



Databricks Shared Responsibility Model

For the AWS classic data plane

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Databricks Managed Services Shared Responsibility Model

Security and compliance are a shared responsibility between Databricks, the Databricks customer, and the cloud service provider (CSP) AWS. For their part, [AWS](#) has formalized their shared responsibility model.

Databricks Responsibilities

Databricks Platform and Services

- Secure the Databricks Control Plane
- Utilize industry standards to protect Databricks infrastructure
- Publish CIS level 1 hardened control plane and data plane images
- 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 configurations, including account setup and administration, subscription management and cloud resources ([AWS](#))
- Workspace management, including workspace creation, update, and deletion, and workspace resource access ([AWS](#))

Cluster Policies

- Configure cluster management policies and personal compute policies ([AWS](#))

Identity and Access Management

- Setup Unified Login 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](#))

Identity, Service Principal and Access Management

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

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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Data Security



Network Security

Databricks Responsibilities

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-256 bit equivalent or higher
- Delete customer content contained within a customer workspace within thirty (30) days of the workspace cancellation

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

Customer Responsibilities

Data Governance

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

Customer-managed Data

- Secure management of data infrastructure ([AWS](#)):
 - Secure connectivity to customer-managed resources
 - Secure service integration with Databricks ([AWS](#))

Customer-managed Encryption Keys

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

Cloud Network Security

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

IP Access Control Lists and Private Link

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

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 (AWS Nitro that [support in-transit encryption](#))
- Enable Data Plane local disk encryption (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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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 (Premium subscription +)
- Deliver audit logs from the customer's use of the platform services based on the customer's configuration (Premium subscriptions +)
- 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
- Notify customers of security breaches in accordance with data protection laws and customer agreements

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

Patching and Vulnerability Management

- Maintain a vulnerability management program that follows industry best practices, performs daily and weekly authenticated vulnerability scans against Databricks infrastructure and services
- Regularly release updated data plane images with patches that meet our [Security Addendum patch SLAs](#)

Customer Responsibilities

Audit Log Configuration

- Enable Databrick System Tables for security and performance monitoring ([AWS](#))
- Alternatively, configure Databricks audit log delivery to your cloud storage ([AWS](#))
- Configure verbose audit logs for your workspace(s) ([AWS](#))

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](#)), [Terraform](#), and third-party libraries ([AWS](#))

CI/CD Pipeline and Repo Integration

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

Patching and Vulnerability Management

- Restart workspace cluster VMs as needed to deploy the latest patched images and code in accordance with patch management policy ([AWS](#))
- Optionally, configure *Automatic cluster update* to automate cluster restarts during maintenance windows ([AWS](#))

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 secure cloud infrastructure

Scan and Patch Cloud Infrastructure

- Scan and patch the cloud's infrastructure, firmware and software, etc. it manages, such as networking, servers, and virtualization



Security Monitoring



Code Execution / Jobs



Vulnerability & Patch Management





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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
- Enable compliant workflows supported by [Databricks](#)

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

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*

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
- Conduct third-party penetration tests at least annually
- Employ an in-house offensive security team

Customer Responsibilities

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 and regulations

Data Backups

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

Multi-region Workspace Deployment

- Perform a [Disaster Recovery Impact Assessment](#)
- Deploy Disaster Recovery services for Databricks to meet the organization's DR requirements ([AWS](#))

Multi-region Workspace Deployment

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

Cloud Responsibilities

Standards and Compliance

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

Disaster Recovery capabilities

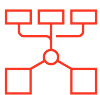
- Cloud service capacity
- Review Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery plans annually
- Conduct Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery drills annually

Employ Security Best Practices

- Follow industry best practices
- Review cryptographic standards
- Conduct third-party penetration tests



Core Compliance



Disaster Recovery



Security Best Practices



AWS Serverless Shared Responsibility Model





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- Enable SCIM integration with your identity provider ([AWS](#))

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- Delete customer content contained within a customer workspace within thirty (30) days of the workspace cancellation
- Enable local disk encryption for serverless drives

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- Encrypt data in transit and at rest, where configured
- Maintain the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data stored on CSP services
- Enable Compute Plane local disk encryption ([AWS Nitro](#) or [NVMe](#))



Network Security

Cloud Network Security

- Configure secure connectivity from the control plane to the Serverless Compute Plane

Secure Network Communications

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- Deploy local firewalls or security groups within the Databricks Compute Plane to isolate clusters
- Enable secure defaults for network access controls and security groups within the Control Plane

IP Access Control Lists and Private Link

- Configure Serverless Egress Controls (SEG) ([AWS](#))
- Configure Databricks workspace IP access lists ([AWS](#))
- Configure Private Link for user access to the Control Plane ([AWS](#))
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- Deliver audit logs from the customer's use of the platform services based on customer configurations (Premium subscription+)
- Employ an incident response framework to manage and minimize the effects of unplanned security events
- Notify customers of security breaches in accordance with data protection laws and customer agreements
- Deploy security monitoring for tenant isolation in the serverless compute plane

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 compute plane

Patching and Vulnerability Management

- Maintain a vulnerability management program that follows industry best practices, performs daily and weekly authenticated vulnerability scans against Databricks serverless infrastructure and services
- Regularly release updated serverless images with patches that meet our [Security Addendum patch SLAs](#)
- Restart active clusters after seven (7) days

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CI/CD Pipeline and Repo Integration

- Integrate Git with Databricks repos ([AWS](#))
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Restart Clusters to Deploy the Latest Patches

- Restart active serverless clusters to deploy instances with the latest patches (if required before the cluster is active for seven days) ([AWS](#))

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Multi-region Workspace Deployment

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- Follow security best practices for the customer's cloud environment based on the organization's cyber risk appetite ([AWS](#))

Cloud Responsibilities

Standards and Compliance

- Maintain independent third party audit, standards and certifications
- Enable compliant workflows supported by the cloud vendor

Disaster Recovery capabilities

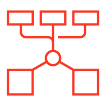
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Databricks ESM/CSP Shared Responsibility Model





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Enhanced Security Monitoring

Databricks Enhanced Security Monitoring (ESM) Responsibilities

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

Customer Enhanced Security Monitoring Responsibilities

- Enable Enhanced Security Monitoring on your workspace(s) ([AWS](#))
- Monitor enhanced event logs for security incidents ([AWS](#))
- Restart relevant clusters to deploy as ESM instances.
- 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 instances on CSP workspace(s)
- Automatically restart clusters active past the maintenance window to deploy the latest patches

Customer Compliance Security Responsibilities

- Prepare workspace(s) for the compliance security profile ([AWS](#))
- Enable the Compliance Security Profile on relevant workspace(s) ([AWS](#))

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](#))
- Provide HIPAA, PCI and FedRAMP (Moderate on AWS) compliant internal services
- Enforce Enterprise Security Monitoring and Compliance Security Profile features

Customer HIPAA, PCI, FedRAMP Responsibilities

- Enable Compliance Security Profile on relevant workspaces ([AWS](#))
- Use only supported preview features ([PCI](#), [HIPAA](#))
- Comply with compliance-specific prerequisites:
 - Detailed docs: AWS: [HIPAA](#), [PCI](#), [FedRAMP](#)
 - Obtain entitlement to process regulated data on Databricks
 - Comply with the PCI Shared Responsibility Model
 - Follow FedRAMP PMO documentation requirements ([FedRAMP](#))

CSP HIPAA, PCI and FedRAMP Responsibilities

- Complete annual HIPAA, PCI-DSS, FedRAMP audits



GDPR/CCPA

Databricks GDPR/CCPA Service Responsibilities

- Provide services 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

