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Catbird tunes security software for public clouds

vSecurity can monitor virtual machine activity in clouds to keep regulators happy

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Catbird has announced a new version of its security software for virtual environments that is tweaked to perform vulnerability monitoring of resources running in Amazon's [EC2 cloud](#).

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The [vSecurity Cloud Edition](#) is software that customers can buy online through Amazon's cloud service to perform auditing, inventory management, configuration management, change management, access control, vulnerability management and incident response.

The software adds support for multi-tenancy and service-oriented architecture to its vSecurity suite so it is suitable for Amazon's and any other cloud provider's networks, the company says. It is sold by Amazon along with other [security software](#) designed for a public cloud environment.

Without such monitoring and management, businesses would have to find another way to prove to regulators that they are complying with regulations for security policies dictated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Payment Card Industry, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and other regulations, Catbird says.

Running the software requires buying a virtual machine from the cloud provider. It can be configured to track customers' assets as they migrate to other VMs and IP addresses within the cloud, the company says.

Customers pay Catbird for the software month-to-month ranging from \$100 to \$500 depending on what vulnerabilities it checks for.

The service with Amazon is available now, and Catbird says it's in negotiations with other providers.

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