

# CLOUD CONNECTORS

## OVERVIEW

This document describes Tenable.io's Cloud Connectors. Tenable.io protects your cloud assets by using cloud connectors, including third-party data connectors, to discover and import assets from other platforms. Using cloud connectors with Tenable.io enables continuous visibility and assessments into public cloud environments such as Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud Platform (GCP), as well as containers.

## BENEFITS OF CLOUD CONNECTORS

1. Discover and identify assets in AWS, GCP, and Microsoft Azure and monitor their status in near real-time.
2. Easily assess ephemeral assets in cloud environments to detect vulnerabilities and get actionable results within minutes.
3. Automate the removal of terminated/deleted ephemeral assets
4. Discovery through the connector is free. Assets discovered through the connector do not count against the license until and unless the asset is scanned for vulnerabilities.

## HOW TO CONFIGURE CLOUD CONNECTORS

1. In the upper-left corner, click the button. The left navigation pane appears.
2. Click Settings.
3. Click the Connectors widget.
4. In the upper left corner of the page near the Connectors label, click the + button. The Select a Connector pane appears.
5. Select your cloud connector: AWS, Azure, or GCP.
6. Populate the parameters, as described in the [Create an AWS Connector](#), [Create a GCP Connector](#) or Create a [Microsoft Azure Connector](#) in the [Tenable.io Vulnerability Management User Guide](#).
7. (Optional) Configure schedule import for recurring synchronization.
8. Click Save & Import.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Amazon Web Service \(AWS\) Connector Documentation](#)

[Google Cloud Platform \(GCP\) Connector Documentation](#)

[Microsoft Azure Connector Documentation](#)

[Blog: Cloud Security: Why you shouldn't ignore ephemeral assets](#)

[Cloud Security: Five Steps to Effective Risk-Based Vulnerability Management Success](#)

[Video: Set up the AWS Connector in Tenable.io](#)

[Video: Scanning Azure Assets with Tenable.io](#)

[Solution Overview: Frictionless Assessment](#)