Security Constraints in Cloud Computations

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Cloud Computing; Computer Security and Privacy; Information Technology Outsourcing Abstract: Cloud computing can and does mean different things to different people. The commoncharacteristics most share are on-demand scalability of highly available and reliable pooledcomputing resources, secure access to metered services from nearly anywhere, and dislocation ofdata from inside to outside the organization. While aspects of these characteristics have been realized to a certain extent, cloud computing remains a work in progress. This publication provides an overview of the security and privacy challenges pertinent to public cloud computingand points out considerations organizations should take when outsourcing data, applications, and infrastructure to a public cloud environment.