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Google on BeyondCorp: Empowering employees with security for the cloud era

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What is BeyondCorp?



Enterprise security model based on 7+ years of building zero trust networks at Google

Shifts access controls from the network perimeter to individual devices and users

Allows employees to work more securely from any location without the need for a VPN

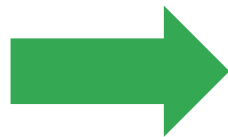
Increasingly embraced by enterprises and mobile ecosystem



Enterprise IT has changed



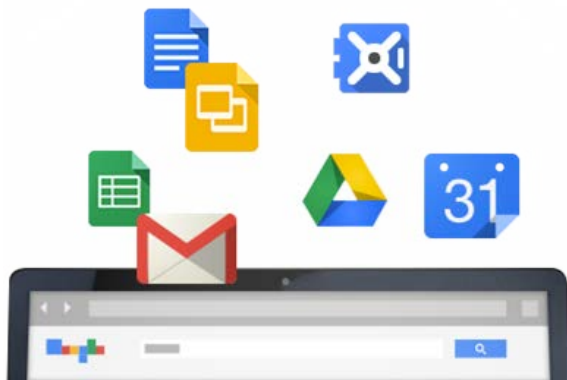
On-Prem resources
Well-defined perimeter
Network-based access controls



Cloud-based resources
Dynamic perimeter
Intelligent access controls



User experience has changed



Dynamic applications



On any device



Access policy goals



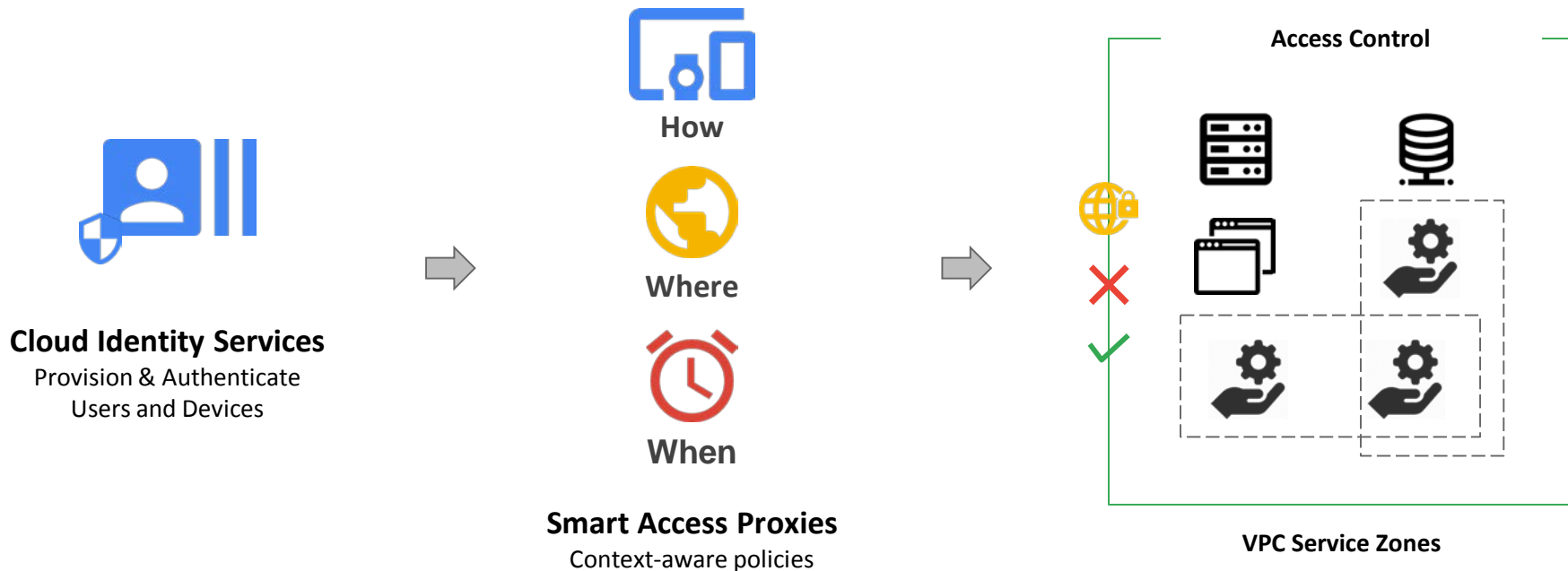
I want my application to be:

- Accessed only by financial employees
- From well-managed client devices
- In home country
- Using strong user authentication
- And proper transport encryption

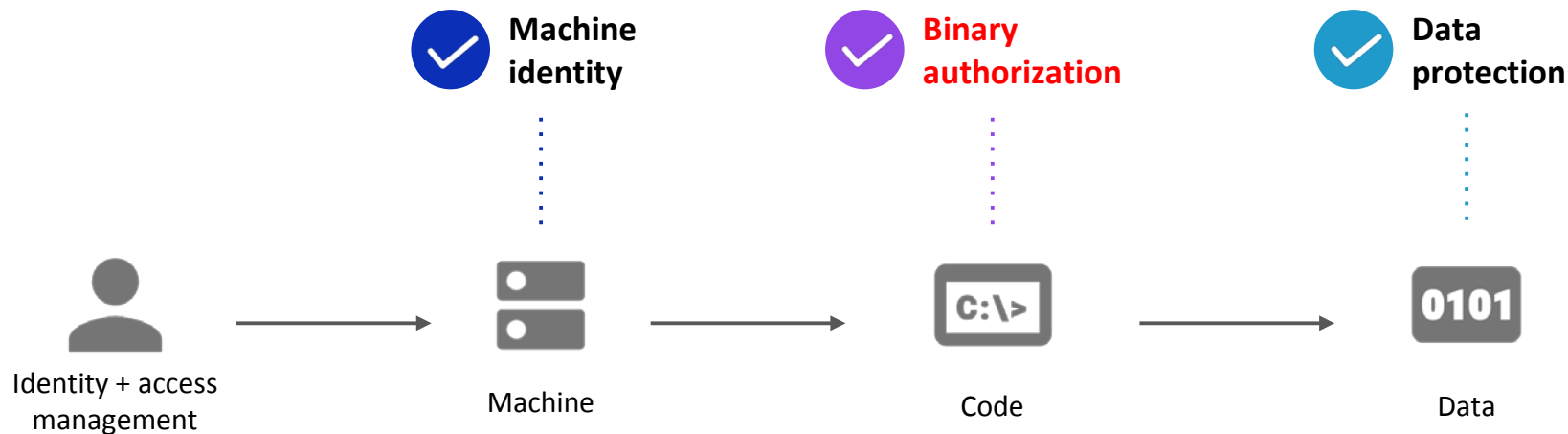
How do you do it?



User- and service-centric access controls



Chain of Trust



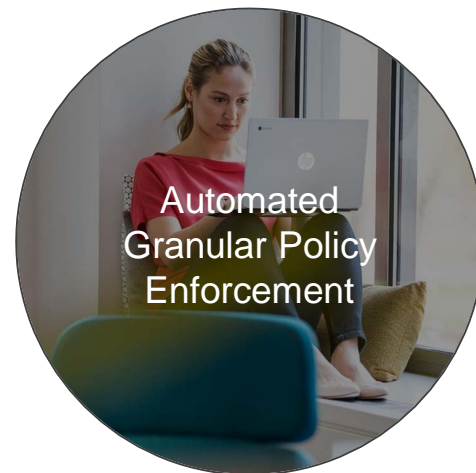
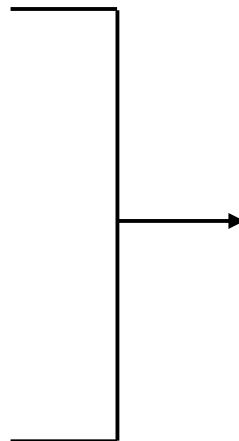
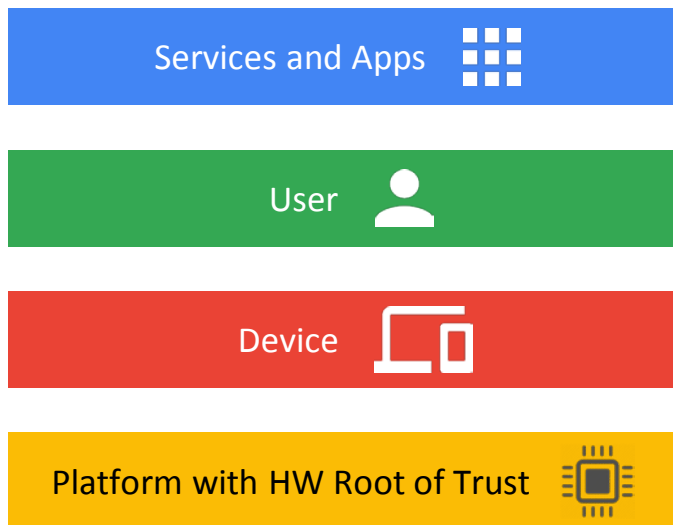
▶ *Right code, running on the right machine,
authorized by the right identity, accessing
the right data at the right time*



Trusted platform + granular policies



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Core principles of BeyondCorp



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Access to services is granted based on what we know about you and your device

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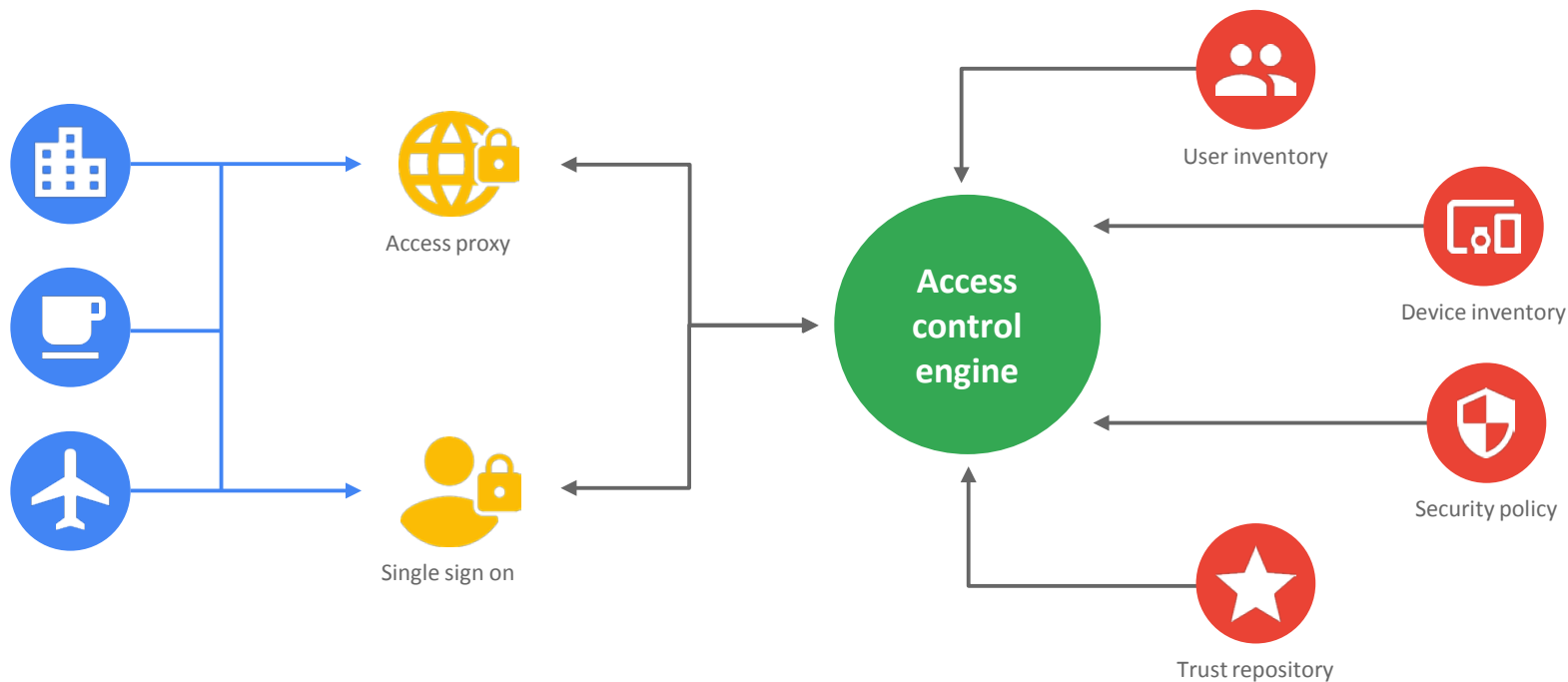
All access to services must be authenticated, authorized and encrypted

3

Enterprises define tiers to enforce access to applications



BeyondCorp software framework



Securing the user: security keys



Second factor designed specifically to defeat phishing

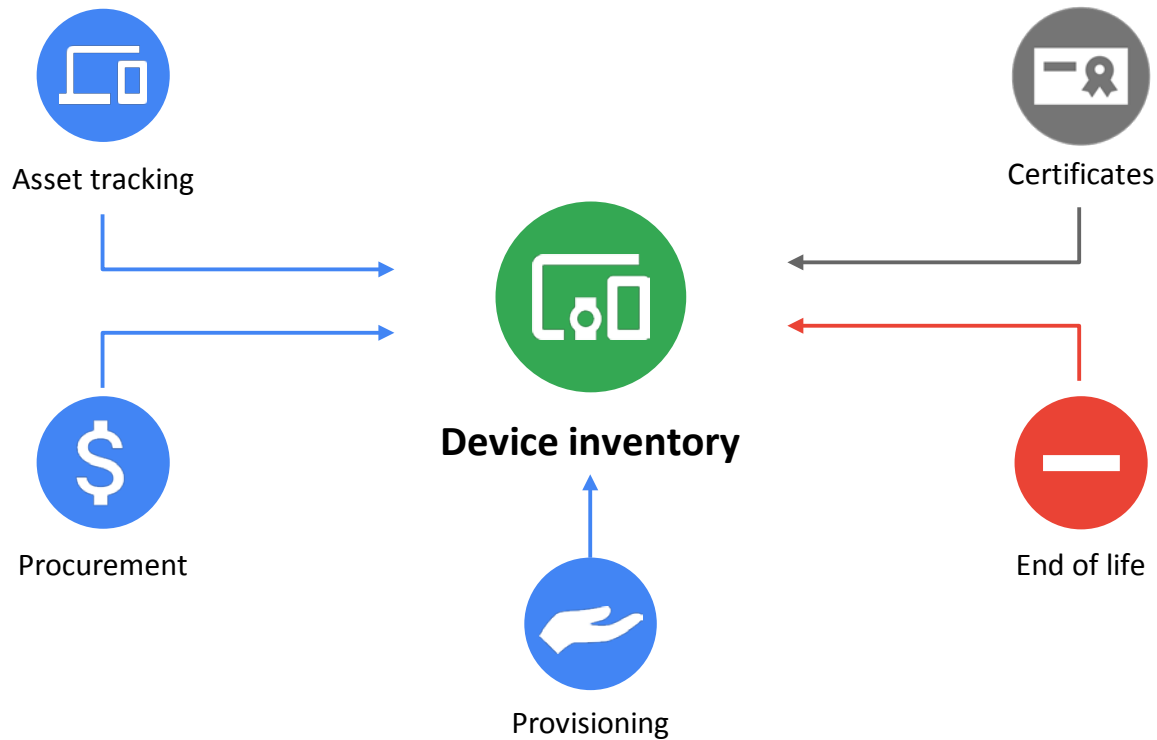
- Like smart card re-designed for web
- One key for multiple sites & accounts
- Simple UX: Insert & press button

Google login uses open FIDO standard

- Inter-domain privacy by design
- FIDO support in Chrome today, other browsers coming soon ...



Establishing device trust



Securing the device

Chrome & Android enterprise



www.android.com/enterprise/recommended



Devices

Max protection and reduced risk with hardware security

Firmware

Verified Boot

OS

Secure from boot up to shutdown with privilege separation, sandboxing, encryption and auto updates

Apps

Server-side malware detection

Browser

Safe browsing and Sandboxing tabs

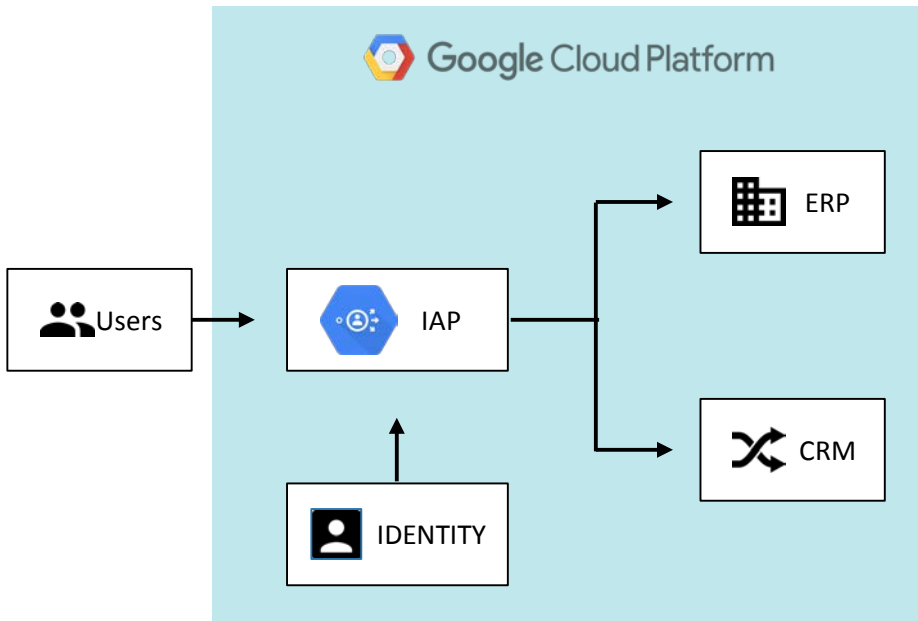


Productizing BeyondCorp

Identity-aware proxy on Google Cloud Platform



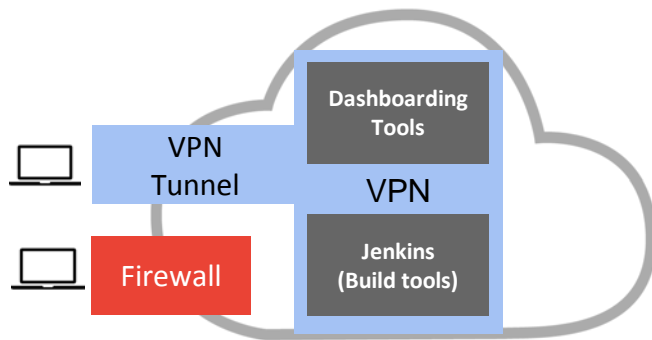
- Add access controls to those applications on GCP based on an end-user's identity.
- Shift access controls from the network perimeter to identities and attributes.
- Centralized, manageable layer where authorizations checks can be applied.



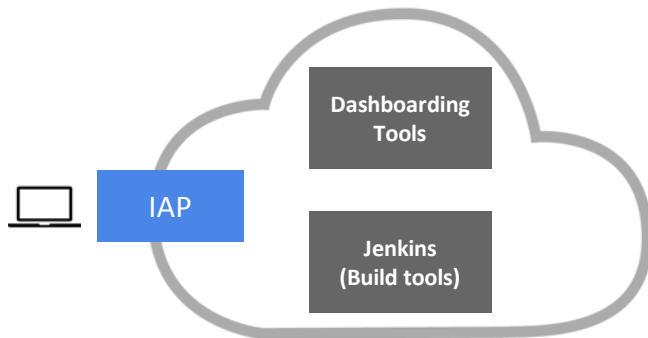
Whisper's BeyondCorp architecture



Before



After



- Applications run in containers (GKE)
- Used firewalls to protect access to internal employee applications
- VPNs were setup for end-user access
- Difficult to expose tools to the right employees
- Enabled IAP in front of applications in GKE
- Added user groups who can access the application



BeyondCorp papers



- An overview: *A New Approach to Enterprise Security*
- How Google did it: *Design to Deployment at Google*
- Google's front-end infrastructure: *The Access Proxy*
- Migrating to BeyondCorp: *Maintaining Productivity While Improving Security*
- The Human Element: *The User Experience*

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