

## HELLO ISSQUARED FAMILY,

Hope you are doing well and safe with your family. It's time to connect again via interesting news and updates in and out of ISSQUARED during the month of July 2022. We believe in empowering each one of you with the necessary information and support in achieving our goal. On this note, let's dive into the August edition of ISSQUARED BUZZ. Happy reading!



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**BUZZ**

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*The bad news is time flies.  
The good news is you're the pilot.*

— Michael Altshuler



# NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST** 2022



## PRODUCT CORNER

### PRODUCT UPDATES

July continued to be the month of challenges with new learnings for the product team. As we thrive to be the leader in specific domains, we are figuring new things and unknowns that is causing delays. Some of the architectural paths taken are not working as expected which brings us back to the drawing board! The most challenging of all is the Fabulix multi Cloud Manager. While we thought we were ready for an executive demo, we learned about interesting challenges in programming PowerShell scripts when invoked via multiple layers. However, though we are delayed, we are developing a comprehensive product inclusive of as many use cases as possible upfront. This is good to understand and cover as many use cases now, then later. This is also costing heavily in terms of timeline to the product team.

The PkeyFX project has made slow and steady progress while the team is piled up with various other commitments.

On the positive side is the Fabulix Service Manager (FSM). The incredible success of the BETA launch and positive feedback from the customer is a step forward in the right direction. A ticketing system that is not only well integrated with support but presents a state of the art assets management capabilities. Wondering how? Ask a team member!

Recently, an article posted by CNN highlighted the importance of cybersecurity when the president of the United States announced the need for cybersecurity. The article emphasized the unforeseen cybercrimes expected to happen anytime. The investment from the federal agencies in these areas will increase by many folds, presenting many new opportunities for the ISSQ as a cybersecurity and identity company. This is a heads-up for sales team as there is a lot we can achieve via the identity modules on the federal side. Please reach out to any member of the identity and governance team to learn more about our capabilities in these areas. Let's not miss any opportunity.

Remote working has presented us with a unique challenge of resource management. While we want to ensure every employee gets an equal opportunity to utilize their skill set, it is also important to ensure proper balance of allocation of tasks to all employees. Equally challenging is to ensure there is no over-worked and under-worked employee(s). Resource management is a critical aspect in defining the success of any organization. To that effect, our portfolio team is working hard to enable ISSQ with proper time tracking.

The team works closely with the business to understand the use-cases for product implementation.

Timesheets and Leave reporting systems have been released across almost all geographical locations, with UAE being the most recent. This is a requirement to use both timesheet and leave reporting from the workforce module for all such purposes. Stay tuned as the team announces another module for resource management and HR management soon.

While July did fly by quickly with less excitement, looking forward to a focused and robust August.

### CLOUD SERVICES

Office 365 Migration project activities have started for the Bank of Guam.



## IT CORNER

### INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

The internal patching schedule for August will be as follows:

AUGUST 2022	
SERVER	DATE
Development Servers	Aug-12-2022
Test Servers	Aug-16-2022
Production Servers	Aug-19-2022

### Reminders, please save both as bookmarks:

ISSQUARED employees can use this URL to reset their password as needed.

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ISSQUARED employees can use this URL to open FSM Incidents or Service Requests. Just log in with your domain credentials.

<https://servicedesk.issquaredinc.com/internaluser/login>



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Equally important is keeping your workstation up to date with patches. **When working remote, please remember to stay connected to VPN to help ensure that your workstation gets all the latest updates.**

We have started rolling out our SSO solution to the front end of several applications that we use.

Codebase / Github, JIRA, Udemy, ITGlue, Zoho Assist, Bitdefender, Securonix, CrowdStrike, and Qualys are already cutover, and we are looking to do ADP, Microsoft O365, and ORSUS in August. Thank you Shekhar Shrinivasan!



## HR's UPDATES

### Collaborating across functional boundaries:

When participants from both sides of the boundary learn what they need to practice their discipline effectively in support of work at hand (common goal). This often coincides with sustained and collegial conversations and understanding.

At ISSQUARED managers get ample opportunities to collaborate across their functional boundaries to develop and sharpen their leadership skills by communicating clearly, effectively, listening actively, taking account of differing perspectives, building and maintaining trust within the team and across to achieve the shared goals.

### In the world of HR...

#### ISSQ On-boarding:

There were 10 new additions to the ISSQUARED family during the month of Jul 2022. Welcome aboard.

### IN OTHER NEWS...

**25<sup>th</sup> July: Bonalu Festival** - also known as Ashada Jatara is one of the biggest festivals of Telangana. It is observed once in a year during the months of July/ August in the famous twin cities of Secunderabad and Hyderabad and also other parts of Telangana. In 2014, the government of Telangana declared Bonalu a state festival.



### ISSQ Work'versaries Congratulations and keep going!!!!

Employee (s)	Milestone (Years)
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**04<sup>th</sup> July: Independence Day**, also called Fourth of July or July 4th, in the United States, is the annual celebration of nationhood. On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th July became the day that was celebrated as the **birth of American independence.**



To know what's more for you to learn, log on to Udemy and search for your favourite course!!!

## FINANCE UPDATES

The 1st phase of the Information Technology Center (ITC) is almost complete. The initial construction contract for the Chardon building has been completed and fully paid. The construction loan will be paid off and permanent lending will be in place by end of August.

ISSQ's internal building improvements will be completed by end of August, including carpeting and painting throughout the third floor. Furniture has been ordered and move-in will be starting as we furnish and complete areas within the third floor.

We are finalizing our second phase plans that include remodeling the first-floor lobby, adding the data center, and then completing the Executive Briefing Center (EBC). A complete announcement for the ITC will be coming over the next few weeks.

ISSQUARED's external auditors have committed to completing the external audit within the next few weeks. Corporate tax returns will be finalized and filed after the Research and Development Tax Credit project is calculated and then incorporated into the tax returns, expected completion date in late August.



## LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT(L&D)

### Internal Training

Internal training on ISSQUARED products:

Work is in progress on creating "IAG training modules" for Sales Team.

Two new joiner training modules are developed on ORSUS for submitting Timesheet and applying Time off that are in review.

## Udemy

### Udemy Updates

Let's appreciate Challa Lokesh for being the top learner of the month, who devoted 50 Hrs 39 Mins on the ISSQ Udemy platform. Thank you so much for inspiring us to grow by learning.

According to the report of ISSQ employees' engagement with Udemy over the last 30 days, 147 users were active who watched training videos and 3.6% of the users were active via mobile app.

The average time spent on training per active user (in the last 30days) is 3 Hrs 4 Mins

The most watched course based on employee count of the month is **Total CompTIA Security + Certification (SY0-601)**.



## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

### INDIA

#### Independence Day

Aug-15-2022

#### Ganesh Chaturthi

Aug-31-2022



## CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

We are seeking new talents who would like to be part of ISSQUARED journey. [Click the link](#) to current openings for more details and refer individuals among your network who can fit in now. Also avail referral bonus for your connections.



## Product Focus:

- We plan to increase the marketing, as well as development focus for our key products.
- A more formal, and marketed event is targeted for early December.

## In-person Customer Visits / Updates:

- Sales teams are focusing on in-person visits. Following successful visits to Hawaii and Guam in June, we have had good customer meetings in July, including a few in Dallas, TX.
- There is a strong focus in Q3 to re-engage with customers in person and to continue to build momentum, selling more services and products to existing as well as new clients.
- The sales leadership is actively tracking and planning customer meetings for Q3, with several customer visits planned in July & beyond.
- The sales leadership will drive and manage to ensure that all key customers have been briefed on the latest ISSQ offerings.

## Events:

- As mentioned previously, we are potentially looking at returning to our year-end event, but a much more customer focused and possibly smaller event in a different format from past years. As a further update:
  - Product launches will be a key part of this event.
  - Most likely, the event will be in the first week of December.
  - The exact format and details are still being worked on.
- We are exploring the possibility of a Trade Show type event in Hawaii in Q4.
- We will be looking to do a showcase event for the Ohio Cyber Center in the coming months.
- We had a good Securonix event in Dallas this month, followed by attendance at a Cyber Security conference as well.

## Operational Focus:

- We plan to roll out new standardized SKUs in CRM, that will increase visibility and tracking of sales and investments, based on business units, lines of business, and aligned with the strategic vision for the company.

## SALES SUMMARY

Thanks to all the teams for the efforts so far. As we kick off the second half of the year, we are looking to maintain the momentum from Q1 & Q2.

1H 2022 has closed better than 1H 2020 and 1H 2021, giving us momentum that was lacking through the turbulent pandemic years.

The sales leadership is working to crystallize the pipeline for Q3 & Q4. There is a need and focus on keeping up and increasing the pipeline, compared to 1H 2022.

Good focus on Enterprise MSP continues – with the stability of contracts and good delivery.

There has been a good start with assessments / initial roadmap projects in the Enterprise space.

We have started IAM projects at ResMed and Jazz Pharmaceuticals. ResMed was a good win, following a long and persistent sales cycle.

There has been some good progress in the VAR business, with sales of security services, and we expect some good deals to close in Q3.

## CRM Focus:

Continuous improvement on the quality of data, as well as early visibility for opportunities.

Enforcement of Campaign Tracker for lead tracking (from lead gen activities).

Integrated Marketing Plan & Inside Sales Team, working more closely with the Sales Team.

Integrated training plan to cover all aspects of Sales & Technology, with the intent of rapidly broadening our ability to cross-sell and upsell.

## CYBERSECURITY NEWS STORY

### Uber will not face Federal Prosecution for 2016 Data Breach



Uber has publicly acknowledged that it attempted to cover up a 2016 data breach. The confession was made as part of a non-prosecution agreement with the US Department of Justice (DoJ). According to the agreement, the incident was investigated and disclosed by an executive leadership team that took the reins of the company the year after the breach. In addition, Uber has invested substantial resources to restructure and improve the compliance, legal, and security functions of the company.

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### HHS HC3 urges Healthcare sector to consider Web App Security



The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center (HC3) has released web application security guidance for the health sector. The publication defines web applications in healthcare, describes types of web app attacks, suggests mitigations, and provides additional cybersecurity resources.

HC3 suggested organizations to focus on enhancing web application security and take the following into consideration.

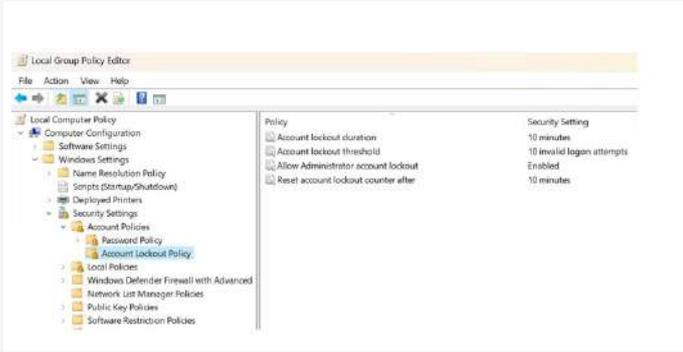
- Automated vulnerability scanning and security testing
- Web application firewalls
- Secure development testing

Beyond deploying web application firewalls to shield web applications from the internet, healthcare organizations may need to consider additional patient portal security measures as well. Regulating a login limit, implementing a CAPTCHA, and multifactor authentication (MFA) can help mitigate risk to a great extent.

The Verizon Business 2022 Data Breach Investigations Report (DBIR) showed a significant rise in web application attacks last year, particularly in healthcare. Basic web application attacks overtook miscellaneous errors in causes of breaches in the healthcare sector. In fact, basic web application attacks, miscellaneous errors, and system intrusions represented 76 percent of all healthcare breaches.

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## Windows 11 Default Policy to help prevent RDP Brute-Force Attacks



Microsoft has released a default policy in Windows 11 to help thwart brute-force Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) attacks. According to the policy, accounts will be locked for 10 minutes after 10 incorrect login attempts. The account lock setting is available in Windows 10 but is not enabled by default.

The feature follows the company's decision to resume blocking of Visual Basic Application (VBA) macros for Office documents and also expected to be backported to older versions of Windows and Windows Server.

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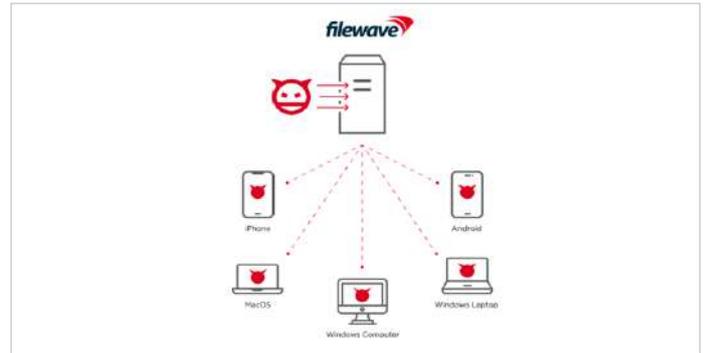
## TSA Revises Pipeline Cybersecurity Requirements



The US Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) has issued revised cybersecurity requirements for pipeline operators. The revisions were made in response to industry requests for more flexibility to meet the intended security outcomes. The new pipeline cybersecurity directive took effect on July 27 and expires on the same date in 2023.

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## FileWave MDM Vulnerabilities



Researchers from Clarity's Team 82 have discovered and revealed two critical vulnerabilities in FileWave's mobile device management (MDM) system. The flaws included an authentication bypass issue and a hard-coded cryptographic key that could be remotely exploited to take control of vulnerable platforms. The flaws have been addressed in FileWave version 14.7.2.

According to the report, the researchers found more than 1,100 different instances of vulnerable Internet-facing FileWave MDM servers across multiple industries, including large enterprises, education, and government agencies

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## T-Mobile to pay \$500M Over Data Breach



T-Mobile has confirmed to pay \$500 million to settle legal action over a 2021 data breach that compromised information of close to 77 million customers. \$350 million to go towards a settlement fund for members of a class action lawsuit and associated legal fees. T-Mobile has also agreed to spend at least \$150 million to improve its security practices.

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## Another company META claims Facebook for trademark infringement



Meta has been sued for trademark infringement by MetaX LLC, a company that claims it does business publicly as Meta and had been operating in the virtual and augmented reality technology space for years before Mark Zuckerberg announced to rebrand Facebook.

MetaX LLC creates immersive installations and activations incorporating AR and VR, visuals, sound and other technologies at events such as Coachella and SXSW — the likes of which Facebook-turned-Meta now seeks to do to promote its new strategy, the lawsuit claims.

Facebook changed its name last fall to Meta as part of a strategic shift in focus from social media to a future of the internet powered by AR and VR technologies called the metaverse. Its stock began trading under the META (FB) ticker last month.

According to allegations in the complaint from MetaX filed in the Southern District Court of New York on July 19, 2022, Facebook's move destroyed the business of MetaX. The complaint states that small business stands no chance against the corporate behemoth. MetaX is seeking an injunction ordering the parent company of Facebook to cease the use of the Meta name associated with products, services, or activities related to virtual, augmented or extended reality, according to the complaint.

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## Amazon to acquire One Medical care company for \$3.9B



Amazon announced a deal to acquire primary care company One Medical for \$3.9 billion, further extending the tech giant's ambitions into healthcare.

The deal is projected to be the third-largest acquisition in the history of Amazon after its \$13.7 billion purchase of Whole Foods in 2017 and \$8.5 billion purchase of Hollywood studio MGM this year. One Medical is based in San Francisco with 188 medical offices and more than 8,500 corporate clients in the U.S. by the end of March. The company registered \$623 million net revenue in 2021, with a net loss of \$255 million.

Amazon entered into health care through its Amazon Care initiative. The company announced in February 2022 that it was expanding Amazon Care's virtual care services nationwide and to roll out in-person services to more than 20 new cities this year. Amazon debuted in 2019 as a pilot program for Amazon employees in the Seattle area.

Lindsay Neil, senior vice president of Amazon Health Services who was a key figure in businesses including Amazon Prime and Kindle lead the company's combined healthcare initiatives last year. With the One Medical deal, Neil said, "Amazon wants to be one of the companies that helps dramatically improve the healthcare experience over the next several years.

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## Apple to pay \$50 million to settle issues with its 'butterfly' keyboards



Apple has confirmed to pay \$50 million to settle a class action lawsuit from customers who experienced failures with "butterfly" keyboards included on certain MacBook laptops. The proposed settlement was indicated in court documents filed on July 18 in San Jose, California.

The criticized keyboards were intended to help slim down MacBook laptops released from 2015 to 2019. Unlike most laptop keyboards that use a "scissor mechanism", two interlocking switches that click together when the key is pressed — Apple's butterfly method has mirrored switches that expand like wings.

But this design resulted in making the keyboards prone to trapping dust and debris. Customers have complained about the faults of the keyboards and its sticky or easily breakable keys.

According to the court documents, customers will be divided into three groups depending on the scale of repairs their devices received.

The first group includes people who obtained two or more topcase replacements. They will be paid a maximum of \$395.

The second group includes users who received a topcase replacement that didn't resolve their issues will receive up to \$125.

The third group includes people who replaced a keycap but not the entire topcase. They will be eligible to up to \$50.

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## AWS and Zscaler extend relationship to secure Cloud



Zscaler has announced the innovations built on Zscaler's Zero Trust architecture and AWS to help enterprises securely accelerate their transition to the cloud. Both companies in partnership to deliver customers a unified solution to consolidate and simplify cloud security operations while helping organisations enhance their security architecture from ineffective legacy models to a modern Zero Trust approach designed for the cloud.

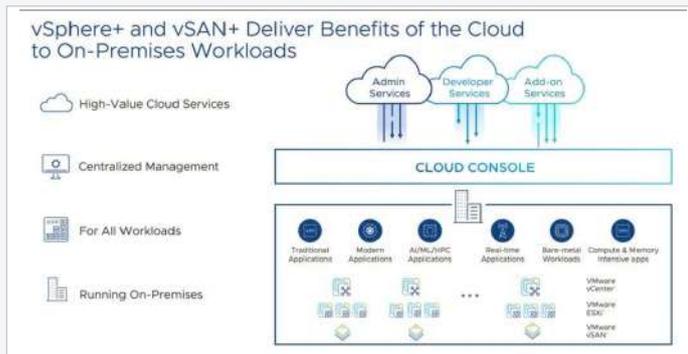
To help various enterprises with deployment of Zero Trust to secure their cloud applications and improve the security of their 5G connections, AWS and Zscaler have extended their relationship to deliver simple, yet powerful solutions built on AWS. These solutions are designed to help identify, prioritise, mitigate, and remediate cloud workload risks for the applications and the cloud infrastructure, while also extending Zero Trust to Private 5G connections.

In cooperation with AWS, the three innovations of Zscaler to enhance cloud connections and cloud security are as follows.

- Delivering Cloud-Native Application Protection Platform (CNAPP), built on AWS
- Extending zero trust security to workloads on AWS
- Enabling zero trust for private 5G with AWS wavelength

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## VMware launched vSphere+ and vSAN+ to simplify operations with Centralised Infrastructure Management



VMware has launched VMware vSphere+ and VMware vSAN+ to help organisations reap the benefits of cloud to their existing on-premises infrastructure with no disruption to their hosts or workloads.

Announced at VMworld 2021 as a technology preview called Project Arctic, the new offerings are expected to help customers enhance their infrastructure by providing centralised cloud-based infrastructure management, access to new hybrid cloud services, integrated Kubernetes, , and a flexible subscription model.

VMware vSphere+ and VMware vSAN+ are an integral part of the VMware Cloud strategy to deliver consistent infrastructure across distributed environments. vSphere+ and vSAN+ to allow customers to activate add-on hybrid cloud services that provide on key use cases for business-critical applications running on-premises, including ransomware protection and disaster recovery. Customers of all sizes will be able to utilize new capabilities, security, and product updates at a faster pace and simplify many operations without changing existing hardware or applications.

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## Cloud data breaches and cloud complexity continues to rise



According to the 2022 Thales Cloud Security Report issued by 451 Research, part of S&P Global Market Intelligence, 45% of businesses have experienced a cloud-based data breach or failed audit in the past 12 months, which is 5% increase from the previous year.

Cloud adoption and specifically multicloud adoption continues to rise globally. In 2021, organisations worldwide were using an average amount of 110 software as a service (SaaS) applications, compared to only eight in 2015, indicating a dramatic increase. There has been a significant expansion in the use of multiple IaaS providers, with almost three-quarters (72%) of businesses using multiple IaaS providers, up by 57% from the previous year. The use of multiple providers has almost doubled in the last year, with one in five of respondents reporting using three or more providers.

Despite rapid expansion and increasing cloud prevalence, various businesses express common concerns about the increasing complexity of cloud services with the majority (51%) of IT professionals have acknowledged that it is more complex to manage data protection and privacy in the cloud. Additionally, the journey to the cloud is also becoming more difficult with the percentage of respondents reporting that they're expecting to lift and shift by the most simple migration tactics, dropping from 55% in 2021 to 24% this year.

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## Be prepared to embrace 5G Network soon



The fact that various tech-driven shifts find roots in the past makes 2022 unique and distinct from previous years. AT&T has become the first major carrier to end its 3G network by not only calling the end to one of the most pervasive technologies in the past 20 years, but also introducing unforeseen challenges that many businesses and consumers need to migrate.

Every major shift starts with a catalyst and the responsibility for this paradigm shift belongs to the rapid expansion of 5G network. Hungry for spectrum bandwidth and network resources, 5G mandates carriers to replace the bandwidth currently occupied by 3G to fully implement a 5G network.

With all the hype surrounding 5G solutions and the discussions on what types of technology implementations will be made possible, the transformational nature of 3G when it first arrived in 2000 should not be forgotten either. Lessons can be learned from the past and applied to the current and future scenario.

Users of older smartphones won't be the only ones adversely impacted by 3G networks shutting down. In fact, 3G networks still underpin essential, oftentimes lifesaving technology. Many cars still use GPS systems and emergency systems which rely on 3G and this includes even some newer devices. Without proper patches or upgrades, these technologies and services will not function due to lack of network access when 3G service ends.

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## Cloud adoption can add \$380 bn to India GDP, says Nasscom



A report issued by Nasscom states that large-scale adoption of Cloud has the potential to contribute \$380 billion to the gross domestic product (GDP) of India, creating 14 million direct and indirect employment opportunities by 2026. However, the report also warns that India may lose \$118 billion in GDP contribution and five million job opportunities by 2026 if businesses and government are late to Cloud adoption.

With global players heading towards new systems like IoT, 3D printing, and robotic automation, slow or low adoption in Cloud may result in Indian industries losing competitive edge and India may lose its appealing market among investors and new businesses. According to the report, titled 'Future of Cloud and Its Economic Impact: Opportunity for India,' an all-round effort can result in a sustained growth of 25-30 percent of Cloud spending over the next five years.

At the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 44%, the Indian cloud market has outpaced global market in terms of growth rate, owing to a growing digital population, digitisation of enterprises, inflow of investments, and favourable government policies are accelerating the cloud growth in India.

Although India is still at the budding stage of cloud adoption compared to mature markets, the shift to cloud has become necessary since the pandemic and is playing a pivotal role in helping Indian businesses and government accelerate their digital transformation journey through software, platform, and infrastructure solutions.

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## Cyient & Honeywell to build the First Cloud Cockpit



Cyient has agreed to partner with Honeywell to manufacture the first cloud-connected cockpit system of the aviation industry called the Honeywell Anthem. The multi-year deal signed by Cyient with Honeywell for the project will provide turnkey manufacture and testing of multiple LRUs (least recently used) comprising the Honeywell Anthem avionics suite.

The cloud-connected cockpit system will be driven by a versatile software platform that can be modified for virtually every type of aircraft, including business jets, passenger and cargo planes, general aviation planes, advanced air mobility (AAM) vehicles, and helicopters, said Cyient.

Expecting the project as the future of aviation, Cyient executive director & COO Karthikeyan Natarajan stated that the tie-up is a testament to the value Cyient creates as a strategic partner for customers in the aerospace and defense sector.

Cyient said that it has over 20 years of aerospace engineering and manufacturing experience with over 3,000 aerospace engineers, having delivered over 42 million hours of engineering solutions to aerospace customers. Cyient's portfolio covers the product life cycle's, design, build, and maintenance phases to provide OEMs with a single source for optimizing aerospace parts manufacturing processes.

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## Salesforce introduced Marketing Cloud Engagement on Hyperforce in India



Salesforce has announced that Marketing Cloud Engagement on Hyperforce will be available to new customers starting August 2022 in India.

With Marketing Cloud Engagement on Hyperforce in India, the new customers will be able to automate campaigns via email, SMS and more with security and scale.

### **New customers will also have access to:**

- Local data storage. Customers can now choose to store data locally.
- Built-in Trust. Marketing Cloud Engagement on Hyperforce is secure by default with consistent compliance controls to meet local and industry standards.
- Performance at B2B and B2C scale. Marketing teams can be more productive with apps that run, fast and at scale, with zero downtime.

“India continues to be a strategic market for Salesforce and customer success is a guiding value strengthening our presence in the region. With Marketing Cloud Engagement now available on Hyperforce in India, customers can build trusted relationships with their customers at scale on a secure and flexible platform supporting their growth plans.” said Arundhati Bhattacharya, CEO & Chairperson, Salesforce India.

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# THE LATEST NEWS ON COVID-19

## Rising COVID-19 cases amid reduced virus surveillance forecasts a challenging season in the WHO European Region

New WHO/Europe strategy urges countries to urgently address gaps in pandemic monitoring and response to avoid preventable deaths and severe disruptions to health systems.

Considering the current situation, the European Region has seen a tripling of new COVID-19 cases over the past 6 weeks, with close to 3 million new cases reported last week, accounting for nearly half of all new cases globally. While hospitalization rates due to COVID-19 have doubled in the same period, intensive care unit admissions have so far remained relatively low. However, as infection rates in older groups continue to rise, Europe is still seeing close to 3000 people die of COVID-19 every week.

Hence, WHO/Europe is releasing its autumn/winter strategy for COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses to prepare for the coming waves of infection.

The strategy urges countries to relaunch mitigation efforts and be prepared to respond to an increased burden on their health-care systems. The consistent application of the following 5 pandemic stabilizers will continue to be critical to protect people this autumn and winter.

- Increasing vaccine uptake in the general population.
- Administering a second booster dose to people aged 5 and above and their close contacts, and considering offering a second booster to specific at-risk groups, at least 3 months after their last dose.
- Promoting wearing mask indoors & on public transportation.
- Ventilating crowded and public spaces (such as schools, offices, and public transport).
- Applying rigorous therapeutic protocols for those at risk of severe disease.

## Covid infections persist across the UK

Covid-19 infections in the UK have increased by around 7 percent with the ongoing rise driven by the latest Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5. The hospital numbers also continue to rise with early signs of intensive care admissions among older age groups.

According to the latest Office for National Statistics (ONS) data, a total of 3.8 million people in private households are estimated to have had in the week up to 14 July. There were close to 3.3 million cases across the UK in the previous week.

That is the highest estimate for total infections since late April 2022 but still below the record high of 4.9 million during the peak of the Omicron BA.2 wave in March end.

## India reported 16,866 new Covid cases

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare informed that India reported 16,866 fresh COVID-19 cases on July 25, 2022. A total of 41 deaths were reported with 18,148 recoveries in the last 24 hours.

The active caseload in India is currently 1,50,877 and the daily positivity rate is at 7.03 percent.

To track the current number of cases across the globe, visit the WHO Coronavirus dashboard at <https://covid19.who.int/>

## Vaccination Status

According to [Our World in Data](#) reports, 66.9% of the global population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine

12.31 billion doses have been administered worldwide and 6.17 million doses are administered every day.

19.7% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

# DO'S AND DONT'S TO STAY SAFE DURING COVID



Regular hand wash for 30 seconds will help you avoid germs or any kind of infection.



Cover your mouth and nose while sneezing.



If you are suffering from a common cold, cough, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath and fatigue make it a point to consult a doctor at the earliest



Avoid being in crowded places. An infected person can spread the virus instantly and crowded places is a good way to accomplish this. Make sure you wear full sleeves shirts with anti-pollution masks when you travel. Staying indoors is a rather safe option.



Do not get close to anyone, especially touching or laughing closely. Also, use anti-pollution masks when out with friends or family. Avoid touching anyone and do not use the same utensils used by another.



Spitting can increase the spread of the virus. Avoid spitting in public and at home. Also, avoid getting close to a sick person suffering from a cold and cough.



Travelling may get you infected. Use anti-pollution masks and carry a hand sanitizer with you always. If you have to travel in an emergency, consider traveling by your vehicle, avoid public transport.



If you are suffering from dry cough, back pain, nausea, and shortness of breath it is recommended that you consult a doctor rather than opt for self-medication that can leave you battling with a deadly illness. Say no to antibiotics as it would later lead to antibiotic resistance.



Most often a state of fear can lead to taking wrong decisions and use of self-medication All you need to keep in mind is hygiene.



Do not touch your face, nose, and mouth often. This avoids the risks of developing the virus.

**Note: All INDIA employees feel free to contact DJ for any COVID medical emergency.**

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