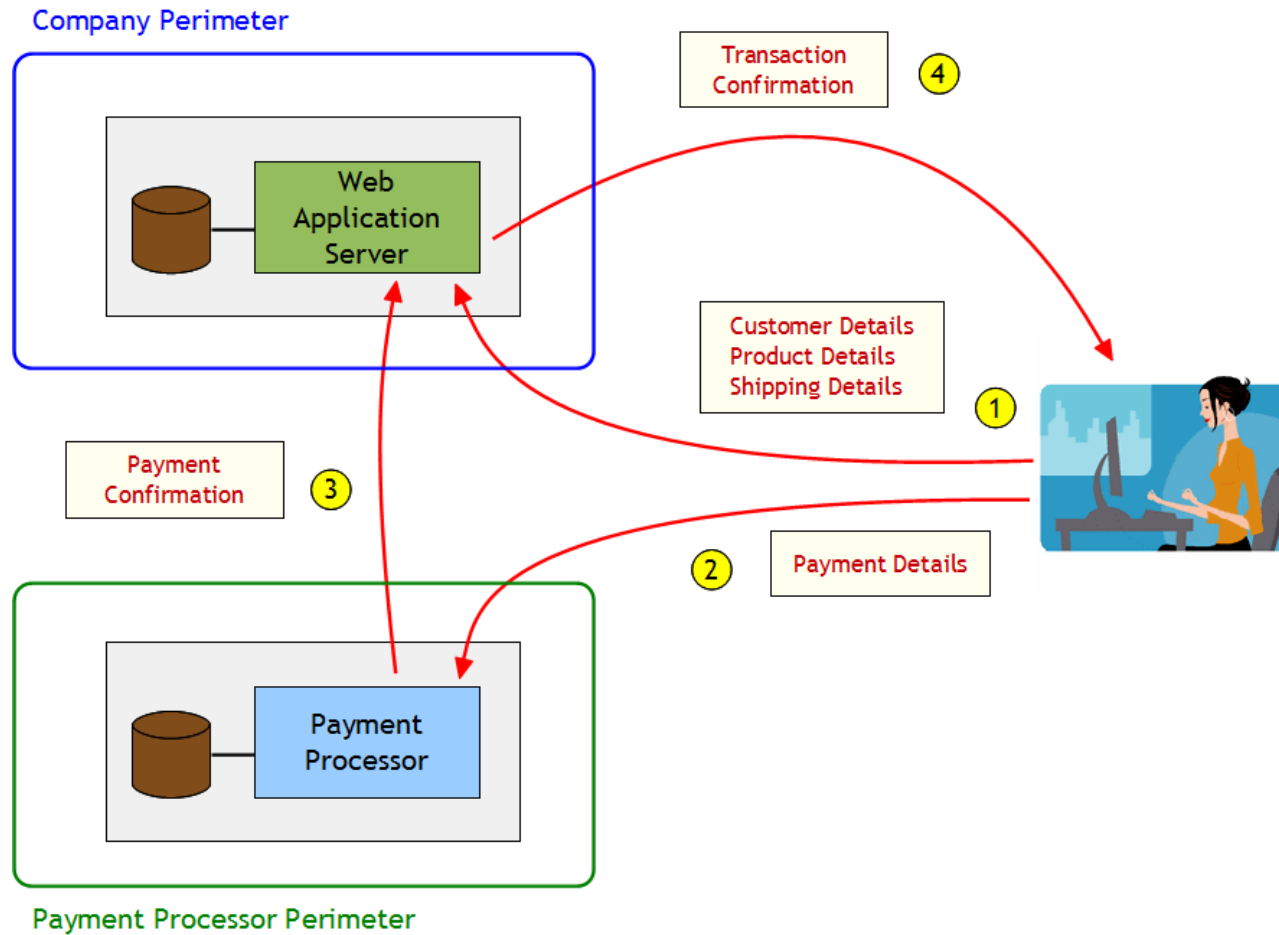
- ▶ Regulated (Secure) Zone
 - ▶ **Class-1** and **Class-2** data-processing and storage
 - ▶ Enterprise Key Management Infrastructure
- ▶ Cloud (Public) Zone
 - ▶ **Class-3** data-processing and storage
 - ▶ Can, optionally, store **C1/C2** tokens (**C3**-equivalent)
 - ▶ **NO CRYPTOGRAPHY**
 - ▶ **NO IDENTITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
 - ▶ **NO INBOUND CONNECTION TO REGULATED ZONE FROM CLOUD ZONE**

WEB-APPLICATION MODEL

Basic web-application

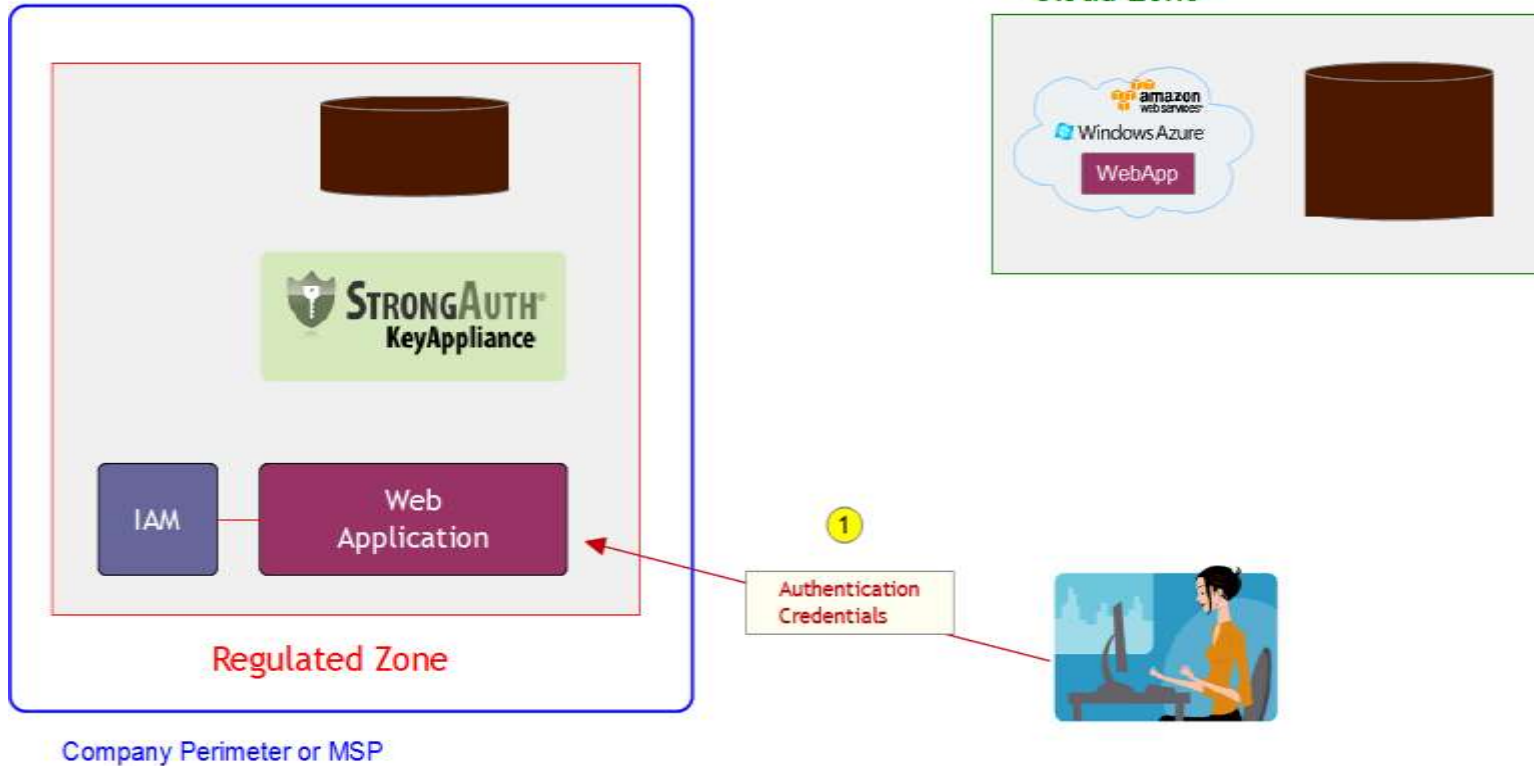


With HTTP Redirection

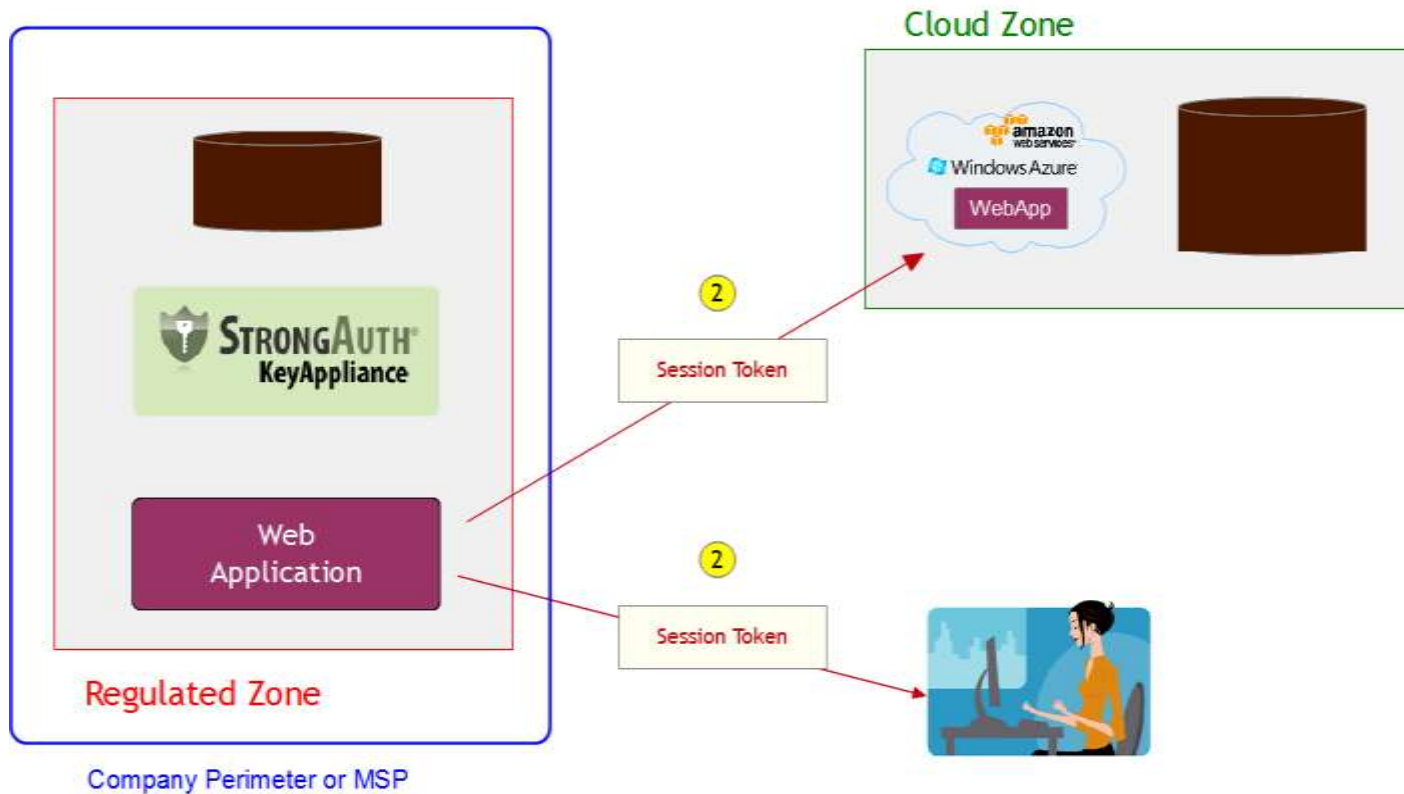


RC3 WEB-APPLICATION MODEL

E-Commerce 1



E-Commerce 2



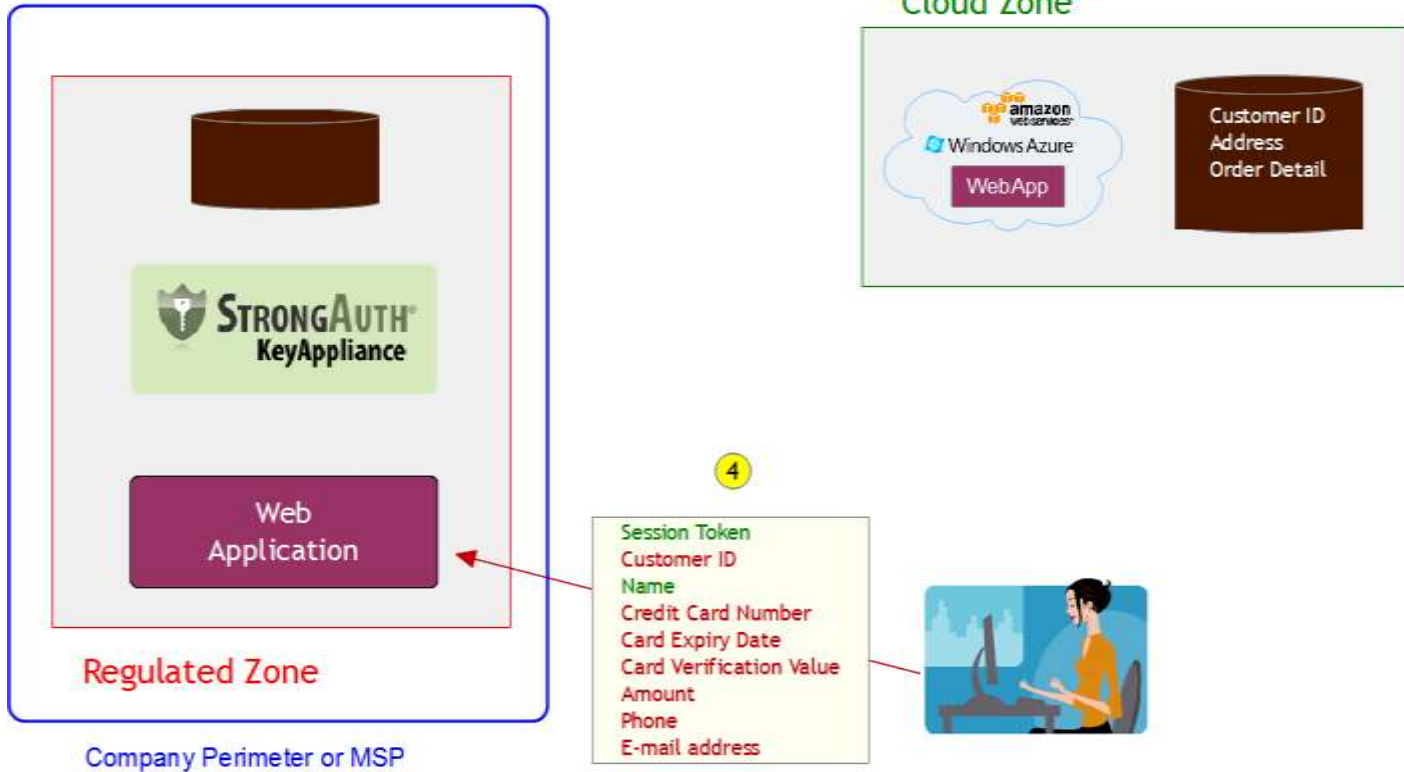
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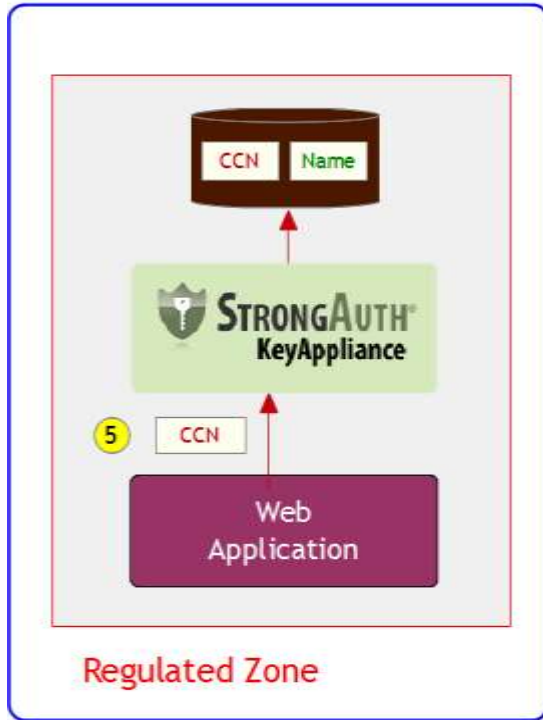
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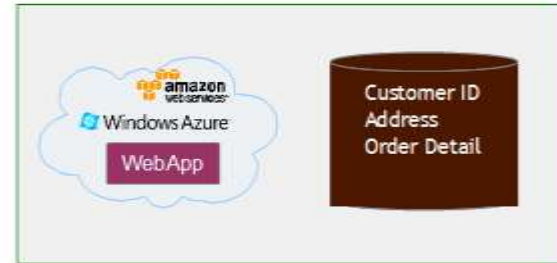


E-Commerce 5



Company Perimeter or MSP

Cloud Zone



E-Commerce 6

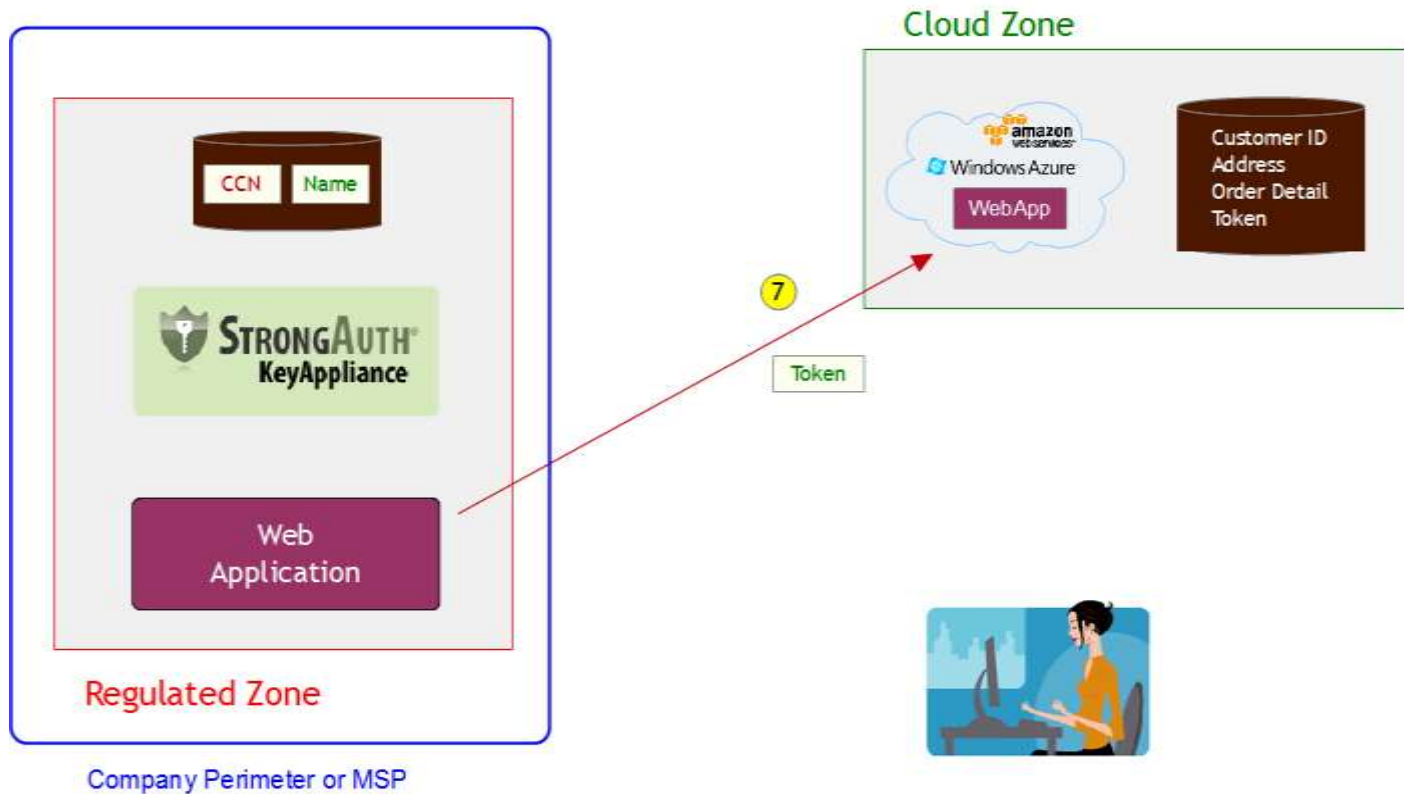


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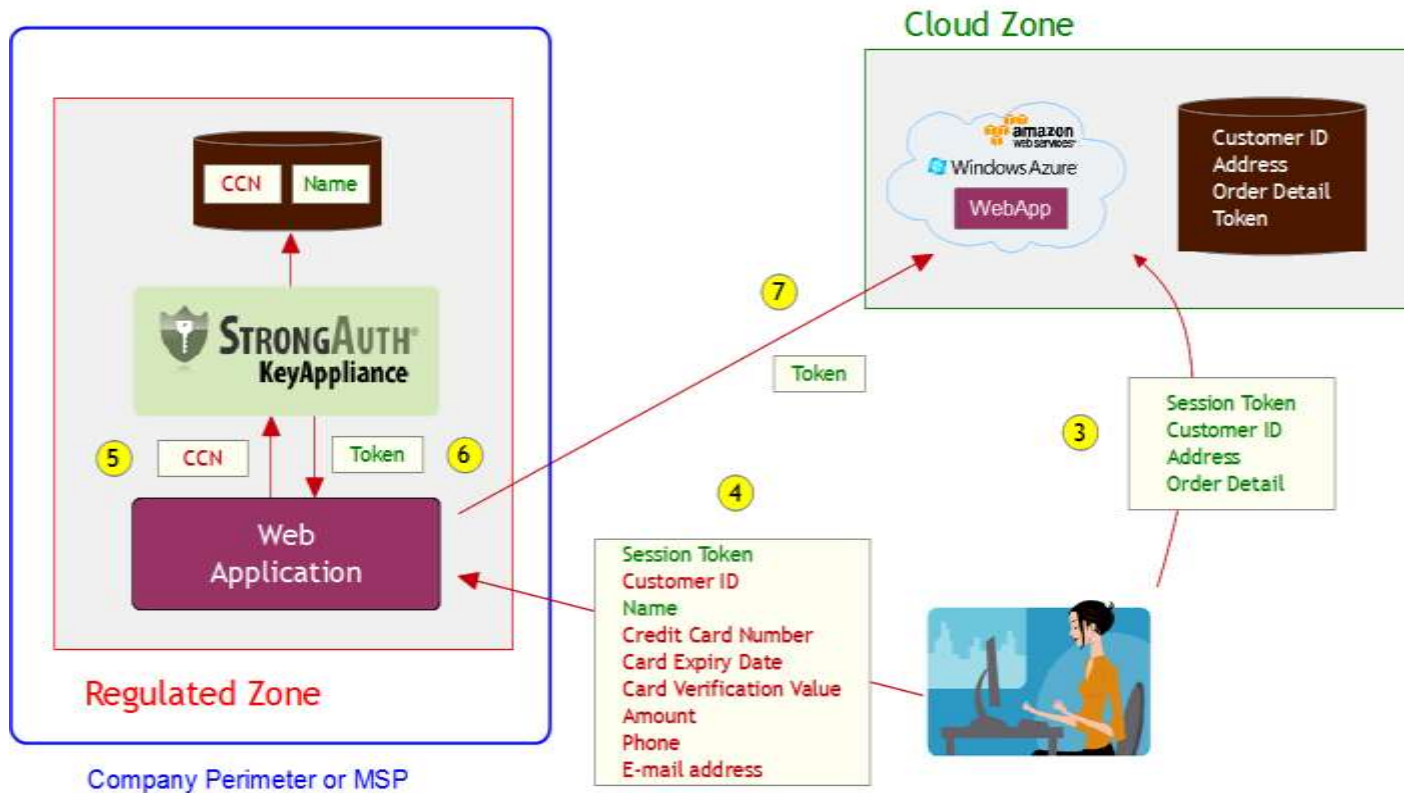
Cloud Zone



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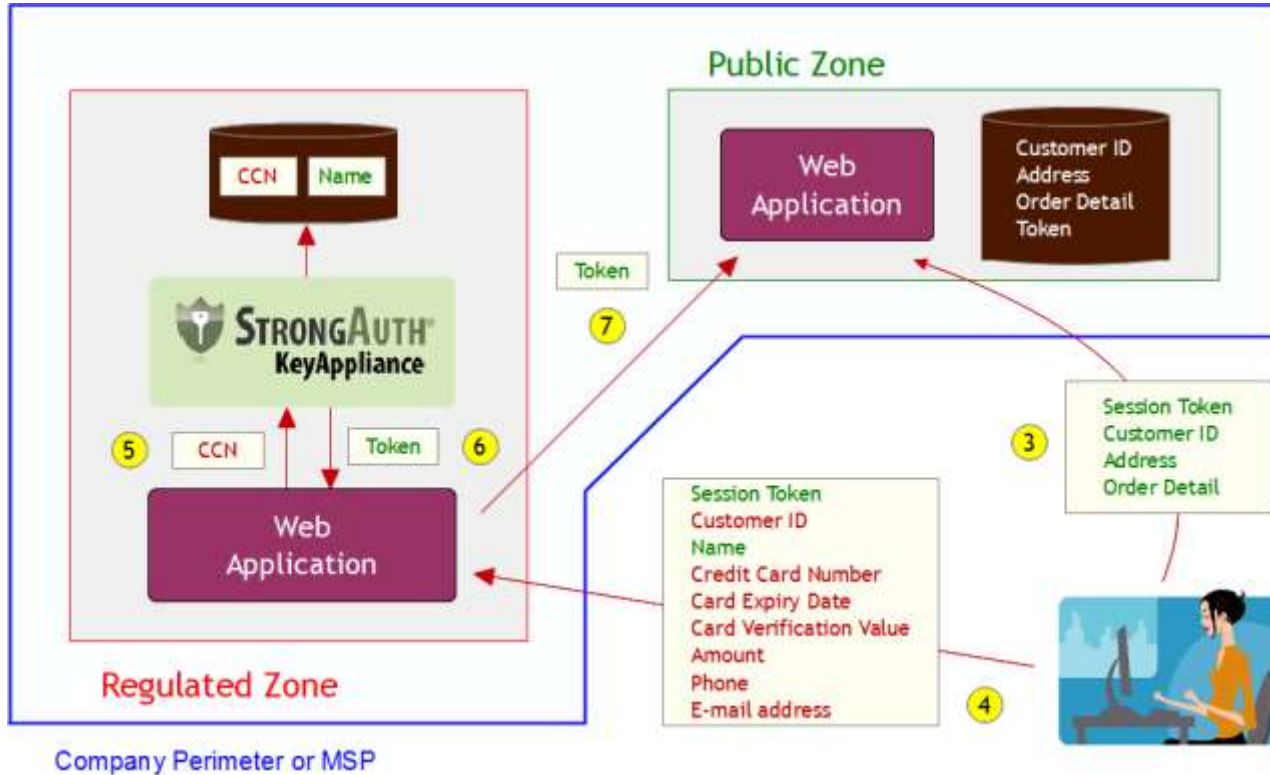


FULL TRANSACTION

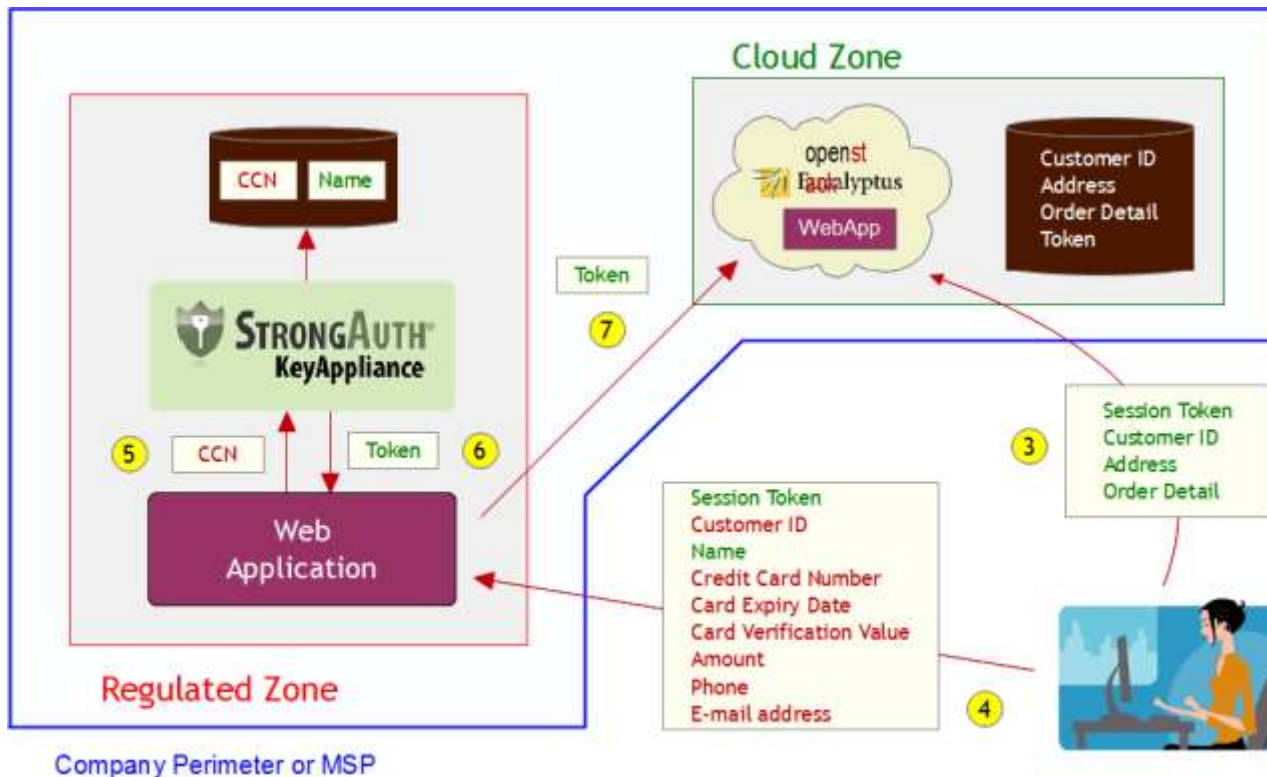


HOW DO YOU TRANSITION TO RC3?

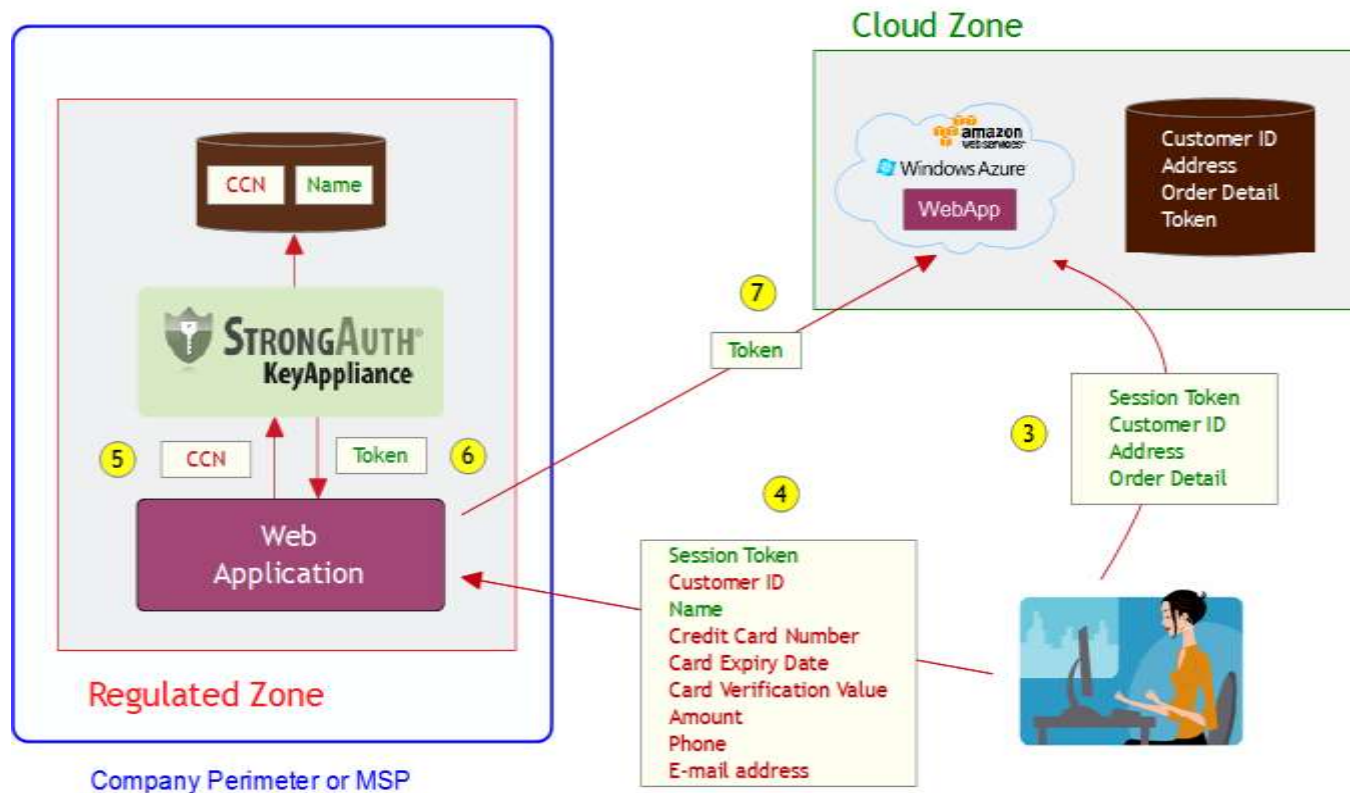
RC3 in the Enterprise



RC3 in the Private Cloud



RC3 in the Public Cloud



— RC3 rules for the Cloud

- ▶ Do **NOT** store/use cryptographic keys in the Cloud
- ▶ Do **NOT** store/use plaintext sensitive data in the Cloud
- ▶ Do **NOT** store/use credentials to anything in the Cloud
- ▶ Do **NOT** use CSP-supplied cryptographic keys
- ▶ **DO** change your SSL key-pair frequently
- ▶ **DO** consider digitally signing/verifying Cloud data in the Regulated Zone
- ▶ Assume the worst – that your applications and data are on the open internet – and design/code for it

RC3 Resources

- ▶ While paper
 - ▶ <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/cloud/library/cl-regcloud/index.html>
 - ▶ <http://www.infoq.com/articles/regulatory-compliant-cloud-computing>
- ▶ Cryptographic engine that enables RC3 applications (FOSS)
 - ▶ <http://www.cryptoengine.org>
- ▶ CryptoCabinet (Sample RC3 web-application) (FOSS)
 - ▶ <http://www.cryptocabinet.org>

Thank You!

