



The Firewall is Dead, Long Live to the Firewall!

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Today's Speaker



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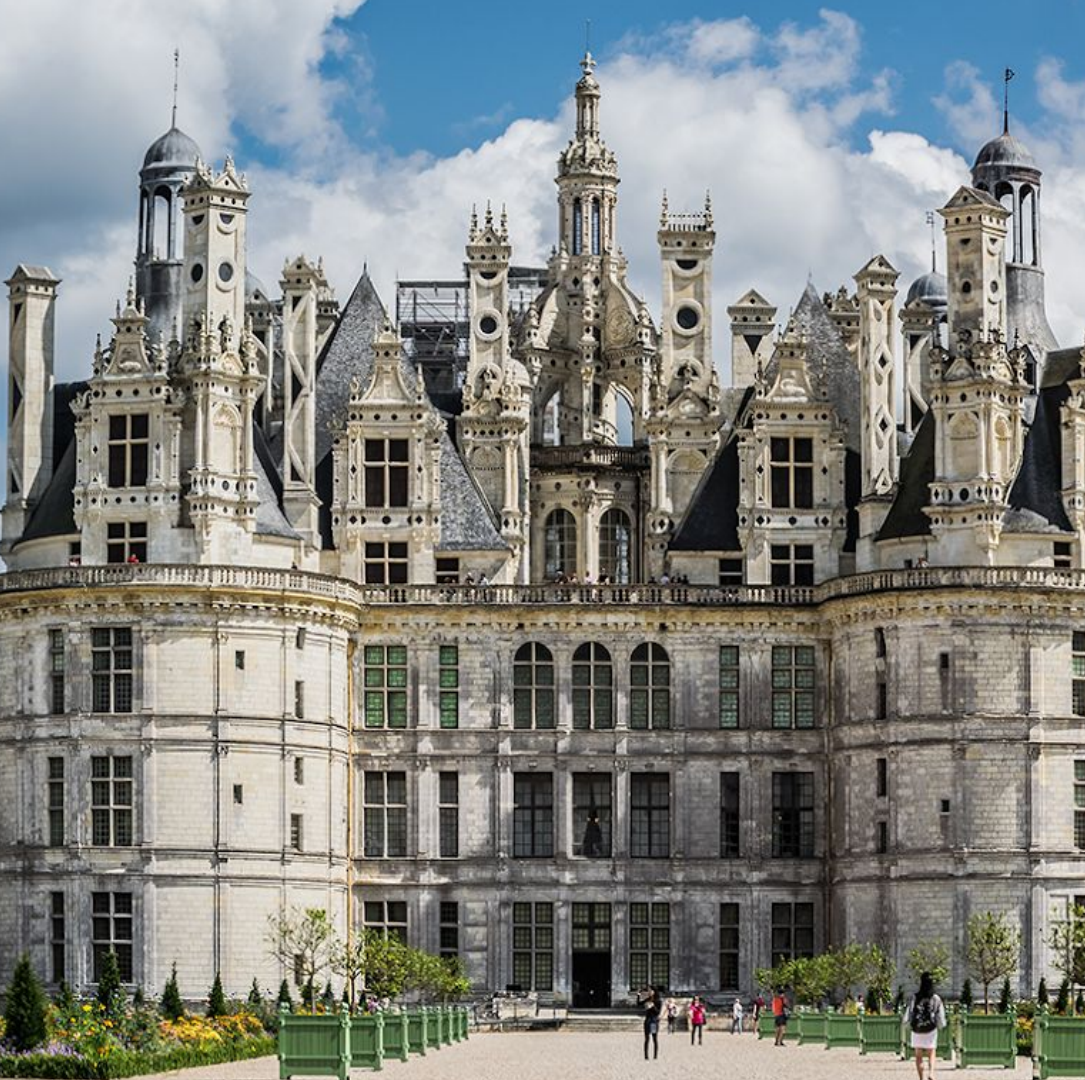
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The Castle Approach



The Castle Approach

Strong Outer Walls

Trust Everything Inside



Have you ever checked
the Firewall logs?

The Any / Any way

Dashboard ACC Monitor **Policies** Objects Network Device

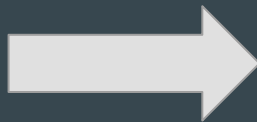
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Security

- NAT
- QoS
- Policy Based Forwarding
- Decryption
- Application Override
- Captive Portal

		Source				Destination				
Name	Tag	Zone	Address	User	HIP Profile	Zone	Address	Application	Service	Action
VPN Allow	none	Untrust1	any	any	any	Untrust1	any	any	any	✓
DENY ALL	none	any	any	any	any	any	any	any	any	✗

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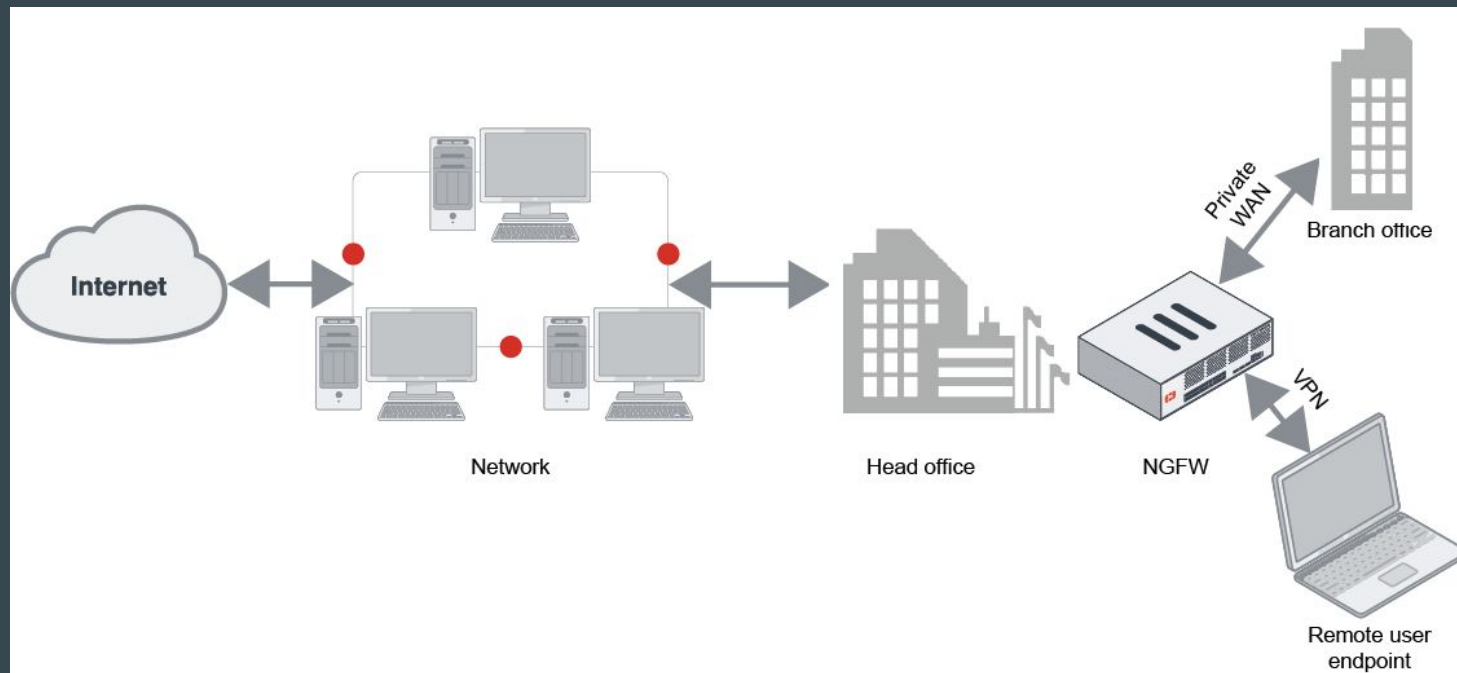


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Ever seen an up-to-date firmware in a Firewall?



Print Nightmare - Do you feel safe?



Trusted Networks

Trusted Networks

and

Microservices

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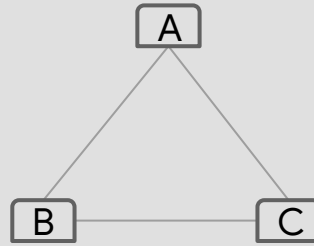
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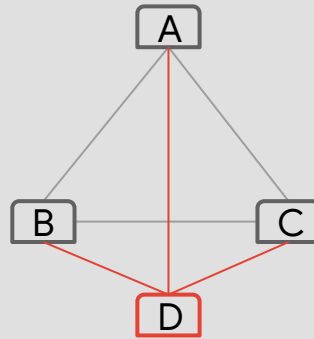
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Scale

Policies defined at the boundary



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Bad Agent



Operation Aurora

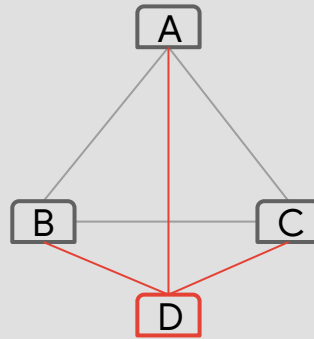
In 2009, a series of cyber attacks called Operation Aurora targeted 20+ tech companies

The event was discovered to be a state-sponsored attack

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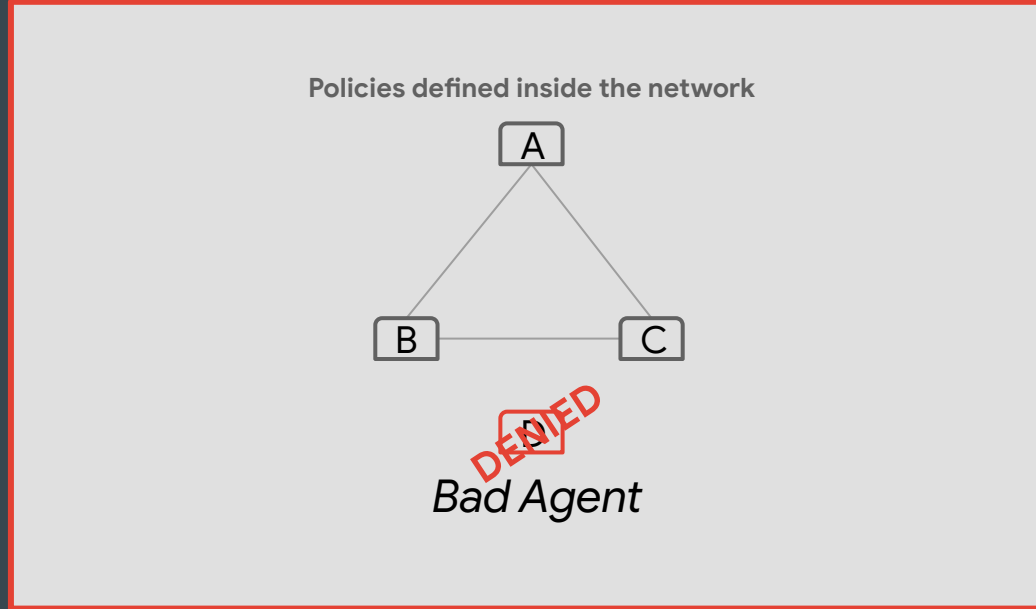
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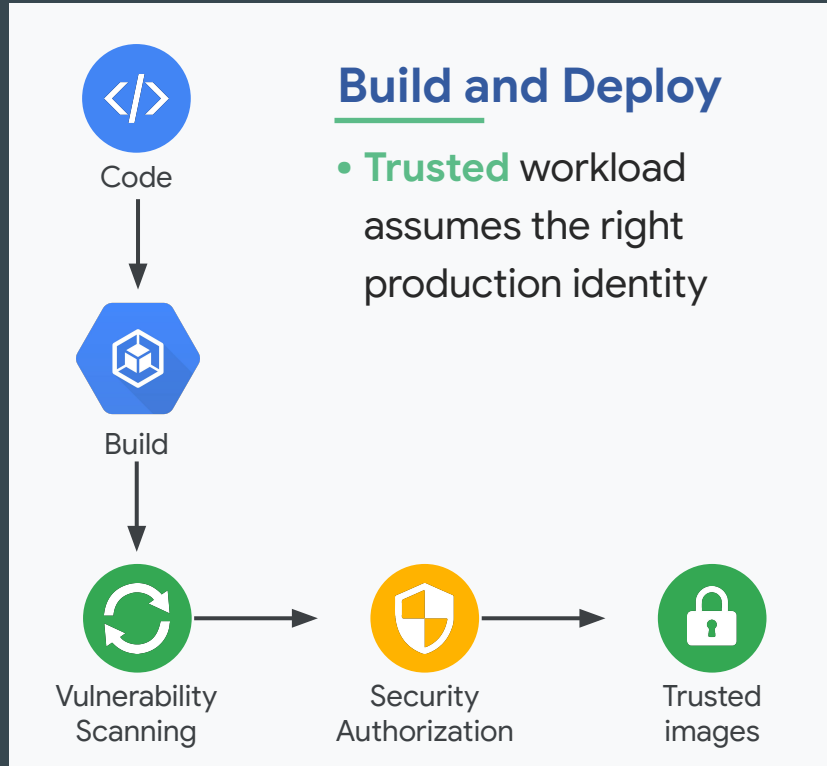
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- **No inherent mutual trust** among services
- Services have **strong ID**
- ... running approved images
- ... on approved hardware
- **Automated rollout** of changes

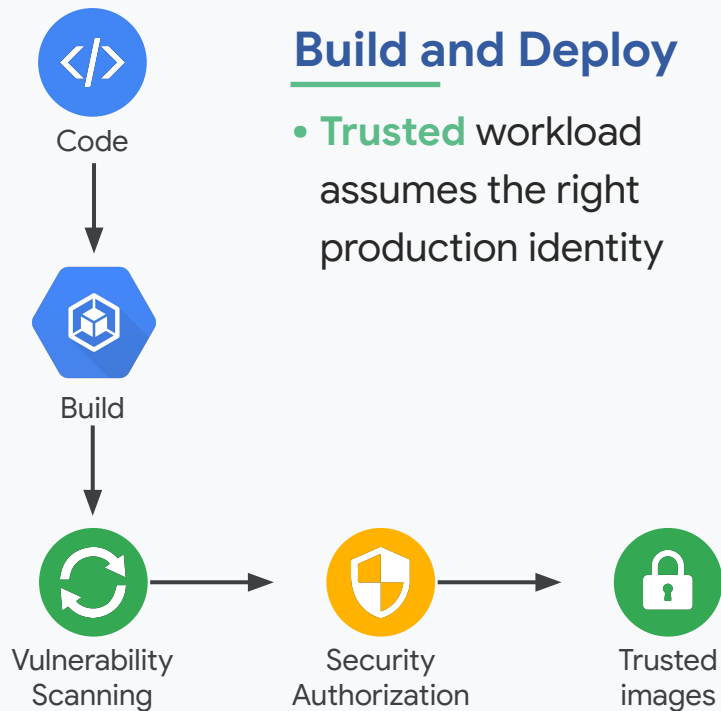
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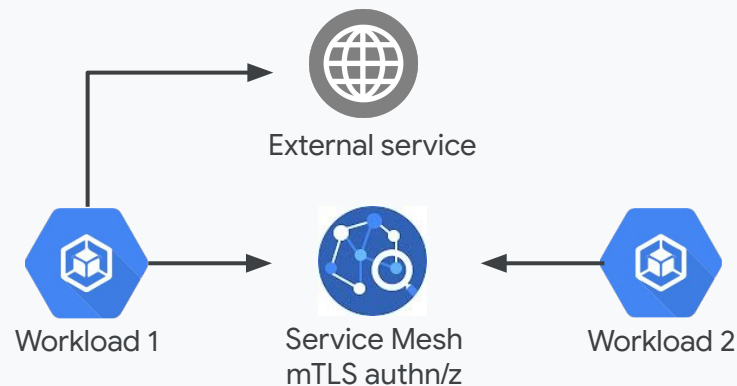
Build and Deploy

- **Trusted** workload assumes the right production identity

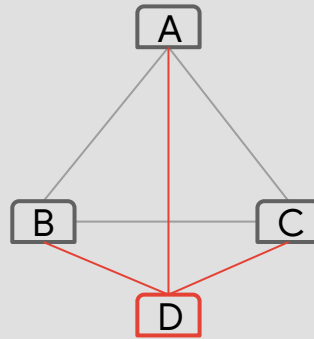


Production Runtime

- Secure access based on **trusted** identities



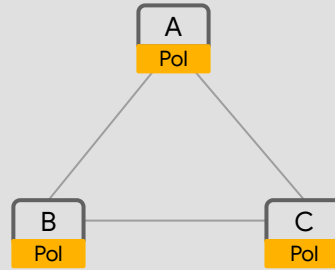
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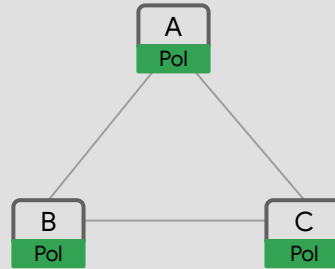
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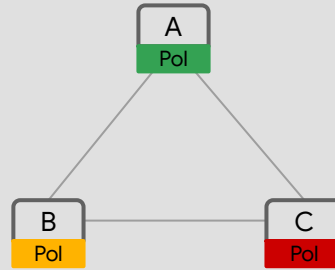
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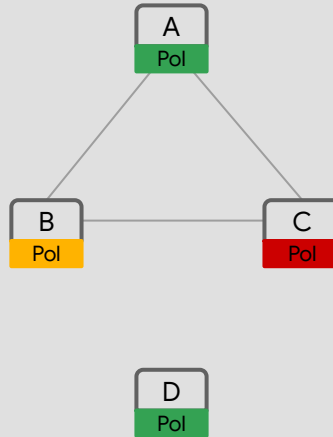
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Policy consistency at scale



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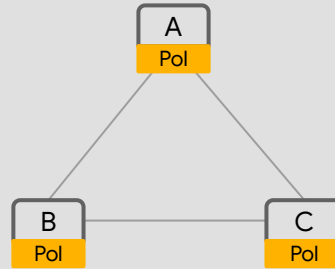
New apps with the latest policies



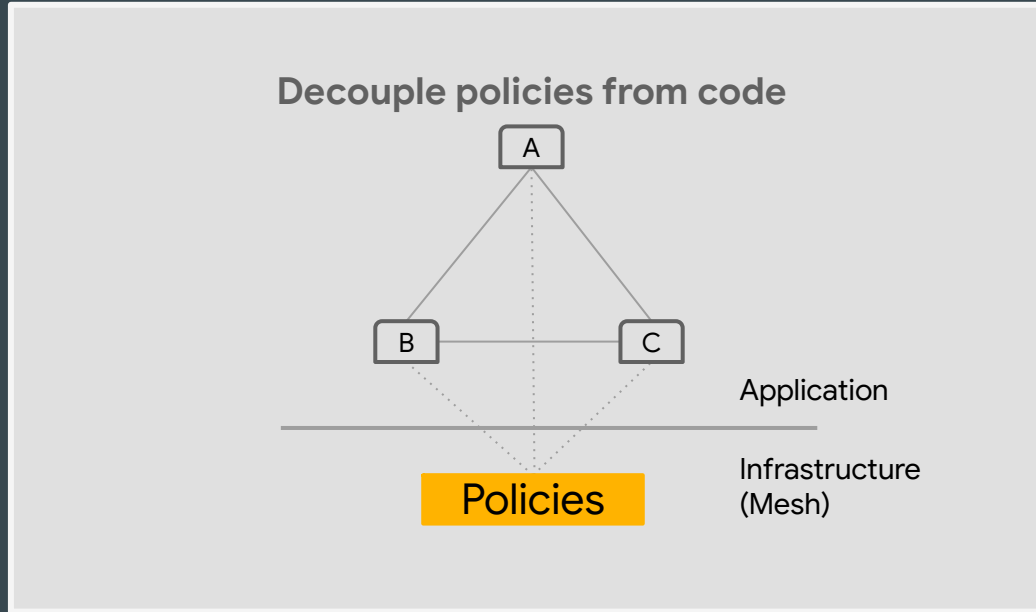
Mesh and Zero Trust Networks

Policies defined at the boundary

Policies defined inside the network



Policies defined at the boundary



03

Common Patterns

How do you trust a
production client?

Right Peer

with the

Right Credentials

on behalf of the

Right User

01 | Right Peer with the Right Credentials

Right Peer with the Right Credentials

Application

Credit Card FE

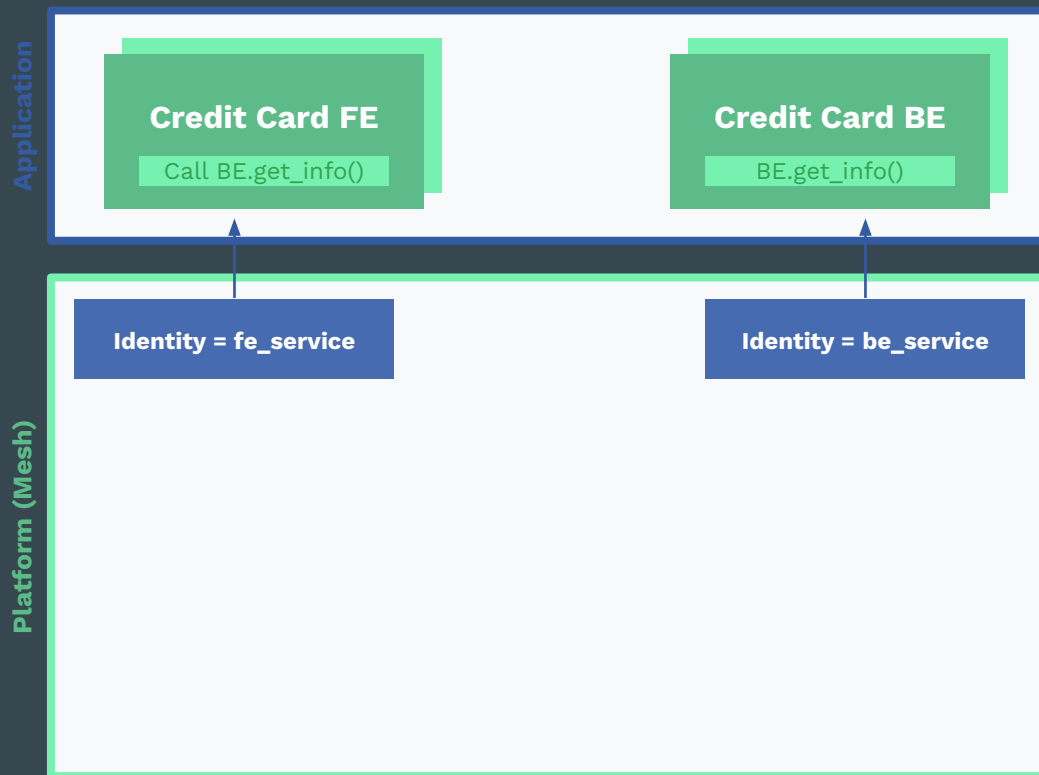
Call BE.get_info()

Credit Card BE

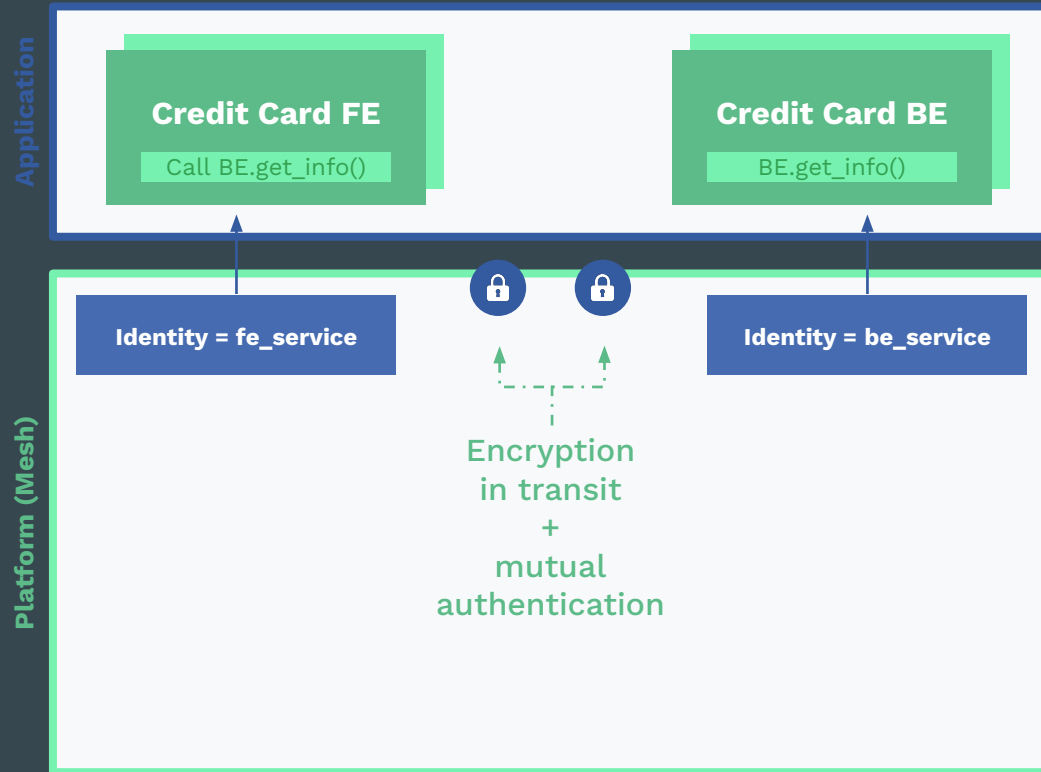
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Platform (Mesh)

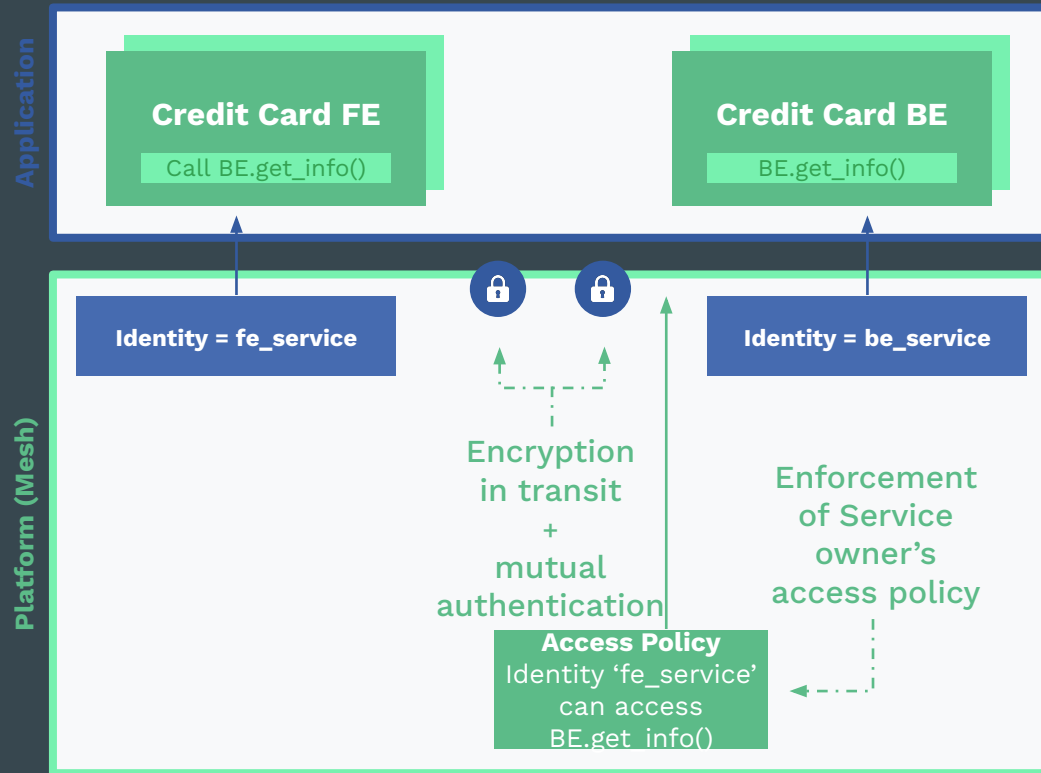
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Code Sample

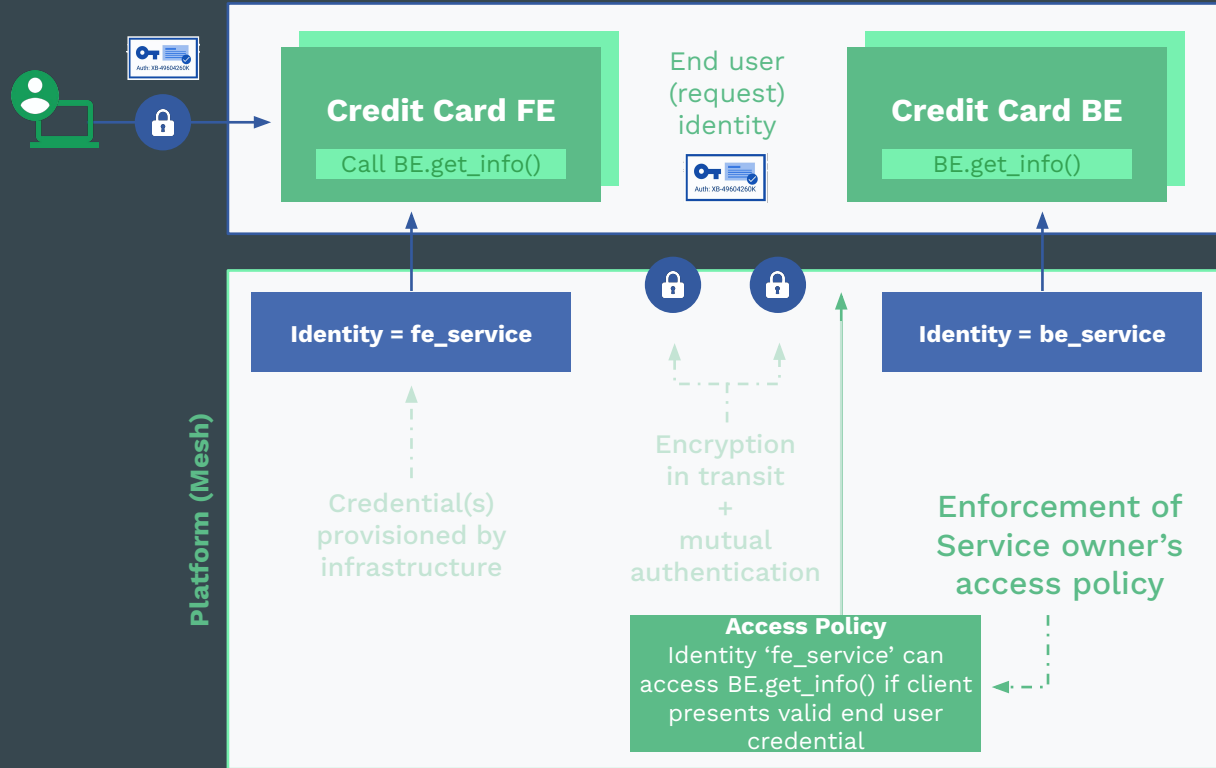
Right Peer with the Right Credentials

```
apiVersion: security.istio.io/v1beta1
kind: PeerAuthentication
metadata:
  name: default
  namespace: foo
spec:
  mtls:
    mode: STRICT
```

```
apiVersion: security.istio.io/v1beta1
kind: AuthorizationPolicy
metadata:
  name: creditBE
  namespace: creditBE
spec:
  action: ALLOW
  rules:
  - from:
    - source:
        namespaces: ["creditFE"]
    to:
    - operation:
        methods: ["GET", "POST"...]
```

- 01 | **Right Peer** with the **Right Credentials**
- 02 | **Right Peer** with the **Right Credentials**
on behalf of the **Right User**

Right Peer with the Right Credentials on behalf of the Right User



Code Sample

Right Peer with the Right Credentials on behalf of the Right User

Proprietary + Confidential

```
apiVersion: security.istio.io/v1beta1
kind: RequestAuthentication
metadata:
  name: ingress-jwt
  namespace: istio-system
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      istio: ingressgateway
```

```
  jwtRules:
  - issuer: "issuer-foo"
    jwksUri: "https://example.com/.well-known/jwks.json"
```

```
apiVersion: security.istio.io/v1beta1
kind: AuthorizationPolicy
metadata:
  name: require-jwt
  namespace: creditBE
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: creditBE
```

```
  action: ALLOW
  rules:
  - from:
    - source:
        requestPrincipals: ["issuer@secure.jwt.io/issuer@secure.jwt.io"]
      when:
      - key: request.auth.claims[groups]
        values: ["group1"]
```

Request Samples

```
$ curl ${INGRESS_IP}
```

```
RBAC: access denied
```

```
$ curl --header "Authorization: Bearer ${INVALID_JWT}" ${INGRESS_IP}
```

```
Jwt issuer is not configured
```

```
$ curl --header "Authorization: Bearer ${VALID_JWT}" ${INGRESS_IP}
```

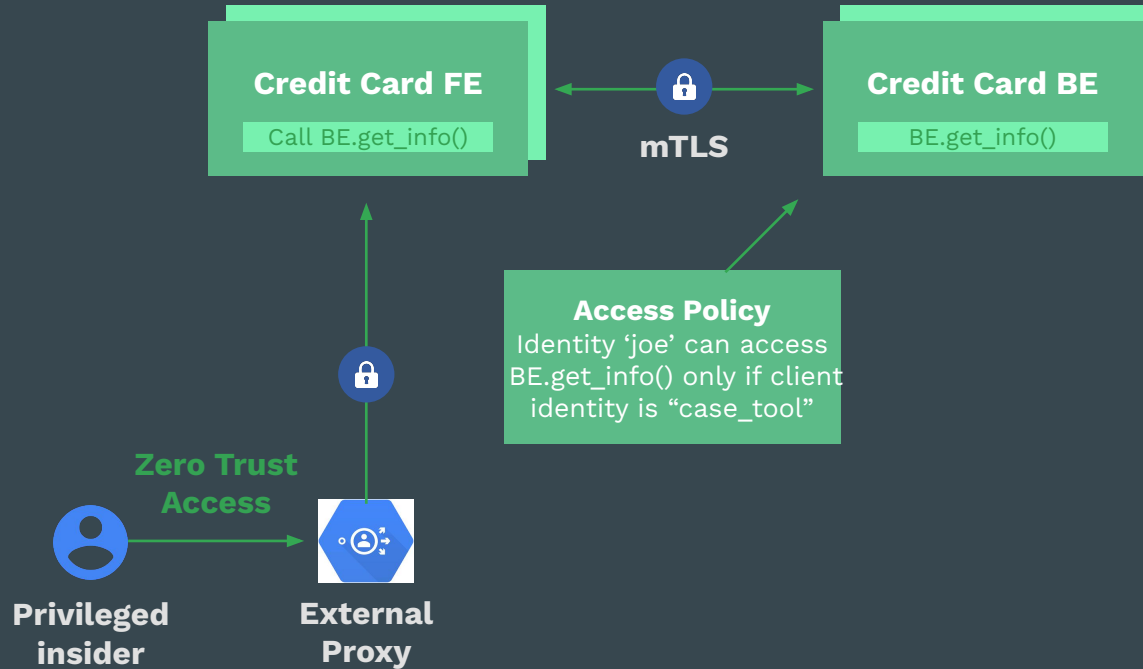
```
Hello World! /
```

- 01 | **Right Peer** with the **Right Credentials**
- 02 | **Right Peer** with the **Right Credentials** on behalf of the **Right User**
- 03 | **Right Peer** with the **Right Credentials** on behalf of a **Strongly Authenticated Insider**

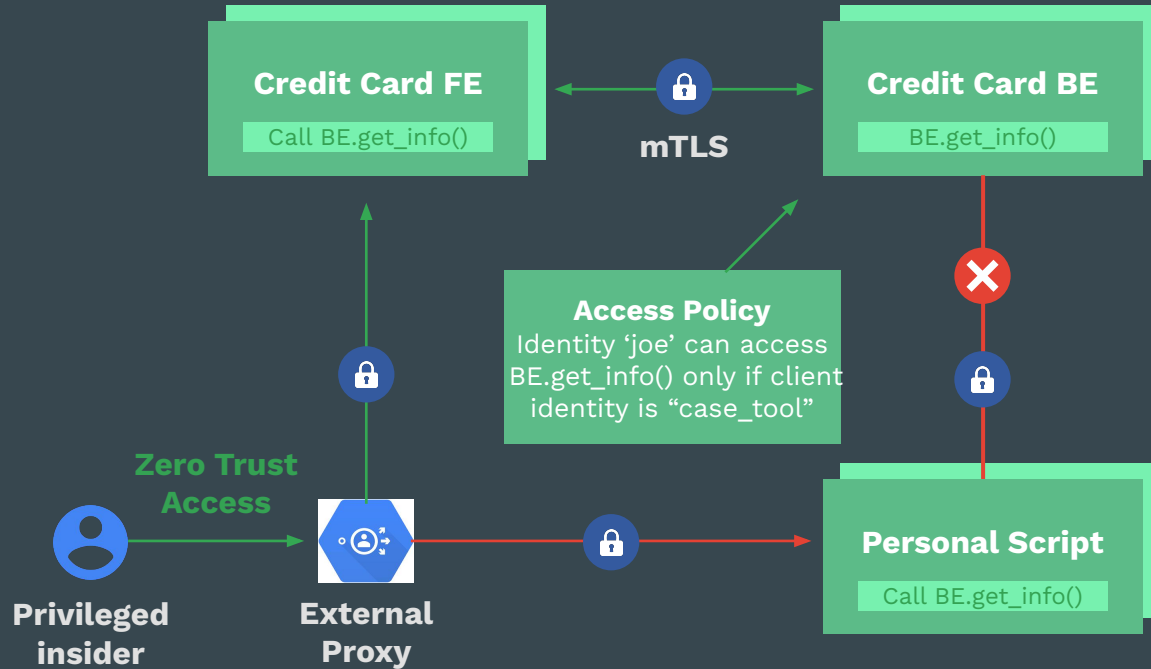
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kind: AuthorizationPolicy
metadata:
  name: BE
  namespace: BE
spec:
  action: ALLOW
  rules:
  - from:
    - source:
      namespaces: ["FE"]
    to:
    - operation:
      methods: ["GET", "POST"...]
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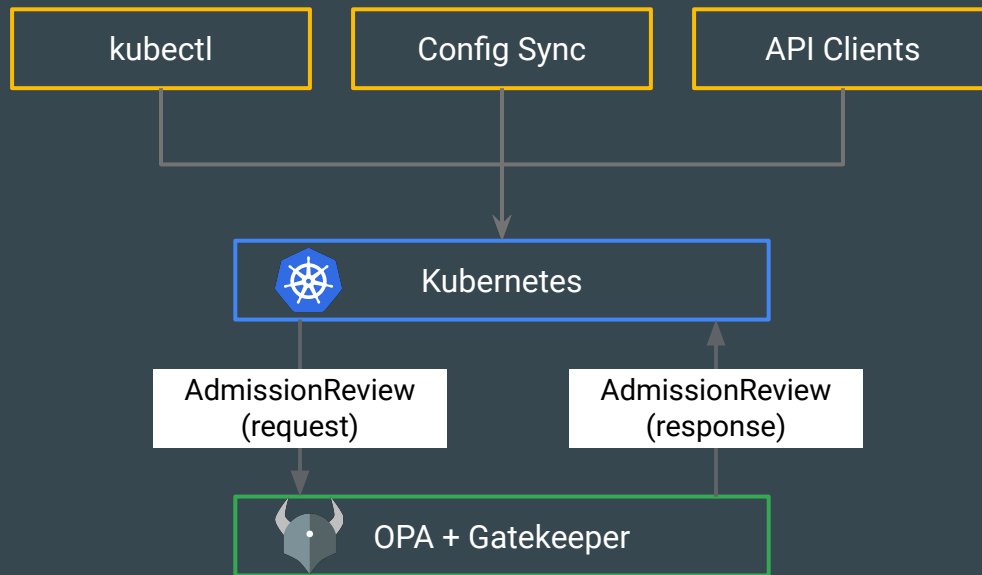
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apiVersion: security.istio.io/v1beta1
kind: AuthorizationPolicy
metadata:
  name: require-jwt
  namespace: app
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: app
  action: ALLOW
  rules:
  - from:
    - source:
      requestPrincipals: ["issuer@secure.jwt.io/issuer@secure.jwt.io"]
    when:
    - key: request.auth.claims[groups]
      values: ["group1"]
```

04

Policy Enforcement

Gatekeeper

- Kubernetes Admission Controller that extends OPA
- Actively enforce custom rules against all API clients
- Passively audit all K8s objects



Policy structure

Policies are written using Rego and packaged as parameterized objects.

```
apiVersion: templates.gatekeeper.sh/v1beta1
kind: ConstraintTemplate
metadata:
  name: destinationruletlsenabled
spec:
  crd:
    spec:
      names:
        kind: DestinationRuleTLSEnabled
  targets:
    - target: admission.k8s.gatekeeper.sh
      rego: |
        package asm.guardrails.destinationruletlsenabled

        # spec.trafficPolicy.tls.mode == DISABLE
        violation[{"msg": msg}] {
          d := input.review.object
          tlstdisable := { "tls": {"mode": "DISABLE"}}

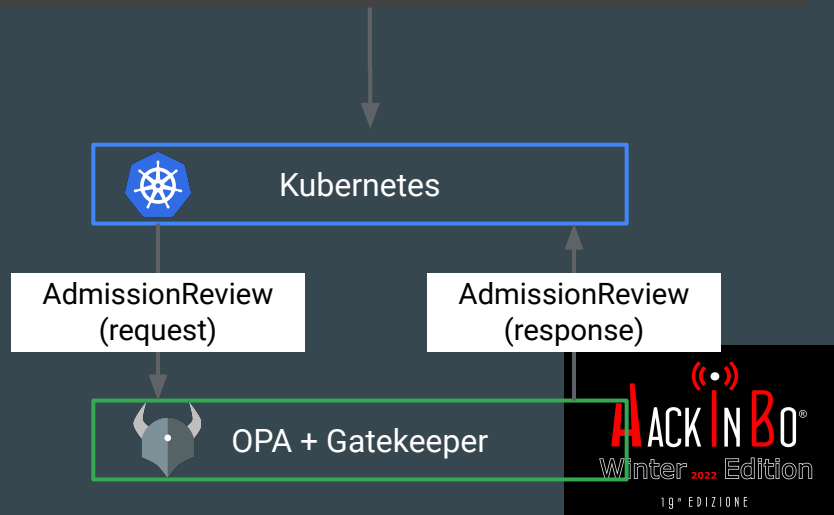
          ktpl := "trafficPolicy"
          tpl := d.spec[ktpl][_]
          not tpl != tlstdisable["tls"]

          msg := sprintf("%v %v.%v mode == DISABLE",
            [d.kind, d.metadata.name, d.metadata.namespace])
        }
```

Denying & auditing K8s configuration

With Gatekeeper configured, incoming objects can be **denied admission** into the cluster or **audited** if they violate governance.

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: DestinationRule
metadata:
  name: my-destination-rule
  namespace: default
spec:
  host: myservice
  trafficPolicy:
    tls:
      mode: DISABLE
```



(Zero) Trust but Verify

Summary

- Treat all networks as **untrusted**
- **Decouple** policies from Applications
- **Right Peer** with the **Right Credentials** on behalf of the **Right User**
- Enforce and **verify**

Thank you!

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