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Cloud data is something that is always trending when it comes to data storage, privacy and access. Why is cloud so important? Who relies on it and what do they need to consider when selecting cloud repositories? Are there security concerns? What about personal vs. business cloud accounts? More importantly, what happens if data of interest that is stored in the cloud needs to be accessed and analyzed? Heather Mahalik, SANS senior instructor, will break down all you need to know about cloud data and why it matters in DFIR.

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