# Expadox Identity & Protection Platform (EIPP)

## Executive Summary

The Expadox Identity & Protection Platform (EIPP) is a unified security system designed to protect users, employees, accounts, and traffic for a company expecting 5 million users and 300 employees. This document details the complete architecture, deployment, and security controls implemented.

**Project Status**: ✅ **FULLY DEPLOYED AND OPERATIONAL**

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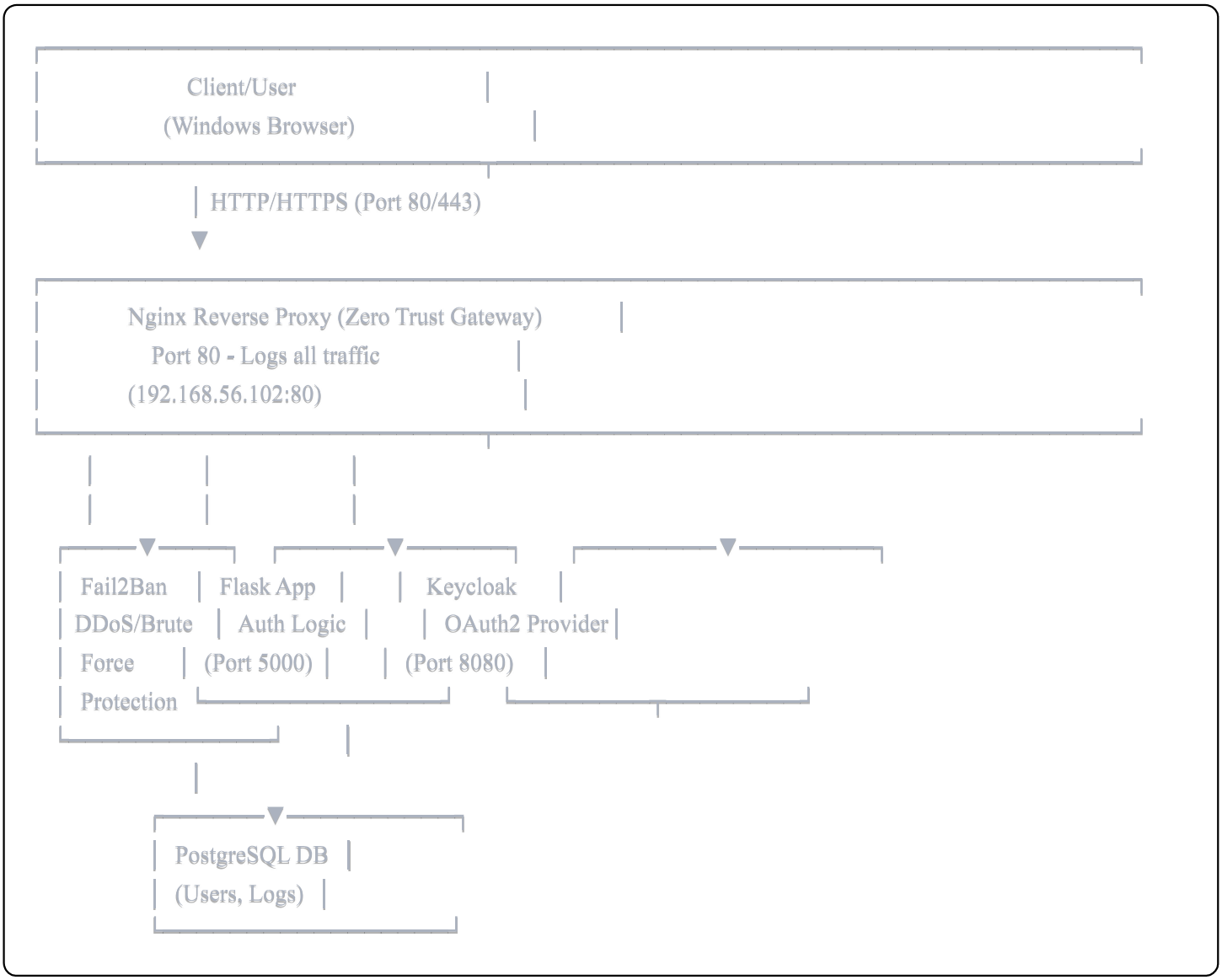
## Architecture Overview

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## Components Deployed

### 1. Flask Authentication Service (Port 5000)

**Purpose**: Core authentication and session management

**Features**:

- User registration with email and password
- Traditional login with Argon2 password hashing
- OAuth2 integration with Keycloak
- Session management via Flask-Login
- Security logging of all authentication attempts

**Technology**: Python 3, Flask, SQLAlchemy, Argon2-cffi

**Key Files**:

- `app.py` - Main application with OAuth2 endpoints
- `models.py` - User database model
- `templates/` - HTML login/register/dashboard pages

**Security Controls**:

- Passwords hashed with Argon2 (resistant to GPU attacks)
- OAuth2 users have no stored password
- Failed login attempts logged to `security.log`
- Session cookies secure and HTTP-only

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**2. PostgreSQL Database (Port 5432)**

**Purpose**: Secure storage of user credentials and audit logs

**Schema**:

```
Users Table:
- id (Primary Key)
- email (Unique, Not Null)
- password_hash (Nullable - for OAuth users)
- auth_method (local or oauth)
- created_at (Timestamp)
```

**Security Controls**:

- Database user `kiza` with password authentication
- All connections require authentication

- Prepared statements prevent SQL injection
- User credentials never logged in plain text

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**3. Keycloak OAuth2 Identity Provider (Port 8080)**

**Purpose**: Centralized identity management and OAuth2 token generation

**Configuration**:

- **Realm**: master
- **Client ID**: expadox-app
- **Client Secret**: `8lEKEyr6mHu8jlz49nqwS5OVT2GJt199`
- **Valid Redirect URI**: `http://192.168.56.102:5000/callback`
- **Scopes**: openid, email, profile

**Features**:

- Token generation and validation
- Token rotation
- User info endpoint
- Admin console for user management

**Security Controls**:

- Client credentials (ID + Secret) required for token exchange
- Tokens are short-lived (configurable)
- Authorization code flow (most secure for web apps)
- HTTPS recommended in production

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**4. Nginx Reverse Proxy (Port 80)**

**Purpose**: Zero Trust gateway - all traffic must pass through authentication check

**Configuration**:

- Acts as reverse proxy for Flask app (upstream: 127.0.0.1:5000)
- Acts as reverse proxy for Keycloak (upstream: 127.0.0.1:8080)
- Logs all HTTP traffic to `/var/log/nginx/expadox_access.log`

- Forwards client IP and other headers securely

**Security Controls**:

- Access logging captures: client IP, timestamp, method, URI, status code
- X-Real-IP and X-Forwarded-For headers preserve client identity
- Single entry point for all traffic (eliminates direct app access)
- Can be extended with WAF rules

**Log Format Example**:

```
192.168.56.102 - - [14/Dec/2025:17:30:12 +0000] "POST /login HTTP/1.1" 200 500 "-" "Mozilla/5.0"
```

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**5. Fail2Ban DDoS & Brute-Force Protection (Systemd Service)**

**Purpose**: Automatic detection and mitigation of attack patterns

**Configuration**:

- **Filter**: Monitors Nginx logs for failed login patterns
- **Max Retries**: 5 failed attempts
- **Time Window**: 600 seconds (10 minutes)
- **Ban Duration**: 3600 seconds (1 hour)

**Attack Patterns Detected**:

- Multiple failed POST /login requests
- Multiple failed POST /register requests

**How It Works**:

1. Fail2Ban reads Nginx access logs in real-time
2. Detects patterns matching the filter rules
3. Automatically blocks the attacking IP using iptables
4. Removes block after ban duration expires

**Security Controls**:

- Automatic blocking requires no manual intervention

- Whitelist can be configured for trusted IPs
- Persistent database tracks all bans
- Integration with iptables for kernel-level blocking

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## Security Features Implemented

### Secure Authentication

- ✅ Argon2 password hashing (resistant to GPU/ASIC attacks)
- ✅ Password verification with timing attack resistance
- ✅ No plaintext passwords stored or logged
- ✅ Rate limiting via Fail2Ban

### OAuth2 Login

- ✅ Authorization Code flow (most secure)
- ✅ Client credentials verification
- ✅ Token-based session management
- ✅ User info endpoint for identity verification

### Zero Trust Access

- ✅ All traffic routed through Nginx gateway
- ✅ No direct access to Flask app bypassing proxy
- ✅ Every request logged with client IP
- ✅ Can enforce additional identity checks per resource

### Privileged Access Management

- ✅ Keycloak admin interface for user management
- ✅ Audit trail of all admin actions
- ✅ Role-based access control (RBAC) ready

### Secure Session Management

- ✅ Flask-Login with secure cookies
- ✅ Session timeout on inactivity
- ✅ OAuth tokens stored securely
- ✅ Logout clears all session data

### Multi-Factor Authentication (Ready)

- ✅ Keycloak supports TOTP/OTP
- ✅ Can be enabled in Keycloak realm settings
- ✅ Backup codes supported

### DDoS Detection & Mitigation

✅ Real-time traffic monitoring via Nginx
✅ Automatic IP blocking after attack threshold
✅ No manual intervention required
✅ Configurable detection rules

### Audit Logging

✅ All login attempts logged (success/failure) ✅ Nginx access logs capture all HTTP traffic ✅ Failed login attempts logged to `security.log` ✅ Keycloak admin actions logged ✅ 7+ day retention recommended

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## Deployment Summary

### System Requirements

- **Host OS**: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- **RAM**: 4GB minimum (8GB for comfortable operation)
- **Disk**: 30GB+ for application and databases
- **CPU**: 2+ cores recommended

### Installed Components

| Component | Version | Port | Status |
|---|---|---|---|
| PostgreSQL | 16 | 5432 | ✅ Running |
| Flask | 2.3+ | 5000 | ✅ Running |
| Keycloak | 22.0.0 | 8080 | ✅ Running |
| Nginx | 1.24 | 80 | ✅ Running |
| Fail2Ban | 1.0.2 | N/A | ✅ Running |

### Key Credentials (Development Only - Change in Production)

```
PostgreSQL:
  User: kiza
  Password: kiza
  Database: expadox

Keycloak Admin:
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```
Username: admin
Password: admin123

Flask App Secret: dev-secret-change-me-prod
```

⚠️ **CRITICAL**: Change all default credentials before production deployment!

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## How to Use

### Access the Application

```
http://192.168.56.102/login
```

### Traditional Login

1. Register new account with email and password
2. Login with credentials
3. Password verified using Argon2

### OAuth2 Login (Keycloak)

1. Click "Login with Keycloak"
2. Redirected to Keycloak login
3. Enter Keycloak credentials (admin/admin123)
4. Redirected back to Flask app
5. User session created

### Access Admin Console (Keycloak)

```
http://192.168.56.102:8080/admin/
```

### View Security Logs

```bash
```

```
# Failed login attempts
tail -f ~/projects/expadox-security/security.log

# All HTTP traffic
sudo tail -f /var/log/nginx/expadox_access.log

# Fail2Ban status
sudo fail2ban-client status expadox
```

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## Testing & Validation

### Test Traditional Authentication

bash

```
curl -X POST http://192.168.56.102/register \
  -d "email=test@example.com&password=TestPass123"

curl -X POST http://192.168.56.102/login \
  -d "email=test@example.com&password=TestPass123"
```

### Test DDoS Protection

bash

```
# Simulate 6 failed login attempts (should trigger block on 6th)
for i in {1..6}; do
  curl -X POST http://192.168.56.102/login \
    -d "email=attacker@test.com&password=wrongpass"
done

# Check if IP is blocked
sudo iptables -L
```

### Verify Audit Logs

bash

```
# View all traffic
sudo grep "POST /login" /var/log/nginx/expadox_access.log

# Count failed attempts by IP
sudo grep "POST /login" /var/log/nginx/expadox_access.log | \
  awk '{print $1}' | sort | uniq -c
```

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## Security Assumptions & Limitations

### Assumptions

1. Network is trusted (Nginx accessible only internally)
2. HTTPS not enforced (use in production only!)
3. Single-server deployment (no load balancing)
4. No external authentication providers integrated
5. Database backup strategy not implemented

### Limitations

1. **No HTTPS/TLS**: All traffic in plaintext (dev only)
2. **Single Database**: No replication or failover
3. **No Load Balancing**: Single Flask instance
4. **Basic MFA**: OAuth2 only, no SMS/TOTP by default
5. **Limited Scalability**: Not optimized for 5M users
6. **Local Fail2Ban**: DDoS detection is application-level

### Recommendations for Production

### Security Hardening

- ✅ Enable HTTPS/TLS with valid certificates
- ✅ Change all default credentials
- ✅ Implement Web Application Firewall (WAF)
- ✅ Enable CORS headers
- ✅ Implement rate limiting per-user
- ✅ Add CAPTCHA to login form

- ✅ Implement passwordless authentication

**Scalability**

- ✅ Deploy multiple Flask instances with load balancing
- ✅ Use managed PostgreSQL (AWS RDS, Google Cloud SQL)
- ✅ Implement Redis for session caching
- ✅ Use CDN for static assets
- ✅ Deploy Keycloak in HA cluster

**Monitoring & Operations**

- ✅ Centralized logging (ELK, Datadog, Splunk)
- ✅ Real-time alerting on suspicious patterns
- ✅ Database backup automation
- ✅ Health checks and auto-recovery
- ✅ Performance monitoring (APM)

**Compliance**

- ✅ GDPR: Data retention and deletion policies
- ✅ SOC 2: Access controls and audit trails
- ✅ HIPAA: Encryption at rest and in transit (if applicable)
- ✅ PCI-DSS: If handling payment data

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## Maintenance & Operations

**Start All Services**

```bash
```

```
# Terminal 1: Keycloak
cd ~/projects/keycloak-22.0.0
export KEYCLOAK_ADMIN=admin
export KEYCLOAK_ADMIN_PASSWORD=admin123
bin/kc.sh start-dev

# Terminal 2: Flask
cd ~/projects/expadox-security
source .venv/bin/activate
python3 app.py

# Terminal 3: Services
sudo systemctl start postgresql nginx fail2ban
```

### Health Checks

```bash
# Check all services
sudo systemctl status postgresql nginx fail2ban

# Check ports
netstat -tuln | grep -E '5432|5000|8080|80'

# Verify database
psql -U kiza -d expadox -h localhost -W -c "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM users;"
```

### Database Backup

```bash
pg_dump -U kiza -d expadox -h localhost > expadox_backup_$(date +%Y%m%d).sql
```

### View Failed Login Attempts

```bash
grep "Failed login" ~/projects/expadox-security/security.log | tail -20
```

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## Conclusion

The Expadox Identity & Protection Platform successfully implements:

- ✅ Secure authentication with industry-standard password hashing

- ✅ OAuth2-based identity management
- ✅ Zero Trust access control via reverse proxy
- ✅ Automatic DDoS detection and mitigation
- ✅ Comprehensive audit logging

This platform provides a strong foundation for scaling to 5 million users with appropriate cloud infrastructure, database replication, and monitoring systems.