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# ZT: What is it?

# Not a technology





# ZT Definition

There's no established definition, but a set of high level principles to guide a risk-based approach to cyber resources management in distributed organizations, with distributed supply chain and with distributed services.



# It's a philosophy



# The definition CSA is using

Zero Trust is a cybersecurity strategy premised on the idea that no user or asset is to be implicitly trusted. It assumes that a breach has already occurred or will occur, and therefore, a user should not be granted access to sensitive information by a single verification done at the enterprise perimeter. Instead, each user, device, application, and transaction must be continually verified.

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## DRAFT REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

Zero Trust and Trusted Identity Management



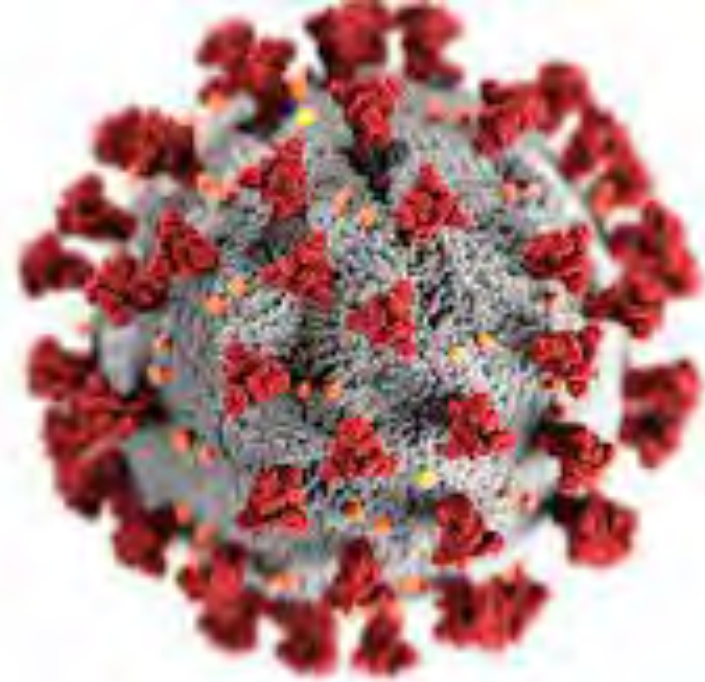
# Context



# Complexity



# Acceleration







**Skepticism**

# Evidence Based Trust

Timestamp	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Content	Vulnerability
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08\13-12:27:37	129.174.124. 122:4444	129.174.124. 184:4040	SHELLCODE x86 inc ebx NOOP	CVE-2009-1918
08\13-14:37:27	129.174.124. 122:1715	129.174.124. 53:80	SQL Injection Attempt	CWE89
08\13-16:19:56	129.174.124. 122:49381	129.174.124. 137:8080	Cross-Site Scripting	XSS
08\13-14:37:29	129.174.124. 53	129.174.124. 35	name='Alice' AND password='alice' OR '1'='1'	CWE89
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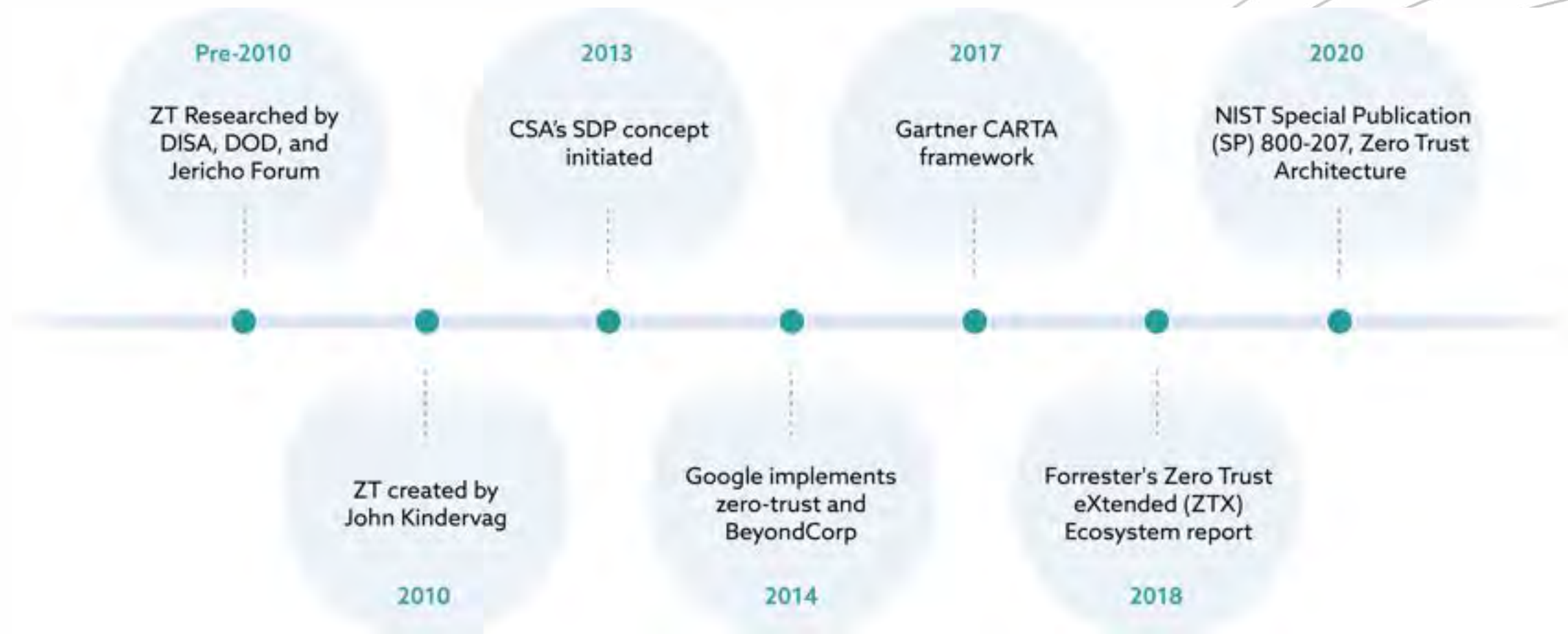


Misnomer?



# Memory Lane

# ZT Timeline








# Principles



# ZT Principles

- Design the system from the inside out, starting from the surface you want to protect.
- Trust no one and nothing, until validated and verified (make no assumptions, assume hostile environment, presume breach).
- Enforce the need to know and least privilege access principles.
- Define/Change access requirements and policies based on risk and context.
- Monitor (continuously) what's happening.

# Pillars and Maturity Model

	 Identity	 Device	 Network	 Application Workload	 Data
Traditional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Password or multifactor authentication</li> <li>• Limited risk assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited visibility into compliance</li> <li>• Simple inventory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large macro-segmentation</li> <li>• Minimal internal or external traffic encryption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access based or local authorization</li> <li>• Minimal integration with workflow</li> <li>• Some cloud accessibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not well inventoried</li> <li>• Static control</li> <li>• Unencrypted</li> </ul>
Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MFA</li> <li>• Some identity federation with cloud and on-premises systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance enforcement employed</li> <li>• Data access depends on device posture on first access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defined by ingress/egress micro-perimeters</li> <li>• Basic analytics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access based or centralized authentication</li> <li>• Basic integration into application workflow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Least privilege controls</li> <li>• Data stored in cloud or remote environments are encrypted at rest</li> </ul>
Optimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous validation</li> <li>• Real time machine learning analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constant device security monitor and validation</li> <li>• Data access depends on real-time risk analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully distributed ingress/egress micro-perimeters</li> <li>• Machine learning-based threat protection</li> <li>• All traffic is encrypted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access is authorized continuously</li> <li>• Strong integration into application workflow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dynamic support</li> <li>• All data is encrypted</li> </ul>

Visibility and Analytics

Automation and Orchestration

Governance

**Figure 1.5.1: CISA High-Level Zero Trust Maturity Model<sup>18</sup>**



# Objectives and Benefits

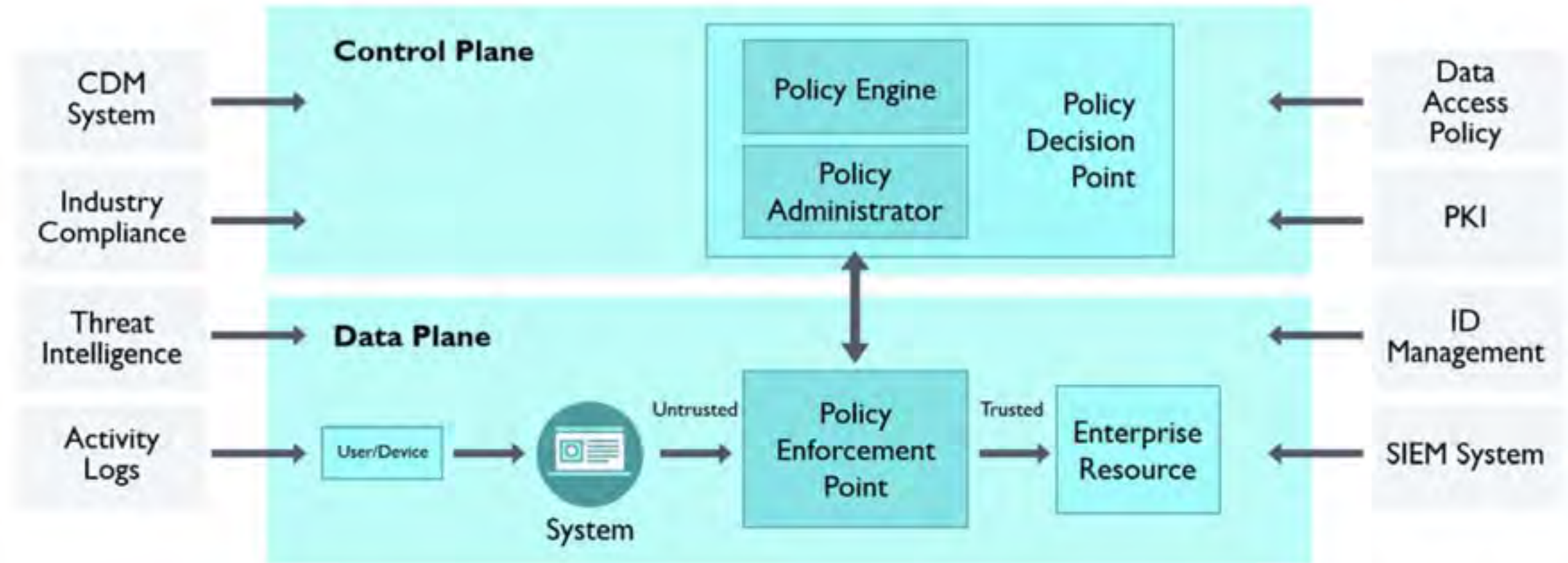


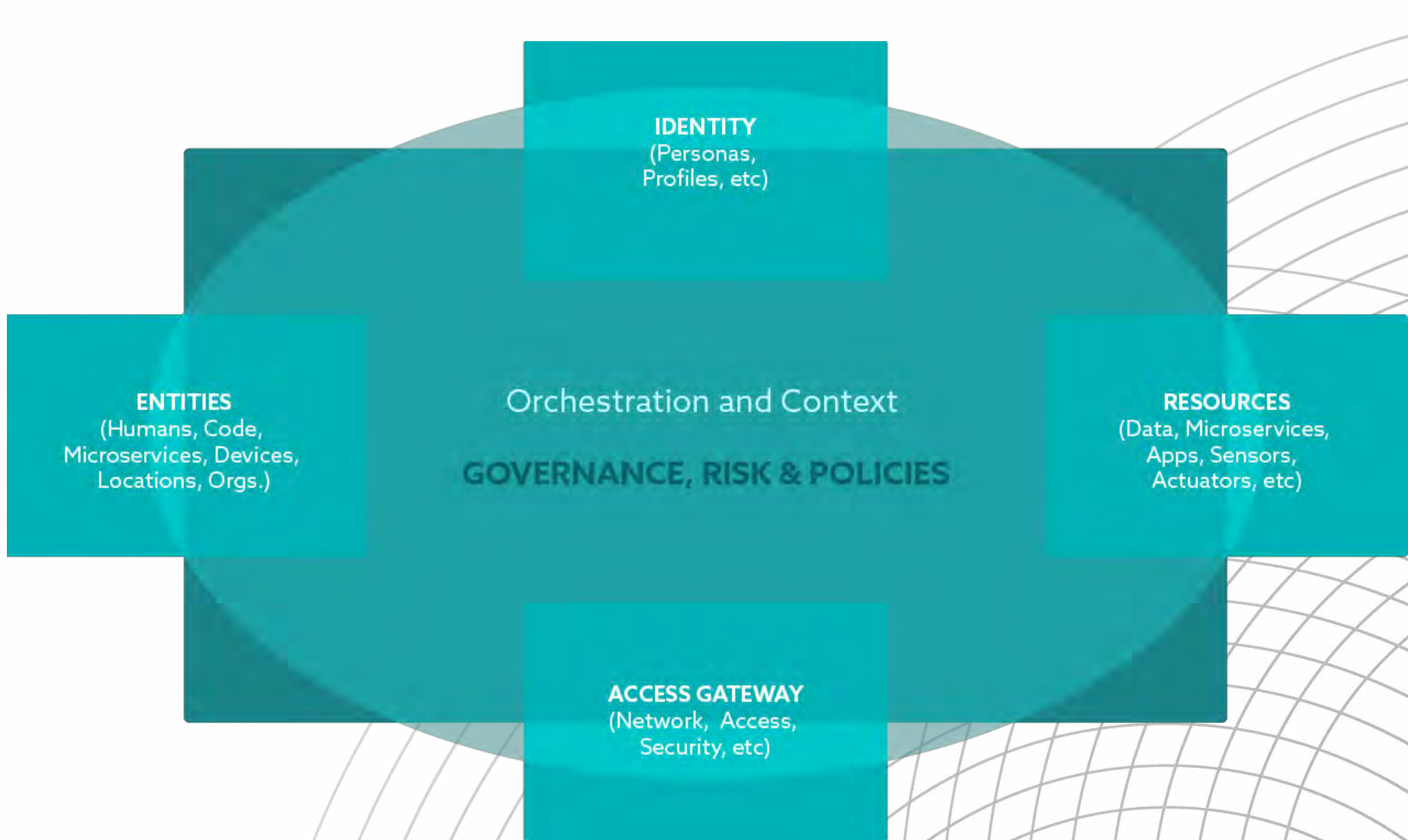
# ZTA Objectives and Benefits

- Reduce Risk
- Improve Organizational Accountability
- Establishing a Protective Framework
- Simplify User Experience
- Reduce Attack Surface
- Reduce Complexity
- Enforce the Least Privilege and Need to Know Principles
- Improve Security Posture & Resilience
- Improve Incident Containment & Management
- Improve Compliance Management

# Logic and Models

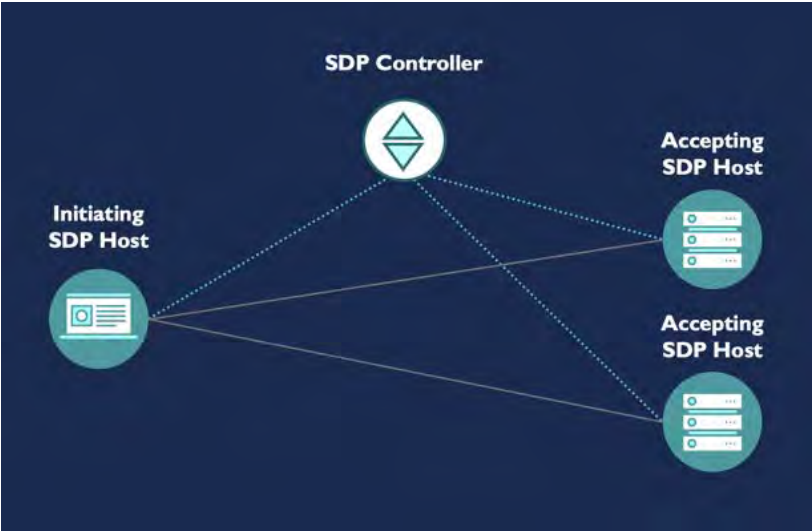
# Logical Components / NIST







# Implementation Models



Conceptual Model of Service-initiated ZTNA

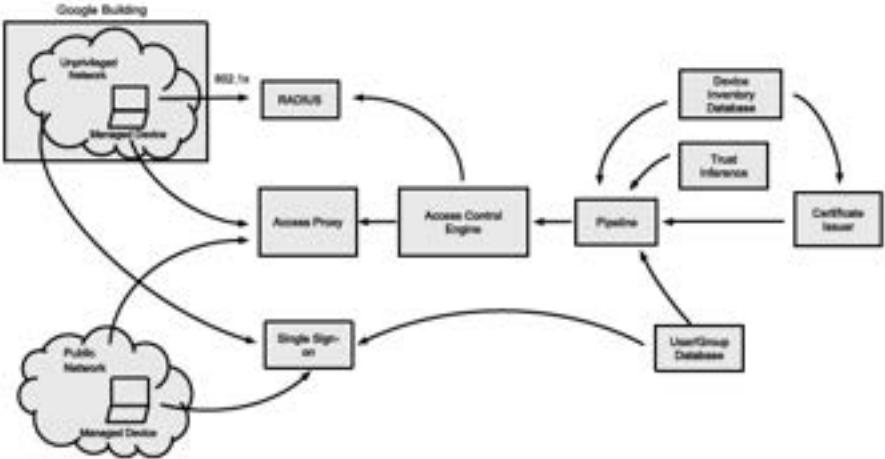
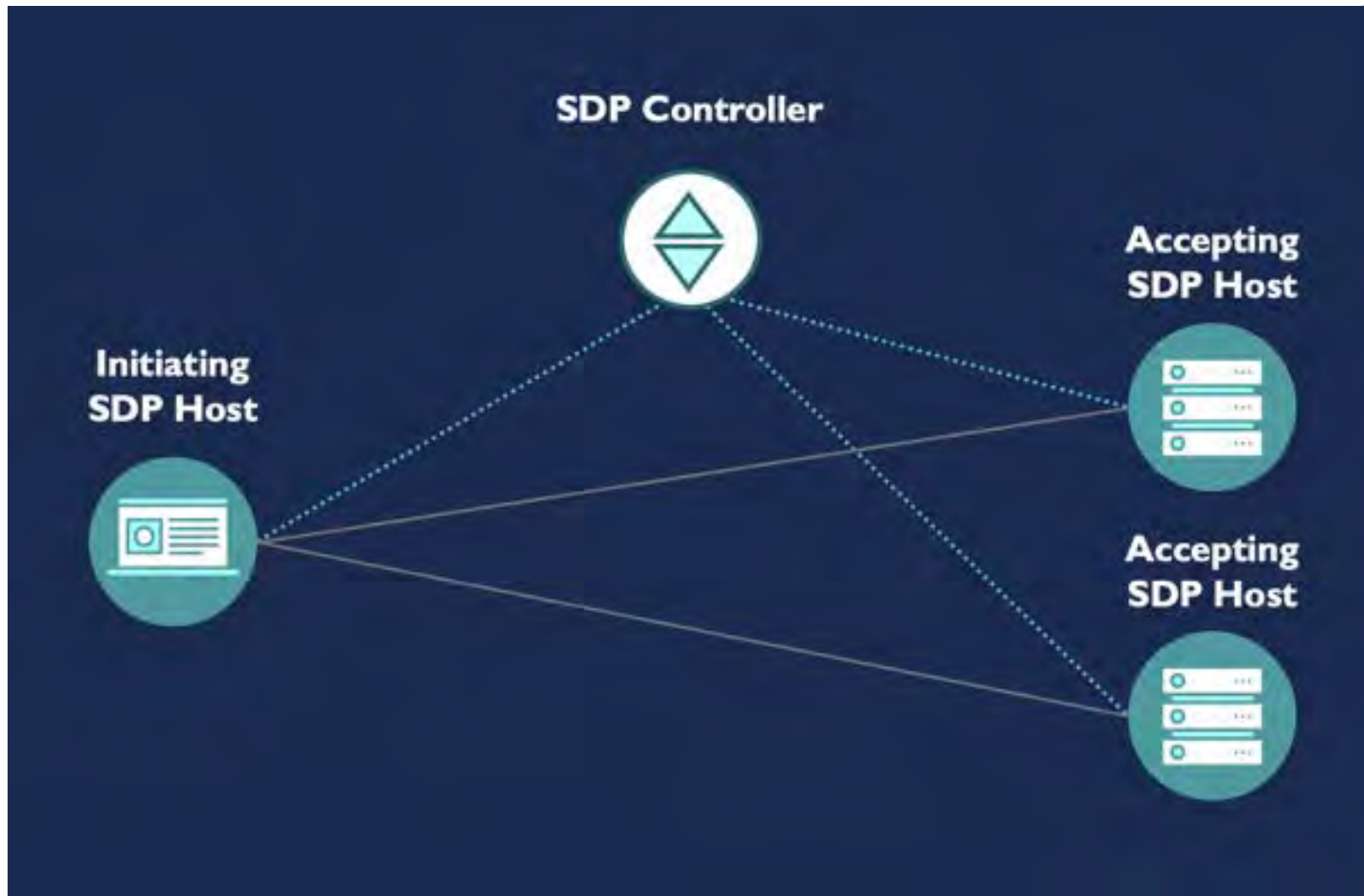


Figure 1: Google's cloud-native architecture security controls—accessing user data



# Implementation Models: Software Defined Perimeter



# Strategy & Planning



# Strategy and Planning

- It is primarily about risk management
- Understand your needs, your current state and define the goals (use cases)
- Determine which assets (data/services/etc.) are involved / what do you need to protect?
- Determine which entities (humans and non) are involved
- Define/Refine the IAM approach
- Select the service architecture / What are the data flows?
- Select the ZT implementation model and approach
- Define your policies
- Select the technology
- Monitor and review based on the risk and context

**BE AGILE!**



**Collective knowledge guiding  
zero trust implementation**



**Questions?**





# Contact

*Links to the CSA's work on ZT and SDP can be found in the Attachments section.*

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## Research

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## CSA STAR

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## Cloud Controls Matrix

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