

Cloudflare Area 1 and Google Cloud:

Integrated Cloud Email Security and Preemptive Anti-Phishing

Industry challenges:

Today's sophisticated phishing attacks such as malware-less business email compromise (BEC), account takeover-based fraud, and insider threats are difficult for traditional secure email gateways or email authentication to detect.

The solution:

The Cloudflare Area 1 email security service proactively crawls the web to discover phishing campaigns and uses that early insight, plus contextual email analysis techniques, to protect your inboxes from phishing attacks — before damage can occur.

Built on the Google Cloud Platform, Area 1 deploys in just minutes to deliver a best-of-breed, defense-in-depth anti-phishing security layer.

Figure 1: Area 1 inline and API
deployments options

Incoming Email

Incoming Email

Journaling BCC
API

Area 1
email security

Incoming Email

Area 1
email security

Defend against modern attacks that target your #1 cloud application — email.



Preemptively stop phishing, BEC, email fraud, and other advanced threats.



Isolate and prevent multichannel threats with the Cloudflare Area 1 and Cloudflare Remote Browser Isolation integration.



Discover compromised accounts and domains, as well as new, lookalike, and proximity domains used by attackers to bypass SPF/DKIM/DMARC.

Why Cloudflare Area 1:



Preemptive Security

Identify attacker infrastructure and delivery mechanisms ahead of time to stop phishing at the earliest stages of the attack cycle.



Comprehensive Protection

Covers the full range of email attack types (URLs, payloads, BEC), vectors (email, web, network, multichannel), and attack channels (external, internal, trusted partners).



Contextual Analysis

Leverage advanced detection techniques (language analysis, computer vision, social graphs, and more) to catch BEC, vendor email fraud, and other advanced threats.



Continuous Protection

Assume defensein-depth with threat protection layers before, during, and after an email hits the inbox.

Why Cloudflare Area 1 plus Google Cloud:

- Improve Operational Efficiency Reduce complexity by <u>replacing traditional secure email</u> gateways for a modern, cloud-first architecture.
- Seamless, Flexible Deployment <u>Deploy</u> the fully elastic Area 1 service in under 5 minutes and integrate seamlessly with Google Cloud's native features, such as anti-spam, DLP, encryption, and archiving.
- Simplified SaaS Security In addition to integrated Area 1 cloud email security, the Cloudflare Zero Trust platform provides cloud access security broker (CASB) <u>capabilities</u> for Google. Easily prevent data leaks and compliance violations, and get a one-stop shop to stop data loss, phishing, ransomware, shadow IT, and lateral movement across your organization.

Case Study: S&P 100 consumer packaged goods leader protects executives and users against cloud email threats

Threats slipping past Google Workspace and existing security infrastructure

Customer challenges

- BEC attacks targeting senior executives and board members
- IT team spending time and resources constantly tuning email security rules and blocklists

Results with Cloudflare Area 1

- 8 million+ targeted attacks blocked within one year
- The IT team is now able to provide better email security metrics and reporting for Board meetings
- Improvements in productivity and significantly reduced cybersecurity risk

To see how Cloudflare Area 1 can enhance your Gmail phishing defenses, request a custom risk assessment here.