

ThinkOn Sovereign Cloud

Built by Canadians, for Canadian data

ThinkOn 



Who's snooping around in your sensitive data?

Microsoft accused the U.S. government of adopting a widespread, unconstitutional policy of looking through Microsoft customers' data—and forcing the company to keep quiet about it, sometimes forever.¹

Microsoft receives 2,400 to 3,500 secrecy orders from federal law enforcement each year—that's 7–10 every day

Over a recent six-month period, Google reported that U.S. law enforcement made 39,536 requests for information about 84,662 accounts

In the last six months of 2020, Facebook received 61,262 government requests for user data²

ThinkOn Sovereign Cloud means data residency and governance stay within Canadian borders, ensuring data sovereignty, traceability, and supply chain management are in full compliance with Canadian regulations.

Residency doesn't equal sovereignty

The Government of Canada states:

“The primary risk to data sovereignty is the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and the U.S. government's ability to compel an organization subject to U.S. law to turn over data under its control, regardless of the data's location and without notifying Canada.”

Organizations often believe the misconception that their trusted cloud providers manage and secure client data in a sovereign way. However, all hyperscale clouds rely on offshore resources for some tasks—even when the data remains at a domestic location. For that reason, their claims of sovereignty are not only misleading, but outright wrong.

Hyperscale CSPs headquartered in the U.S. must comply with U.S. laws. That means that sensitive Canadian data could be divulged to another government (in this case the U.S. government) without the knowledge or approval of the Canadian customer.

The Government of Canada warns: “Regardless of where the cloud resources are physically located, when data is stored in a cloud environment, the stored data may be subject to the laws of other countries.” Hyperscale CSPs, with global deployment, “could be required to comply with a warrant, court order or subpoena request from a foreign law enforcement agency seeking to obtain [Canadian] data.” Even if a CSP operates in Canada (as do the hyperscale providers), they are headquartered elsewhere and therefore subject to the laws of another country.

Not every cloud is sovereign.

But ours is. Canadian-owned, Canadian-operated—a truly sovereign cloud built for Canadian data. Now that's cloud smart.

“ThinkOn has repeatedly demonstrated leadership in Canadian cloud security standards when it comes to data sovereignty, integrity, compliance, and mobility.”

– Claude Reeves, VP and Country Manager, VMware Canada

Built to handle sensitive PBMM data!

ThinkOn is an approved CSP under the Shared Services Canada Framework Agreement for Secure Workloads.

The first Canadian VMware Sovereign Cloud partner

The VMware Sovereign Cloud initiative helps customers engage with trusted national CSPs to meet requirements around data sovereignty and jurisdictional control.

Infrastructure as Canadian as canoes and poutine

We don't rely on employees or contractors that reside outside of Canada to support our Canadian infrastructure.

Canadian data deserves a homegrown cloud

Historically, we don't allow foreign interests to own our critical infrastructure because we can't risk giving up control over what we need to function as a country.

In our modern world, data is part of our critical infrastructure, and whoever governs the cloud it's stored in ultimately controls that data.

Sovereign cloud isn't just for the public sector. It benefits virtually any enterprise, across every vertical concerned with maintaining the privacy of their Canadian clients' data, especially financial services, healthcare, retail, energy, defense, intelligence, research, and regional telecom.

ThinkOn is “where data thrives.” That's more than a marketing message, it's what we aspire to every day—especially when it comes to our Canadian service delivery infrastructure.

The ThinkOn logo features the word "ThinkOn" in a white, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is stylized with a white cloud shape above it, all set against a dark blue background.

**Reach out.
We're here to help!**

**sales@thinkon.com
(844) 888-4465**

¹ Oregon Business, “Microsoft sues U.S. government over consumer privacy.”
<https://oregonbusiness.com/16720-microsoft-sues-u-s-government-over-consumer-privacy/>

² The Washington Post, “When the FBI seizes your messages from Big Tech, you may not know it for years.”
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2021/09/25/tech-subpoena-secrecy-fight/>

^{3.4} The Government of Canada, “White Paper: Data Sovereignty and Public Cloud.”
<https://www.canada.ca/en/government/system/digital-government/digital-government-innovations/cloud-services/gc-white-paper-data-sovereignty-public-cloud.html>