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Deploying a Zero Trust Architecture per NIST SP 800-207

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Discussion Topics:

- Zero Trust Basics
- Authentication and Authorization
- Zero Trust Access
- Risk Management Framework
- Zero Trust Implementation Plan
- Multi-Cloud: Extending Edges into the Data Center

NIST Risk Management Framework Applied To Zero Trust

Designed To Manage Risk Centered Around Effectiveness & Efficiencies

NIST Risk Management Framework



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-NIST Zero Trust Architecture (SP 800-207)-

- NIST SP 800-207 provides a detailed definition of Zero Trust that can be implemented by technology (i.e. iboss)
- NIST Zero Trust is centered and anchored around the resources an organization is actively trying to protect
 - Resources are any resource the organization wishes to protect (including applications, data and services, IoT, etc.)
 - Includes resources at any location cloud resources and on-site resources
 - An organization must understand and categorize those resources
 - ¹¹ This definition focuses on the crux of the issue, which is the goal to prevent unauthorized access to data and services coupled with making the access control enforcement as granular as possible. That is, authorized and approved subjects ... can access the data to the exclusion of all other subjects (i.e., attackers). - Page 4. NIST SP 800-207

Zero Trust Basics

Core concepts of NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture

NIST Zero Trust Definition goal - "This definition focuses on the crux of the issue, which is the goal to prevent unauthorized access to data and services coupled with making the access control enforcement as granular as possible.", NIST 800-207

- Zero Trust, according to NIST 800-207, is about resource access
- Goal is to reduce risk of breaches and data loss by isolating resources with Policy Enforcement Points (PEP)
- Provide "per-request" access decisions to resources for each and every transaction, the PEP approves or denies the connection + logs transaction
- Resources fall primarily into three categories applications (i.e. Office 365), services (i.e. Remote Desktop) and data (i.e. Word Document)
- Provides key security and compliance controls:
 - Access Control
 - Visibility via Logging (for every transaction)
 - Security (DLP, malware defense, compliance controls for every transaction)
- Policies based on "default deny" construct only approved users can access the resource to the exclusion of all other users

What is the difference between Authentication and Authorization?

Each request needs to go through both authentication and authorization

- Use an "airport security checkpoint" as your basis for understanding NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Concepts
- Authentication Knowing who the person is
 - i.e. Check the traveler's ID before getting through the checkpoint
- Authorization Giving the privilege to access the resources
 - i.e. Allow the traveler to pass the security checkpoint and board the plane (resource) only after security screening is completed (the bags and passenger is checked)
- Step-Up Authentication Require a Passport versus State Issued ID at the checkpoint
 - Both can be used for identity, but this gives more confidence about the identity
- Client Certificates Traveler must have TSA Pre-Check to be authorized pass through the TSA Checkpoint

What is a Session?

According to NIST, a session is as granular as a single transaction between a user and a resource

"The unit of "session" can be nebulous and differ depending on tools, architecture, etc. The basic definition in a zero trust context is a connection to one resource utilizing one network identity and one privilege for that identity (e.g. read, write, delete, etc.) or even a single operation (similar to an API call)."

-Page 2, NIST – Planning for a Zero Trust Architecture - https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/CSWP/NIST.CSWP.20.pdf

- Understanding what a "session" means is VERY important
- A transaction is as granular as a SINGLE API call a read followed by a write to a database consists of TWO transactions
- Each transaction ideally goes through authentication AND authorization
- This is what allows for "per-request" access decisions required by core definition of Zero Trust according to NIST
- This provides granular access control in addition to visibility (via logging) of every interaction between a user and a resource

The Purest View of Zero Trust Access

A subject wants to interact with a protected enterprise-owned resource



Figure 1: Zero Trust Access

- Notice NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture drops the word "Network" from the acronym ZTNA (Zero Trust Network Access) and simply calls this "Zero Trust Access"
- This nuance is VERY important Zero Trust is not about access to a Network, it's about about access to a resource (application, data or service)
- Ideally, there is no direct access to any NETWORK object such as a subnet, server or network port on a server
- Access is granted to the service or application itself for example, multiple applications may be running on the same server and on the same server network port
- For example, when multiple HTTPS applications are running on the same network port (TCP 443) on the same server, Zero Trust Access
 will only allow a user to access the single application they have access to
- The location of the user AND the resource is irrelevant this is IMPORTANT

Subjects, Assets and Resources

The three actors that are interacting must be catalogued and understood

- Subject This is typically the user
 - The term "subject" is used because this might be a non-human entity (such as a service running on a server, an AWS Lambda function, etc.)
 - Although the term "user" will be used in place of subject, using the term subject instead sets a strong foundation to extending Zero Trust across non-human entities later
- Asset This is typically a laptop, desktop or server
 - This can also be IoT or OT
- Resource This is an application, data or service that is being protected
 - It's important to understand that from the NIST 800-207 perspective, you want to START with enterprise-owned resources that need to be protected
 - Do NOT start with the public internet when thinking about resources!
 - The goal is to protect enterprise-owned applications, data and service and prevent the leakage of data to the public internet
- A catalogue or database is required of subjects, assets and resources so that a clear understanding of what is being protected is achieved

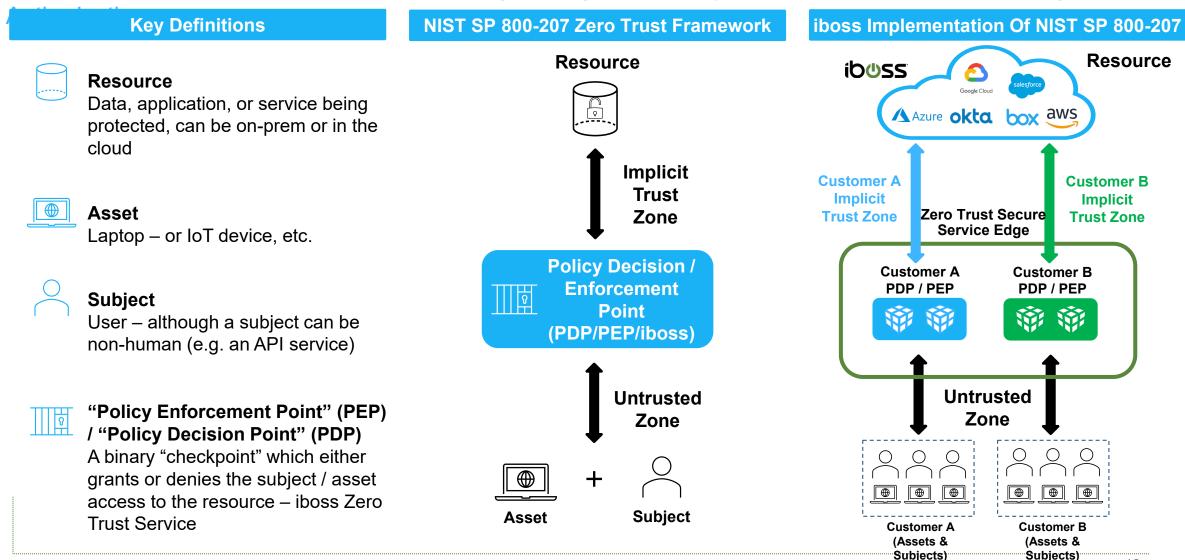
The Tenets of Zero Trust

Getting the Tenets right gives a solid foundation for Zero Trust to build on into the future

- Tenet 1 All enterprise-owned apps, services and data sources are considered resources, regardless of location
 - This is one of the most critical tenets of Zero Trust to get right
 - Do not think of Zero Trust as meaning access to on-prem resources (i.e. replacing your VPN)
 - All resources regardless of type and location should be made private by putting them behind the Zero Trust service
 - This includes on-prem, SaaS and Cloud (Azure, AWS) applications, data and services
- Getting this concept right is critical and will avoid foundational mistakes in architecture which may result in inconsistent security, visibility
 and access controls due to treating resource access control differently depending on where they are located
- There are many side effects of Zero Trust which go far beyond just VPN replacement
 - Direct to resource access for employees wherever they work
 - Access to resources within Azure and AWS
 - Elimination of data backhaul to the datacenter for faster connections resulting in better productivity and better end-user experience
 - Reduced datacenter space with the reduction of network proxies and firewalls
 - A lot more

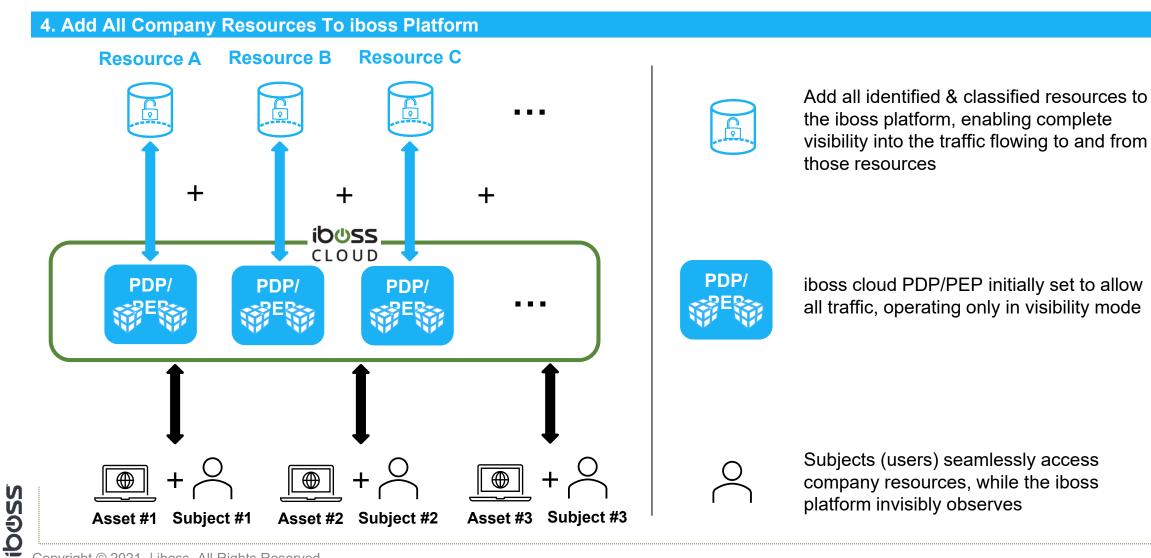
Three Key Components – Subject, Asset and Resource

Resources Cannot Be Accessed Without Going Through The Policy Enforcement Point And Gaining



A Guide To Implementing Zero Trust With a Zero Trust Edge

Identified & Classified Resources Added To Zero Trust Secure Service Edge



Classify Resources

Identification & Classification Of All Company Resources And Their Associated Impact Levels

1. Identify All Resources Within An Organization



Identify all resources that are input, stored, processed and/or output from each system – a resource is any data, application, or service either on-prem or in the cloud that needs to be protected

2. Tag All Resources With A Resource Type Label



Use labels or tags which tie a particular resource to a **Resource Type** (e.g. HR System, CRM System, Code Repository System)

3. Determine Potential Impact Level Of Resource Type



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For each identified **Resource Type**, determine the potential impact level if the **Security Objective** is compromised. This critical step determines where risk lies within the organization.

FIPS 199 defines three security objectives and three impact levels. Each Resource Type should have the three security objectives assigned with each security objective assigned an impact level.

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V	Objective Integrity	Availability	Low	Leveloderate	High
Preserving authorized restrictions on data access and disclosure	Guarding against improper data modification or destruction	Ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of data	Limited adverse effects on organizational operations	Serious adverse effects on organizational operations	Severe or catastrophic adverse effects on organizational operations

An Expanded View of Zero Trust

The heart of the Zero Trust Architecture stays the same and is based on the Policy Enforcement Point

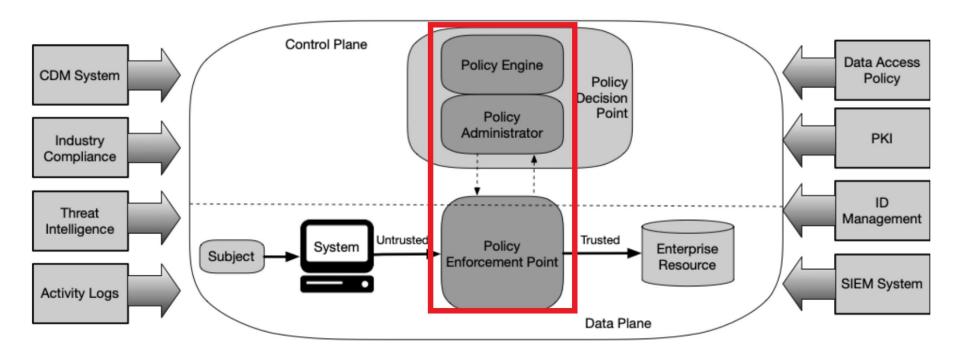


Figure 2: Core Zero Trust Logical Components

The inputs into the heart of the Zero Trust Architecture are designed to make higher confidence decisions when providing "resource access" which is the foundation of what Zero Trust is all about

Deployment Variations of the NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture

The deployment variations are designed to cover the different use cases when providing access to enterprise-owned resources

- There are FOUR deployment variations designed to meet the different use cases when protecting access to sensitive enterprise-owned applications, data and services
- There are different security requirements and objectives depending on how a user accesses the resource (for example, on a company-owned laptop versus BYOD)
- The goal is to prevent breaches AND data loss
 - Data cannot end up on a personal laptop or the data is lost for good
- Concepts based on traditional network connectivity and security ideas such as VLANs for isolating resources and Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) for allowing untrusted devices to interact with data
- The transformation that Zero Trust provides is that the same goals can be accomplished in a world where users and resources are scattered everywhere (outside of the datacenter)

Deployment Scenario 1 – Agent/Gateway Based Deployment

The most popular of all deployment models designed for enterprise-owned devices such as laptops

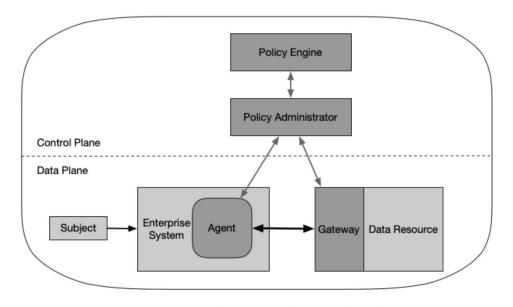


Figure 3: Device Agent/Gateway Model

- Used when the enterprise owns the asset and data can be trusted on that asset (laptops, desktops, etc.)
- An agent is installed on the asset which serves the following primary purposes
 - Redirects traffic to the gateway to access a resource regardless of where the user or device is connected from (i.e. work from home)
 - Performs asset posture checks is the firewall on, is the disk encrypted, is anti-malware enabled?

Deployment Scenario 2 – Enclave Gateway Model

The gateway sits close the resource, for example within a datacenter

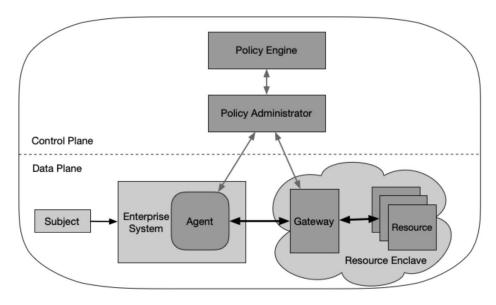
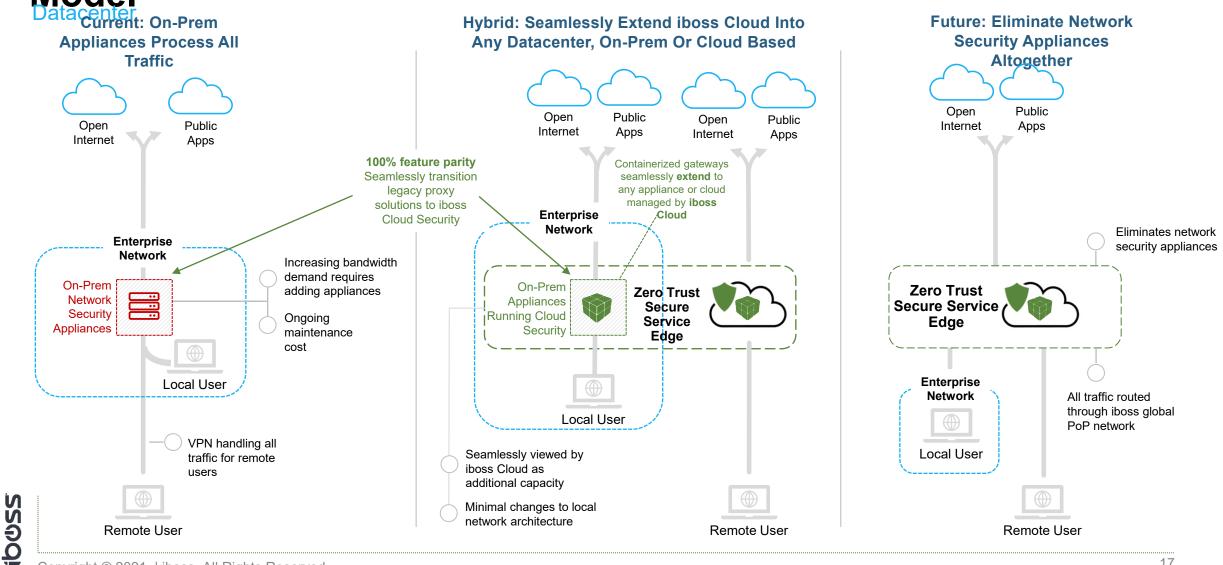


Figure 4: Enclave Gateway Model

- Allows the Policy Enforcement Point (Gateway) to sit close to the resource which isolates the resources and provides access control to the resources
- This is typically accomplished by replacing legacy on-prem proxy appliances with modern Policy Enforcement Point appliances within the datacenter
- The Gateways can also be inside of a cloud provider, for example the Gateway can run inside of Azure to protect resources in Azure and provide access to those resources
- The Policy Enforcement Point appliances that are on-prem should be 100% linked to the Policy Enforcement Points that run in the cloud so consistent policies, visibility, security and access controls can be guaranteed across all resources (on-prem, SaaS, Cloud)

Service Edges Should Extend into the Datacenter via the Enclave

M Security Features & Functionality Are Preserved When Extending Cloud Security Service Into Customers On-Prem



Deployment Scenario 3 – Resource Portal Model

This model is used when the device is NOT enterprise-owned – guests, contractors or other high risk device situations

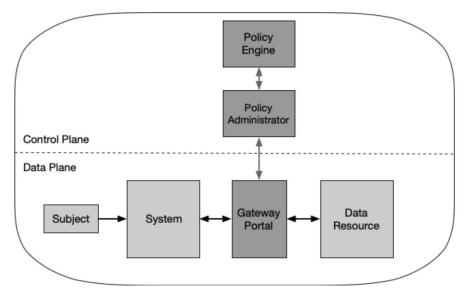
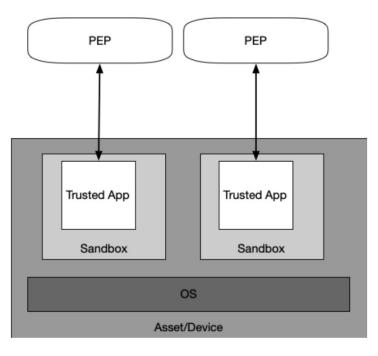


Figure 5: Resource Portal Model

- This is the modern equivalent of VDI and uses Browser Isolation to perform the VDI function within the browser
- Prevents data from landing on the device itself which will result in data loss
- Note this is the first model that shows a non-enterprise owned device

Deployment Scenario 4 – Application Sandbox Model

Supported on some mobile devices, such as Android with a "personal space" and a "work space"





- Least popular because it is operating system dependent and allows data onto an untrusted device
- This use-case can also be solved with Browser Isolation (Deployment Model 3)
- Only data from the "work space" is sent to the policy enforcement point

Trust Algorithms

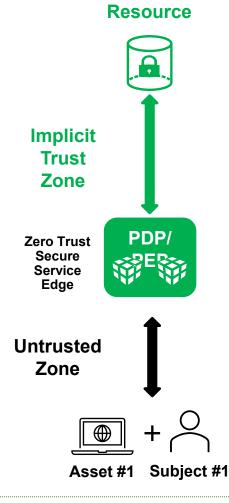
There are two types of Trust Algorithms defined – Criteria-Based Access and Score-Based Access

- Criteria-Based access allows for explicit access rules
 - These users can access the resource
 - These groups of users can access the resource (groups are typically tied to Active Directory or Azure AD such as HR-Staff can access the Accounting Application)
- Score-Based access allows for "adaptive" access and security controls
 - Depending on the scenario, cut access to a resource or allow access to a resource
 - For example, if the device is infected with malware, automatically cut access regardless of whether explicit criteria-based access is met
 - If a user did not authenticate with multi-factor authentication, use browser isolation (the modern VDI equivalent) to put a pane of glass in front of the resource

Adaptive Access & Security via the Trust Algorithm

Confidence Level Algorithms Configured For Each Resource Policy To Allow For Real-Time Decision Making

6. Fine Tune PDP/PEP Resource Policies



Resource policies configured for each **Resource Type** factor in **Security Objective** and **Impact Level** to determine if subjects and assets have access to protected resources

Resource policies encapsulate the decision-making process of the PDP/PEP to either allow or deny access based on the decision of the **confidence algorithms**

Criteria-based decision metrics and **confidence level algorithms** assign a **confidence score in real-time** to primary actors in the zero-trust framework: **Subject**, **Asset** and **Resource**



Confidence score is calculated at the time of transaction – when the risk occurs:

- For example, there is no risk for a user/hacker who has no access to resources at that time (e.g. in jail), an infected laptop that cannot access a resource (e.g. it is powered off), or a resource that is not connected.
- Risk occurs when all three (Asset, Subject and Resource) meet in an exchange

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Zero Trust Edge

Purpose Built for Zero Trust to Protect Organizations from Breaches and Data Loss

The iboss Zero Trust Edge prevents breaches by making applications, data and services inaccessible to attackers while allowing trusted users to securely and directly connect to protected resources from anywhere.

The iboss Zero Trust Edge is a purpose built, patented, cloud service built on a containerized architecture. This approach enables organizations to move to a Zero Trust Architecture in an orderly, non disruptive way in full compliance with NIST tenets. A Zero Trust Architecture built on iboss consolidates network security technologies (SWG, CASB, DLP, IPS, malware defense, browser isolation, firewall) into a single unified cloud platform and eliminates the need for a VPN while securing any device, regardless of location. iboss shifts the focus from protecting the network perimeter to protecting resources.

The Challenge

Your applications have moved to the cloud (Microsoft 365, CRM, HR, Marketing automation, corporate applications in public clouds including: AWS, Azure, Google Cloud) but your security architecture still consists of an outdated, legacy "castle and moat" on-prem, appliance-based architecture that protects the perimeter instead of the applications, data and services your users need.

IT Challenges from the rapid shift to cloud resources and mobile workers:

- 1. Need for visibility for all traffic to enterprise applications
- 2. Need to implement Zero Trust using best practices
- 3. Need to Prevent Breaches and Data loss
- 4. IPv6 support to ensure users can connect to resources
- 5. Protect resources (Data, apps) located on prem and in the cloud
- 6. Eliminate VPNs and their cost

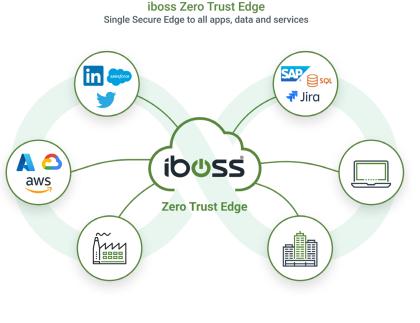
The Solution

Your data and applications are in the cloud; your security should be too. A dynamic business world in the era of cloud and mobility requires security built upon a robust Zero Trust Architecture.



iboss Zero Trust Edge

iboss enables organizations to protect their resources (apps, data and services) by putting a Zero Trust service in front of them which ONLY allows the approved users to access those resources. The resources are not accessible publicly. iboss allows organizations to classify and label their applications, data and services and control access to them based on their security impact level to the organization.



All traffic routed through iboss global security fabric

iboss Zero Trust Edge Benefits:

- Ensures consistent visibility and protection for all enterprise apps and data
- All resources are made private: no access to any resources unless through the policy enforcement point per NIST 800-207 requirements
- Prevents breaches and data loss
- IPv6 support ensures users can connect from anywhere
- Ensures a seamless move to the cloud with hybrid deployment support
- Eliminates VPNs

iboss Zero Trust Edge Benefits:



Lower operations cost

3-year ROI on average

Positive Business Impacts:

- Modern, Award-Winning Platform
- 230+ Patents and the world's largest ٠ containerized cloud fabric
- Users connect securely and directly to any and all cloud applications
- SaaS cloud security agnostic of user location and device

Scalable, Proven Cloud SaaS Fabric:

- 100+ Global points of presence
- 100+ Countries where users are connected and protected
- 150+ Billion secured transactions daily and growing
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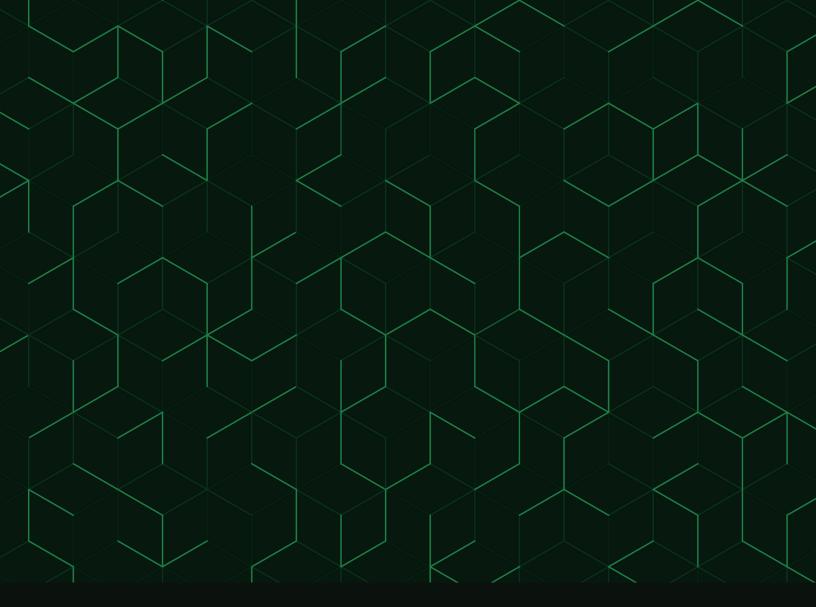
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Overview

NIST Special Publication 800-207 provides a clear and distinct definition of a Zero Trust Architecture that can be used to transform an enterprise to a Zero Trust model. The iboss Zero Trust Edge is a direct implementation against the NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture principles and guidelines to ensure the service can be used to implement Zero Trust according to the NIST 800-207 publication. This guide will specifically walk through each section of the publication providing guidance on the principles described and the method by which to implement those principles using the iboss Zero Trust Edge service.

Defining Zero Trust

NIST 800-207 begins by detailing the basics of Zero Trust (Section 2) which are critically important as everything else is built on this foundation. NIST 800-207 offers the following definitions:

"Zero trust (ZT) provides a collection of concepts and ideas designed to minimize uncertainty in enforcing accurate, least privilege per-request access decisions in information systems and services in the face of a network viewed as compromised. Zero trust architecture (ZTA) is an enterprise's cybersecurity plan that utilizes zero trust concepts and encompasses component relationships, workflow planning, and access policies. Therefore, a zero trust enterprise is the network infrastructure (physical and virtual) and operational policies that are in place for an enterprise as a product of a zero trust architecture plan." (NIST-800-207-SP, 2020, p. 4)

From the definition, the term "Zero Trust" (ZT) is the collection of concepts and ideas related to "enforcing accurate, least privilege **per-request access decisions** in information systems and services," while "Zero Trust Architecture" (ZTA) is the plan that utilizes those concepts. The phrase "per-request access decisions" is highlighted to re-enforce that implementing Zero Trust goes far beyond authentication and includes the ability to analyze and make decisions on every request, after authentication occurs.

After a user authenticates against an Identity Provider (IdP), the requests to the protected resource that follow are not inspected by the IdP. The IdP provides a single access decision at login but has no visibility to the continuous requests to the resource that occur afterward. This is a critical concept to understand and it's the difference between "authentication" and "authorization". Authentication focuses on determining who the user is. Authorization is focused on the permission that is granted to access a system resource and is defined by NIST as:

"The right or a permission that is granted to a system entity to access a system resource."

https://csrc.nist.gov/glossary/term/authorization

From the NIST 800-207 definition of Zero Trust, authorization must be given for every request which is not possible within the authentication system which does not have access to every request.

The definition is further summarized in the following sentence within NIST 800-207:

"This definition focuses on the crux of the issue, which is the goal to prevent unauthorized access to data and services coupled with making the access control enforcement as granular as possible. That is, authorized and approved subjects (combination of user, application (or service), and device) can access the data to the exclusion of all other subjects (i.e., attackers). To take this one step further, the word "resource" can be substituted for "data" so that ZT and ZTA are about resource access (e.g., printers, compute resources, Internet of Things [IoT] actuators) and not just data access." (NIST-800-207-SP, 2020, p. 4)

To summarize, Zero Trust, according to the NIST 800-207, is centered around protecting resource access so that only approved subjects are allowed access to the resource while all others are automatically denied.

Zero Trust in Correlation to the NIST Risk Management Framework (RMF)

The NIST Risk Management Framework is a cybersecurity framework that "provides a process that integrates security, privacy, and cyber supply chain risk management activities into the system development life cycle" (<u>https://csrc.nist.gov/</u>projects/risk-management/about-rmf).

The NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture SP follows the principles of the NIST RMF and is a set of controls and process that are implemented to manage and mitigate risk. Particularly, Zero Trust focuses on reducing and managing risk related to enterprise-owned resource access. Particularly, Zero Trust focuses on protecting access to all enterprise-owned resources which include data, application and services so that only approved users and devices can access those resources while automatically denying access to everyone else.

The process of implementing Zero Trust will follow the general process flow of the NIST RMF which include preparing to implement Zero Trust, categorizing the resources that need to be protected by Zero Trust, selecting and implementing the Zero Trust controls, assessing that the Zero Trust service is operating as expected, authorizing the Zero Trust service and continuously monitoring the Zero Trust service which ensures that only authorized subjects are interacting with protected resources.



For more information on each RMF Step, including Resources for Implementers and Supporting NIST Publications, select the Step below.

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Figure 1- The NIST Risk Management Framework Process, https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/risk-management

Preparing to Implement the Zero Trust Architecture

Understanding the core principles of the Zero Trust Architecture are foundational before beginning the Zero Trust transformation. Without this understanding, a proper Zero Trust implementation cannot be achieved.

Understanding the Policy Decision/Enforcement Point and the Implicit Trust Zone

Understanding the Policy Decision/Enforcement Point (PDP/PEP) is central to implementing Zero Trust as it is the heart of the Zero Trust Architecture. The PDP/PEP is the gatekeeper that is responsible for authorizing "per-request" access decisions to protected resources. The most basic diagram of Zero Trust Architecture that can be created is shown by the NIST 800-207 and displayed below:

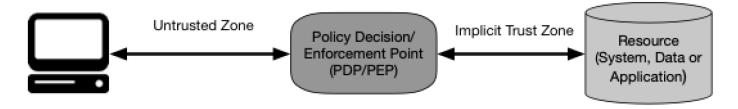


Figure 1: Zero Trust Access

Figure 2 - NIST 800-207 SP, Page 5

The subject on the left needs access to the protected resource on the right. The Policy Enforcement Point (PEP) which authorizes that connection, sits in between the subject and the protected resource for each and every request to the resource. To the left of the PEP is the Untrusted Zone, which represents completely untrusted users, network, assets, services or anything else that needs access to the resource. To be more specific, a user on the left side of the diagram is a user requesting access from any location or a device (such as a laptop) that is located inside or outside of an enterprise network. To the right of the PEP is what is called the "Implicit Trust Zone" and represents data that should only contain traffic from the PEP or the protected Resource. This is the area after authentication and authorization occurs and allows the PEP to transfer the approved request to the protected resource. The protected resource should be "anchored" to the PEP, so it only accepts traffic from the PEP as that traffic represents connections that have been authenticated and authorized.

The NIST summarizes this with:

"The PDP/PEP applies a set of controls so that all traffic beyond the PEP has a common level of trust. The PDP/PEP cannot apply additional policies beyond its location in the flow of traffic. To allow the PDP/PEP to be as specific as possible, the implicit trust zone must be as small as possible." (NIST-800-207-SP, 2020, p. 5)

This is one of the most critical aspects of building a robust Zero Trust implementation. If the protected resource (data, application or service) can be accessed by bypassing the PEP, the principles of Zero Trust immediately fall apart. This is because the PEP is responsible for "enforcing accurate, least privilege per-request access decisions in information systems and services" (NIST-800-207-SP, 2020, p. 4) and it cannot enforce "per-request access decisions" if access bypasses the PEP. This is a very nuanced aspect of Zero Trust but it is not trivial. If this foundational principle is not met, anything else built on top of Zero Trust falls apart.

Remember, Zero Trust is designed to protect enterprise-owned resources that include data, applications and services that can be located on-prem or in the cloud as a SaaS service by ensuring that every request is authorized by a PEP. Enforcing this principle on SaaS resources can be challenging because of their multi-tenant nature. With SaaS applications and data, many unrelated enterprises log into the same shared service. However, it's important to ensure that access to the protected resources is completely restricted unless it's authorized via the specific Policy Enforcement Points for the specific organization to ensure the request has been authorized by the organization. The iboss Zero Trust Edge makes this possible due to its containerized architecture which allows Access Control Lists to anchor the resource to the Policy Enforcement Points for the specific point so that no traffic flows into the SaaS application or data without being authorized by the PEPs authorizing requests for the specific enterprise.

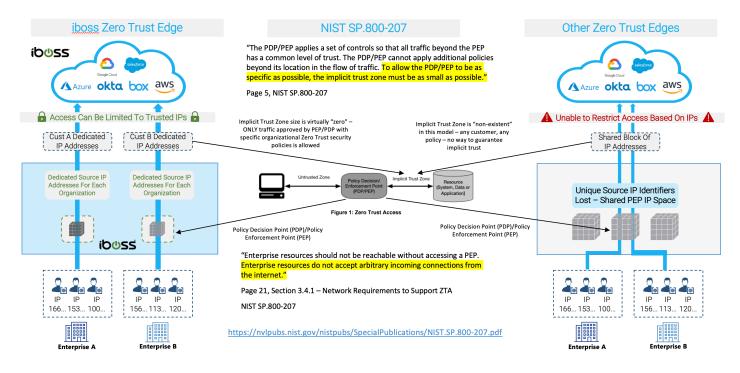


Figure 3 - The iboss Zero Trust Edge is able to anchor cloud resources to the Policy Enforcement Point (PEP) so that only authorized traffic for the organization is allowed to flow to the protected resource

In the figure above using the iboss Zero Trust Edge on the left, resources reject any connection that does not originate from the Policy Enforcement Point by creating Access Control Lists (ACLs) that only accept traffic from the PEP. The ACLs use the unique and dedicated IP space that only source traffic from one organization which ensures that the policies that authorize the transaction are from that specific organization. With shared Policy Enforcement Point IP Address space, as with the diagram on the right, the resource is accepting arbitrarily authorized connections from any enterprise that has traversed the PEP.

Using an example clarifies this principle. Suppose a highly sensitive document within a SaaS application share drive is made inadvertently public to the world by publishing it with world access permissions (no login required). With an architecture that cannot restrict access to that protected resource to only authorized and approved subjects of that organization, any user that uses the same service will be able to click the link and open the document. With iboss, because every request needs to be authorized through the Policy Enforcement Point which authorized connections only for subjects for the specific organization, all other users that are not approved, including those using the iboss Zero Trust Edge from a different organization, will be automatically rejected. This provides instant zero CASB protection to all sensitive content and applications.

When properly implemented, the protected resources are invisible and inaccessibly to attackers as there is no direct access to any protected resources and can only be achieved by being specifically authorized by a PEP. Choosing the right foundational architecture is critical when implementing the NIST 800-207 architecture and ensuring that the architecture supports preventing direct access to resources is likely one of the most foundational criteria.

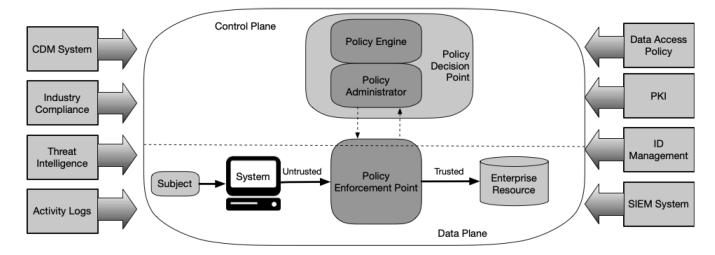




Figure 4 - NIST 800-207 SP, Page 9

Logical Components of Zero Trust Architecture

The NIST 800-207 shows the following diagram for the core components of Zero Trust Architecture:

The Policy Enforcement Point is the heart of the Zero Trust Architecture and sits at the center of the diagram. The iboss Zero Trust Edge serves all of the core components at the center of the Zero Trust Architecture diagram, including the Policy Engine, the Policy Administrator and the Policy Enforcement Point which authorizes "per-request" access to protected enterprise resources.

iboss Implementation of NIST SP 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture

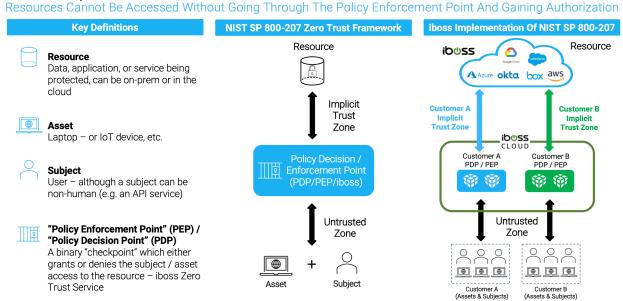


Figure 5 - The iboss Zero Trust Edge serves as the heart of the Zero Trust Architecture model

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the PEP to allow or deny a request to a protected resource. This decision uses signals coming from a variety of sources, including Identity Providers (IdPs) which provide authentication, asset and device management systems, threat feeds and other inputs to ultimately make the most confident decision of whether a request should be authorized or denied to the protected resource.

Categorizing and Classifying Enterprise-Owned Resources

Following along the NIST Risk Management Framework, categorizing and classifying the enterprise-owned resources that need to be protected is the next critical step in implementing the Zero Trust Architecture. Zero Trust starts with a clear understanding of what needs to be protected and a clear understanding of what the security objectives are for each resource as well as the security impact an attacker could have if those resources were affected. Resources include anything the enterprise wants to protect, including data, applications, services or any other technology which can be protected by a Policy Enforcement Point.

Tagging and Labeling Enterprise-Owned Resources

Tagging enterprise-owned resources allows an enterprise to organize and understand what resources it has and what needs to be protected. With the proliferation of SaaS and cloud resources, it has become exponentially more difficult for most organizations to get a clear understanding of the data and applications that are being utilized by its workforce. Zero Trust helps with this as one of the initial steps is to classify and categorize the resources being used so they are clearly understood.

The iboss Zero Trust Edge allows tags to be applied to data, applications and services. The tags represent labels and descriptions of what the resource is and what category the resource belongs to. For example, a SaaS financial ERP system might be tagged with "financial-erp-system" and placed under a category of "Finance".

With iboss, security objectives and impact levels are associated with each tag. This allows automatic association of security and impact levels while data and applications are classified.

Assigning Security Objectives and Impact Levels

The iboss Zero Trust Edge implements the NIST FIPS 199 model for security objective and impact levels (<u>https://nvlpubs.</u> <u>nist.gov/nistpubs/fips/nist.fips.199.pdf</u>). As defined by NIST FIPS 199, for resources needing protection, there are three security objectives an enterprise looks to achieve:

Confidentiality	"Preserving authorized restrictions on information access and disclosure, including means for protecting personal privacy and proprietary information" [44 U.S.C., Sec. 3542] A loss of confidentiality is the unauthorized disclosure of information.
Integrity	"Guarding against improper information modification or destruction, and includes ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity" [44 U.S.C., Sec. 3542] A loss of integrity is the unauthorized modification or destruction of information.
Availability	"Ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information" [44 U.S.C., SEC. 3542] A loss of availability is the disruption of access to or use of information or an information system.

Table 1 - NIST FIPS 199 Security Objectives

Confidentiality deals with data loss. Integrity deals with data destruction, as could occur when ransomware encrypts sensitive data for ransom. Availability is related to ensure workers can access the sensitive data needed to complete their tasks. For example, if data is encrypted by ransomware and held hostage for a ransom, the data would not be available to workers which could have a high impact level on the organization's ability to function.

FIPS 199 then outlines three impact levels for each of the above security objectives:

Low	"The loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations , organizational assets, or individuals."
Moderate	"The loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on organizational operations , organizational assets, or individuals."
High	"The loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on organizational operations , organizational assets, or individuals."

Table 2 - FIPS 199 Security Objective Impact Levels

For each of the security objectives, they are associated with a low, moderate or high impact level. The goal is to answer questions such as:

- What would happen to the organization if this data was lost and inappropriately disclosed?
- What would happen to the organization if this data was crypto-locked and inaccessible due to a ransomware attack?
- What would happen if users could not access the data due to an ongoing cyberattack?

Ultimately, a low, moderate or high impact level score is associated with confidentiality, then again to integrity and finally to availability.

Each iboss resource tag allows setting a low, moderate or high setting for each security objective including confidentiality, integrity and availability. As each resource is tagged within the iboss Zero Trust Edge, they automatically inherit the security impact levels for each of these security objectives because the tag is already associated with the security objective and impact level information.

	Security Object	ve	🕂 Impact Level			
Confidentiality	Integrity	Availability	Low	Moderate	High	
Preserving authorized restrictions on information access and disclosure	Guarding against improper information modification or destruction	Ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information	Limited adverse effects on organizational operations	Serious adverse effects on organizational operations	Severe or catastrophic adverse effects on organizational operations	
Resources all classified by Resource Type, Security Objective, And Impact Level						
HR System Resource: Confidentiality (High) x Integrity (Moderate) x Availability (Low)						
CRM System Resource: Confidentiality (Moderate) x Integrity (High) x Availability (Moderate)						
Code Repository Resource: Confidentiality (High) x Integrity (High) x Availability (High)						
Figure 6 - Tagging resources within the iboss Zero Trust Edge automatically assigns security objectives and impact levels						

Once the resources are identified and tagged, the organization has taken a major step to reducing cyber-risk by providing a clear understanding of what data and applications are in use, where they are located and the security impact a compromise to those resources would have on the organization.

A Guide To Implementing Zero Trust With iboss Zero Trust Platform

Identification & Classification Of All Company Resources And Their Associated Impact Levels

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		data access	modification	to and use of	organizational	organizational	on organizational	
		and disclosure	or destruction	data	operations	operations	operations	

Figure 7 - The iboss Zero Trust Edge allows enterprises to identify, tag and assign security impact levels to protected resources which greatly reduces cyber-risk and provides visibility to sensitive resources

Creating the Trust Algorithm and iboss Resource Policies

The next step in the process is to create and assign the Trust Algorithms for the protected resources. This is performed within the iboss Zero Trust service which serves as Policy Administrator and the Policy Engine. The Trust Algorithm combines resource policies and dynamic, adaptive scoring which will provide the information necessary for the iboss Policy Enforcement Points (PEPs) to authorize or deny connections to the protected resources that were classified in the previous step.

There NIST 800-207 describes the Trust Algorithm with this example:

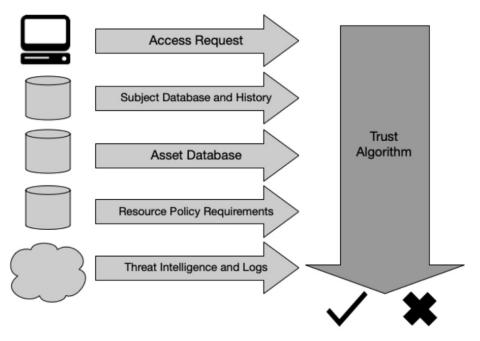


Figure 7: Trust Algorithm Input

Figure 8 - NIST 800-207 SP, Page 18

The Trust Algorithm takes a set of inputs, such as who needs access to the resource, which asset is being used to access the resource, resource policy requirements and other information to ultimately authorize or deny access to a protected resource. This is a key point. The inputs can vary greatly and can be analog in nature. The output of the Trust Algorithm is binary. It results in the Policy Enforcement Point either granting access to the resource or denying it.

There are key types of Trust Algorithms defined in the NIST 800-207, such as criteria-based versus score-based algorithms. The criteria-based algorithm allows or denies access based on a set of criteria. The score-based algorithm uses a "point system" to grant access to the resource when the score is high enough to ensure high confidence that access should be authorized.

The iboss Zero Trust Edge leverages resource policies to associate the Trust Algorithm to the resources defined previously. Policies can be created for groups of resources or individual resources which provide the inputs necessary for the PEPs to authorize or deny access requests on a per-request basis.

The iboss Zero Trust Edge supports criteria-based and score-based Trust Algorithms within the resource policies. For example, a set of criteria can be created that indicate that users with a certain attribute are allowed to access a resource, including restricting access to the resource to a certain geo. Additionally, the score-based algorithm provides additional context which dynamically applies a score to each and every access request representing the confidence level for allowing and authorizing access to the protected resource. For example, if a user meets the criteria-based access policy for a resource, but the confidence score for that access is too low, the user is automatically denied access to the resource.

iboss Trust Scoring

The iboss Zero Trust Edge goes beyond applying risk scores to users and extends scoring to all actors involved within the interaction for a protected resource. There are three actors typically involved in an exchange with a protected resource: 1) The user, 2) The asset/device, 3) The Resource itself. The iboss Zero Trust Edge dynamically and adaptively applies a score, at the time of access, to the user, to the asset and to the device. It then combines all three scores to produce an overall access confidence score. Administrators can deny access if the score doesn't meet the minimum score threshold level for the user, the asset, the resource or the overall transaction.

In addition, every transaction to protected resources is logged with the associated dynamic transaction confidence score. This allows visibility into changing confidence score for each resource. For example, if a set of assets need critical patches and are accessing a highly sensitive resource, the overall access score for that resource will drop and be made visible to the administrator.

Confidence Level Algorithms Configured For Each Resource Policy To Allow For Real-Time Decision Making

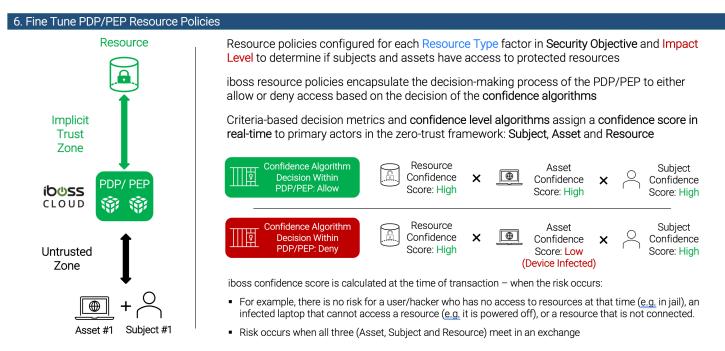


Figure 9 - iboss Zero Trust Edge Trust Algorithm Confidence Scoring

Create Resource Policies for Each Protected Resource

The goal in this step is to create resource policies for each resource. The iboss Zero Trust Edge uses the NIST Zero Trust model for resource policies. The users must be explicitly granted access to a resource while all others are automatically denied. This is an important part of the core definition of the NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture. As a resource policy is created for each resource, the organization is reducing risk by understanding who and what should be interacting with the resources. Ultimately, every resource will be part of a resource policy.

For this step, the resource policies can be set to a monitor only mode so that users can be onboarded without causing major disruptions due to misconfigured resource policies. Transactions in monitor only mode will always be allowed, but the transaction will be recorded for visibility.

Connecting Users through Zero Trust Edge

Now that resources have been classified and resource policies have been created, the next step is to connect users through the iboss Zero Trust Edge so that they are flowing through the Policy Enforcement Points whenever they access the protected resources. The NIST 800-207 shows four primary methods of connecting users. The iboss Zero Trust Edge supports every method described in the NIST 800-207 for connecting assets and users through the Zero Trust Edge.

The four methods of connecting users and assets through the Zero Trust Edge according to the NIST 800-207 are summarized below:

Device Agent/Gateway-	This method is focused on enterprise-owned devices and involves installing an agent				
Based Deployment	on the device which connects through the gateway (PEP) to the resource. Agents are required so that posture checks can be performed on the asset.				
Enclave-Based Deployment	This method is focused on enterprise-owned devices and involves installing an agent on the device which connects to a gateway that provides access to a set of resources that sit behind the PEP. This is an example of a hybrid model where the PEP may exist on-prem and authorize connections to protected resources.				
Resource Portal-Based	This is for assets which may not be enterprise-owned but need access to				
Deployment	resources. With this method, care needs to be taken so that data does not end up				
	on non-enterprise owned devices so browser isolation can be used which creates a				
	barrier (VDI-like) between the asset and the resource.				
Device Application	This is for Operating Systems that support sending data only for applications within				
Sandboxing	the sandbox through the gateway/PEP for access to protected resources. Because				
	the sandbox on the device can be wiped, this can also be used for personal devices.				
	However, this is likely the least popular method due to the need for the Operating				
	System to support the sandboxing feature.				

Figure 11 - Methods for connecting assets and users through the Zero Trust Edge according to the NIST 800-207 SP

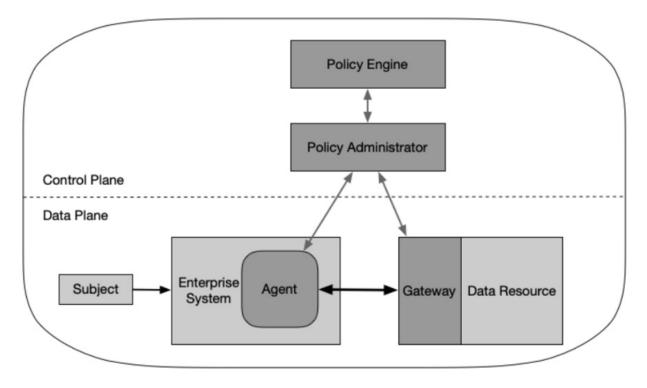


Figure 3: Device Agent/Gateway Model

Figure 12 – The Device Agent/Gateway Model, NIST 800-207 SP, Page 14

Using the Device/Agent Gateway Model to Connect Users

This method is likely the most popular for enterprise-owned assets. An agent is pushed to devices and allows those devices and users to connect to protected resources automatically through the gateway PEP.

The agent is important as it's able to run local device posture checks to ensure the device meets minimum requirements to access protected resources. For example, the agent can check to see that the device has its local firewall enabled and that anti-malware is enabled and running on the asset. This information is fed into the score-based Trust Algorithm which either authorizes or denies access to protected resources.

The iboss Zero Trust Edge has agents for all popular Operating Systems including Windows, Mac, iOS, Linux, Chromebooks and Android. The agents are referred to as "cloud connectors" within the iboss Zero Trust Edge and serve the purpose of connecting users and assets to protected enterprise-owned resources automatically regardless of where the resource is located. The cloud connectors are typically pushed in mass and install silently and automatically. They support being pushed by Mobile Device Management (MDM) or being pushed through SCCM.

Windows Cloud	Windows Terminal	 macOS Cloud	Linux Cloud
Connector	Server	Connector A Downlast -	Connector
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Figure 13 - The iboss Zero Trust Edge has cloud connectors for every popular Operating System

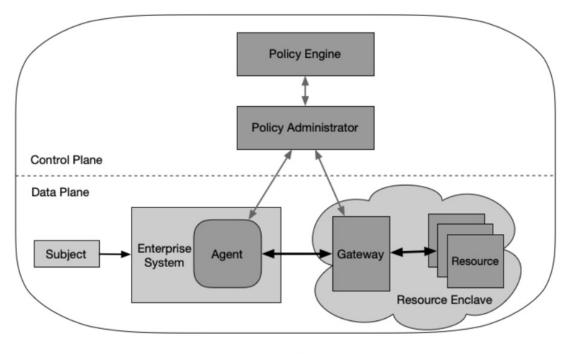


Figure 4: Enclave Gateway Model

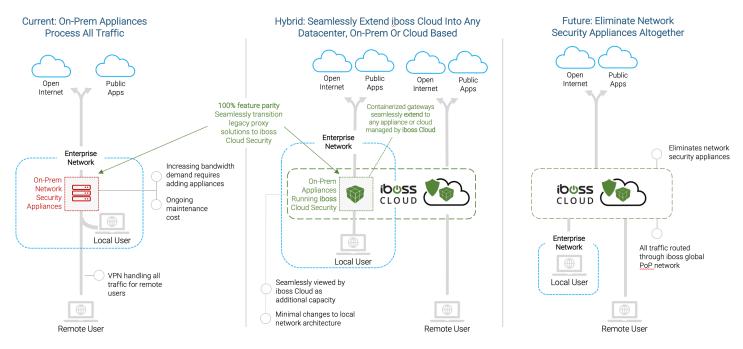
Figure 14 - The Enclave Gateway Model, NIST 800-207 SP, Page 15

Using the Enclave Gateway Model to Connect Users

The NIST 800-207 Enclave Gateway Model allows the Zero Trust Edge to extend into a private cloud, such as a data center, to provide access to protected resources.

This model is similar to the Device Agent/Gateway model but supports the gateway being inside of a private data center, for example. The agent connects to the gateway which runs near the protected resources in the private cloud data center which provides access to the protected resources.

The iboss Zero Trust Edge, with its unique containerized architecture, allows the PEPs to extend naturally into the data center to provide access to on-prem protected resources. The on-prem gateways/PEPs extend the PEPs that run within the iboss cloud global service so that security (CASB, malware defense, data loss prevention) and visibility are exactly the same regardless of where the resource lives or the user connects.





This model is also a great model for enterprises that have legacy appliance-based approaches to security which leverages proxies on-prem to protect resources. The iboss containerized cloud gateways are drop-in replacements to those legacy appliances but are then managed and driven by the global cloud Zero Trust Service. The gateways also broker access to on-prem resources which are protected by the Zero Trust Architecture principles.

Using the Resource Portal Model to Connect BYOD Users

The NIST 800-207 Resource Portal model can be used to connect users that are leveraging personal devices to protected resources. The data from the protected resources must never touch the personal device as that will result in data loss since there is no control of the personal device itself. To mitigate this, the resource portal model can levigate Browser Isolation which puts a pane of glass in front of the resource, allowing the user to interact with the resource while preventing the data from touching the end-user's device. This is the modern equivalent of VDI, but instead uses the end-user's browser to provide the isolated interface. It's scalable and light weight and works on any device with a modern browser.

Within the iboss Zero Trust Edge, Browser Isolation is native and provides a VDI-like interface to the end-user leveraging the user's browser. Because Browser Isolation is a native component of the iboss Zero Trust Edge, it is able to send the data through the same Policy Enforcement Points (PEPs) that the cloud connectors are connected to which ensures:

- The same level of security
- The same level of visibility
- · The ability to connect those users with resources on-prem or in the cloud

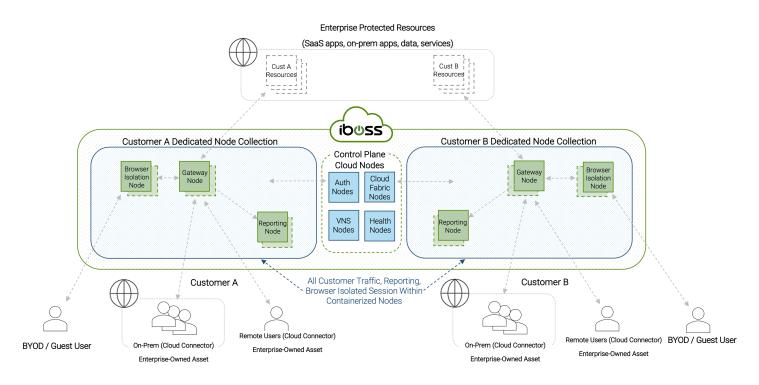


Figure 16 - Browser Isolation allows BYOD devices to connect to protected resources with the security and visibility as those connected with cloud connectors on enterprise-owned assets

Leveraging the Device Application Sandboxing Method to Connect Users

For devices that support application sandboxing, such as Android, data can be isolated to the sandbox on the OS to prevent leakage to the general storage of the personal device.

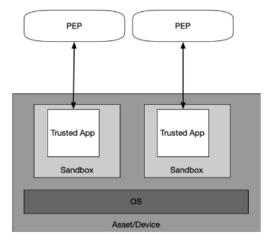


Figure 6: Application Sandboxes

Figure 17 - NIST 800-207 SP Device Application Sandboxing, Page 16

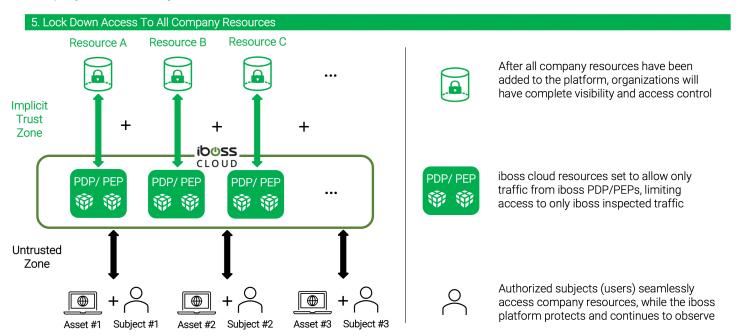
The iboss Zero Trust Edge supports this model and will automatically redirect traffic from the sandbox through the PEPs. This is likely the least popular of the three prior NIST 800-207 methods because the Operating System must support the sandboxing capability. Personal devices must also be enrolled into MDM so that the data and applications within the sandbox can be wiped when the personal device is unenrolled. Given Browser Isolation can completely isolate data from personal devices, this method provides better protection because access to the data is automatically removed at the moment the Browser Isolated session ends. In the sandbox model, if the device is not connected to the Internet, it is possible the data will still reside on the device well after access has been removed. The iboss Zero Trust Edge connectors support sending only data from the sandbox through the gateway PEPs to authorize access to protected resources.

Ensuring All Devices are Connected through the Zero Trust Edge

The goal in this step is to migrate all devices so that they go through the iboss Zero Trust Edge whenever accessing a protected resource. This will likely be performed in phases with a few devices being moved through the Zero Trust Edge first, followed by waves of larger devices being migrated next. As each device is migrated through the iboss Zero Trust Edge, organizational risk is decreased as security and visibility into protected resource access is achieved.

Locking Protected Resource to the Policy Enforcement Points (PEPs)

The final step is to lock resources so that they only interact with gateway Policy Enforcement Points and do not interact directly with any other user or asset. This is the final critical step to achieve a true Zero Trust architecture as this will bring to realization the core definition of the NIST 800-207 Zero Trust architecture which requires authorization for every request accessing a protected resource.



Company Resources Only Accessible To Traffic From iboss PDP/PEP

Figure 18 - Protected resources will be locked to the Policy Enforcement Points of the iboss Zero Trust Edge making them completely invisible and inaccessible by attackers and only available to approved and trusted subjects

With the iboss containerized architecture, it is possible to lock every resource, including SaaS applications and data, to the PEP. This is because the iboss Zero Trust Edge will assign unique, unshared IP addresses for the PEPs which only source traffic for a single organization.

Locking the resource can be accomplished using two methods. The first involves configuring the Identity Provider to only allow connections for authentication from the iboss dedicated IP space that represents the Policy Enforcement Points. IdPs support this with the concept of "zoning". The zone that will accept logins includes traffic from the PEPs.

A second method, if the resource supports it, is to add the IP ACL restrictions on the resource itself so that regardless of the login, the resource only ever accepts requests that come from the PEP. This is very effective in cases such as the "impossible traveler" where a user authenticates to the IdP but their session gets compromised and an attempt to access the resource is made from a distance from the original login that would not be possible. Each and every request is ensured to be authorized regardless of authentication location or method.

For each resource that is locked, the organization increases their security posture and reduces organizational risk. Eventually, all resources are locked to the PEPs and organizational risk is greatly reduced.

Removing Monitor-Only Mode to Enforce Zero Trust Access

In the final step, if the iboss resource policies were placed in "monitor-only" mode, this can be removed so that the PEPs move into a fully enforcing mode. In this mode, only approved subjects are allowed while all others are denied for the resource. Once all of the resources have been moved to an enforcing policy, the organization has transitioned fully to a Zero Trust model.

Monitoring the Zero Trust Implementation

With each and every access being authorized through the PEP, an enterprise now has full visibility about which users, assets and resources are interacting. Additionally, dynamic risk scoring is being generated on each of the users, assets and resources to see how this is trending over time. The iboss Zero Trust Edge provides continuous real-time visibility to all users, assets and resources. It also dynamically adapts to respond to threats in real-time so that resources are protected automatically when the risk changes for a user, subject or resource.

Summary

The iboss Zero Trust Edge provides the ability to implement the NIST 800-207 Zero Trust Architecture Special Publication easily and in a straightforward manner. This transition not only reduces cyber-risk and improves the enterprise's security posture, but it also changes the way users gain access to protected resources. In legacy models, users are required to enable and disable VPNs to gain access to resources that are located on-prem. With Zero Trust, users are simply connected to the iboss Zero Trust Edge which automatically gives them access to authorized and approved resources, regardless of whether the user is on-prem or in the cloud. The location of the resource is abstracted from the user making the end-user experience better.

Transforming to a Zero Trust model also ensures there is no east-west traffic movement and that all resources are completely invisible and inaccessible by attackers. The Policy Enforcement Points are the only gateway to the protected resource, regardless of whether the resource is in the cloud or on-prem, and will deny access by default while only authorizing approved subjects that meet a high level of confidence that need access to a resource. The journey is one that will revolutionize the way organizations think about protecting resources that are located everywhere, while allowing users and assets to connect to those resources from anywhere.

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