



Demystifying Zero Trust

For the C-Level (and the rest of us)

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Agenda

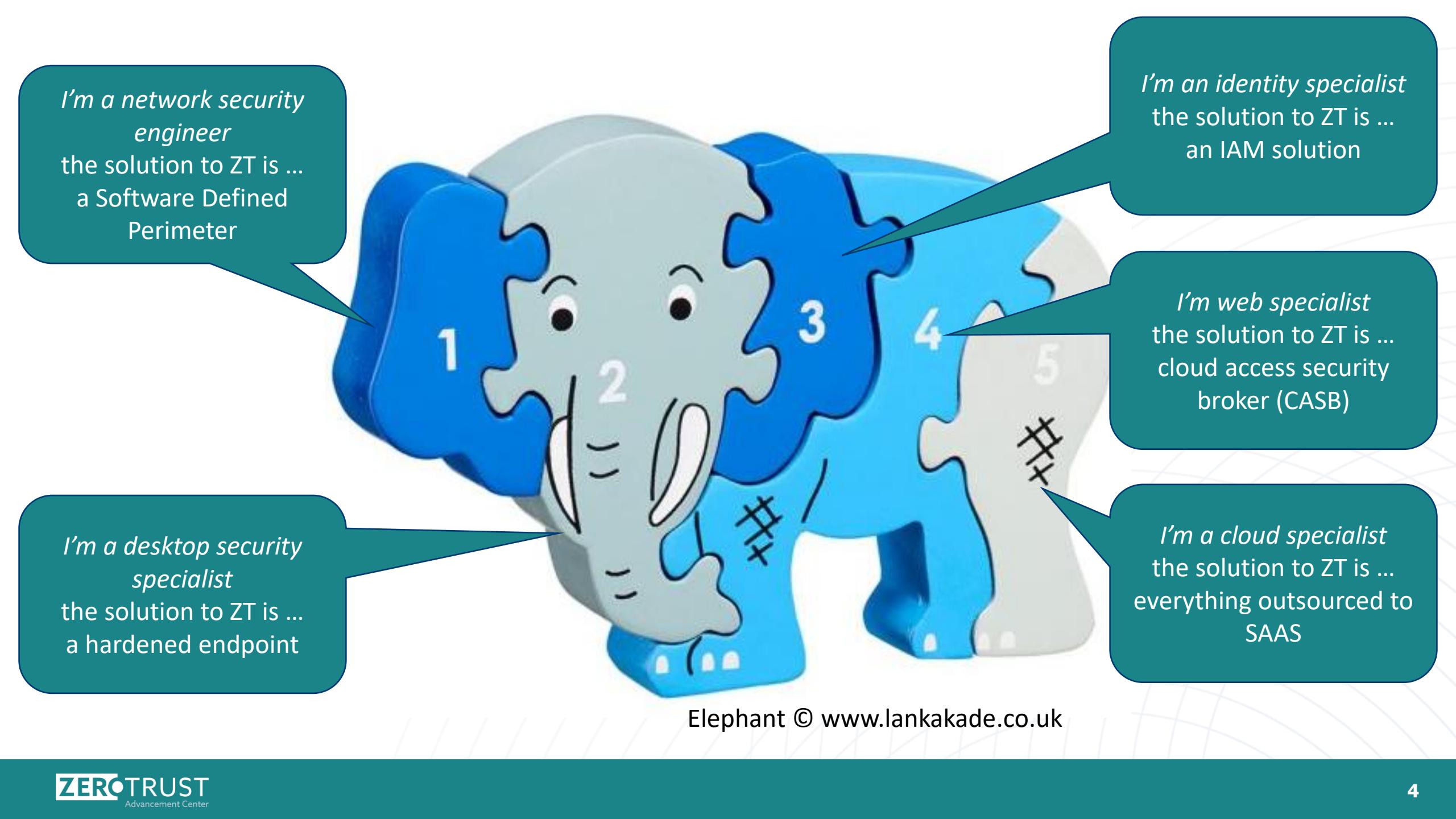
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Lets start with . . .

A parable!



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I'm a network security engineer
the solution to ZT is ...
a Software Defined Perimeter

I'm a desktop security specialist
the solution to ZT is ...
a hardened endpoint

I'm an identity specialist
the solution to ZT is ...
an IAM solution

I'm web specialist
the solution to ZT is ...
cloud access security broker (CASB)

I'm a cloud specialist
the solution to ZT is ...
everything outsourced to SaaS

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Is it just the marketing department jumping on the buzzword-bandwagon?

Zero Trust & Vendor PR?

So many vendors, so many “Zero Trust” products!

So many vendors selling you “Zero Trust”

- Akamai
- AlgoSec
- Amazon AWS
- Aporeto
- Centrify
- Cloud Harmonics
- Cloudflare
- Cymbel
- Cyxtera
- Double Octopus
- Duo Security (Cisco)
- ForgeRock
- Google (BeyondCorp)
- Guardicore
- Jump Cloud
- Luminate
- Microsoft
- Netronome
- Okta
- PaloAlto Networks
- Panda Security
- Plixer
- ScaleFT
- SecureCircle
- Tripwire
- Zentera
- Zscaler

So it's important you select your Zero Trust products & solutions with care!

Time

1990's

Firewalls
Deep-packet Inspection
Anti-Virus

Zero Trust – A History

From hardened perimeter to evaluate risk and work anywhere

1994

The term “Zero Trust” was coined within
Stephen Paul Marsh’s PhD thesis
“Formalizing trust as a computational concept”

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Computing outside of your perimeter

- If your border is irrelevant, then you can outsource your computing servers
- Developed the "Cloud Cube" model for "cloud" outsourcing

circa-2007

US Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)
funded the Black Core Network initiative;
which evolved into the Software-Defined
Perimeter (SDP) framework"

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2008



2010

John Kindervag
Forrester Research

2012



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How do you secure "Cloud Computing"

- Ingested Jericho Forum concept work on "computing outside your perimeter"
- Developed the "Guidance" documents, based on industry best practice

Zero Trust Network Architecture

- Presented a document called "Zero Trust Network Architecture"
- Proposed "Segmented, Parallelized, and Centralized" internal networks

Jericho Forum "Identity Commandments"

- Consume trusted identity and attributes to drive "entitlement"
- Ensure the entity taking the risk fully understands the risk of all components

2003 “De-Perimeterisation”	2010 “Zero Trust Networking”	2017 “Zero Trust”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scope and level of protection should be specific & appropriate to the asset at risk • Security mechanisms must be pervasive, simple, scalable & easy to manage • Devices and applications must communicate using open, secure protocols • All devices must be capable of maintaining their security policy on an untrusted network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "We have to know what's going on in our networks, Users can't have willy-nilly access" • [Proposes] a network segmentation gateway. "It's like a UTM [unified threat management] tool or firewall on steroids" • [Proposes] “Segmented, Parallelized, and Centralized” internal networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We no longer determine who you are based on your IP address” • “We treat every network in the world as untrusted; Whether it's physically inside our building, [or] whether you're at a Starbucks”
<i>Jericho Forum “Commandments”</i>	<i>John Kindervag Forrester paper “Zero Trust Network Architecture”</i>	<i>Heather Adkins, Director of Information Security Google</i>

[1] https://collaboration.opengroup.org/jericho/commandments_v1.2.pdf

[2] <https://www.darkreading.com/perimeter/forrester-pushes-zero-trust-model-for-security>

[3] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d90Ov6QMIjE>

So what is “Zero Trust”?

Is it?

- Strategy?
- Design Principles?
- Architecture?
- Products?

Zero Trust is an overarching
security philosophy

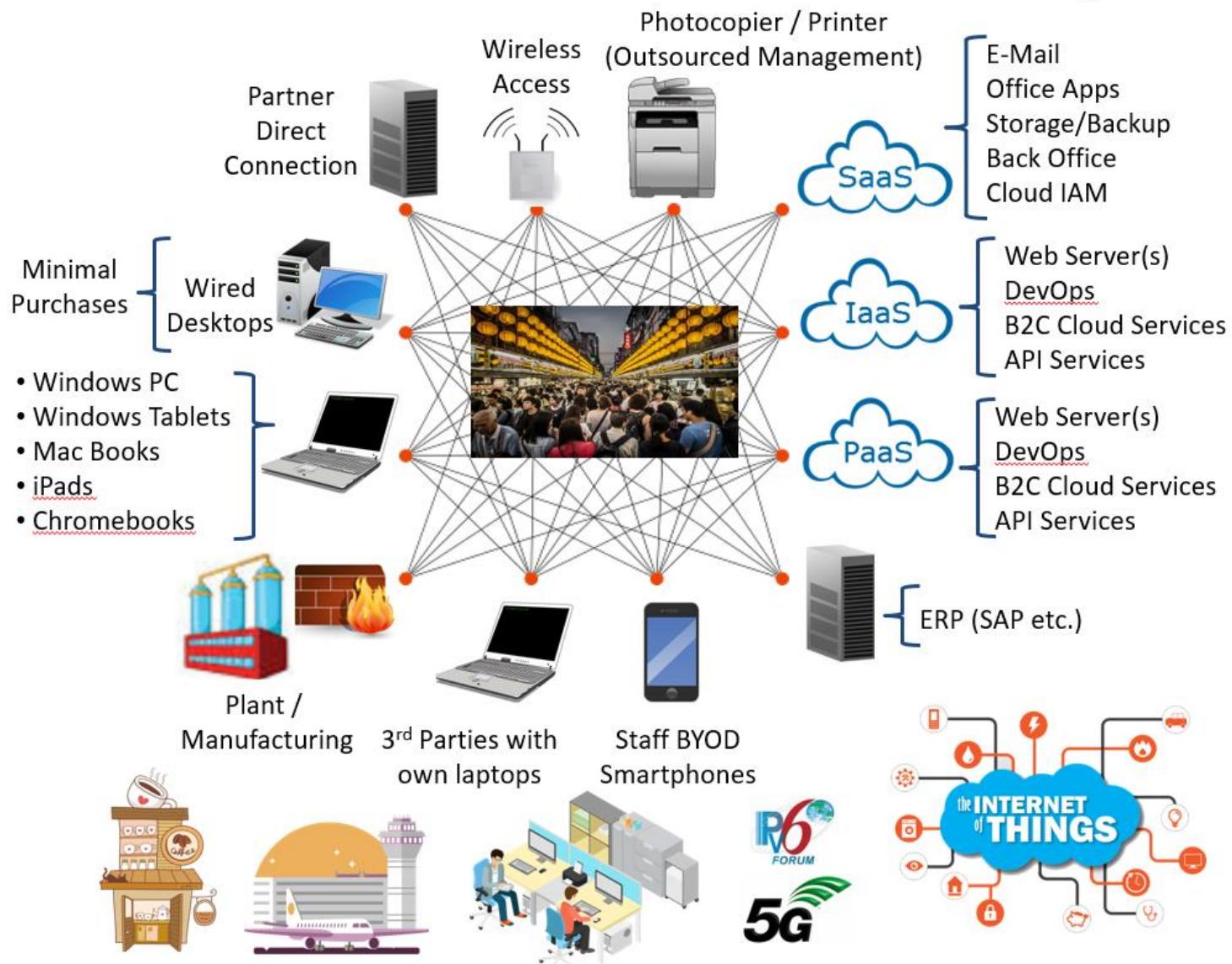
Zero Trust as a philosophy

It's delivering business flexibility for today's modern business

Replacing “trust in the network” with;

- Trust inferred from devices, users, organisations and end-point trust agents
- An “entitlement” decision about access to data and to devices, whatever the location
- Network control (where still required) based on entitlement using technologies such as SDN

And in some cases, no corporate network whatsoever!



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Dictating that any/all access requests to systems or data should be **risk-based** and start from a position of zero trust

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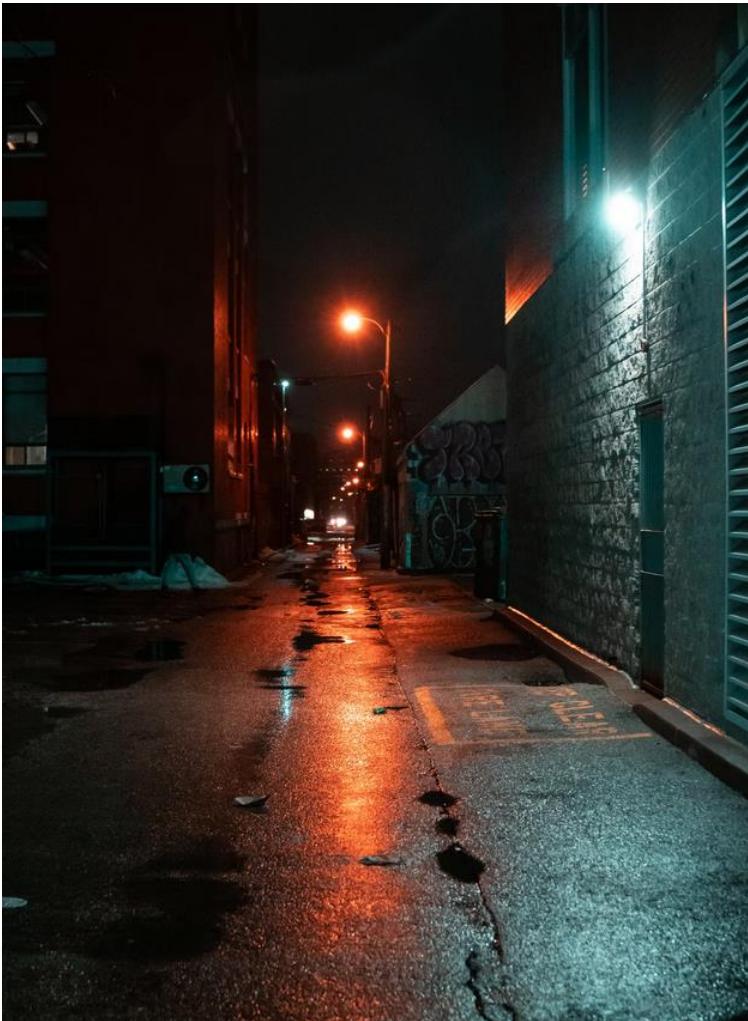
Risk

Risk = Impact (\$) x Probability (%)

Risk, environment & context



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Risk Equation:

- Who am I?
- Am I alone?
- Time of day?
- Alternative routes?
- Area history?
- Street lighting?
- Policing & presence?
- Am I a target?

Risk is a contextual

How to we deal with risk?

1. Eliminated

You design it out

2. Mitigated

You add compensating controls

3. Transferred

Another party takes on the risk,
e.g.; Insurance

4. Accepted

The risk remains as a cost of
doing business

The entity taking the risk must be able to evaluate all Identity and Attribute information



“Entitlement”

Making a risk-based decision



About *access to data* and/or *systems*



Based on the *trusted identity* and *attributes*



Of *all the entities* and *components*
in the transaction chain

Risk must be a contextual decision!

Context

- Access to data
- Access to system
- Trusted identity (and level of trust)
- Attributes asserted (and level of trust)
- All the entities in the transaction chain
- All the components in the transaction chain
- *History*

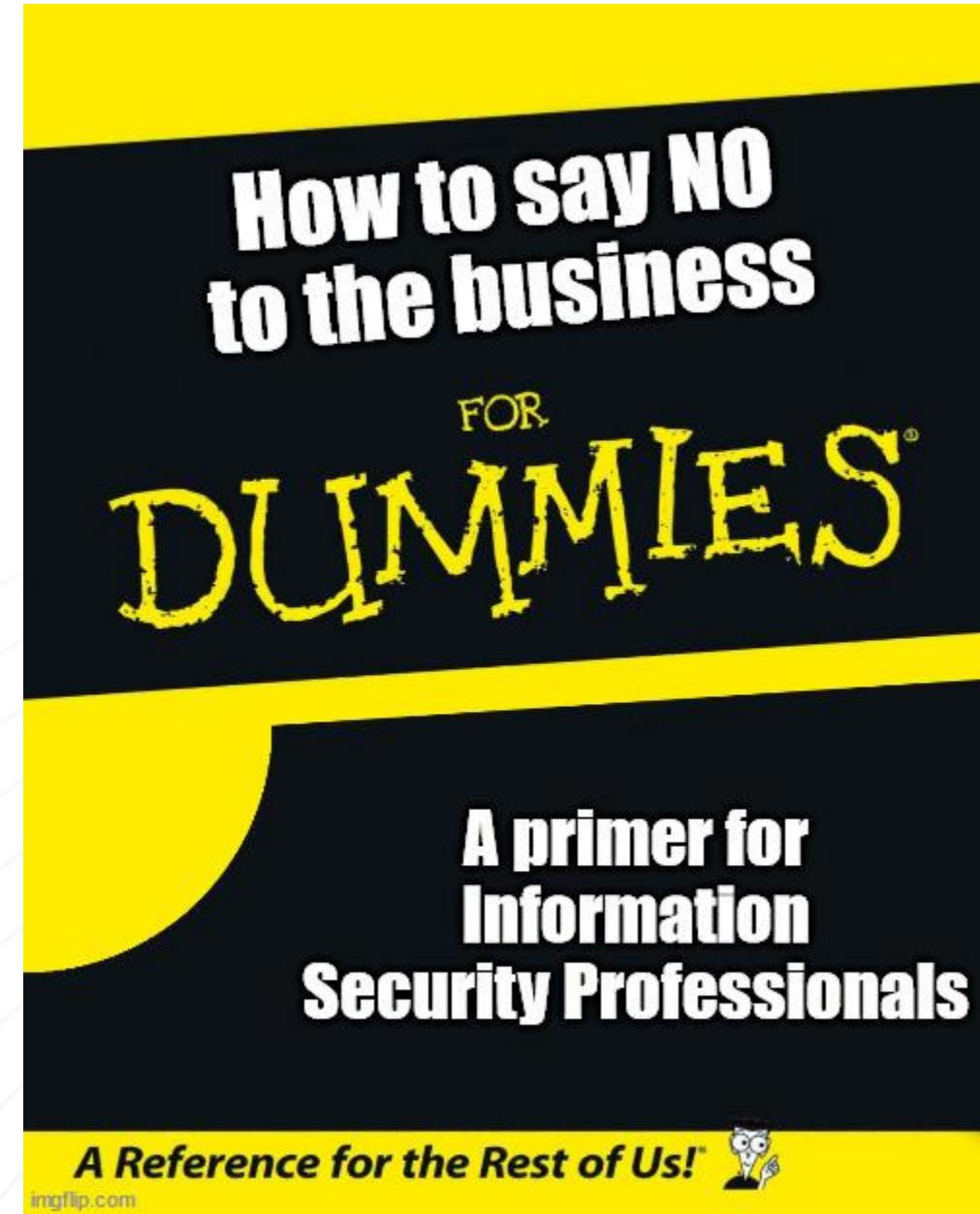
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Security & IT inhibit the business

Proof:

- The rise of shadow IT
- Security a top 5 priority
Yet no board level CISO's
and rarely any CIO's
- Outsourcing of IT functions
Seen to be a commodity
- Rarely consulted on strategic decisions
- Resulting in a rear-guard action
- And thus are perceived as saying “no”



The pandemic re-enforced the stereotype

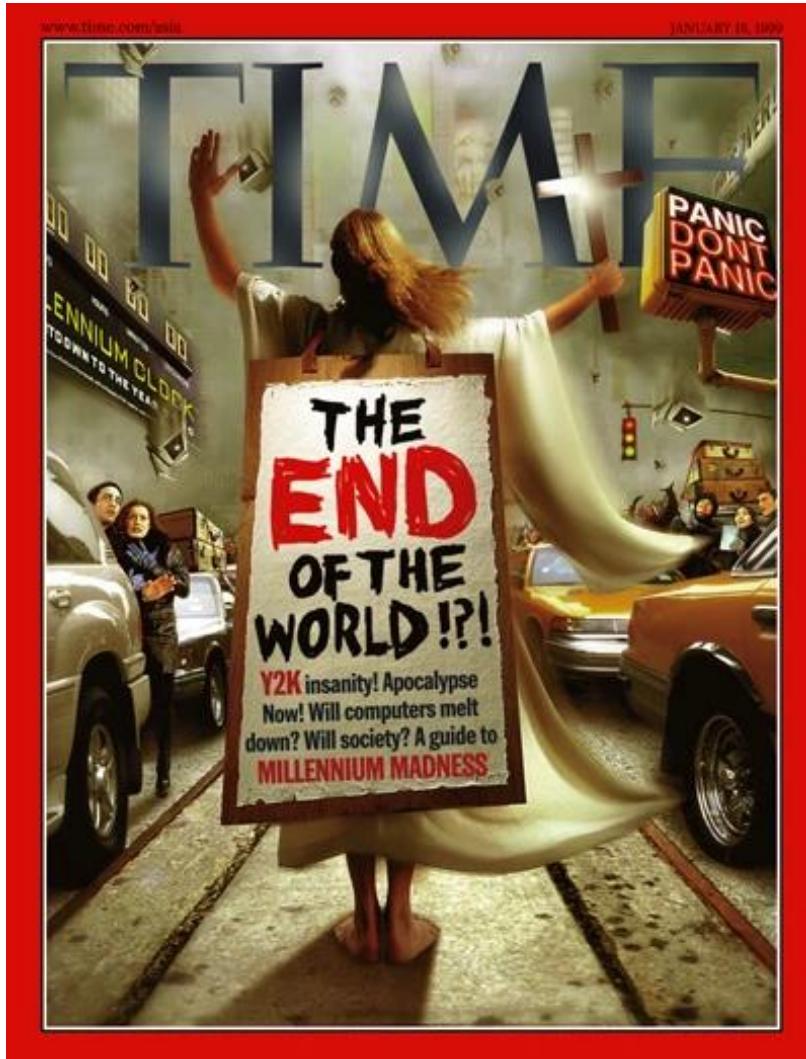
We made it work for the business

And the sky did not fall down

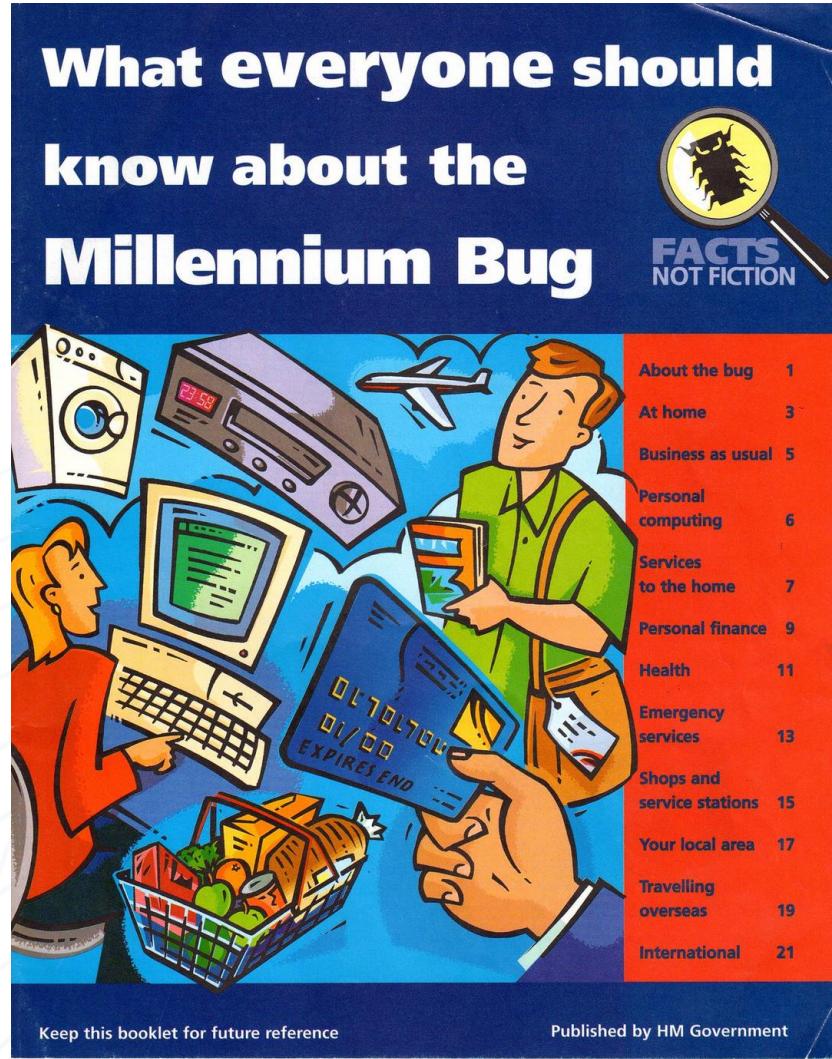
If fact (in many cases) it worked better

So now explain why you need \$\$\$\$\$ for Zero Trust?





Jan. 18, 1999, cover of TIME



UK Government

So what do the board care about?

- **Faster**
- **Better**
- **Cheaper**

Justified with quantifiable risk!

Aligned to business aims and objectives

Secure is YOUR job, and should be a given!



A Zero Trust “philosophy” is neither a technology, security, or an identity issue

Alignment to the business

Strategic alignment of the business roadmap & strategy with the technology needed to support it.

Do you understand what the strategic vision of the board / business is?

Delivering value to the business

How will it enable the business to:

- Move Faster
(time to implement)
- Reduce Costs
(return on investment)
- Be More Secure
(but at no additional cost)

Zero Trust “themes” for the board

Agility

Enables the business to move, faster
Enables the use of new (cheaper) technologies for example, IoT, 5G, Cloud

Collaboration

Easier collaboration, especially with other organizations
(Partners, JV's, Outsourced partnerships etc.)

Alignment

IT, Networking and Information Security (perceivably) better aligned to business need

Risk Reduction

Aligned with the boards risk-appetite
Focused on business-critical assets
A risk-based approach to securing assets

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Zero Trust; and things that make you go Aargh!

- Identity is the new perimeter
- Zero Trust is a network security concept
- You must install “my product” / solution / corporate standard
- All access must be authenticated
- Trust but verify
- Anything with a buzzword

Two critical flaws in architectural thinking

Binary Trust

A system (*refer to rule 2*) authenticates the entity, turning a “maybe” (a variable) into a “certainty” (binary)

Rule 1

Never turn a variable into a binary

The “locus of control”

I can make it all work, as long as **EVERYTHING** plays in my system.

Rule 2

You must be able to trust (*refer to Rule 1*) entities that you do not manage

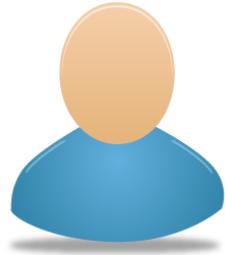
Questions to ask yourself?

- Am I enrolling entities I don't employ, manage or vet; into my Identity system?
- Can I support (real) BYOD?
- If my external auditors turn up needing access (for their laptops) can I simply give it to them?
- How do I set up a collaboration between ten disparate people / organizations?



Any ZT ecosystem must encompass all entity types

Entities enable context!



People

- Humans



Devices

- Computers
- Phones
- IoT
- Vehicles
- Printers
- PVR's
- BYOD



Organizations

- Legal Organizations
- Families
- Organization Groupings



Code

- Code
- Executable Programs
- Self-Protecting Data
- DRM
- Signed Data



Agents

- Human agents
- Delegations
- AI Programs
- Learning programs

Risk & Context

(Flawed) binary trust implies flawed risk assessments

- “They are trusted because they are on the Intranet”, or “They are who they claim to be because they (eventually) gave a correct password”, or “they passed security vetting”

Risk, especially when moving to a more granular approach demanded by a Zero Trust architecture, must also be variable;

- Based on understanding all the entities involved (context), and;
- A situational understanding of what the entity is requesting, (additional context) and;
- Continually assessed as the context changes (temporal trust)

In conclusion

Have your say on the CSA document



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) website. The page is titled 'Publication Peer Review' and features a document titled 'Zero Trust as a Security Philosophy'. The document has an orange 'Open Until: 05/12/2022' button. Below the document, there are two paragraphs of text. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Contribute to Peer Review' section with a 'Participate in Peer Review' button and a note 'Open Until: 05/12/2022'.

Zero Trust as a Security Philosophy

<https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/artifacts/zero-trust-security-philosophy/>

CSA Public Peer Reviews

<https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/research/contribute#peer-reviews>

Free Resources & Further Reading



Commandments

Jericho Forum™

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The Jericho Forum commandments define both the areas and the principles that must be observed when planning for a de-perimeterised future. Whilst building on "good security", the commandments specifically address those areas of security that are necessary to deliver a de-perimeterised vision. The commandments serve as a benchmark by which concepts, solutions, standards and systems can be assessed and measured.

Fundamentals

1. The scope and level of protection must be specific & appropriate to the asset at risk
 - Business demands that security enables business agility and is cost effective
 - Whereas boundary firewalls may continue to provide basic network protection, individual systems and data will need to be capable of protecting themselves
 - In general, it's easier to protect an asset the closer protection is provided
2. Security mechanisms must be pervasive, simple, scalable & easy to manage
 - Unnecessary complexity is a threat to good security
 - Cohesive security principles are required which span all areas of the architecture
 - Security mechanisms must scale, from small objects to large objects
 - To be both simple and scalable, interoperable security "building blocks" need to be capable of being combined to provide the required security mechanisms
3. Assume context at your peril
 - Security solutions designed for one environment may not be transferrable to work in another. Thus it is important to understand the limitations of any security solution
 - Problems, limitations and issues can come from a variety of sources, including geographic, legal, technical, acceptability of risk, etc.

Surviving in a hostile world

4. Devices and applications must communicate using open, secure protocols
 - Security through obscurity is a flawed assumption - secure protocols demand open peer review to provide robust assessment and thus wide acceptance and use
 - The security requirements of confidentiality, integrity and availability (reliability) should be assessed and built in to protocols as appropriate, not added-on
 - Encrypted encapsulation should only be used when appropriate and does not solve everything
5. All devices must be capable of maintaining their security policy on an untrusted network
 - A "security policy" defines the rules with regard to the protection of the asset
 - Rules must be complete with respect to an arbitrary context
 - Any implementation must be capable of surviving on the raw Internet, e.g., will not break on any input

Always refer to www.jerichoforum.org to where you have the latest version.

Version 1.0 April 2006

Jericho Forum Commandments



BeyondCorp A New Approach to Enterprise Security

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Virtually every company today uses firewalls to enforce perimeter security. However, this security model is problematic because, when that perimeter is breached, an attacker has relatively easy access to a company's privileged intranet. As companies adopt mobile and cloud technologies, the perimeter is becoming increasingly difficult to enforce. Google is taking a different approach to network security. We are removing the requirement for a privileged intranet and moving our corporate applications to the Internet.

Since the early days of IT infrastructure, enterprises have used perimeter security to protect and gain access to internal resources. The perimeter security model is often compared to a medieval castle: a fortress with thick walls, surrounded by a moat, with a heavily guarded, single point of entry and exit. Anything located outside the wall is considered dangerous, while anything located inside the wall is trusted. Anyone who makes it past the drawbridge has ready access to the resources of the castle.

The perimeter security model works well enough when all employees work exclusively in buildings owned by an enterprise. However, with the growth of a mobile workforce, the surge in the variety of devices using network access, and the growing use of cloud-based services, additional attack vectors have emerged that are stretching the traditional perimeter to the point of redundancy. Key assumptions of this model no longer hold. The perimeter is no longer just the physical location of the enterprise, and what lies inside the perimeter is no longer a blessed and safe place to host personal computing devices and enterprise applications.

While most enterprises assume that the internal network is a safe environment in which to expose corporate applications, Google's experience has proven that this faith is misplaced. Rather, one should assume that an internal network is as fraught with danger as the public Internet and build enterprise applications based upon this assumption.

Google's BeyondCorp initiative is moving to a new model that dispenses with a privileged corporate network. Instead, access depends solely on device and user credentials, regardless of a user's physical location. Be it a laptop on a home network, or a phone or coffee shop. All access to enterprise resources is fully authenticated, fully encrypted, and fully encrypted based upon device state and user credentials. We can enforce fine-grained access to different parts of enterprise resources. As a result, all Google employees can work successfully from any network, and without the need for a traditional VPN connection into the privileged network. The user experience between local and remote access to enterprise resources is effectively identical, apart from potential differences in latency.

The Major Components of BeyondCorp
BeyondCorp consists of many cooperating components to ensure that only appropriately authenticated devices and users are authorized to access the requisite enterprise applications. Each component is described below (see Figure 1).

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Google BeyondCorp

All freely available



The Global Identity Foundation A single global identity for humanity

Global Identity Challenges, pitfalls and solutions

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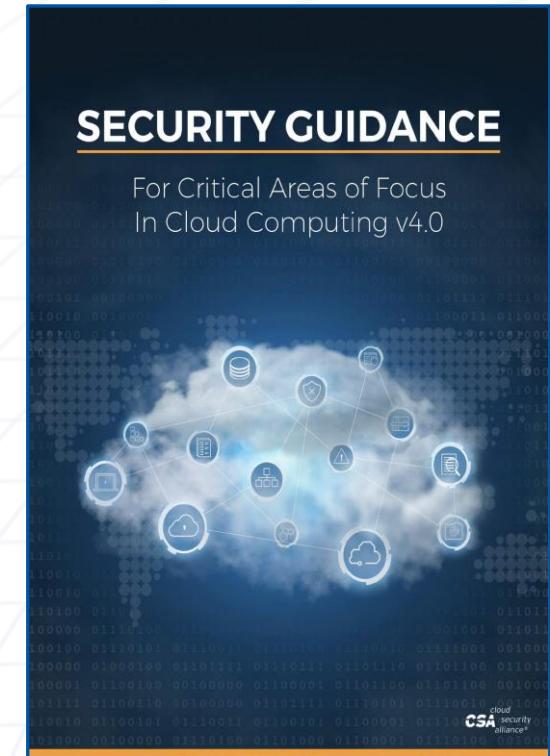
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For Critical Areas of Focus
In Cloud Computing v4.0



CSA Guidelines

Thank you!



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