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Building Network Security Policy Through Data Intelligence

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About This Session:

Policy Analytics:

Design, validate and verify policy through data analytics

Agenda:

- Designing Policy
- Validating Policy
- Verifying Policy
- Summary

Examples using ISE, TrustSec
and Secure Network Analytics

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Vs.



The Great Canadian Bacon Debate

About Me



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- Known beer hoser: <http://www.beerhoser.ca>



Designing Policy

Segmentation & Network Security Policy

Security policy should dictate a hierarchy of access permissions; that is, grant users access only to what is necessary for the completion of their work

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network_security_policy

Transaction Attributes:

Time, ports, protocols, applications, etc.

Host Attributes:

IP Address, Hostname, Username, Role, etc.



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Segmentation Policy is Hard

CISO: How do I deploy segmentation without getting fired?

Bear downs 36 beers, passes out at campground

Rainier, not Busch, the beverage of choice for thirsty black bear

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/5756809/ns/us_news-weird_news/t/bear-downs-beers-passes-out-campground



Boozy feral pig steals beer, gets drunk and starts fight with a cow

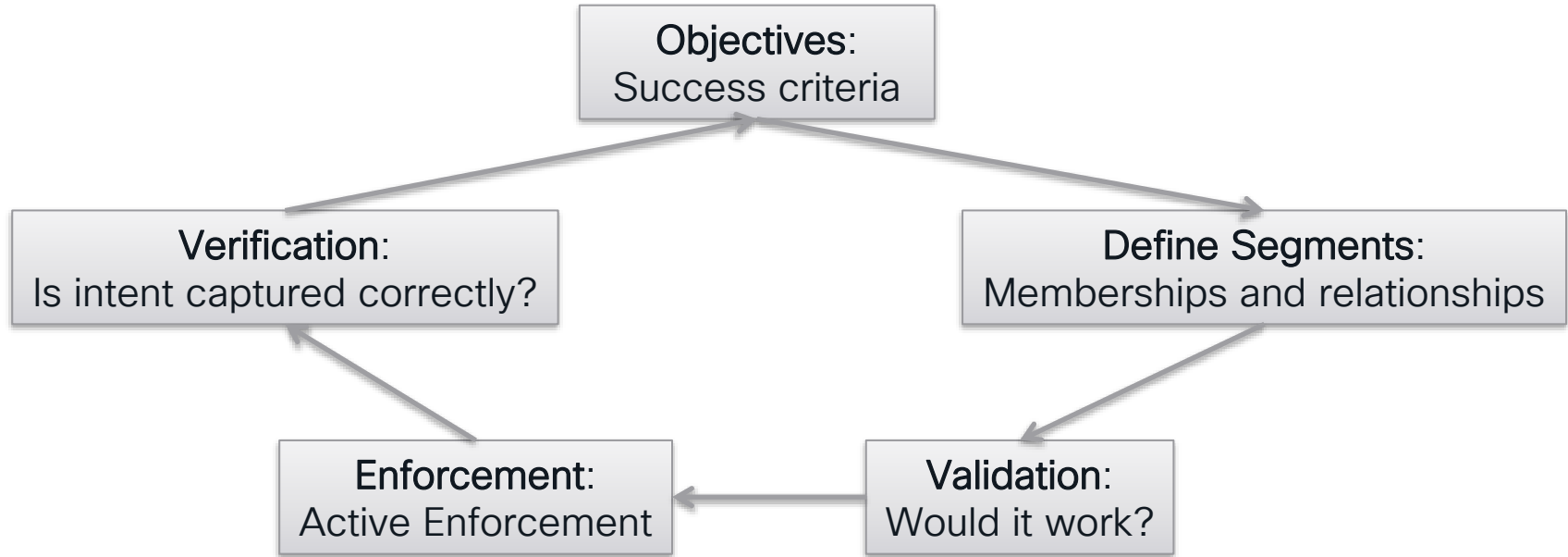
Belligerent porker went on bender after drinking three six-packs of beer

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/australasia/boozy-feral-pig-steals-beer-gets-drunk-and-starts-fight-with-a-cow-8805312.html>



We all know we want it but we're not sure how to do it effectively

Policy and Segmentation is a Process



Defining Objectives and Success

Example Objective:
Regulatory compliance and reduced threat surface

Who is the audience that measures the results against that goal?



Even if segmentation is working as intended,
if the auditor isn't happy you're not done.

Starting a Design

Best Practice:
Start Small, you don't have to do everything at once



Identify assets to protect

PCI Data, Production
Systems, Intellectual
Property, Etc



Methods of Classification

- Static
- Dynamic
- Etc.



Policy Enforcement Points

- Firewall
- Umbrella
- Route/Switch via
DNAC/ISE and TrustSec
- Etc.



Propagation Methods

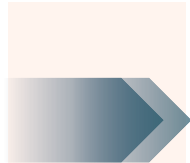
- Inline Tagging
- Out of band overlay
- Implied
- Etc.

Business Centric Segmentation

Business-based groups
and memberships

Business-centric relationships
between groups

Business-based groups
and memberships



Example ISE TrustSec Policy Matrix

Production Matrix

Populated cells: 24

Refresh

Edit + Add Clear ▾ Deploy Verify Deploy Monitor All - Off Import Export View ▾

demo.local ▾

Destination ▾	Unknown	Contractors	Employees	PCI_Servers	Production_Bott...	Production_User...	Quarantined_Sys...
Source ▾	Unknown	Contractors	Employees	PCI_Servers	Production_Bott...	Production_User...	Quarantined_Sys...
Unknown							
Contractors							
Employees							
PCI_Servers							
Production_Bott...							
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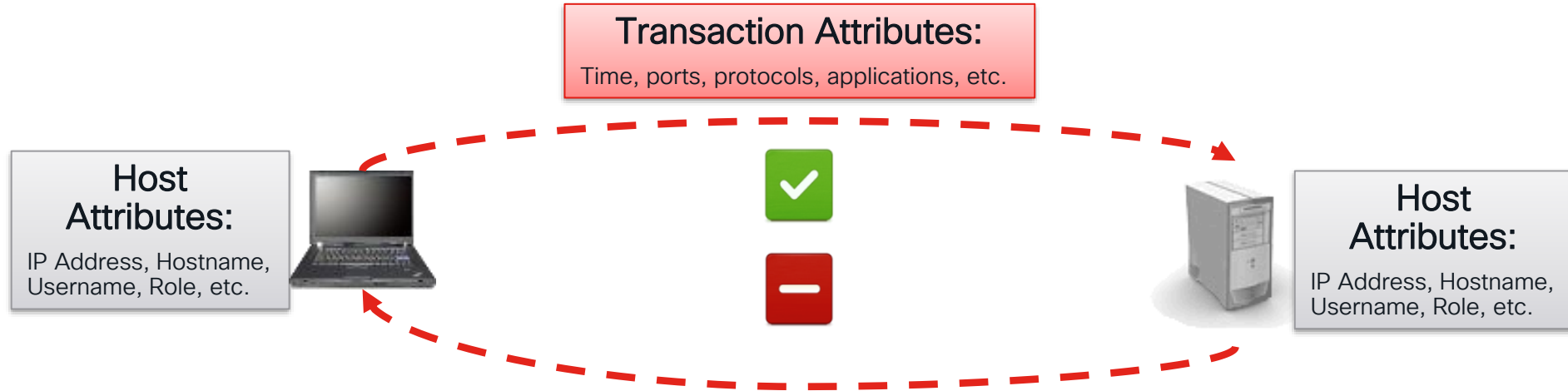
Apply **Deny IP** rule to traffic sourced from *Employees* SGT destined to *Production_Bottling_Line* SGT

Apply **TCP_ONLY** ACL to traffic sourced from *Production_Users* SGT destined to *Production_Bottling_Line* SGT

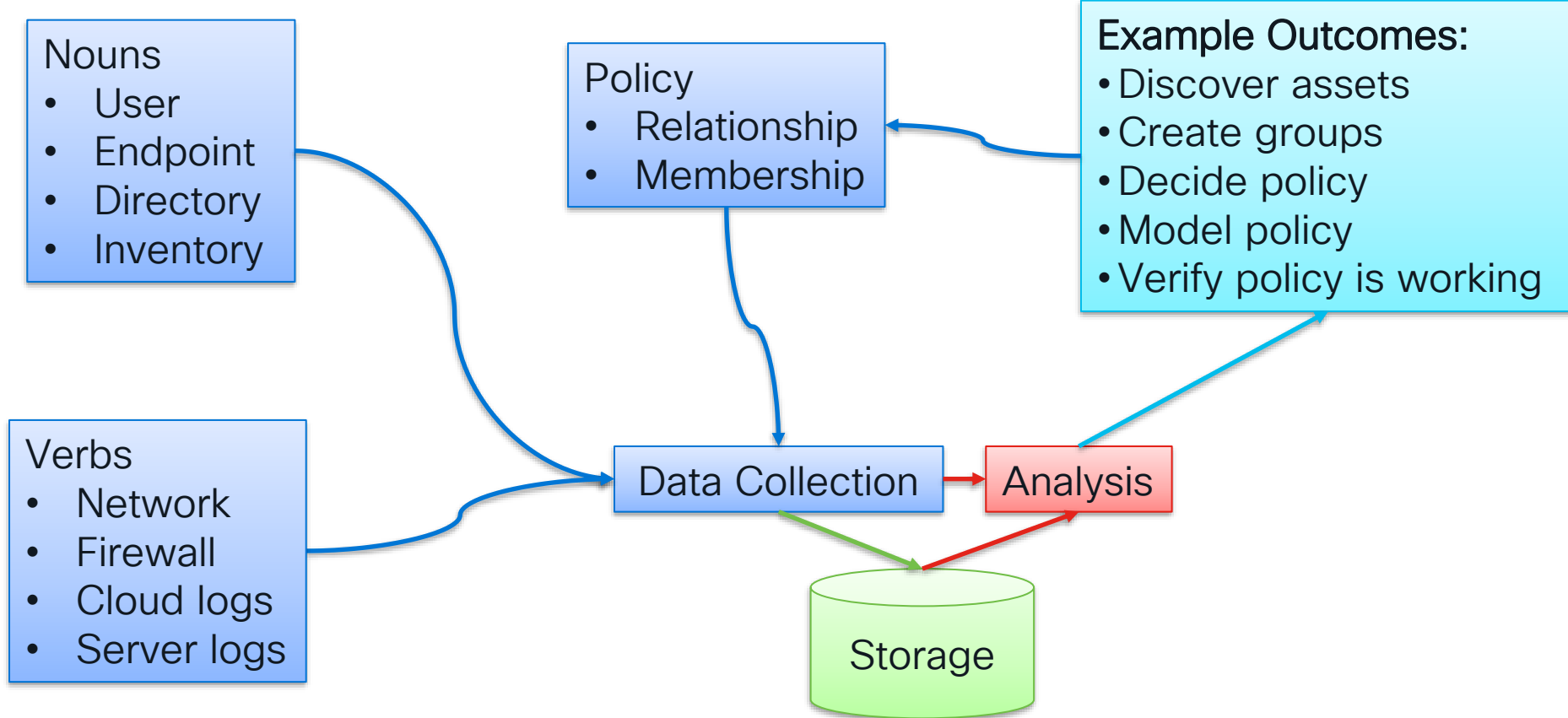
Validating Policy

Validating Policy Objective

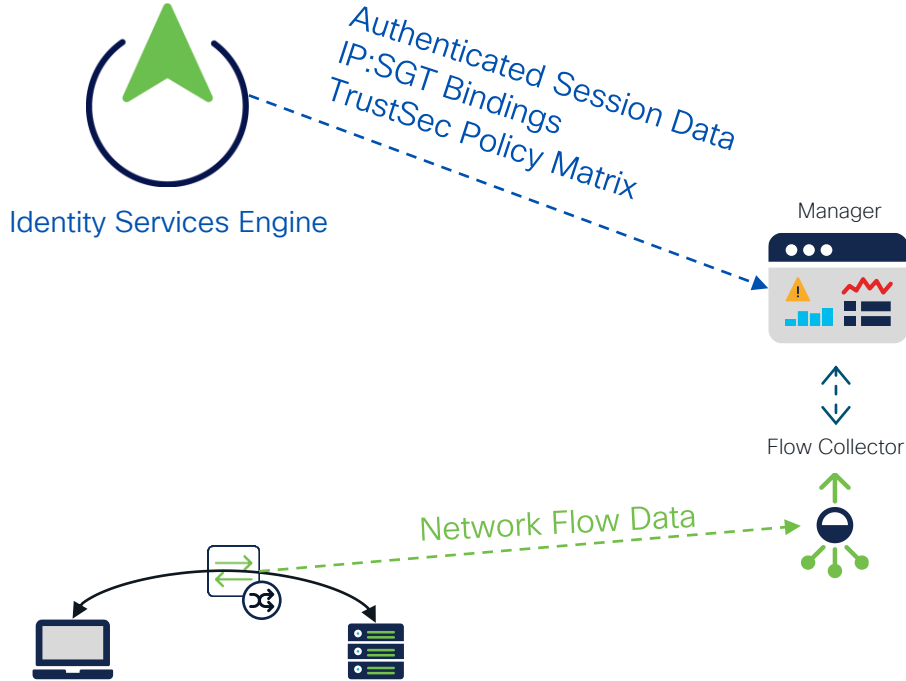
How do I know that my policies are correct and won't disrupt operations?



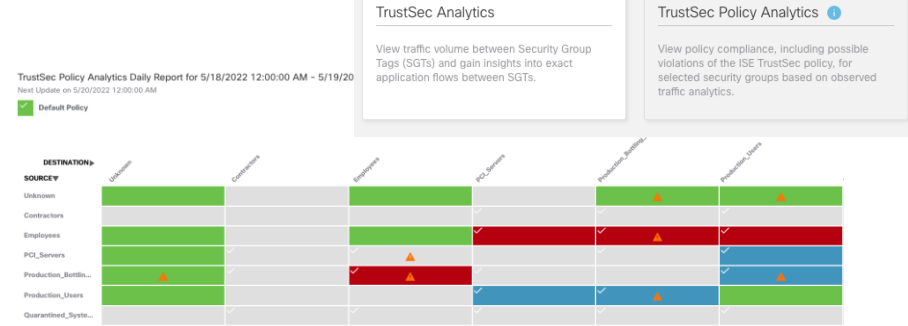
Data for Policy Analytical Outcomes



Policy Analytics with Secure Network Analytics

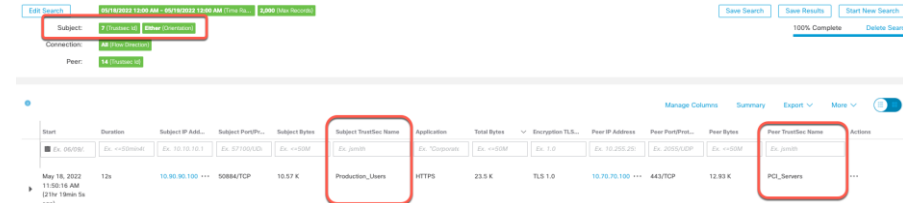


1. TrustSec Analytics Reports



2. Direct flow analysis leveraging SGT & DGT in Flow Table

3. Custom Security Events



TrustSec Policy Analytics

Two report types introduced in Secure Network Analytics v7.3.1

TrustSec Analytics

View traffic volume between Security Group Tags (SGTs) and gain insights into exact application flows between SGTs.

Multiple Reports of this type allowed

TrustSec Policy Analytics ⓘ

View policy compliance, including possible violations of the ISE TrustSec policy, for selected security groups based on observed traffic analytics.

One report of this type allowed per deployment

TrustSec Analytics Report

Designed to provide visibility into SGT traffic:

- How do I decide what policies should exist between my groups?
- How do I know that my policies are correct and won't disrupt operations?

TrustSec Analytics of 17 SGTs [Manage Columns](#) [Export](#)
Next Update on 5/20/2022 12:00:00 AM

✓ Default Policy

DESTINATION ▶	Unknown	Contractors	Employees	PCI_Servers	Production_Bottlin...	Production_Users	Quarantined_Systems
SOURCE ▼							
Unknown							
Contractors				✓	✓	✓	
Employees				✓	✓	✓	
PCI_Servers		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Production_Bottlin...		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Production_Users				✓	✓		
Quarantined_Syste...		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

No Traffic

Traffic

Denied Traffic

Traffic with Custom Policy

Policy Monitor Mode

Policy Disabled

Policy Enabled

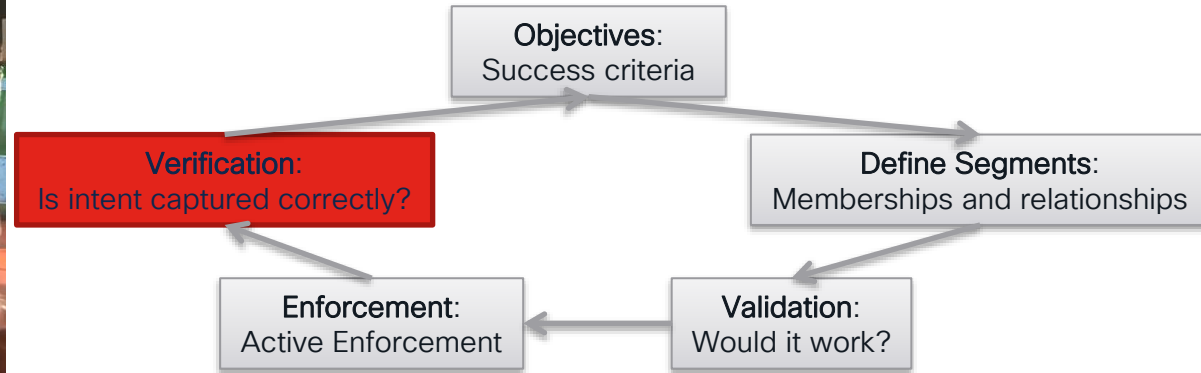
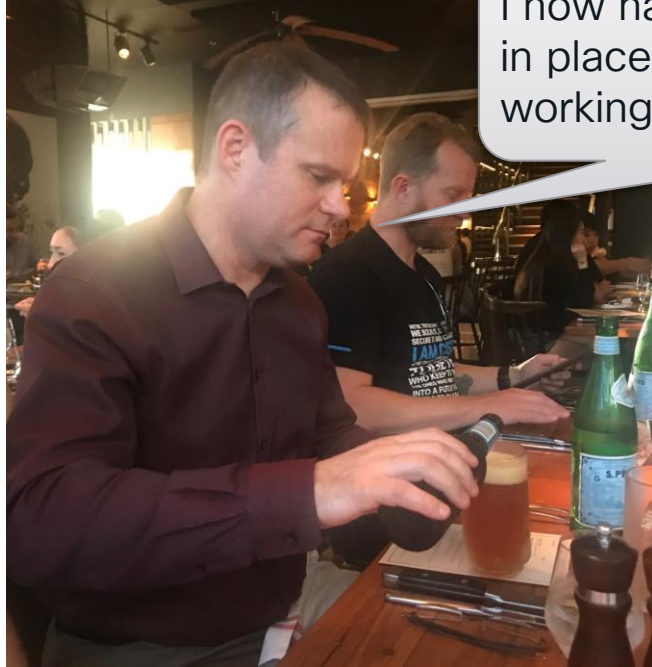
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- Green – there is traffic and a *permit IP* ACL exists
- Red – there is traffic and a *deny IP* ACL exists
- Blue – there is traffic and an ACL other than *permit IP* or *deny IP* exists

Demo

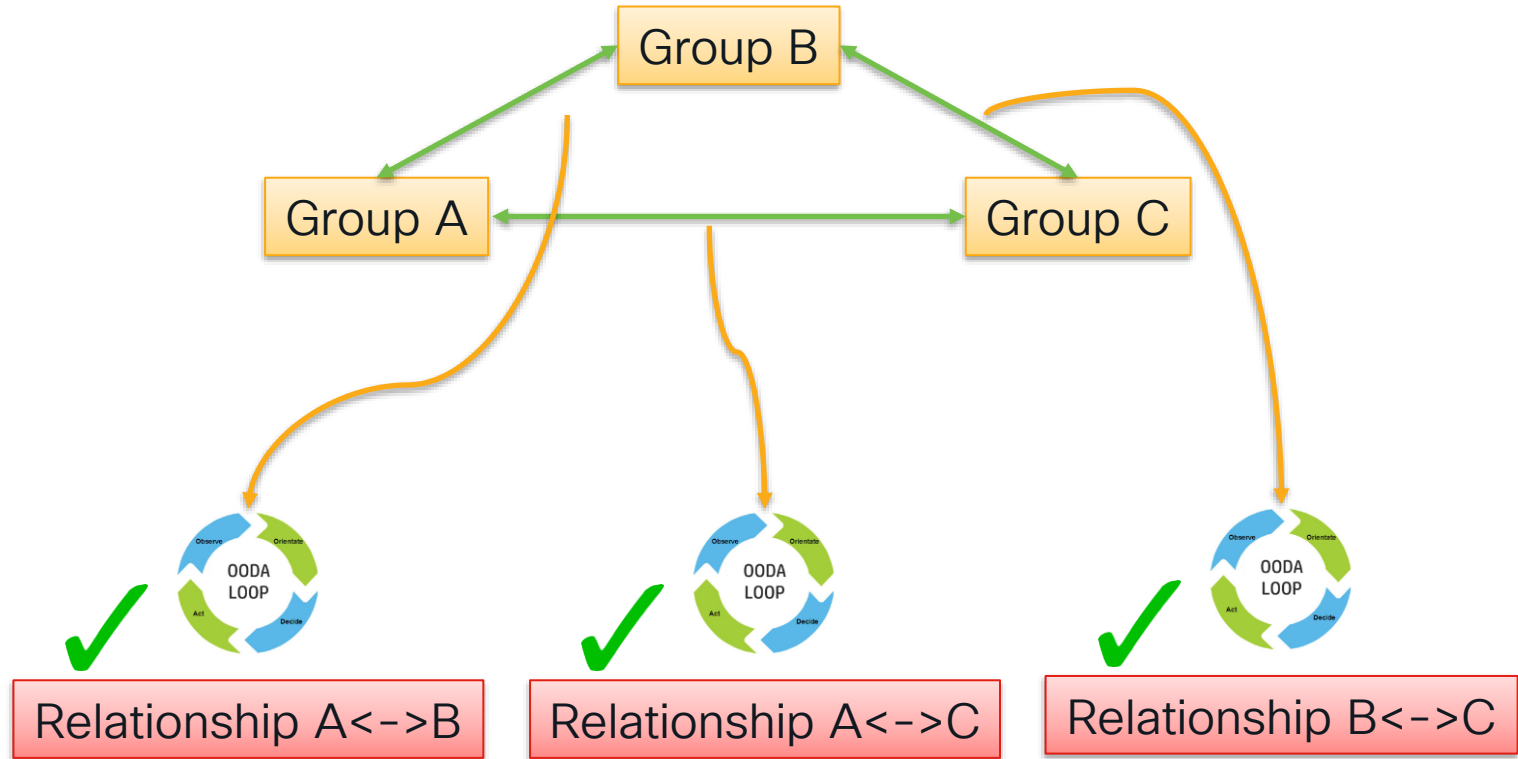
Verifying Policy

Verifying Policy: Is intent captured correctly?

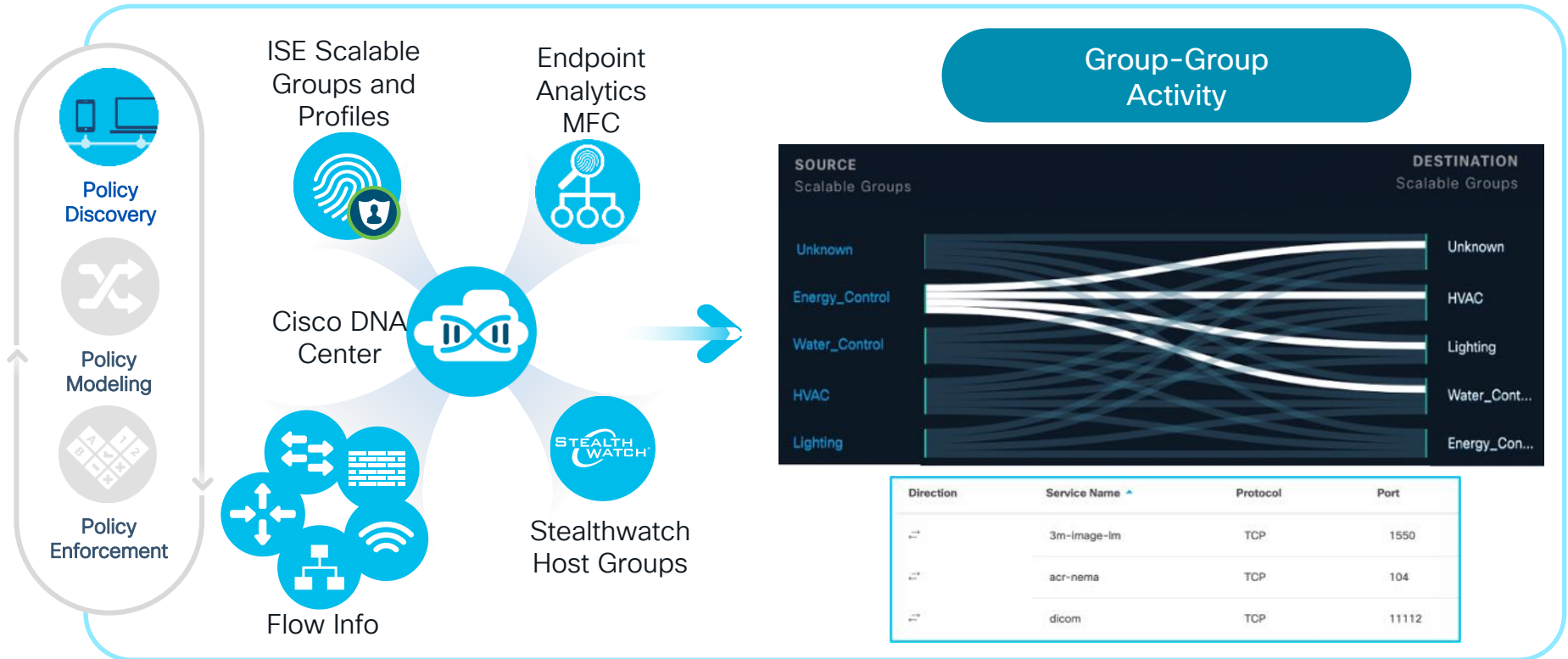
I now have classifications and policy in place - How do I verify that its working?



Examine and Refine Relationships



Aside: Group-Based Policy Analytics on DNAC



SNA: TrustSec Policy Analytics Report

Designed to help verify correctness and adherence to TrustSec policy:

- Is my security policy being enforced as intended?
- Is my security policy correct?

Policy Analysis:

- Triangle – Potential policy violation
- Question Mark – Unsupported policy

TrustSec Policy Analysis Report
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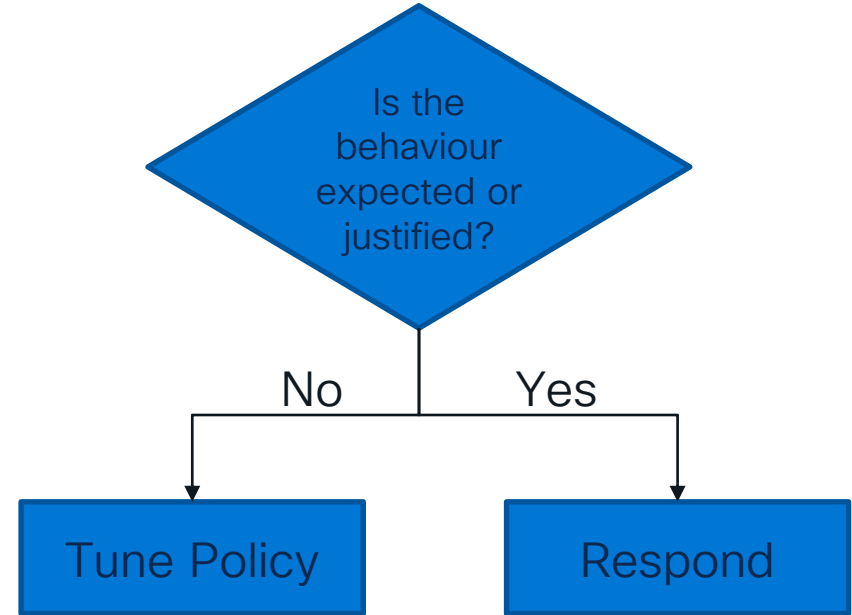
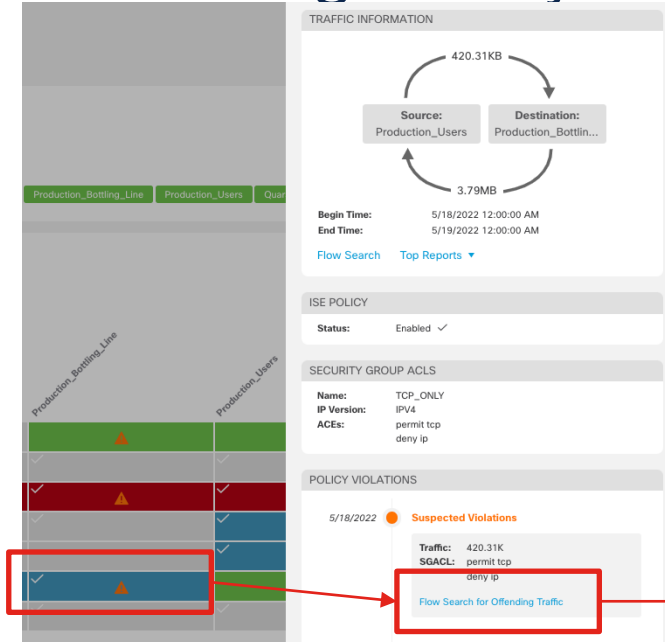
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No Traffic Traffic Denied Traffic Traffic with Custom Policy Offending Traffic Unsupported policy Policy Analysis Pending Policy Monitor Mode Policy Disabled Policy Enabled

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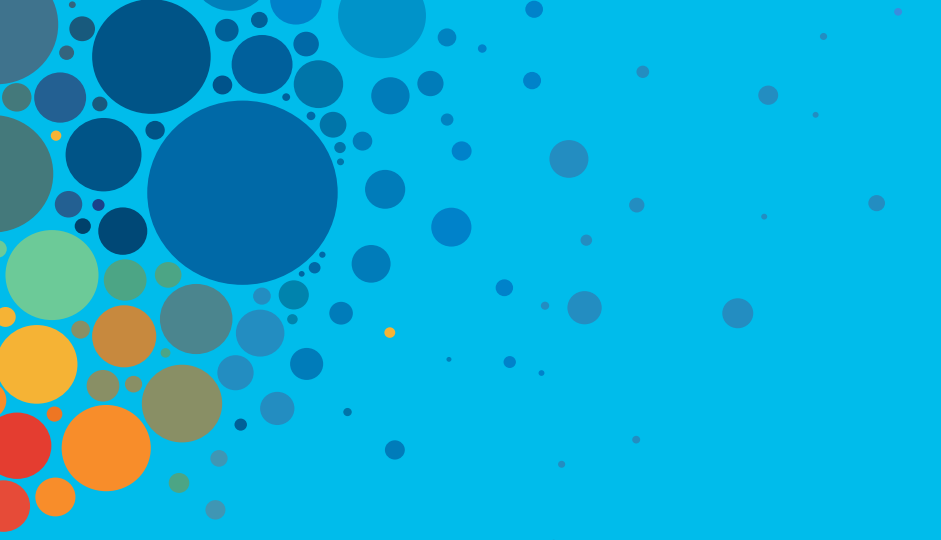
Demo

Evaluating Policy



Start	Duration	Subject IP Addr...	Subject Port/Pr...	Subject Bytes	Subject TrustSe...	Application	Total Bytes	Encryption TLS/...	Peer IP Address	Peer Port/Proto...	Peer Bytes	Peer TrustSec N...	Actions
Ex. 06/09/2	Ex. <=50min40:	Ex. 10.10.10.1	Ex. 57100/UDP	Ex. <=50M	Ex. jsmith	Ex. *Corporate	Ex. <=50M	Ex. 1.0	Ex. 10.255.255	Ex. 2055/UDP	Ex. <=50M	Ex. jsmith	
May 18, 2022 10:54:47 AM (1d 22min 44s ago)	1min 45s	10.90.90.100 ...	ICMP	3.52 K	Production_Users	ICMP	7.05 K	--	10.160.160.100 ...	ICMP	3.52 K	Production_Bottling ... _Line	

Summary



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Unified Client | EDR | Cloud Managed



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Threat
Query

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Device Mgmt
 Meraki SM
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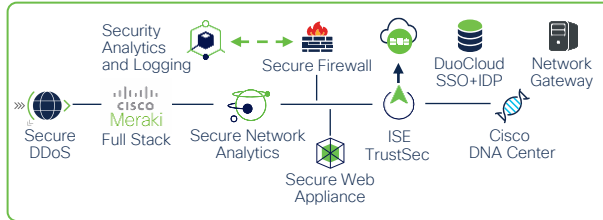
IoT/OT SECURITY

Secure Critical Infrastructure | Unified IT and OT



ZERO TRUST

Segmentation | Identity and Context | Profiling | Containment | Encrypted Visibility



Application Security

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Policy | API Security
Application Segmentation
Run-time Application Security

Application Security Stack



App Observability | Detection | Response



Some awesome related sessions!

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BRKSEC-2053	Zero Trust: Securing the Evolving Workplace	Monday at 4:00 PM
BRKSEC-2267	Building Network Security Policy Through Data Intelligence	Tuesday at 2:30 PM
BRKSEC-3019	Visibility, Detection and Response with Cisco Secure Network Analytics	Wednesday at 4:00 PM
BRKMER-2003	Meraki & Secure Network and Cloud Analytics: Threat Detection for the Rest of Us	Thursday at 9:30 AM

Reading: TrustSec Policy Analytics Blog Series

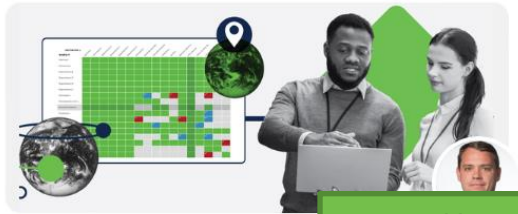


Security

TrustSec Policy Analytics – Part One: What are policy analytics?

Samuel Brown

<https://blogs.cisco.com/security/trustsec-policy-analytics-part-one-what-are-policy-analytics>



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TrustSec Policy Analytics – Part Two: Policy Visualization

Matthew Robertson

<https://blogs.cisco.com/security/trustsec-policy-analytics-part-two-policy-visualization>



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TrustSec Policy Analytics – Part Three: Policy Validation

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Network security policy can be effectively designed, verified and validated with data analytics

Keep your eyes open
and
don't have your beer stolen.





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Thank you

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