

Zero Trust Networking

Multi-Team OpenShift-Focused Deliverable

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Zero Trust

Assume that everything is independently and always exposed to all potential threats.



OpenShift Zero Trust Networking Deliverable

In line with White House Executive Order 14028:

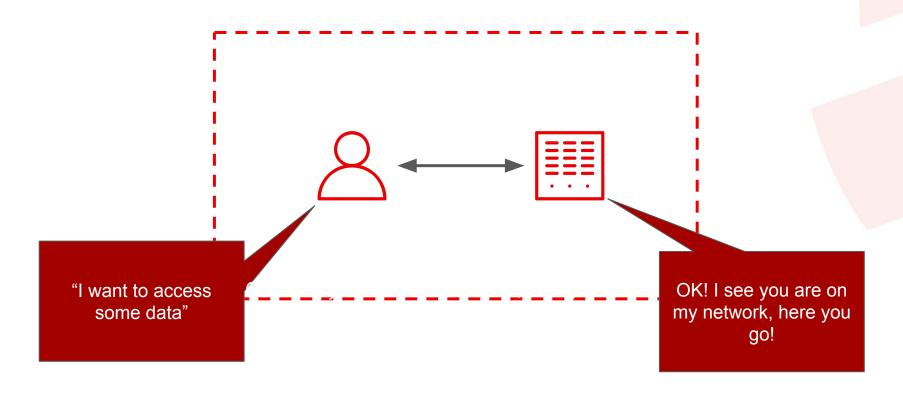
"Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity",

OpenShift will be focusing and improving its already-existing Zero Trust architecture to make Zero Trust Networking easier to understand and deploy, starting in Q4CY2023.



Implicit Trust Today

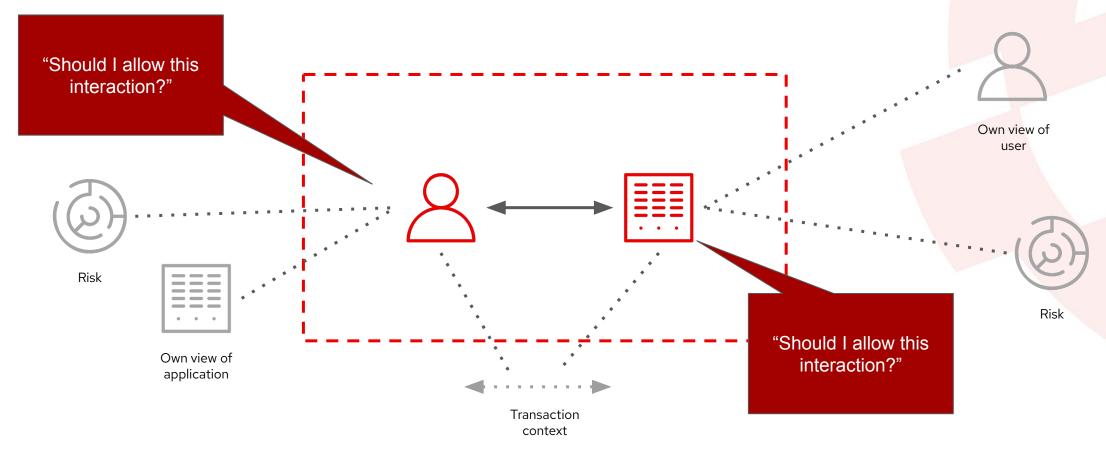
Users and applications are trusted because they are all inside the same boundary





Explicit Trust Is the Goal

Trust is no longer implicit -- but derived from the specifics of each transaction



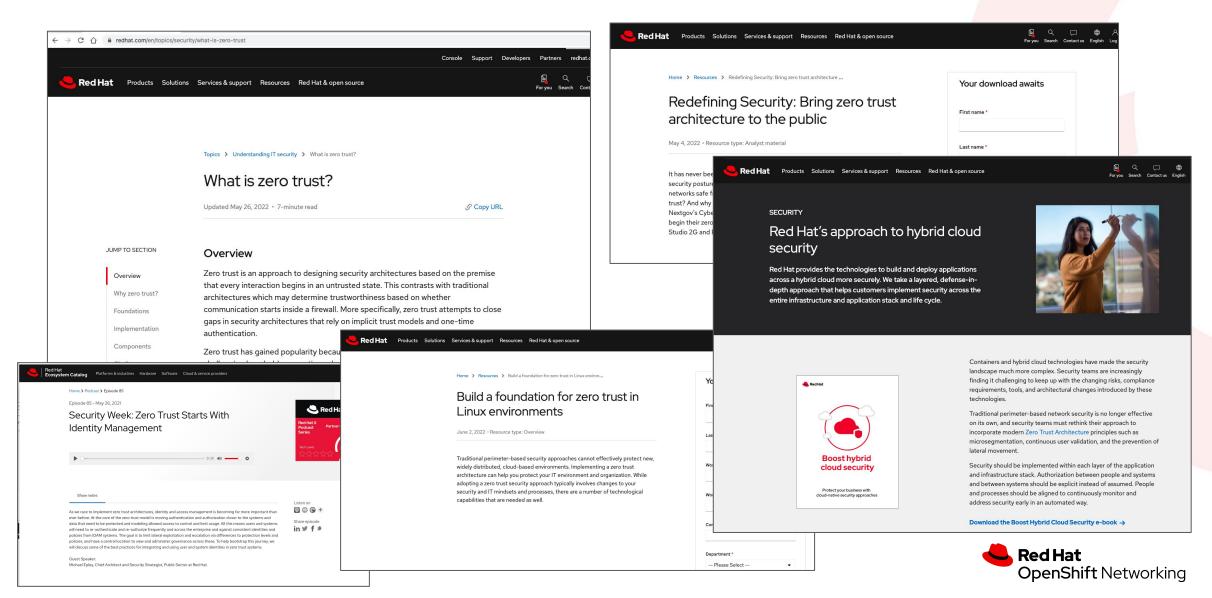


Zero Trust at Red Hat

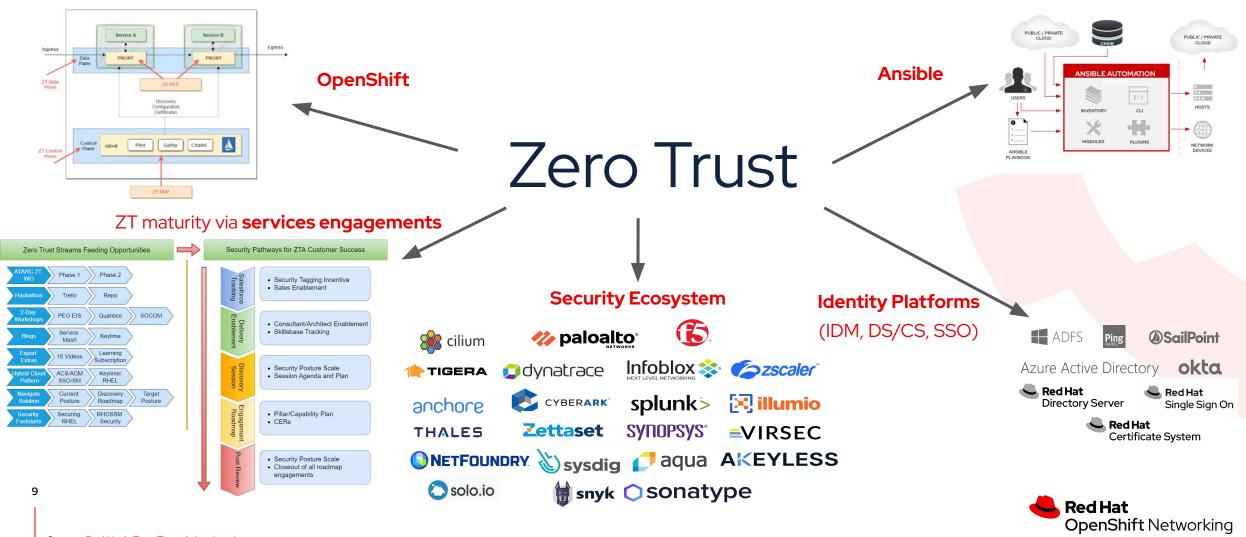


Zero Trust Momentum at Red Hat

Zero Trust SIG



ZT is Already Supported by Red Hat's Portfolio



Zero Trust Networking Development Focus



What is the status of ZTN for OpenShift Today?

- Today, Zero Trust Networking is largely IPsec and Network Policy
- No single product technology solves the ZTN space, though some have greater existing contributions than others (e.g. Service Mesh)
- ACS and ACM will have major contributions to ZTN



High-Level Initial Engineering Focus

- Short-term: use what we've got already (target EOY2023)
- We can't require every solution option or existing product solution, but we should optionally provide them
- For existing solutions today, it may be a matter of documentation
- Identify our gaps and provide solutions
- Gap solutions may include partnering with 3rd-party providers



Targeted Capabilities

Observability for Constant, and Retrospective, Evaluation

 The ability to observe and verify all of the things that make up ZTN. This important for intrusion detection, forensics, and is helpful for operational load management.

Risk Assessment

• The ability to examine policies to make it easier for people to understand and develop.

Identification and Authentication

 Establishing a trust relationship by verification of the identity of the other end of a connection. Management of certificate lifecycles to limit use if compromised.

Inter-Service Authorization

• The ability to control access to services based on request identity.

Traffic Authentication and Encryption (e.g. mTLS)

 The ability to ensure that traffic on-the-wire is encrypted and that the source is identifiable.

Endpoint Security

Enabling trust of remote endpoint connections to, for example, ensure certified images are run on trusted hardware and policies controlling an endpoint can be established based on endpoint characteristics.

Session validation / Session validity expiration (current session only)

The ability to issue short-lived tokens (perhaps even single-use) so that tokens from a compromised pod are useless elsewhere.

Transaction-Level Verification

 The ability to identify and authenticate individual transactions. This can include rate-limiting by source, observability, and semantic validation that a transaction is well-formed.

Sitewide Policy Enforcement and Distribution

The ability to apply and govern site-wide policies. This should allow for delegation of some permissions to users and cluster administrators within defined bounds.



Array of Existing Cross-Product Capability Providers

- Network Observability Operator
- Kubernetes Network Policy
- Admin Network Policy
- Istio/Envoy (pod-to-pod)
- OpenShift Service Mesh / Kiali
- ► IPsec (N-S, E-W)
- cert-manager
- Red Hat Service Interconnect
- Advanced Cluster Security
- Advanced Cluster Manager
- Submariner

- Kuadrant
- Gateway API
- 3Scale (API Gateway)
- namespace/SELinux/cgroups
- OpenShift Distributed Tracing Platform
- Red Hat SSO
- KubeVirt / Kata Containers
- SPIFFE / Spire
- OpenShfit Service Certs
- Supply Chain / Trusted Computing
- Insights
- ...



Zero Trust Networking Resources



Resources / Collateral

- Zero Trust SIG GDrive Repository
- Red Hat Zero Trust Strategy Executive Briefing
- What is Zero Trust and why it is the future of cybersecurity
- ATARC Zero Trust Demonstration
- Zero Trust Networking Working Group WIP Technical Alignment Document
- ZTN Architecture Working Group Charter
- Project Compass Notes
- Red Hat OpenShift Networking Strategy and Roadmap
- The Big Bang! Zero trust and supply chain security



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