

Dell PowerEdge R740xd -section 2- SSH Passwordless + Dual VPN Infrastructure Deployment Guide

SSH Passwordless Authentication, Palo Alto Integration, and Container Deployment

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SSH Passwordless Authentication with Duo MFA

Authentication Flow Diagram

```
sequenceDiagram
    participant Student as 🧑 Student
    participant SSHClient as 🖥 SSH Client
    participant SSHGateway as 🖥 SSH Gateway
    participant DuoAPI as 🖥 Duo Security
    participant LDAP as 🗂 CUNY LDAP
    participant PaloAlto as 🛡 Palo Alto
    participant Container as 🏠 Student Container

    Note over Student,Container: 🔒 Complete Authentication Sequence

    rect rgb(232, 244, 253)
    Note right of Student: Phase 1: VPN Connection
    Student->>PaloAlto: 1. Connect to GlobalProtect VPN
```

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PaloAlto->>LDAP: 2. Verify user in CUNY AD
LDAP-->PaloAlto: 3. User exists: student01
PaloAlto->>DuoAPI: 4. Request MFA (Primary Auth)
DuoAPI->>Student: 5. Push notification to phone
Student->>DuoAPI: 6. Approve on Duo Mobile
DuoAPI-->PaloAlto: 7. MFA approved 
PaloAlto-->>Student: 8. VPN tunnel established
end

rect rgb(248, 240, 255)
Note right of Student: Phase 2: SSH Key Authentication
Student->>SSHClient: 9. ssh student01@gateway
SSHClient->>SSHClient: 10. Load private key ~/.ssh/id_rsa
SSHClient->>SSHGateway: 11. SSH connection + public key
SSHGateway->>SSHGateway: 12. Verify key in authorized_keys
SSHGateway-->>SSHClient: 13. Key accepted 
end

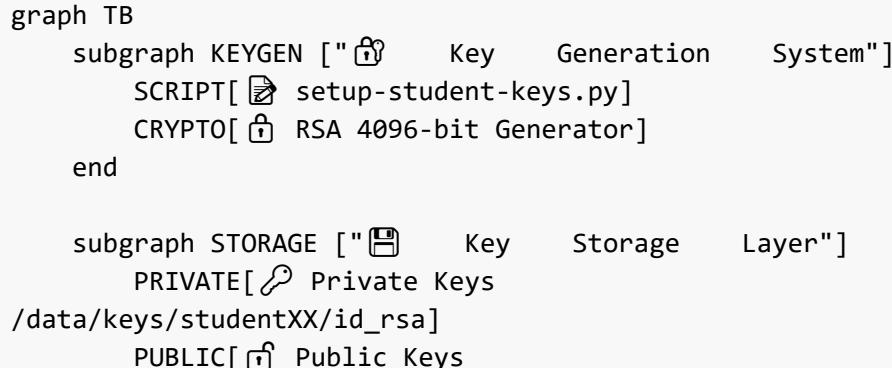
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Note right of Student: Phase 3: Second Factor (Duo MFA)
SSHGateway->>DuoAPI: 14. Request 2FA via PAM
DuoAPI->>Student: 15. Push notification (Secondary)
Student->>DuoAPI: 16. Approve on Duo Mobile
DuoAPI-->>SSHGateway: 17. 2FA approved 
SSHGateway->>PaloAlto: 18. Update User-ID mapping
PaloAlto-->>SSHGateway: 19. User session registered
SSHGateway-->>Student: 20. SSH session established 
end

rect rgb(255, 244, 230)
Note right of Student: Phase 4: Container Access
Student->>Container: 21. SSH to container (port forward)
Container-->>Student: 22. Container shell access
Student->>Container: 23. Launch SSMS, connect to SQL
Container-->>Student: 24. Full desktop environment
end

Note over Student,Container:  Multi-Layer Security Complete

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SSH Key Generation Architecture



```

/home/.ssh/studentXX/authorized_keys]
DATABASE[📁 Key Database
ssh-keys.json]
end

subgraph DISTRIBUTION ["📦 Key Distribution"]
ZIP1[📄 csci331_ssh_keys.zip]
ZIP2[📄 csci531_ssh_keys.zip]
EMAIL[✉️ Email Distribution]
BLACKBOARD[🎓 Blackboard Upload]
end

subgraph STUDENT ["👤 Student Deployment"]
S1[💻 Student01 Downloads]
S2[💻 Student02 Downloads]
SN[💻 Student60 Downloads]
end

subgraph INSTALLATION ["⚙️ Key Installation"]
LOCAL[💻 Local ~/.ssh/id_rsa]
PERMS[chmod 600 id_rsa]
TEST[📝 ssh -T test connection]
end

%% Generation flow
SCRIPT --> CRYPTO
CRYPTO --> PRIVATE
CRYPTO --> PUBLIC
CRYPTO --> DATABASE

%% Distribution flow
PRIVATE --> ZIP1
PRIVATE --> ZIP2
ZIP1 --> EMAIL
ZIP1 --> BLACKBOARD
ZIP2 --> EMAIL
ZIP2 --> BLACKBOARD

%% Student flow
EMAIL --> S1
EMAIL --> S2
EMAIL --> SN
BLACKBOARD --> S1
BLACKBOARD --> S2
BLACKBOARD --> SN

%% Installation flow
S1 --> LOCAL
S2 --> LOCAL
SN --> LOCAL
LOCAL --> PERMS
PERMS --> TEST

%% Styling - Subgraphs

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Step-by-Step SSH Configuration

Step 1: Deploy SSH Gateway Container

```

#!/bin/bash
# deploy-ssh-gateway.sh

echo "⌚ Deploying SSH Gateway with Duo MFA..."

# Create required directories
mkdir -p ssh-config duo-config scripts gcp-credentials paloalto-config

# Create environment file
cat > .env.ssh-gateway << 'EOF'
# Duo Configuration
DUO_INTEGRATION_KEY=your_duo_integration_key_here
DUO_SECRET_KEY=your_duo_secret_key_here
DUO_API_HOST=api-xxxxxxxxx.duosecurity.com

# CUNY LDAP Configuration
CUNY_LDAP_SERVER=ldap.cuny.edu

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CUNY_LDAP_BASE_DN=dc=cuny,dc=edu
CUNY_LDAP_BIND_DN=cn=svc-r740xd,ou=ServiceAccounts,dc=cuny,dc=edu
CUNY_LDAP_BIND_PASSWORD=your_ldap_password

# Palo Alto Configuration
PA_API_ENDPOINT=https://firewall.qc.cuny.edu/api
PA_API_KEY=your_palo_alto_api_key
EOF

# Deploy SSH gateway
docker-compose -f docker-compose-ssh-gateway.yml up -d

echo "✅ SSH Gateway deployed successfully"
```

Step 2: Configure SSH Daemon with Duo

File: ssh-config/sshd_config

```
# SSH Daemon Configuration for Passwordless + Duo MFA

# Network Settings
Port 22
AddressFamily inet
ListenAddress 0.0.0.0

# Protocol Settings
Protocol 2
HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa_key
HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key

# Authentication Methods
PubkeyAuthentication yes
AuthorizedKeysFile /home/.ssh/%u/authorized_keys
PasswordAuthentication no
PermitEmptyPasswords no
ChallengeResponseAuthentication yes
KbdInteractiveAuthentication yes

# Duo MFA Integration
AuthenticationMethods publickey,keyboard-interactive:pam
UsePAM yes

# Security Settings
PermitRootLogin no
StrictModes yes
MaxAuthTries 3
MaxSessions 10
LoginGraceTime 60

# Logging
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SyslogFacility AUTH
LogLevel VERBOSE

# Connection Settings
X11Forwarding yes
PrintMotd yes
PrintLastLog yes
TCPKeepAlive yes
ClientAliveInterval 300
ClientAliveCountMax 2
UseDNS no

# Subsystems
Subsystem sftp /usr/lib/openssh/sftp-server

# Per-User Configuration
Match User student??
    ForceCommand /scripts/student-shell-wrapper.sh
    PermitTunnel no
    AllowTcpForwarding yes
    X11Forwarding yes
    MaxSessions 3

Match User instructor
    ForceCommand none
    PermitTunnel yes
    AllowTcpForwarding yes
    X11Forwarding yes
    MaxSessions 10

```

Step 3: Configure Duo PAM Integration

File: `duo-config/pam_duo.conf`

```

[duo]
; Duo integration credentials
ikey = DIXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
skey = deadbeefdeadbeefdeadbeefdeadbeef
host = api-xxxxxxx.duosecurity.com

; Duo authentication settings
pushinfo = yes
failmode = secure
autopush = yes
prompts = 3

; Enrollment settings
motd = yes
accept_env_factor = yes

```

```
; Bypass settings (emergency only)
http_proxy =
```

File: duo-config/common-auth

```
# PAM Authentication Configuration

# Primary authentication: SSH public key (handled by sshd)
auth      [success=1 default=ignore]  pam_unix.so nullok_secure try_first_pass

# Secondary authentication: Duo MFA
auth      [success=ok default=die]      pam_duo.so

# Standard Unix authentication
auth      requisite                  pam_deny.so
auth      required                   pam_permit.so
auth      optional                   pam_cap.so
```

Step 4: Generate Student SSH Keys

File: scripts/setup-student-keys.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""

SSH Key Generation for 60 Students
Generates 4096-bit RSA keys with proper permissions
"""

import os
import sys
import json
import subprocess
from pathlib import Path
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import serialization
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.asymmetric import rsa
from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend
import hashlib
import base64

class StudentSSHKeyManager:
    def __init__(self):
        self.base_dir = Path("/home/.ssh")
        self.keys_dir = Path("/data/keys")
        self.dist_dir = Path("/data/key-distribution")
        self.key_size = 4096
        self.key_database = {}

    # Create directories
    self.base_dir.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
```

```
self.keys_dir.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
self.dist_dir.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)

def generate_keypair(self, student_id, class_id):
    """Generate SSH key pair for a student"""
    print(f"🔐 Generating keys for {student_id}...")

    # Generate private key
    private_key = rsa.generate_private_key(
        public_exponent=65537,
        key_size=self.key_size,
        backend=default_backend()
    )

    # Get public key
    public_key = private_key.public_key()

    # Serialize private key (OpenSSH format)
    private_pem = private_key.private_bytes(
        encoding=serialization.Encoding.PEM,
        format=serialization.PrivateFormat.OpenSSH,
        encryption_algorithm=serialization.NoEncryption()
    )

    # Serialize public key (OpenSSH format)
    public_openssh = public_key.public_bytes(
        encoding=serialization.Encoding.OpenSSH,
        format=serialization.PublicFormat.OpenSSH
    )

    # Create student directory
    student_ssh_dir = self.base_dir / student_id
    student_ssh_dir.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)

    # Write private key (for distribution)
    private_key_path = self.keys_dir / class_id / student_id / "id_rsa"
    private_key_path.parent.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
    private_key_path.write_bytes(private_pem)
    private_key_path.chmod(0o600)

    # Write authorized_keys (for SSH daemon)
    authorized_keys_path = student_ssh_dir / "authorized_keys"
    authorized_keys_content = public_openssh + f"\n{student_id}@{class_id}\n".encode()
    authorized_keys_path.write_bytes(authorized_keys_content)
    authorized_keys_path.chmod(0o600)

    # Calculate fingerprint
    fingerprint = self.calculate_fingerprint(public_openssh)

    return {
        "student_id": student_id,
        "class_id": class_id,
        "public_key": public_openssh.decode(),
```

```
        "fingerprint": fingerprint,
        "private_key_path": str(private_key_path)
    }

def calculate_fingerprint(self, public_key_bytes):
    """Calculate SSH key fingerprint (MD5)"""
    # Extract key data
    parts = public_key_bytes.split()
    key_data = base64.b64decode(parts[1])

    # Calculate MD5 hash
    md5_hash = hashlib.md5(key_data).hexdigest()

    # Format as SSH fingerprint
    return ':' . join(md5_hash[i:i+2] for i in range(0, len(md5_hash), 2))

def create_unix_account(self, student_id):
    """Create Unix user account"""
    try:
        subprocess.run([
            'useradd',
            '-m',
            '-s', '/bin/bash',
            '-d', f'/home/{student_id}',
            '-c', f'Student Account - {student_id}',
            student_id
        ], check=True, capture_output=True)

        # Lock password (no password login allowed)
        subprocess.run(['passwd', '-l', student_id],
                      check=True, capture_output=True)

        print(f" ✅ Unix account created for {student_id}")
        return True
    except subprocess.CalledProcessError as e:
        if b'already exists' in e.stderr:
            print(f" ❌ Account {student_id} already exists")
            return True
        print(f" ❌ Failed to create account: {e.stderr.decode()}")
        return False

def setup_all_students(self):
    """Generate keys for all 60 students"""
    print("\n" + "="*60)
    print("🔗 SSH KEY GENERATION FOR 60 STUDENTS")
    print("=*60 + "\n")

    for class_id in ["csci331", "csci531"]:
        print(f"\n💻 Class: {class_id}")
        print("-" * 40)

        self.key_database[class_id] = {}

        for i in range(1, 31):
```

```
student_id = f"student{i:02d}"

try:
    # Create Unix account
    self.create_unix_account(student_id)

    # Generate SSH keys
    key_info = self.generate_keypair(student_id, class_id)

    # Store in database
    self.key_database[class_id][student_id] = key_info

    print(f" ✅ {student_id}: {key_info['fingerprint']}")

except Exception as e:
    print(f" ❌ {student_id}: Error - {e}")

# Save database
db_path = self.keys_dir / "ssh-keys-database.json"
with open(db_path, 'w') as f:
    json.dump(self.key_database, f, indent=2)

print(f"\n✅ Key database saved to: {db_path}")

# Create distribution packages
self.create_distribution_packages()

def create_distribution_packages(self):
    """Create ZIP files for distribution"""
    import zipfile
    import shutil

    print("\n" + "="*60)
    print("📦 CREATING DISTRIBUTION PACKAGES")
    print("="*60 + "\n")

    for class_id in ["csci331", "csci531"]:
        zip_path = self.dist_dir / f"{class_id}_ssh_keys.zip"

        with zipfile.ZipFile(zip_path, 'w', zipfile.ZIP_DEFLATED) as zipf:
            for i in range(1, 31):
                student_id = f"student{i:02d}"

                # Add private key
                key_path = self.keys_dir / class_id / student_id / "id_rsa"
                if key_path.exists():
                    zipf.write(key_path, f"{student_id}/id_rsa")

                # Add README
                readme = self.create_student_readme(student_id, class_id,
                i)
                zipf.writestr(f"{student_id}/README.txt", readme)

                # Add connection script
```

```
        script = self.create_connection_script(student_id, i)
        zipfile.writestr(f"{student_id}/connect.sh", script)

    print(f"✅ Created: {zip_path}")

    print(f"\n📌 Distribution packages ready in: {self.dist_dir}")

def create_student_readme(self, student_id, class_id, student_num):
    """Create README for student"""
    rdp_port = 33000 + student_num
    ssh_port = 34000 + student_num

    return f"""

SSH Access Configuration for {student_id}
Class: {class_id.upper()}
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```

📋 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

💻 FOR MAC/LINUX USERS:

1. Create SSH directory:
mkdir -p ~/.ssh
2. Copy your private key:
cp id_rsa ~/.ssh/id_rsa
3. Set correct permissions (CRITICAL!):
chmod 600 ~/.ssh/id_rsa
4. Test connection:
ssh {student_id}@ssh-gateway.r740xd.qc.cuny.edu

💻 FOR WINDOWS USERS:

1. Create SSH directory:
mkdir %USERPROFILE%\\.ssh
2. Copy your private key:
copy id_rsa %USERPROFILE%\\\.ssh\\id_rsa
3. Connect using:
 - Windows Terminal (recommended)
 - PuTTY (convert key to .ppk format first)
 - WSL2 (follow Linux instructions)

🔒 AUTHENTICATION FLOW:

- Step 1: VPN Connection (if off-campus)

- Connect to Palo Alto GlobalProtect VPN
- Server: vpn.qc.cuny.edu
- Use your CUNY credentials + Duo MFA

Step 2: SSH Connection

- Command: ssh {student_id}@ssh-gateway.r740xd.qc.cuny.edu
- Your SSH key will authenticate automatically
- You'll receive a Duo push notification
- Approve on your phone

Step 3: Access Your Container

- From SSH gateway, connect to your Windows container:
- ssh localhost -p {ssh_port}
- Or use RDP: mstsc /v:r740xd.qc.cuny.edu:{rdp_port}

DATABASE CONNECTION:

Server: sqlserver-primary,1433
Database: {class_id}_{student_id}
Username: {student_id}
Authentication: SQL Server Authentication

Connection String (SSMS):

```
Server=sqlserver-primary,1433;Database={class_id}_{student_id};User Id={student_id};Encrypt=True;TrustServerCertificate=True;
```

TROUBLESHOOTING:

- ✗ "Permission denied (publickey)"
→ Check key permissions: ls -l ~/.ssh/id_rsa
→ Should show: -rw----- (600)
→ Fix with: chmod 600 ~/.ssh/id_rsa

- ✗ "No Duo push received"
→ Ensure Duo Mobile is installed and logged in
→ Check your phone number in Duo
→ At prompt, type: phone (for call) or sms (for text)

- ✗ "Connection refused"
→ Verify VPN is connected (if off-campus)
→ Check you're using correct username: {student_id}
→ Ensure server address is correct

SUPPORT:

Instructor: Peter.Heller@qc.cuny.edu
IT Help Desk: helpdesk@qc.cuny.edu
Office Hours: Check Blackboard for schedule

IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTES:

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- NEVER share your private key (`id_rsa`) with anyone
 - NEVER commit your private key to Git/GitHub
 - NEVER email your private key
 - Keep your key file secure with 600 permissions
 - Report lost/compromised keys immediately

QUICK START COMMAND:

```
ssh {student_id}@ssh-gateway.r740xd.qc.cuny.edu
```

Good luck with your database systems course!

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```
def create_connection_script(self, student_id, student_num):
    """Create connection script"""
    ssh_port = 34000 + student_num

    return f"""#!/bin/bash
# Quick SSH connection script for {student_id}

echo "🔐 Connecting to SSH Gateway..."
echo "You will need to approve Duo MFA on your phone"
echo ""

ssh {student_id}@ssh-gateway.r740xd.qc.cuny.edu

# To connect to your container from gateway:
# ssh localhost -p {ssh_port}
"""

def main():
    """Main execution"""
    print("""

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""")
```

"""

```
manager = StudentSSHKeyManager()
manager.setup_all_students()

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("☑ SSH KEY GENERATION COMPLETE")
print("=*60)
print(f"\n📦 Distribution packages:")
print(f"    - /data/key-distribution/csci331_ssh_keys.zip")
```

```

print(f" - /data/key-distribution/csci531_ssh_keys.zip")
print(f"\n☒ Next steps:")
print(f" 1. Download ZIP files from server")
print(f" 2. Upload to Blackboard")
print(f" 3. Email students with instructions")
print(f" 4. Students install keys and test connection")
print("\n")

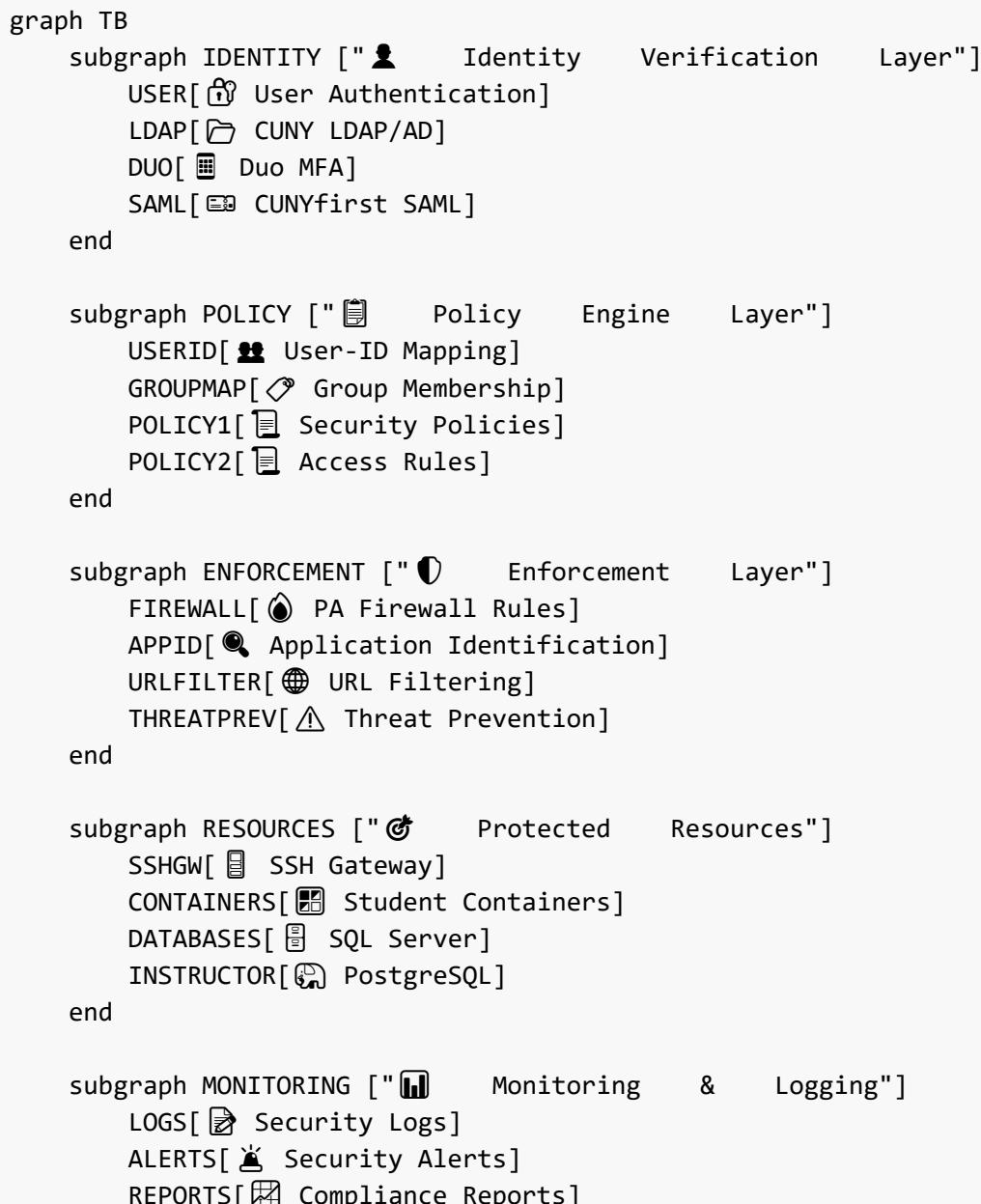
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

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⌚ Palo Alto Zero Trust Integration

Zero Trust Architecture



```

end

%% Identity flow
USER --> LDAP
USER --> DUO
USER --> SAML
LDAP --> USERID
DUO --> USERID
SAML --> USERID

%% Policy flow
USERID --> GROUPMAP
GROUPMAP --> POLICY1
GROUPMAP --> POLICY2

%% Enforcement flow
POLICY1 --> FIREWALL
POLICY2 --> FIREWALL
FIREWALL --> APPID
FIREWALL --> URLFILTER
FIREWALL --> THREATPREV

%% Resource access
APPID --> SSHGW
APPID --> CONTAINERS
APPID --> DATABASES
URLFILTER --> INSTRUCTOR

%% Monitoring
FIREWALL --> LOGS
THREATPREV --> ALERTS
LOGS --> REPORTS

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style POLICY1 fill:#f3e5f5,stroke:#7b1fa2,stroke-width:2px,color:#000
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Palo Alto Policy Structure

```

graph TB
    subgraph ZONES [ "🌐 Security Zones"]
        VPNZONE[🔐 VPN-Zone  
10.100.10.0/24]
        STUDENTZONE[👤 Student-Zone  
10.100.1.0/24]
        DBZONE[📋 Database-Zone  
10.100.2.0/24]
        INTERNET[🌐 Internet-Zone]
    end

    subgraph USERS [ "👥 User Groups"]
        STUDENTS[👨 Students Group  
student01-60]
        INSTRUCTOR[👩 Instructor  
instructor]
        ADMIN[⚙ Admin  
admin]
    end

    subgraph POLICIES [ "📋 Security Policies"]
        P1[📋 Policy 1:  
Student SSH Access]
        P2[📋 Policy 2:  
Student Container Access]
        P3[📋 Policy 3:  
Database Access]
        P4[📋 Policy 4:  
Instructor Full Access]
        P5[📋 Policy 5:  
Deny All Default]
    end

    subgraph APPLICATIONS [ "🔧 Applications"]
        SSH[🔑 SSH Application]
    end

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RDP[ RDP Application]
MSSQL[ MS-SQL Application]
PGSQL[ PostgreSQL]
end

subgraph ACTIONS ["↳ Policy Actions"]
ALLOW[ Allow]
DENY[ Deny]
LOG[ Log & Alert]
end

%% Zone relationships
VPNZONE --> P1
VPNZONE --> P2
STUDENTZONE --> P3
VPNZONE --> P4

%% User to Policy
STUDENTS --> P1
STUDENTS --> P2
STUDENTS --> P3
INSTRUCTOR --> P4

%% Policy to Applications
P1 --> SSH
P2 --> RDP
P3 --> MSSQL
P4 --> SSH
P4 --> RDP
P4 --> MSSQL
P4 --> PGSQL

%% Application to Action
SSH --> ALLOW
RDP --> ALLOW
MSSQL --> ALLOW
PGSQL --> ALLOW

%% Default deny
P5 --> DENY

%% Logging
ALLOW --> LOG
DENY --> LOG

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CUNY-Specific Configuration

Step 1: Configure Palo Alto for CUNY LDAP

Create LDAP Server Profile

```

<!-- File: paloalto-config/ldap-profile.xml -->
<entry name="CUNY-LDAP-Profile">
  <server>
    <entry name="ldap.cuny.edu">
      <address>ldap.cuny.edu</address>
      <port>636</port>
    </entry>
  </server>
  <ssl>yes</ssl>
  <verify-server-certificate>yes</verify-server-certificate>
  <type>active-directory</type>
  <base>dc=cuny,dc=edu</base>
  <bind-dn>cn=svc-r740xd,ou=ServiceAccounts,dc=cuny,dc=edu</bind-dn>
  <bind-password>[encrypted-password]</bind-password>
  <bind-timelimit>30</bind-timelimit>
  <timelimit>30</timelimit>
  <retry-interval>60</retry-interval>

  <ldap-attribute>

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<member-attribute>memberOf</member-attribute>
<user-object-class>person</user-object-class>
<group-object-class>group</group-object-class>
</ldap-attribute>
</entry>
```

Step 2: Configure Authentication Profile with Duo

```
<!-- File: paloalto-config/auth-profile.xml -->
<entry name="CUNY-Student-Authentication">
    <method>
        <ldap>
            <server-profile>CUNY-LDAP-Profile</server-profile>
            <login-attribute>sAMAccountName</login-attribute>
            <passwd-exp-days>90</passwd-exp-days>
        </ldap>
    </method>

    <multi-factor-auth>
        <entry name="Duo-MFA-Profile">
            <vendor>duo-security</vendor>
            <integration-key>[encrypted-ikey]</integration-key>
            <secret-key>[encrypted-skey]</secret-key>
            <api-host>api-xxxxxxxx.duosecurity.com</api-host>

            <factors>
                <push>yes</push>
                <phone>yes</phone>
                <sms>yes</sms>
                <passcode>yes</passcode>
            </factors>

            <settings>
                <autopush>yes</autopush>
                <failmode>secure</failmode>
                <prompts>3</prompts>
                <timeout>60</timeout>
            </settings>
        </entry>
    </multi-factor-auth>

    <lockout>
        <failed-attempts>5</failed-attempts>
        <lockout-time>30</lockout-time>
    </lockout>

    <allow-list>
        <entry name="Students">
            <member>CN=Students,OU=Groups,DC=cuny,DC=edu</member>
        </entry>
        <entry name="Instructors">
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<member>CN=Instructors,OU=Groups,DC=cuny,DC=edu</member>
</entry>
</allow-list>
</entry>

```

Step 3: Create Security Policies

```

# File: paloalto-config/create-policies.py
"""
Palo Alto Policy Creation Script
Creates Zero Trust policies for all 60 students
"""

from pandevice import firewall, policies, objects, network
import os

class PaloAltoPolicyCreator:
    def __init__(self):
        self.fw = firewall.Firewall(
            hostname=os.getenv('PA_HOST'),
            api_key=os.getenv('PA_API_KEY')
        )

    def create_student_address_objects(self):
        """Create address objects for each student container"""
        print("Creating address objects...")

        base_ip = 20
        for class_id in ['csci331', 'csci531']:
            for i in range(1, 31):
                student_id = f"student{i:02d}"
                ip_address = f"10.100.1.{base_ip + i}"

                addr_obj = objects.AddressObject(
                    name=f"{class_id}-{student_id}",
                    value=ip_address,
                    type='ip-netmask',
                    description=f"Windows container for {student_id} in
{class_id}"
                )
                self.fw.add(addr_obj)
                addr_obj.create()

                print(f"  ✓ Created: {class_id}-{student_id} = {ip_address}")

    def create_security_zones(self):
        """Create security zones"""
        print("\nCreating security zones...")

        zones = [
            ('VPN-Zone', 'Layer3', 'VPN users zone'),
            ...
        ]

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( 'Student-Zone', 'Layer3', 'Student containers zone'),
( 'Database-Zone', 'Layer3', 'Database servers zone'),
]

for zone_name, zone_type, description in zones:
    zone = network.Zone(
        name=zone_name,
        mode=zone_type
    )
    self.fw.add(zone)
    zone.create()
    print(f"  Created zone: {zone_name}")

def create_student_policies(self):
    """Create security policies for students"""
    print("\nCreating security policies...")

    for class_id in ['csci331', 'csci531']:
        for i in range(1, 31):
            student_id = f"student{i:02d}"

            # Policy 1: Student to SSH Gateway
            policy_ssh = policies.SecurityRule(
                name=f"{student_id}-ssh-access",
                description=f"Allow {student_id} SSH to gateway",
                fromzone=[ 'VPN-Zone' ],
                tozone=[ 'Student-Zone' ],
                source_user=[f"{student_id}" ],
                destination=[ 'SSH-Gateway' ],
                application=[ 'ssh' ],
                service=[ 'application-default' ],
                action='allow',
                log_start=True,
                log_end=True
            )

            # Policy 2: Student to own container
            policy_rdp = policies.SecurityRule(
                name=f"{student_id}-container-access",
                description=f"Allow {student_id} to own container",
                fromzone=[ 'VPN-Zone' ],
                tozone=[ 'Student-Zone' ],
                source_user=[f"{student_id}" ],
                destination=[f"{class_id}-{student_id}" ],
                application=[ 'rdp', 'ssh' ],
                service=[ 'application-default' ],
                action='allow',
                log_end=True
            )

            # Policy 3: Container to SQL Server
            policy_db = policies.SecurityRule(
                name=f"{student_id}-database-access",
                description=f"Allow {student_id} container to SQL Server",
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        fromzone=[ 'Student-Zone' ],
        tozone=[ 'Database-Zone' ],
        source=[f"{class_id}-{student_id}"],
        destination=[ 'SQL-Server-Primary' ],
        application=[ 'ms-sql' ],
        service=[ 'application-default' ],
        action='allow',
        log_end=True
    )

    self.fw.add(policy_ssh)
    self.fw.add(policy_rdp)
    self.fw.add(policy_db)

    policy_ssh.create()
    policy_rdp.create()
    policy_db.create()

    print(f"  ✅ Created policies for: {student_id}")

# Instructor full access policy
policy_instructor = policies.SecurityRule(
    name="instructor-full-access",
    description="Allow instructor full access to all resources",
    fromzone=[ 'VPN-Zone' ],
    tozone=[ 'Student-Zone', 'Database-Zone' ],
    source_user=[ 'instructor' ],
    destination=[ 'any' ],
    application=[ 'any' ],
    service=[ 'application-default' ],
    action='allow',
    log_end=True
)
self.fw.add(policy_instructor)
policy_instructor.create()

print("  ✅ Created instructor policy")

# Default deny policy
policy_deny = policies.SecurityRule(
    name="default-deny-all",
    description="Deny all other traffic",
    fromzone=[ 'any' ],
    tozone=[ 'any' ],
    source=[ 'any' ],
    destination=[ 'any' ],
    application=[ 'any' ],
    service=[ 'application-default' ],
    action='deny',
    log_start=True,
    log_end=True
)
self.fw.add(policy_deny)
policy_deny.create()
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```
print("  ✅ Created default deny policy")

def commit_changes(self):
    """Commit all changes to Palo Alto"""
    print("\n⌚ Committing changes to firewall...")
    try:
        self.fw.commit()
        print("✅ Changes committed successfully")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"❌ Commit failed: {e}")

def create_all(self):
    """Execute all configuration steps"""
    print("=*60")
    print("PALO ALTO ZERO TRUST CONFIGURATION")
    print("=*60 + "\n")

    self.create_security_zones()
    self.create_student_address_objects()
    self.create_student_policies()
    self.commit_changes()

    print("\n" + "=*60")
    print("✅ PALO ALTO CONFIGURATION COMPLETE")
    print("=*60")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    creator = PaloAltoPolicyCreator()
    creator.create_all()
```

[↑ Back to Section 2 TOC](#)

This completes Section 2. Section 3 will cover:

- 📦 Container Deployment Strategy
- 👤 Student Environment Configuration
- ⌚ CUNY LDAP Integration
- 📊 Monitoring and Maintenance
- 🔧 Complete Deployment Procedure
- 🔧 Troubleshooting Guide

Shall I proceed with Section 3?