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Protecting Endpoints in a ZeroTrust world!

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Meanwhile in  
Finland...

## MEANWHILE IN FINLAND



# Wartime...

← Thread



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Через поточний стан кібербезпеки, та для захисту КОРПОРАТИВНИХ мереж в Україні я вирішив опублікувати прості та безкоштовні інструкції щодо захисту середовищ Windows від зловмисників. Прочитайте весь тред і, якщо вважаєте його корисним, зробіть ретвіт! [#StandWithUkraine](#)

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## Kunnia Ukrainalle

Muuttuneen kyberturvallisuustilanteen johdosta, maanpuolustushengessä, päätin julkaista mahdollisimman yksinkertaiset ohjeet Windows-ympäristön puolustamiseen, ulkoista hyökkääjää vastaan. LUE KOKO KETJU, ja jos koet, että tästä on hyötyä → Retweet!

For all my English followers, normally I would tweet in English but this is a matter of protecting my own country. I'll translate ASAP, until → Google.

Voisin ohjeistaa, että teidän pitää ottaa pois admin-oikat, asentaa AppLocker jne. mutta tosiasia on, että näitä ei tehdä päivässä, eikä kahdessa. Joten seuraavassa nopeat ohjeet, joilla on oikeasti merkitystä ja välitön teho, kyberhyökkäyksiä vastaan.

Tietoturva on lopulta yksinkertaista. Kyse on enemmän oikeista toimintatavoista, konsepteista, kuin kalliista tuotteista. Seuraavassa käyn läpi, mitä tekisin, jos olisin sotatilanteessa ja suojaus pitäisi saada äkkiä nostettua potenssiin kaksi, irrottamatta verkkoa Internetistä.

Ohjeet on tehty estämään kokonaisen ympäristön menetys. Pari sotilasta voidaan tässä menettää, mutta estetään vierasta tahoa valtaamasta koko firmaa. Yritykset eivät joudu uutisiin, koska heidän käyttäjä saa ransomwaren, vaan siksi, että koko yrityksen toiminta voidaan lamauttaa.

Ohjeet ovat yksinkertaisia, jotka auttavat kaikkia yrityksiä, joilla on hakemistopalvelu(AD/AAD). Näistä saadaan paremmat, jos yhdessä tehdään, juuri teille - Nyt kuitenkin on tarkoitus tehdä ohjeita, jotka sopivat kaikille.

Aina voi parantaa, mutta muistakaa, että tietoturvassa ei saa antaa täydellisen olla hyvän vihollinen. Nyt pitää TEHDÄ näitä asioita, jotta maan yritykset pysyvät turvassa! Ei ole aikaa siihen, että "Tämä ei ole 100% turvallinen" tai "Tämä vuotaa kuitenkin".

Nyt parannetaan olemassa olevaa. Tehdään täydellisempää sitten kun perussuojaukset on kytketty!

1. Tier0-suojaus. Jokaisen hyökkäyksen graalin malja on Domain Admin -tunnus. Jotta sitä ei voi varastaa, sen käyttö estetään siellä missä sitä ei tarvita. Osoita seuraava policy kaikille koneille, paitsi DC-koneille.

# BYOD



New Zero-Trust Era

# Why Zero Trust?

- Empower your users to work more securely anywhere and anytime, on any device
- Enable digital transformation with intelligent security for today's complex environment
- Close security gaps and minimize risk of lateral movement



# Zero Trust principles



Verify explicitly



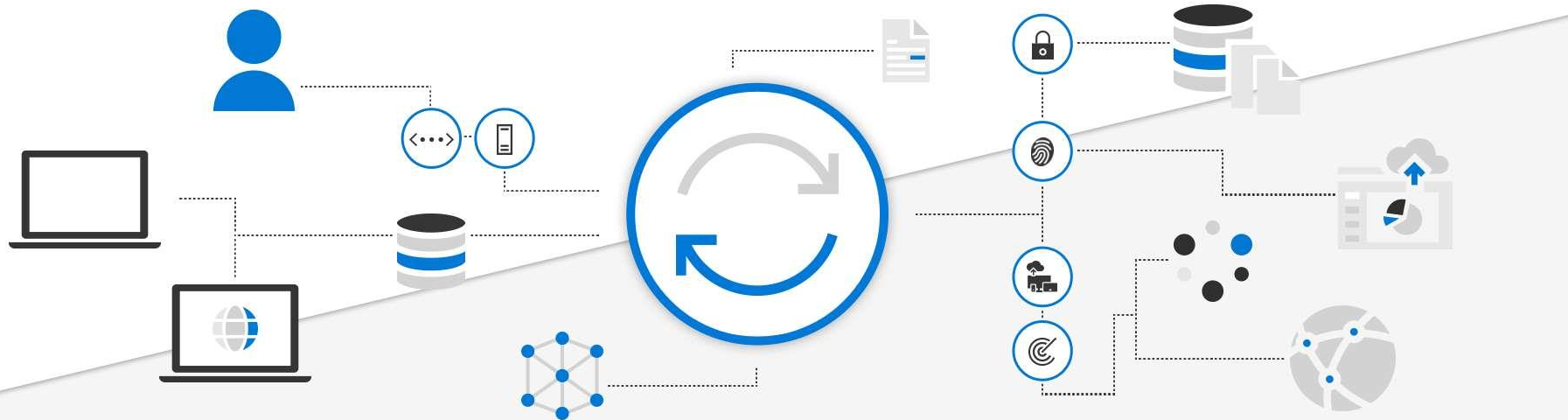
Use least privileged  
access

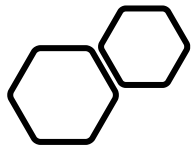


Assume breach

# Zero Trust defined

- Instead of assuming everything behind the corporate firewall is safe, the Zero Trust model assumes breach and verifies each request as though it originates from an open network





“Never trust,  
always verify”

# Zero Trust Components

- Identities
  - Verify and secure each identity with strong authentication across your entire digital estate.
- Devices
  - Gain visibility into devices accessing the network. Ensure compliance and health status before granting access.
- Applications
  - Discover shadow IT, ensure appropriate in-app permissions, gate access based on real-time analytics, and monitor and control user actions.

# Zero Trust Components

- Data
  - Move from perimeter-based data protection to data-driven protection. Use intelligence to classify and label data. Encrypt and restrict access based on organizational policies.
- Infrastructure
  - Use telemetry to detect attacks and anomalies, automatically block and flag risky behavior, and employ least privilege access principles.
- Network
  - Encrypt all internal communications, limit access by policy, and employ microsegmentation and real-time threat detection.

# Security is simple

- Don't look like a rookie – You don't need to be perfect, just better than your neighbor
- Limit the amount of Domain Admins / Global Admins
- Prevent usage of privileged accounts, that can take down the environment, from being used on computers that can get malware
- Prevent management of your systems from endpoints that can “go to Facebook”
- Prevent computers from talking to each other if they don't have to
- Enforce Multi-Factor Authentication
- Encrypt all disks
- Don't give end-users and devs admin rights
- Keep your Hardware and Software Inventory up to date
- Establish or outsource a SoC

Encrypt all Devices!

# Why we need encryption?

- Data wise because over 800000 devices get lost or stolen on the biggest airports in US and Europe yearly
- Security wise because all Windows versions can be cracked with a single command
- Secure decommissioning
  - The format utility (since Windows Vista) deletes the volume metadata and overwrites those sectors to securely delete any BitLocker keys and by doing so makes the volume instantly unreadable



Create profile

×

\*

Name

BitLocker Policy

✓

Description

Enter a description...

✓

\*

Platform

Windows 10 and later

▼

\*

Profile type

Endpoint protection

▼

Settings

Configure

➤

Create

The screenshot shows the 'Windows encryption' window, which is titled 'Windows Settings'. It contains several sections for configuring BitLocker. The first section, 'Require devices to be encrypted (Desktop only)', has two toggle switches: 'Enable' (blue) and 'Not configured' (grey). Below it, 'Require Storage Card to be encrypted (mobile only)' also has 'Enable' and 'Not configured' options. The next section, 'BitLocker base settings', includes 'Configure encryption methods' with 'Enable' and 'Not configured' toggles. Underneath are three dropdown menus for encryption: 'Encryption for operating system drives' set to 'XTS-AES 128-bit', 'Encryption for fixed data-drives' set to 'XTS-AES 128-bit', and 'Encryption for removable data-drives' set to 'AES-CBC 128-bit'. The 'BitLocker OS drive settings' section follows, starting with 'Require additional authentication at startup' (toggled 'On'). Below this are four dropdowns for startup methods: 'Block BitLocker on devices without a compatible TPM chip' (set to 'Allow'), 'TPM startup' (set to 'Allow TPM'), 'TPM startup PIN' (set to 'Allow startup PIN with TPM'), and 'TPM startup key' (set to 'Allow startup key with TPM'). There's also a note about 'TPM startup key and PIN' with two 'Not configured' options. The 'Minimum PIN length' is set to '\* Minimum characters'. The 'Enable OS drive recovery' section has two 'Not configured' options. The 'Require recovery information to be stored in BIOS before enabling BitLocker' section has two 'Not configured' options. At the bottom, there are more settings for 'BitLocker removable data-drive settings', including 'Deny write access to removable data-drive not protected by BitLocker' (toggled 'On') and 'Block write access to devices configured in another organization' (toggled 'On'). The interface uses a clean, modern design with blue accents.

## Are you ready to start encryption?

Disk encryption software other than BitLocker or Windows device encryption will prevent Windows from starting after you encrypt your device. If this happens, you'll need to reinstall Windows, and all data on your device will be lost.

☐ I don't have any other disk encryption software installed.

☐ Don't ask me again.

[Learn more](#)

Yes No

Home > Devices > XENPAW01

## XENPAW01 | Recovery keys

Search (Ctrl+/)

Overview

Manage

Properties

BITLOCKER KEY ID	BITLOCKER RECOVERY KEY (...)	DRIVE TYPE
9e7b1614-e1af-46a4-a4f7-4d...	<a href="#">Show Recovery Key</a>	Operating system drive

BitLocker removable data-drive settings

Deny write access to removable data-drive not protected by BitLocker

Block write access to devices configured in another organization

Forget INTERNAL networks!

Welcome VPNs and IPsec!

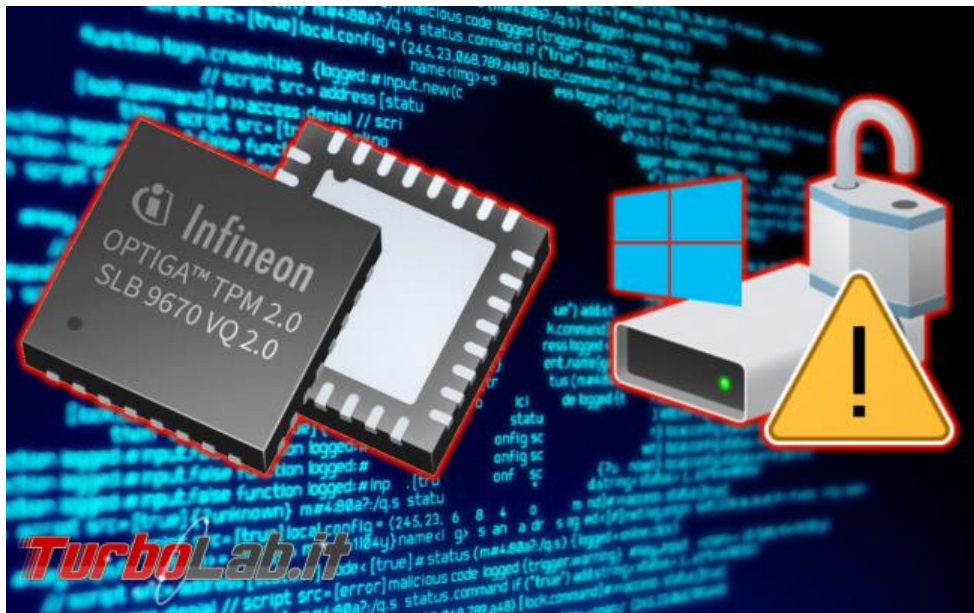
# DEMO - IPsec

# Known and Healthy Devices

# MFA & Biometrics

- PIN is a lot safer than a password! Just keep that in mind!
- I love biometrics!





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Grant

Select the controls to be enforced.

☐ Block access

☒ Grant access

☐ Require multi-factor authentication ⓘ

☐ Require device to be marked as compliant ⓘ

☒ Require Hybrid Azure AD joined device ⓘ

☐ Require approved client app ⓘ  
[See list of approved client apps](#)

For multiple controls

☐ Require all the selected controls

☒ Require one of the selected controls

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“MFA Everything!”

“If you RDP, you MFA!”



# DEMO - MFA

# Principle of Least Privilege

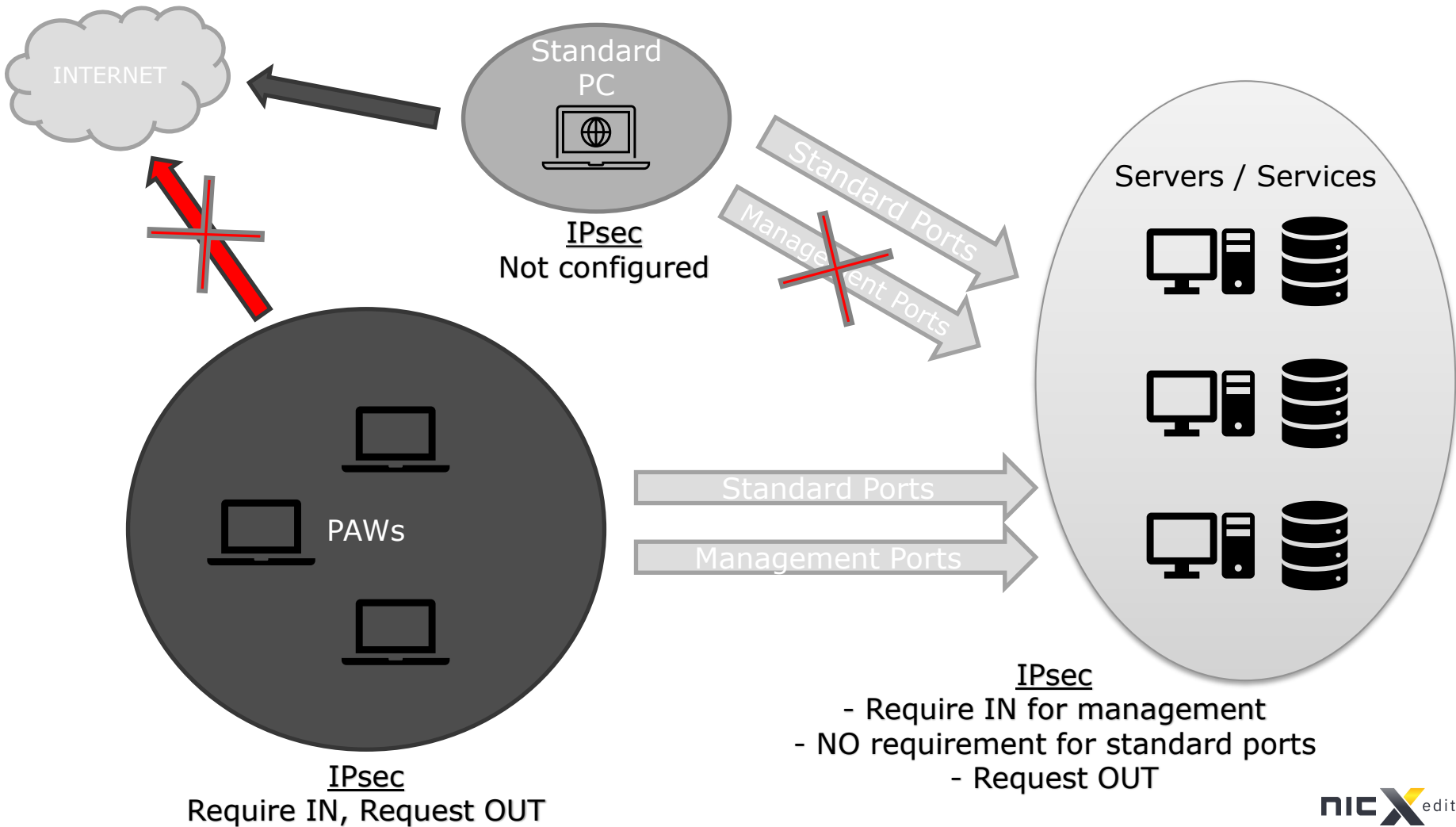
- In Windows there is no Security if you logon as an admin
- The security subsystem was not built to withstand the use of admin rights
- With “No-Admin” approach
  - We get better performance
  - We get less tickets
  - We get less reinstallation
  - We get more productive users!
  - We get less malware
  - We get to be lazier as admins!

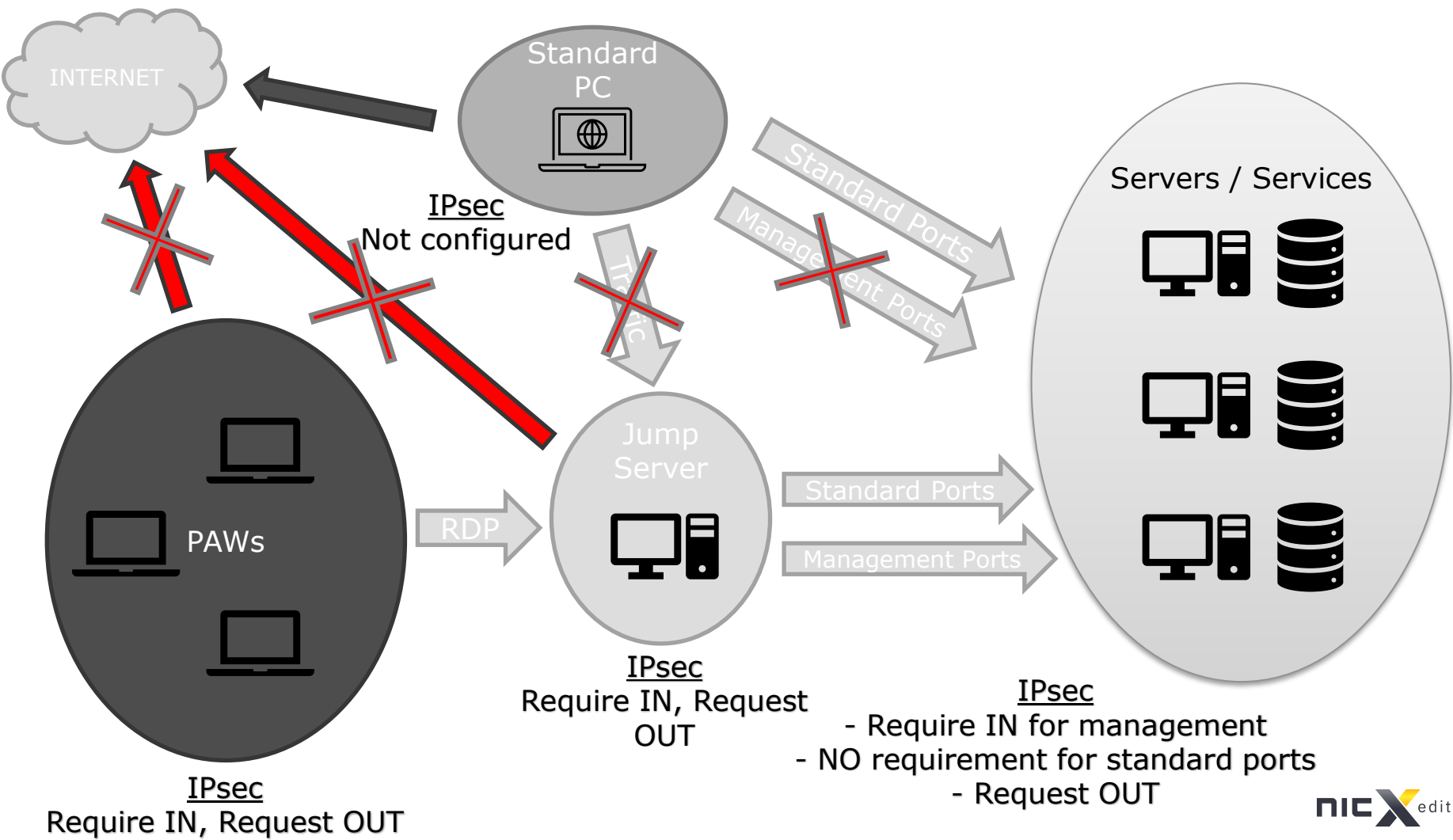
If you can use a device to take down the company, you should not be able to Facebook on it...

Privileged Access Workstation (PAW)

# PAW-workstations

- Management WS
  - RSAT installed
  - Allowed to use Windows Admin Center
  - Allowed to logon with administrative users (and usually only by them)
    - Hopefully not interactively though
- <https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/datacentersecurity/2017/10/13/privileged-access-workstationpaw/>

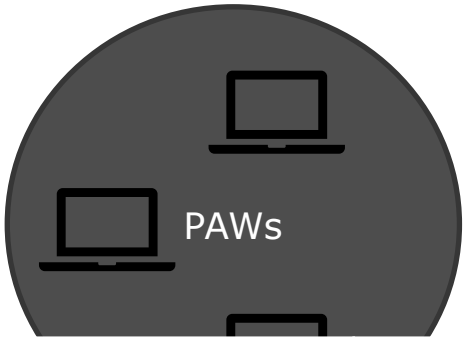




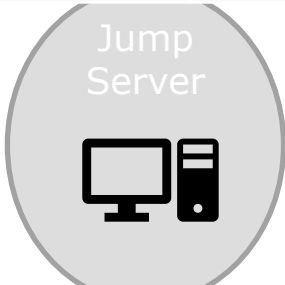
# Administrators- group members



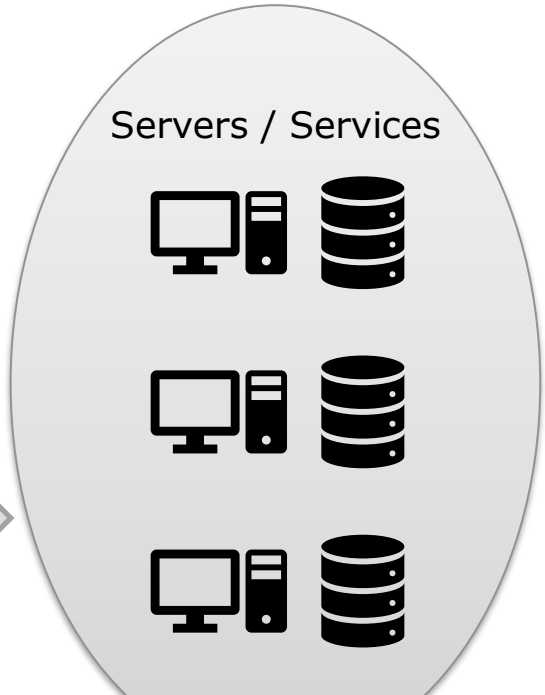
Administrators	
Domain Admins	YES
Workstations Admins	YES
Server Admins	NO
Builtin Administrator (used via LAPS)	YES



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# Native Azure PAW

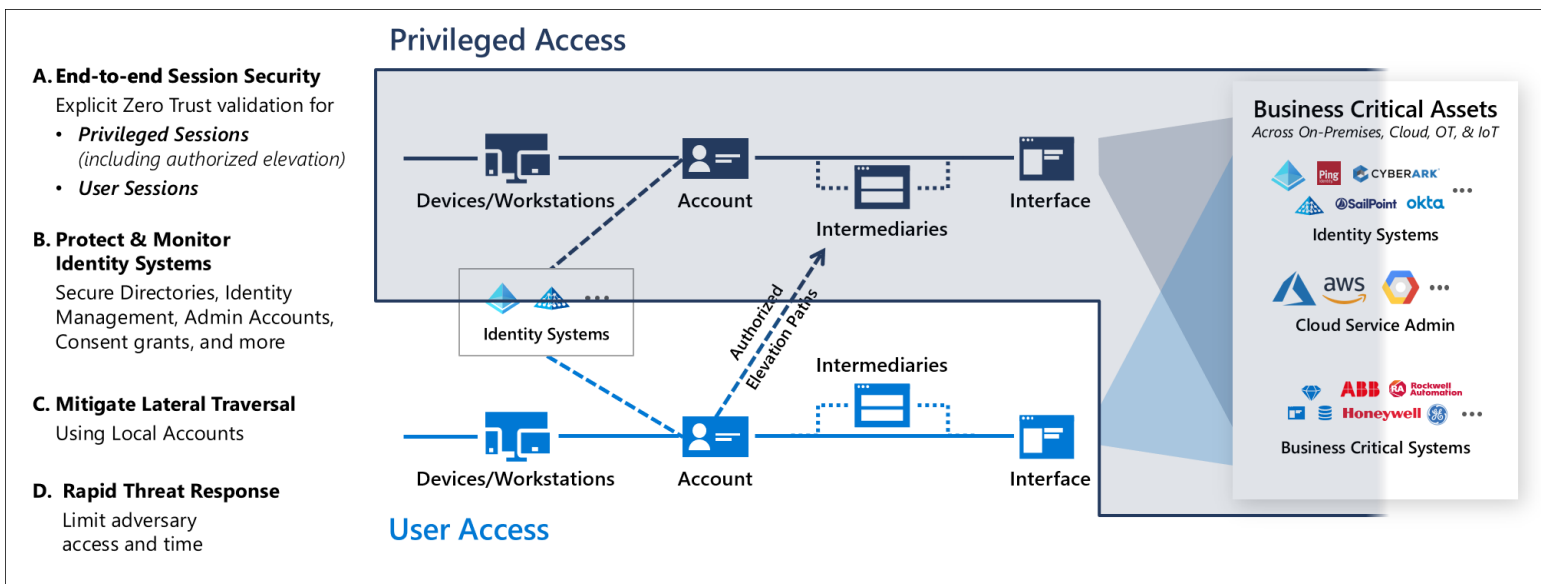
- Good instruction on how to do it with Conditional Access Policies!
  - <https://call4cloud.nl/2021/11/paw-love-and-thunder/>
- Microsoft's own doc: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/conditional-access/concept-condition-filters-for-devices>

Identity and device access policies for baseline, sensitive, and highly regulated protection									
Identity and device access policies ensure that only approved users and devices can access your critical apps and data.									
Baseline protection is a minimum level of security for your identities and devices that access your apps and data.									
Sensitive protection provides additional security for specific data, identities and devices are subject to higher levels of security and device health requirements.									
Highly regulated protection is for typically small amounts of data that is highly classified, contain trade secrets, or is subject to data regulations. Identities and devices are subject to much higher levels of security and device health requirements.									
Protection level	Device type	Azure AD conditional access policies				Azure AD Identity Protection user risk policy	Intune device compliance policy	Intune app protection policies	
Baseline	PCs	Require multifactor authentication (MFA) when sign-in risk is medium or high		Block clients that don't support modern authentication	Require compliant PCs	High risk users must change password	Define compliance policies (one for each platform)	Apply Level 2 App Protection Policies (APP) data protection (one for each platform)	
	Phones and tablets	Require approved apps. This policy enforces mobile app protection for phones and tablets.		Clients that do not use modern authentication can bypass Conditional Access policies.		This policy forces users to change their password when signing in if high risk activity is detected for their account.			
Sensitive	PCs	Require MFA when sign-in risk is low, medium, or high			Require compliant PCs and mobile devices. This policy enforces Intune management for PCs, phones, and tablets.			Apply Level 3 APP data protection	
	Phones and tablets								
Highly regulated	PCs	Require MFA always. This is also available for all Office 365 Enterprise plans.							
	Phones and tablets								



# Microsoft RAMP

- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/security/compass/security-rapid-modernization-plan>



# DEMO - PAW

# Allow-Listing

A 3D white figure, resembling a knight, stands on the left, holding a sword and a shield. A red, dragon-like creature with a long, spiky tail emerges from the screen of a laptop on the right. The background is a dark, textured surface.

# 1 Million New Malware Variants per day

Which 96% of only appear once...





# Simplest AppLocker

- THIS KILLS 950000+ PIECES OF MALWARE PER DAY!! With no Anti-Malware 😊

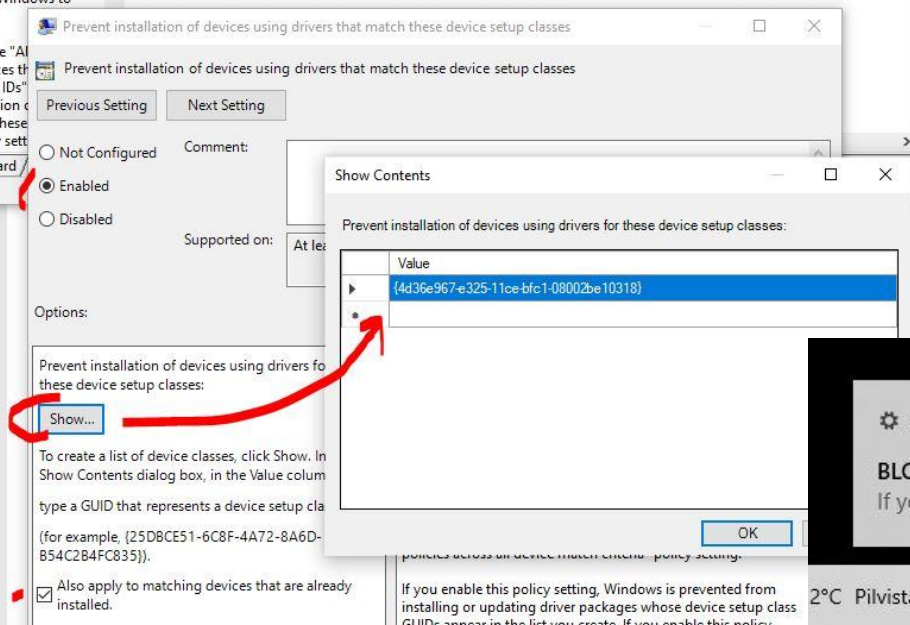
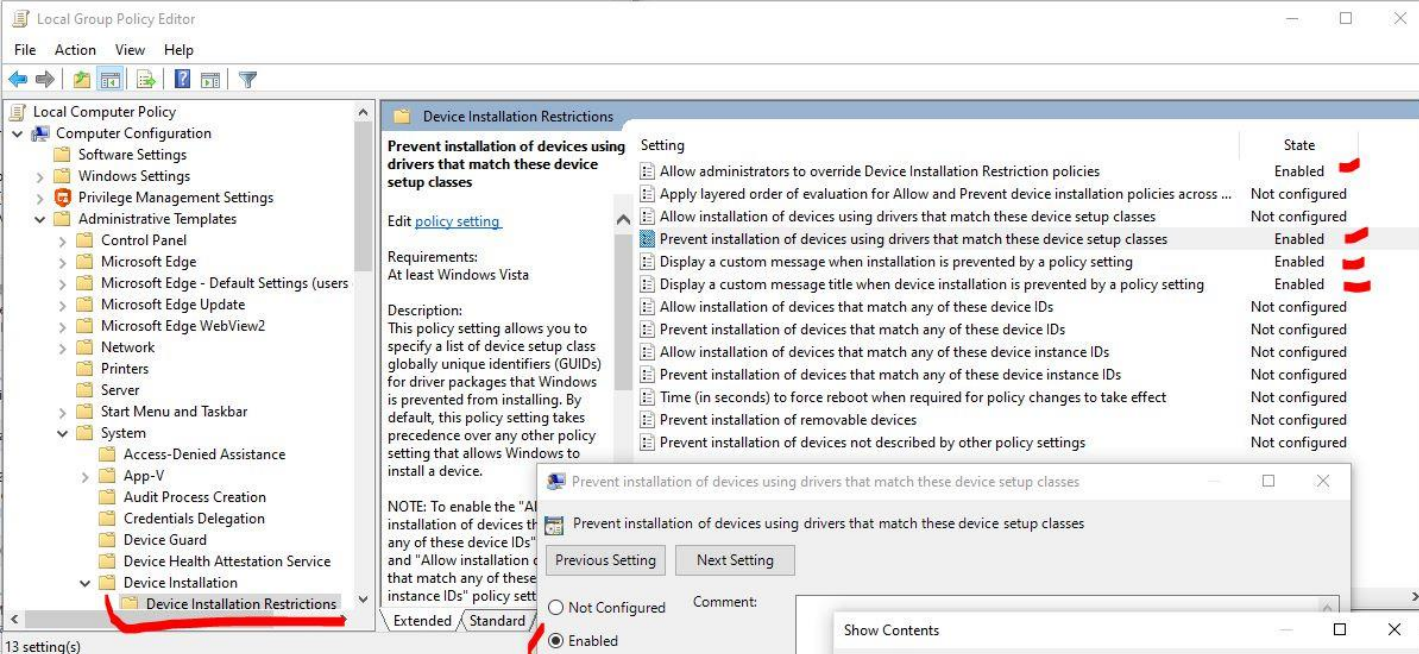
Action	User	Name	Condition	Exceptions
✓ Allow	Everyone	Signed by *	Publisher	
✓ Allow	Everyone	All files located in the Program Files folder	Path	Yes
✓ Allow	Everyone	All files located in the Windows folder	Path	Yes
✓ Allow	BUILTIN\Ad...	(Default Rule) All files	Path	

# DEMO

Apps Required to Have Earned Trust – Aka Allow-Listing



# Control Devices



# Monitoring





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