



Beyond the Buzzwords: The Core Principles of a Zero Trust Model

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Let's Dive In



Cybersecurity Buzz Word Bingo – 2020 ed.

	B	I	N	G	O
1	Human Factors	Business Risk	Purple Team	Hacker(s)	Real-Time
2	GDPR/CCPA	Artificial Intelligence	Cloud	DevOps	ROI / ROSI
3	Real-Time	Threat Hunting	Cyber FREE	Behavioral Analytics	SIEM
4	Open Source	Next-Gen	ICS	Machine Learning	Intelligent Design
5	Kill Chain	Reverse Engineering	Automation	Virtualization	Privacy Aware

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plain adjective

[plein]

easy to perceive or understand; clear.
"the advantages were plain to see"

synonyms: obvious, clear, crystal clear,
as clear as crystal, evident,



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What is Zero Trust?

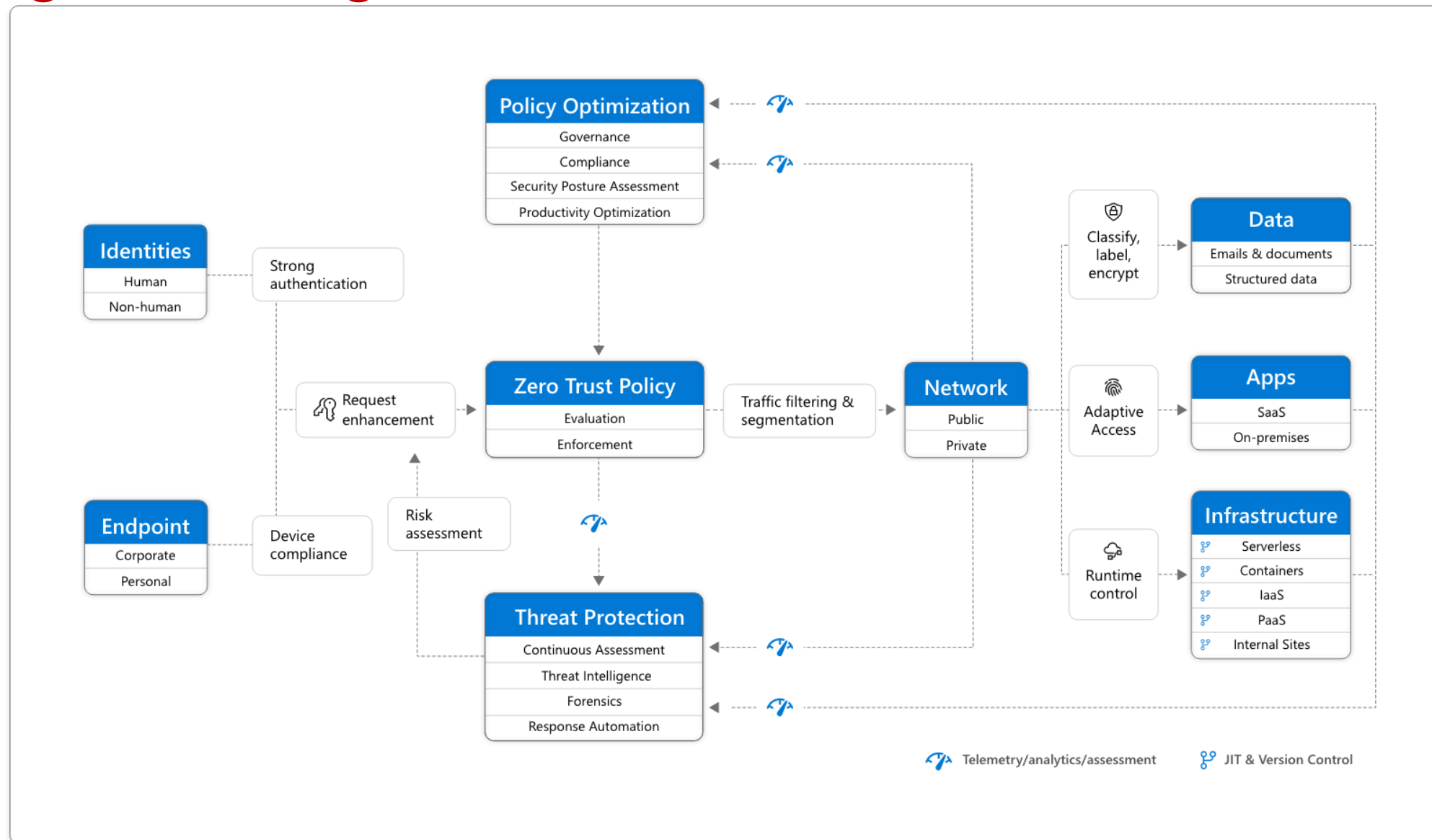


A security mindset focused on treating every endpoint & service as untrusted by default.

Any Questions?

Thanks for coming!

High Level Diagram



Goals of Zero Trust



Improve security

- Faster Detection & Response
- More Granular Authorization
- Stop Lateral Movement

Lower costs

- Less Infrastructure
- Lower User Support

Enable remote workforce

- Even more important in a pandemic

Support BYOD

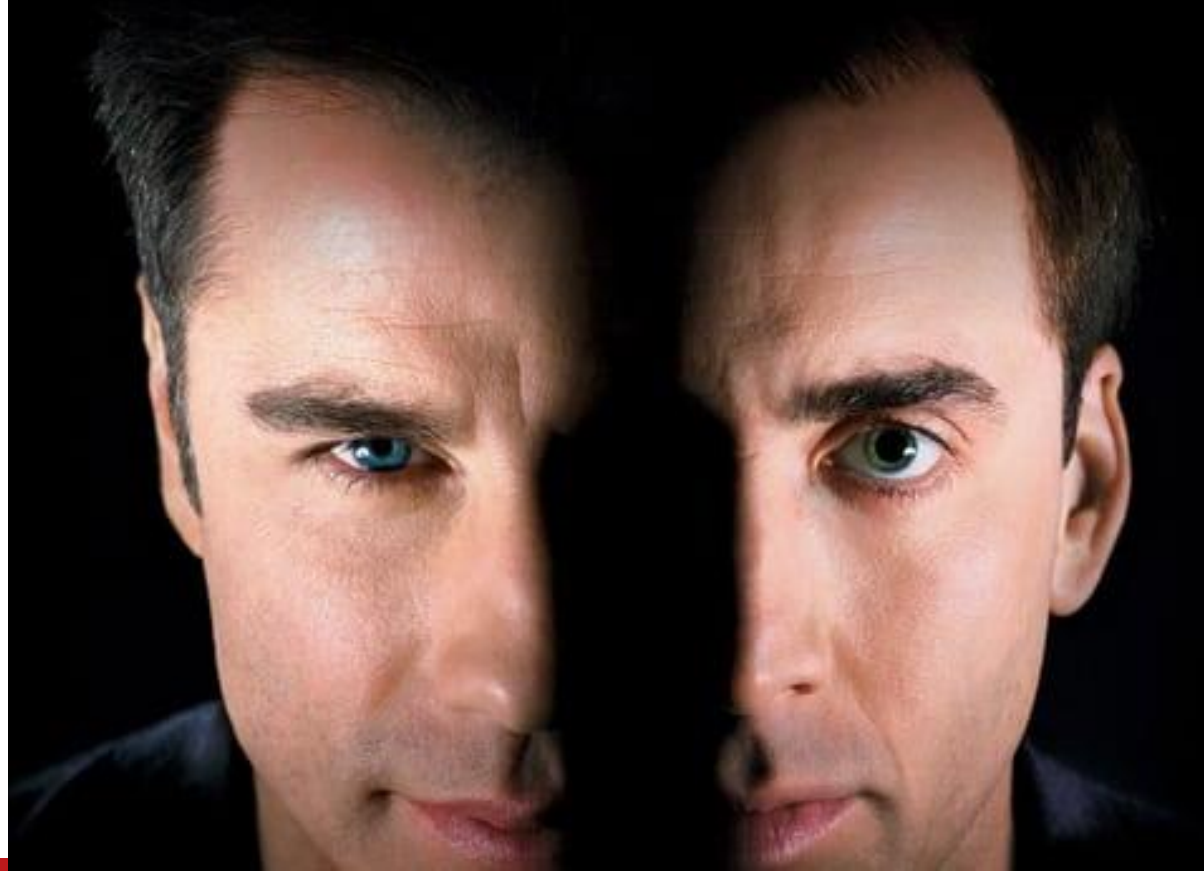
- Let people use the device they prefer

Reduce central points of failure.

Key Principles of Zero Trust

- Assume Everything is Hostile
 - No More Internal/External
- Default Deny
- Focus on Data/Functionality Access
- Least Privilege
- Cloud Everything
 - Not just “Someone else’s computer.”
- Automation
 - Security Automation, Orchestration, and Response (SOAR)
- Analytics
 - Advanced SIEM
 - Security Metrics

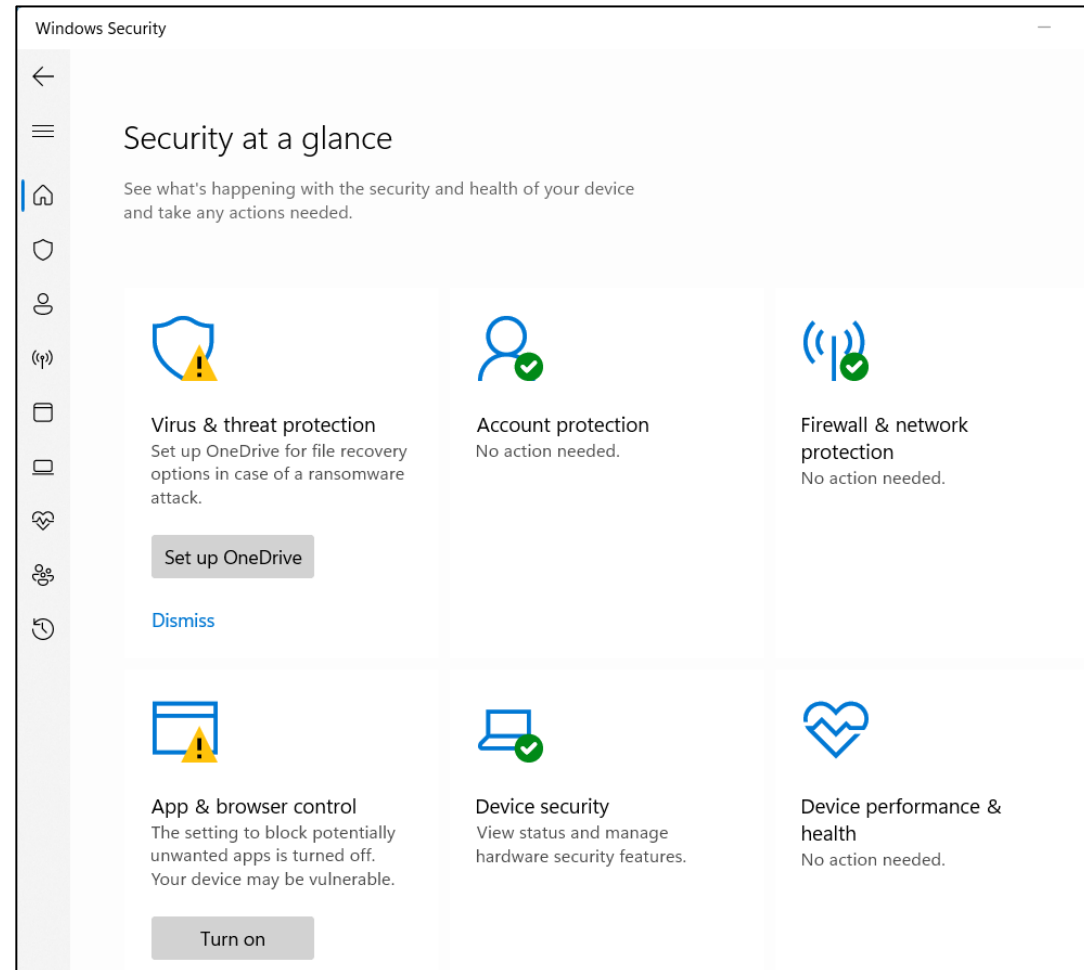
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Key Components: Tighter Endpoint Control



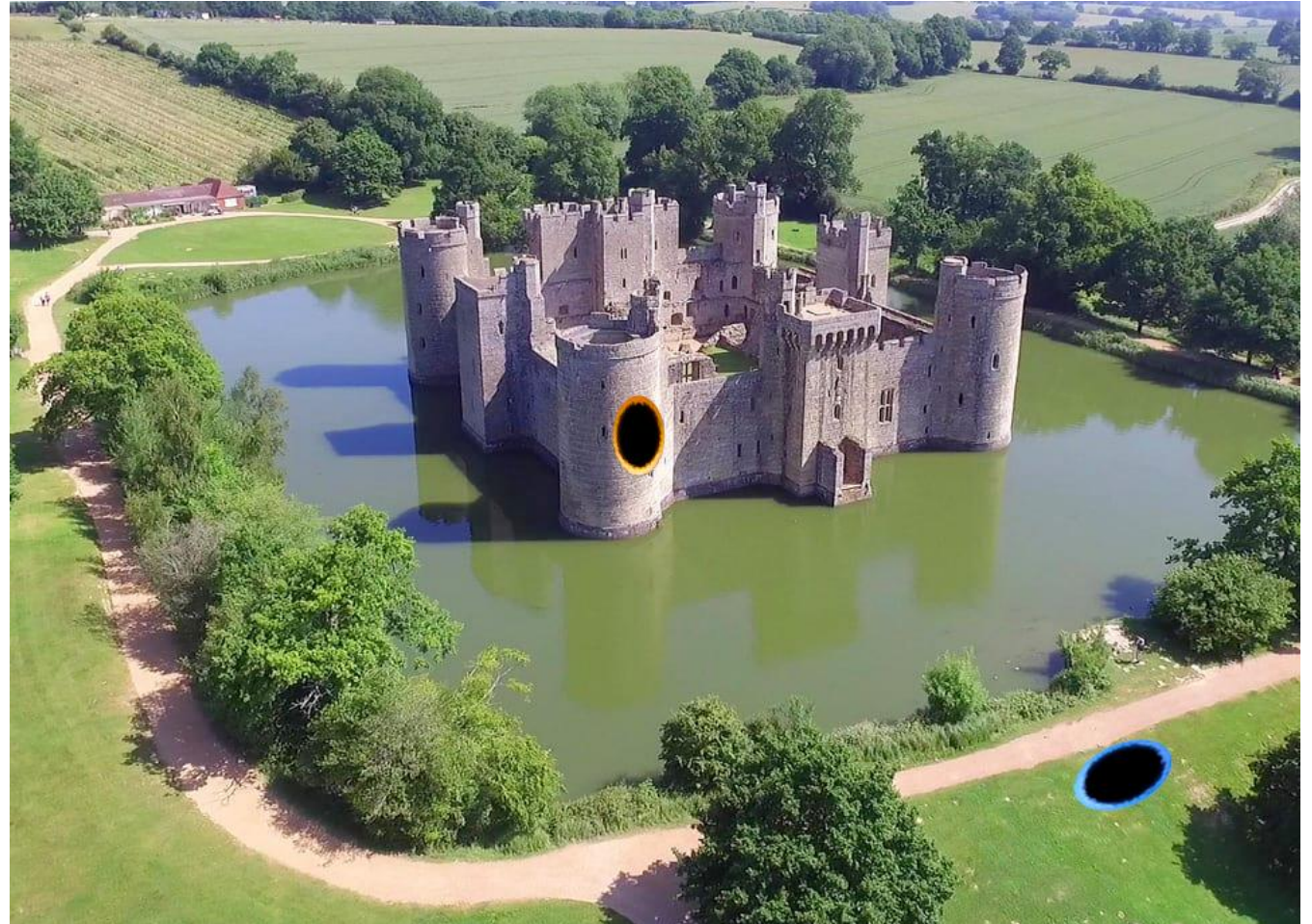
- Full Disk Encryption
- Anti-malware
- Application Whitelisting
- Managed & Monitored (EDR/MDR/XDR)
- Behavioral/Heuristic detection
- Content Filtering
- Data Loss Prevention



Key Components: Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA)



- Not your grandma's VPN
- Adaptive access
- Dynamic permissions (Micro Segmentation)
- Device management (MDM)



Key Components: Real-time Monitoring & Alerting



Key Components: Identity & Access Management (IAM)

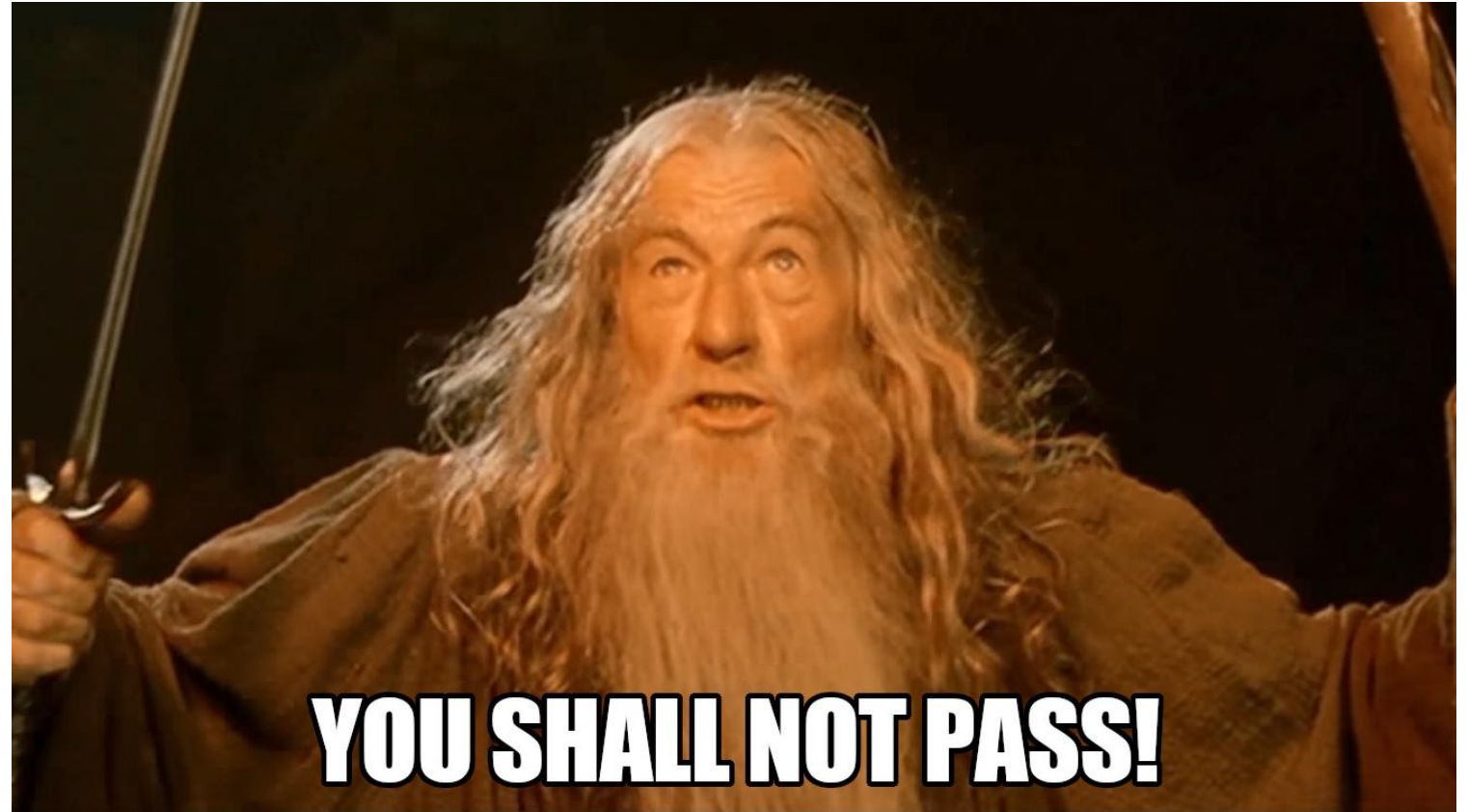
- Authentication AND Authorization
- As critical as machine identification
- Federated Authentication
 - Standardized Systems of Record
 - Fewer Passwords
- MFA (not just two-step auth)
- Correlated Authorization
 - As many data points as possible
 - Location
 - Patch Levels
 - Configuration Compliance
 - Unusual Activity
 - Threat Intelligence Feeds





Key Components: Policy Engine and Enforcement

- Policies
 - Defining what is or isn't allowed
- Realtime Enforcement
 - Automated responses
 - Dynamic, adaptive access
- Dependent on all other datapoints
 - Log data
 - Threat intelligence
 - Behavioral standards
 - The more, the better





Implementing Zero Trust

Requirements

- Plan, Plan, Plan
- Be Realistic
- Detailed, Documented Access Requirements
 - Requires Data Classification
- Plan for Legacy Systems
- LOTS of testing of various components
 - Commoditization will happen eventually



Getting Started: One Approach

1. Focus on monitoring/detection first
 - Distributed systems with no visibility is very bad.
2. Tighten endpoint security
 - Move traditional tools towards host-based solutions rather than perimeter-based.
3. Continue migrating to distributed, cloud-based systems.
4. Document required access & restrict privileges
5. Enforce adaptive access/micro-segmentation
 - Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA)





Auditing Considerations of ZT Environments

- Are policies well designed and effective?
 - Are there defined goals for each? Do they accomplish the goals?
 - Are there missing policies that should be enforced?
- Are the necessary data points reaching the policy engine?
 - What happens if logs stop arriving?
 - False Negatives are worse than False Positives.
- Are the appropriate tools in place and working together properly?
 - Security tools may not integrate as well as the salesman promised.
- As an environment shifts towards Zero Trust, are the new controls sufficient to relax more traditional security controls?
 - Understand the roadmap & what each control is intended to do.
 - Requires careful coordination with IT.

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(For real this time)

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