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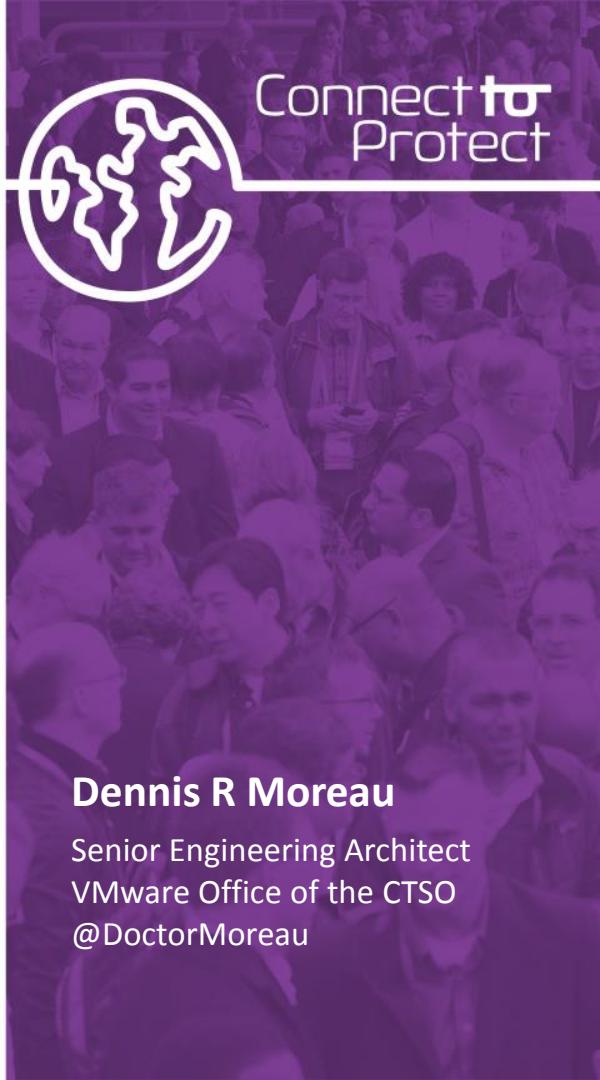
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Transforming Security: Containers, Virtualization and the Softwarization of Controls



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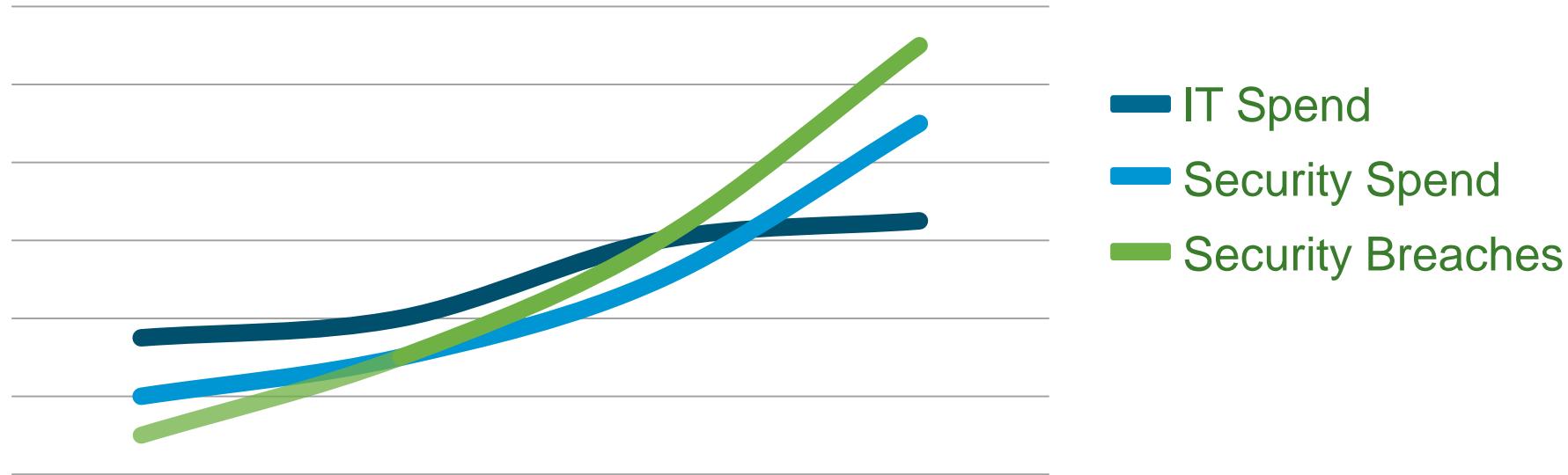
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The Security Problem

Security breach rates and losses continue to outpace security spend in “the year of the breach”.





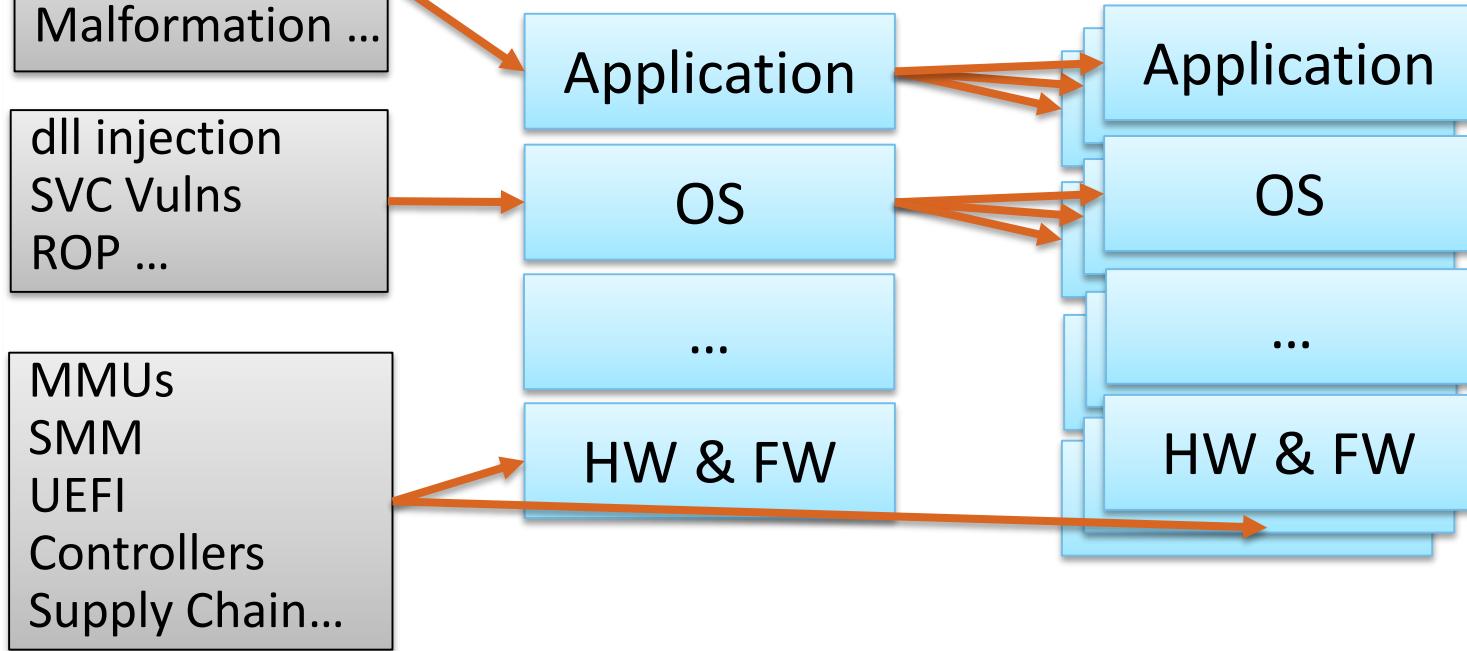
Complexity: Complex Attack Behavior

Overflows
Insertion
Malformation ...

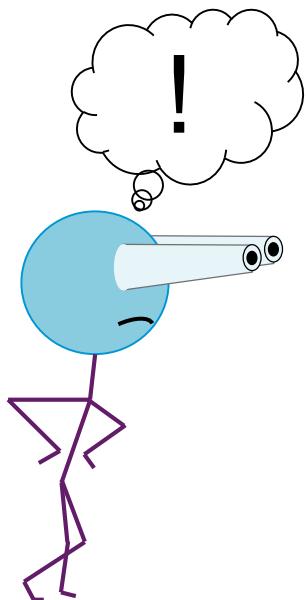
dll injection
SVC Vulns
ROP ...

MMUs
SMM
UEFI
Controllers
Supply Chain...

Recon & Lateral Movement



Complexity: Many Required Security Controls





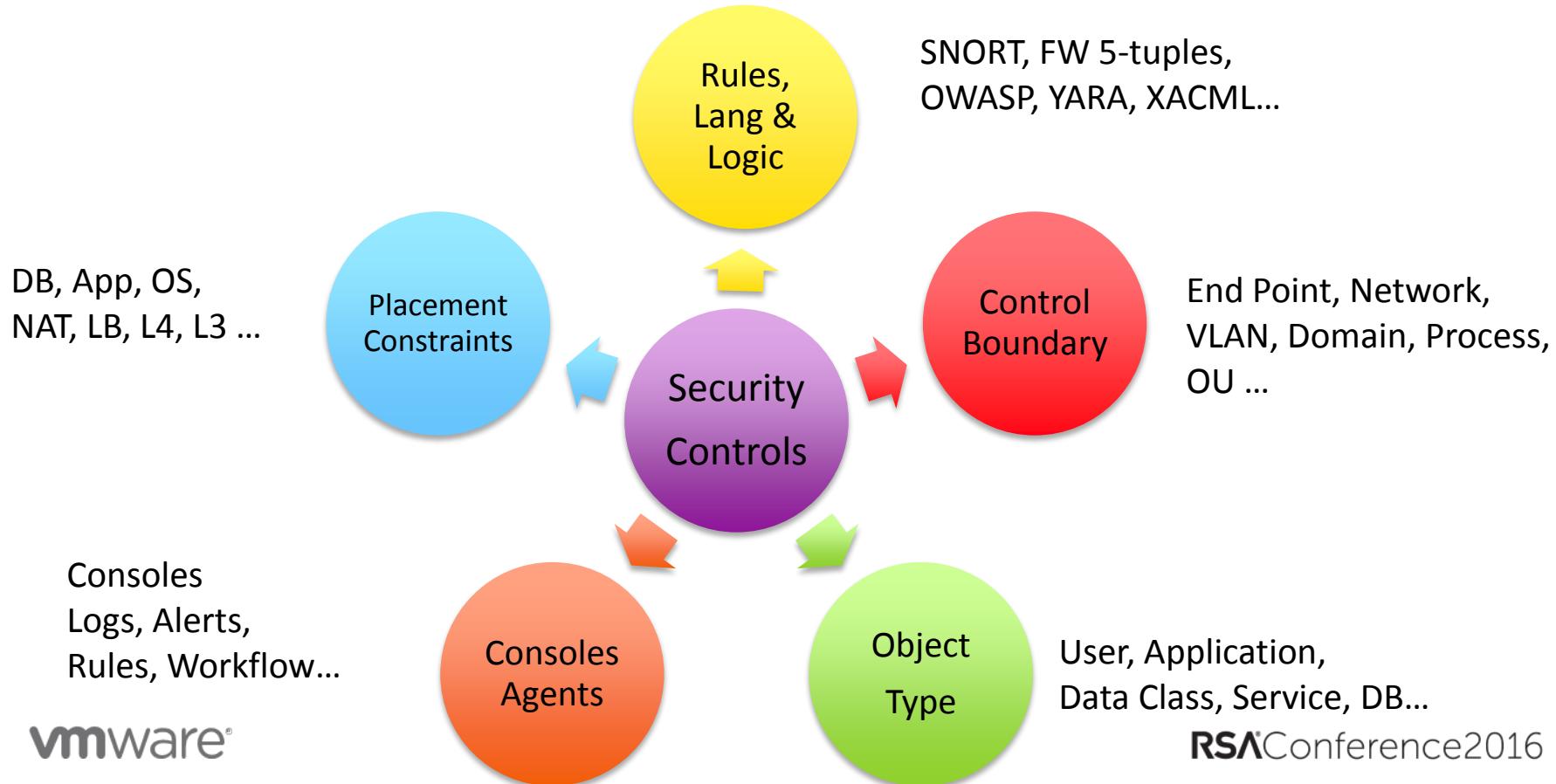
Complexity: Many Security Control Standards

| CIS CRITICAL SECURITY CONTROL | NIST 800-53 rev4# | NIST Core Framework | DHS CDM Program | ISO 27002:2013 | ISO 27002:2005 | NSA MMP | Au Top 35 | NSA Top 10 | GCHQ 10 Steps | UK Cyber Essentials | PCI DSS 3.0 | HIPAA | FFIEC Examiners Handbook | COBIT 5 | NERC CIP v5 | NERC CIP v6 | NERC CIP v3 | Cloud Security Alliance | FY15 FISMA Metrics | ITIL 2011 KPIs |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| 1 Inventory of Authorized & Unauthorized Devices | Q-7 Q-8 SA-4 PM-5 SC-17 | IDM-1 IDM-3 | • NIST: Hardware Asset Management | A.8.1.1 A.8.1.2 A.8.1.11 | A.7.1.1 A.7.1.2 A.7.1.11 | • Map Your Network • Baseline Management • Document Your Network | | • Personal Electronic Device • User Access • Network Access Control • Log Management | | | | | | | | | | | DCS-04 M0-1 M0-15 | 1: System Inventory 2: Continuous Monitoring Information Security Management |
| 2 Inventory of Authorized & Unauthorized Software | CA-7 CA-8 SA-4 SA-5 PM-5 SC-11 SC-12 | IDM-2 IDM-4 | • NIST: Hardware Asset Management | A.12.1 A.12.2 | A.15.2.1 | • Executable Content Restrictions • Configuration and Change Management | 1 14 17 | | • Application Whitelisting | | | | | | | | | | CCC-04 M0-1 M0-15 | 1: System Inventory 2: Continuous Monitoring Information Security Management |
| 3 Secure Configurations for Hardware & Software | CA-7 CA-8 SA-4 SA-5 PM-5 SC-11 SC-12 | PRU-1 | • CMM: Configuration Setting Management | A.4.2.4 A.4.2.8 A.4.2.11 | A.15.2.2 | • Patch Management • Baseline Management • Data-at-Rest Protection • Configuration and Change Management | 3.5 21 | • Control Administrative Privileges • Set a Secure Baseline Configuration • Take Advantage of Software Implementations | • Secure Configuration • Patch Management | 2.2 2.3 6.2 11.5 | | | | | | | | | W-01 M0-1 M0-15 | 1: System Configuration 2: Continuous Monitoring Information Security Management |
| 4 Continuous Vulnerability Assessment & Remediation | CA-2 CA-7 SA-5 SA-7 SC-14 SC-7 | ID-M-1 ID-M-2 ID-M-3 PRU-1 | • NIST: Vulnerability Management | A.10.6.1 A.10.6.2 A.10.6.12 | A.12.6.1 A.12.6.2 A.12.6.12 | • Patch Management • Log Management • Configuration and Change Management | 2 3 | • Take Advantage of Software Implementations | • Patch Management | 6.1 6.2 11.2 | • Software Updates | | | | | | | WCS-01 M0-1 M0-15 TM-02 | 1: Continuous Monitoring Information Security Management | |
| 5 Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges | AC-3 AC-4 CA-7 SA-4 AC-11 | PRAC-4 PRAC-2 PRAC-3 | | A.11.1 A.12.2 A.12.2.6 A.12.3 A.12.3.1-A.12.3.3 | A.10.4.4 A.11.5.1-A.11.5.3 | • User Access • Baseline Management • Log Management | 4 9 11 25 | • Control Administrative Privileges • Set a Secure Baseline Configuration • Take Advantage of Software Implementations | • Monitoring | 3.1 3.2 3.3 4.2 4.3 4.7 | • Configuration of SSL and TLS • Default Credentials | CP-003.5_R3 CP-010.5_R3 CP-010.5_R3 | CP-003.4_R1 CP-004.4_R1 CP-005.4_R1 CP-006.4_R1 CP-007.4_R1 CP-008.4_R1 | CP-003.3_R1 CP-003.5_R3 CP-003.4_R1 CP-003.5_R3 CP-003.4_R1 CP-003.5_R3 | CP-003.4_R1 CP-004.4_R1 CP-005.4_R1 CP-006.4_R1 CP-007.4_R1 CP-008.4_R1 | CP-003.4_R1 CP-004.4_R1 CP-005.4_R1 CP-006.4_R1 CP-007.4_R1 CP-008.4_R1 | W-01 M0-1 M0-15 M0-19 TM-02 | 1: Identity Confidential & Access Management Information Security Management | | |
| 6 Maintenance, Monitoring, & Analysis of Audit Logs | AC-2 AC-7 AU-2 AU-12 AU-13 AU-14 AU-15 AU-16 AU-17 | PRU-1 DEP-2 DEP-3 DEP-5 | • Generic Audit Monitoring | A.12.1.1 A.12.1.2 A.12.7.1 A.10.10.3 A.10.10.6 | A.10.1.1 A.10.1.2 A.10.1.11 | • Log Management | 15-16 35 | | • Monitoring | | | | | | | | | WCS-01 M0-1 M0-15 TM-02 | 1: Continuous Monitoring Information Security Management | |
| 7 Email & Web Browser Protections | CA-2 CA-3 CA-4 CA-5 CA-6 SA-4 SA-5 SA-6 SC-11 SC-12 | PRU-1 | • CMM: Configuration Settings Management | A.14.2.4 A.14.2.8 A.14.2.13 | A.15.2.2 | • Patch Management • Baseline Management • Data-at-Rest Protection • Configuration and Change Management | 2.5 21 | • Control Administrative Privileges • Set a Secure Baseline Configuration • Take Advantage of Software Implementations | • Secure Configuration • Patch Management | 3.1 3.2 3.3 4.2 4.3 4.7 | • Configuration of SSL and TLS • Default Credentials | CP-004.3_R3 CP-004.4_R3 CP-004.5_R3 CP-005.4_R3 CP-006.4_R3 CP-007.4_R3 | CP-003.5_R5 CP-004.5_R3 CP-005.4_R3 CP-006.4_R3 CP-007.4_R3 CP-008.4_R3 | CP-003.3_R1 CP-003.5_R3 CP-004.3_R1 CP-005.4_R3 CP-006.4_R3 CP-007.4_R3 | CP-003.4_R1 CP-004.4_R1 CP-005.4_R1 CP-006.4_R1 CP-007.4_R1 CP-008.4_R1 | W-01 M0-1 M0-15 M0-19 M0-20 | 1: Identity Confidential & Access Management Information Security Management | | | |
| 8 Malware Defenses | CA-3 CA-4 SA-4 SC-11 SC-12 | PRU-2 DECM-2 DECM-5 | | A.8.3.1 A.8.3.2 A.8.3.3-A.8.3.4 A.8.3.11 | A.10.4.1-A.10.4.2 A.10.7.1 | • Network Security Monitoring • Virus Scanning & Root Intrusion Prevention Systems • Security Gateways, Firewalls, & Routers | 7 28 30 22 | • Use Anti-Virus File Reputation Services • Enable Anti-Exploitation Features | • Malware Protection | | | | | | | | | | | |

NIST 800-53, ISO 27002, NSA Top 10, GCHQ 10 Steps, PCI DSS, HIPAA, NERC, CSA, FISMA, ITIL KPIs, ...

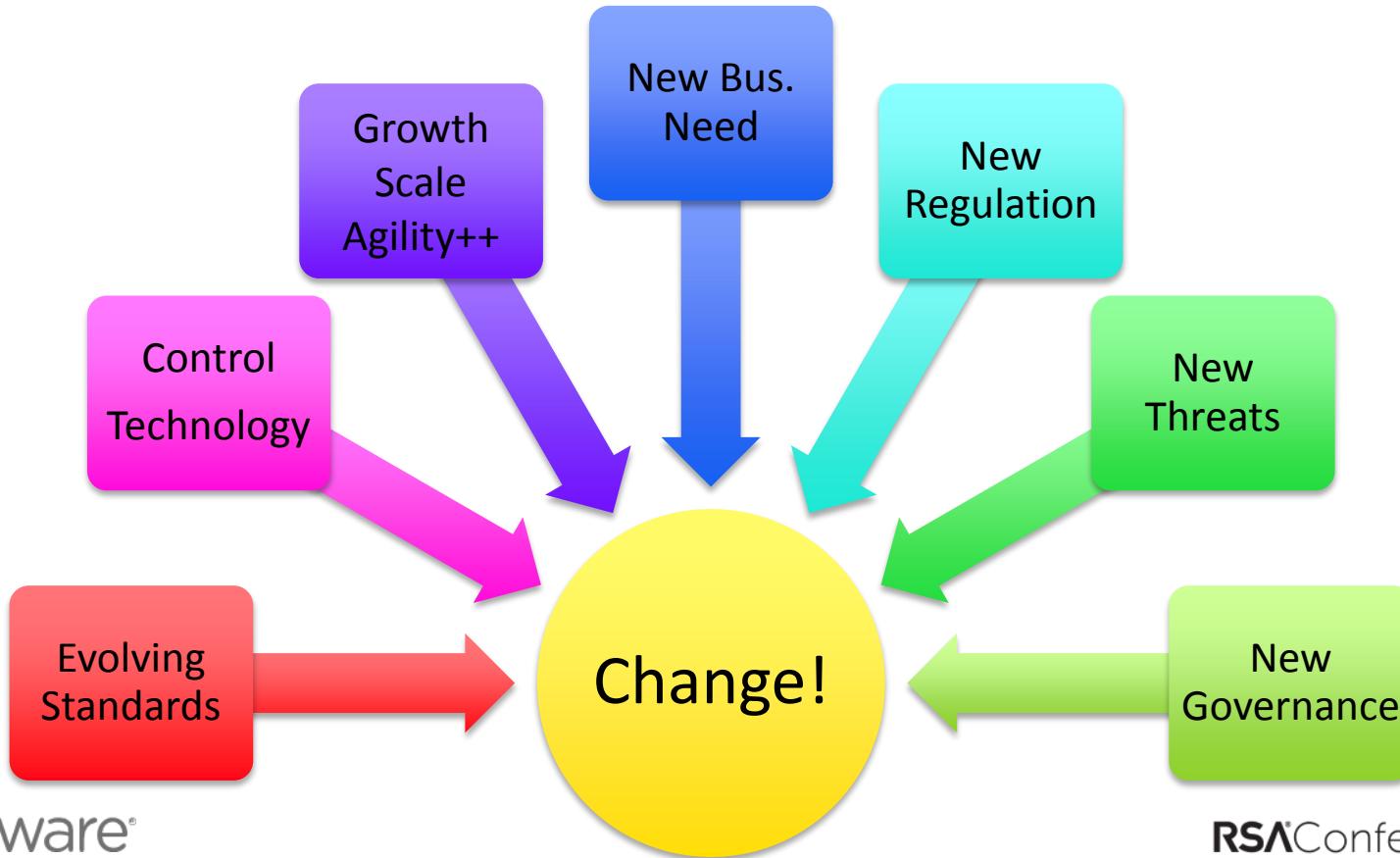


Complexity: The Balkanization of Security



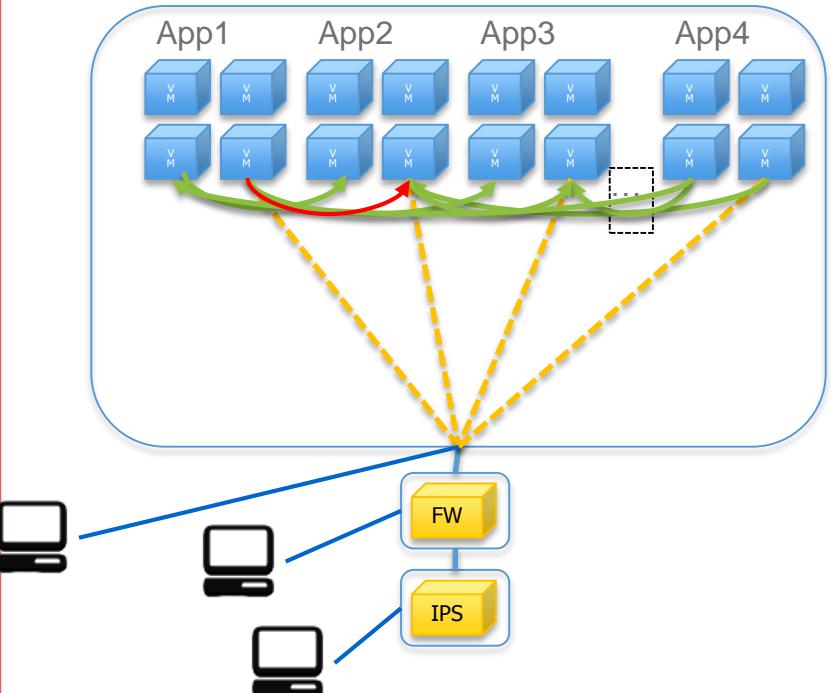


Complexity: No Finish Line





Complexity: IT Architecture



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- Highly Connected
- Complex Service Protocols
- EP controls with weak isolation
- NW controls with weak context
- EP <-> NW mismatch





Complexity is the Problem!

- Misconfiguration is very common (Gartner: 95%* of FW breaches attributable to misconfiguration)
- *Gartner, Inc. “One Brand of Firewall Is a Best Practice for Most Enterprises”. November 28, 2012.
- *Gartner, Inc. “...75 Percent of Mobile Security Breaches Will Be the Result of Mobile Application Misconfiguration”
<http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/2846017>
- We need architecturally simplified security provisioning, operation, response and analytics.

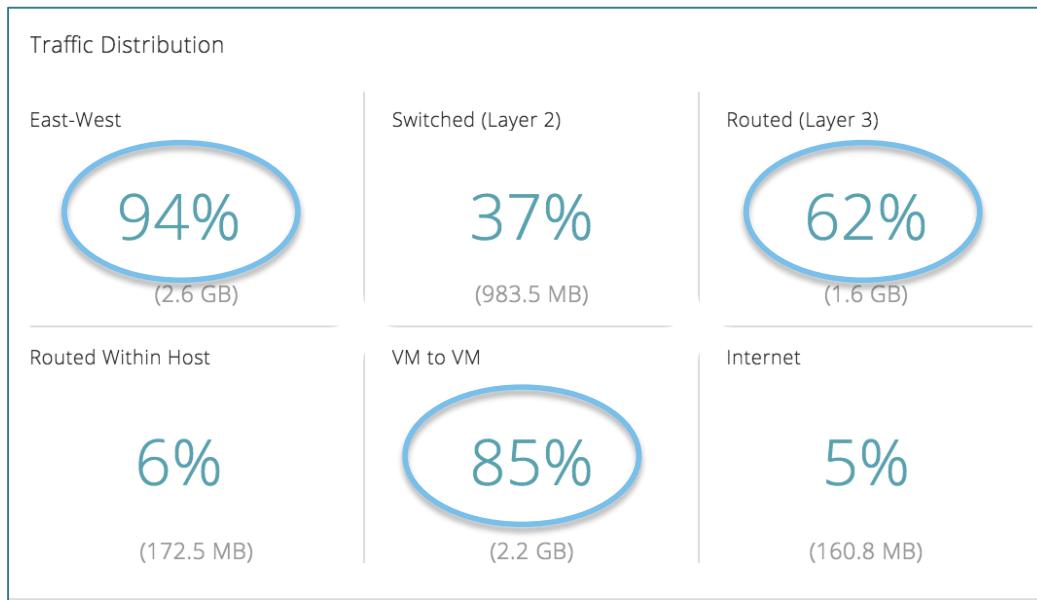


Virtualization and the Softwarization of Security Controls: Enabling Policy Simplification





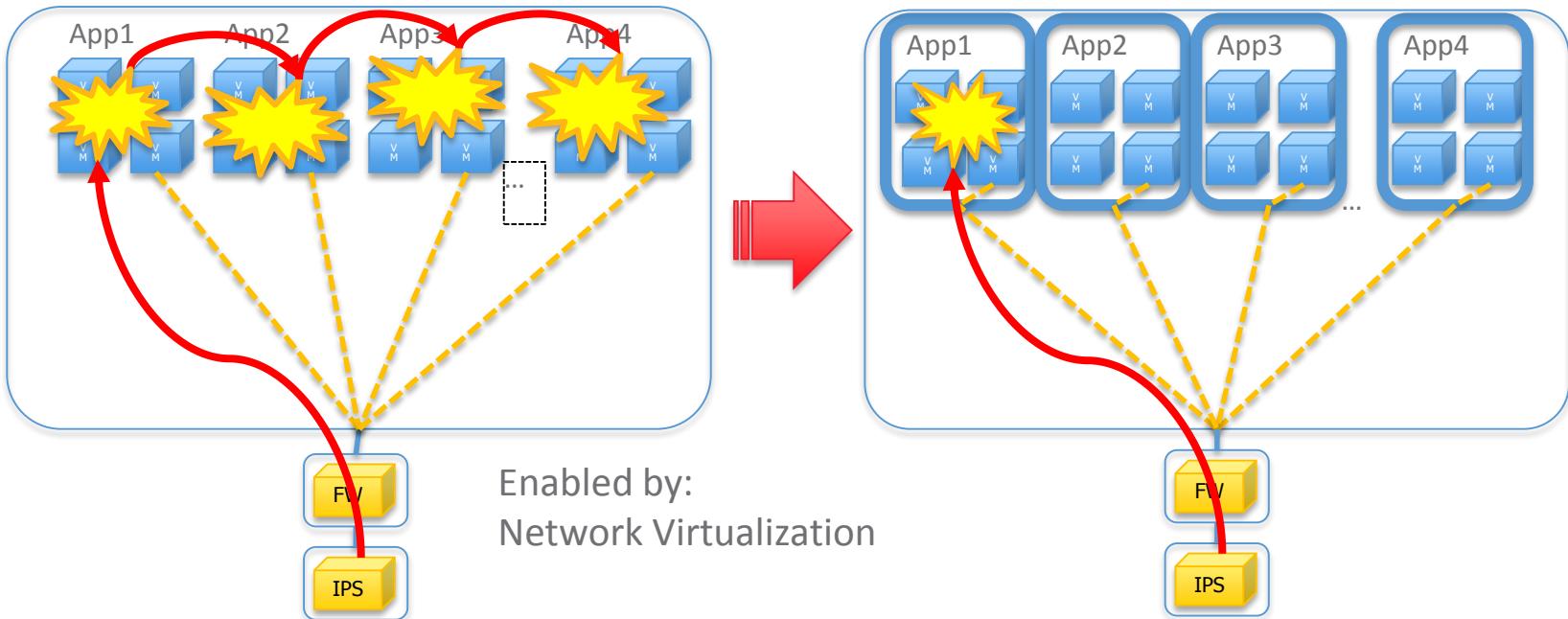
Visibility: Micro-segmentation and SW



- Understand Traffic
- Here, > 80% is East-West
- Largely uninspected and unprotected
- Ops: Clearly not optimized

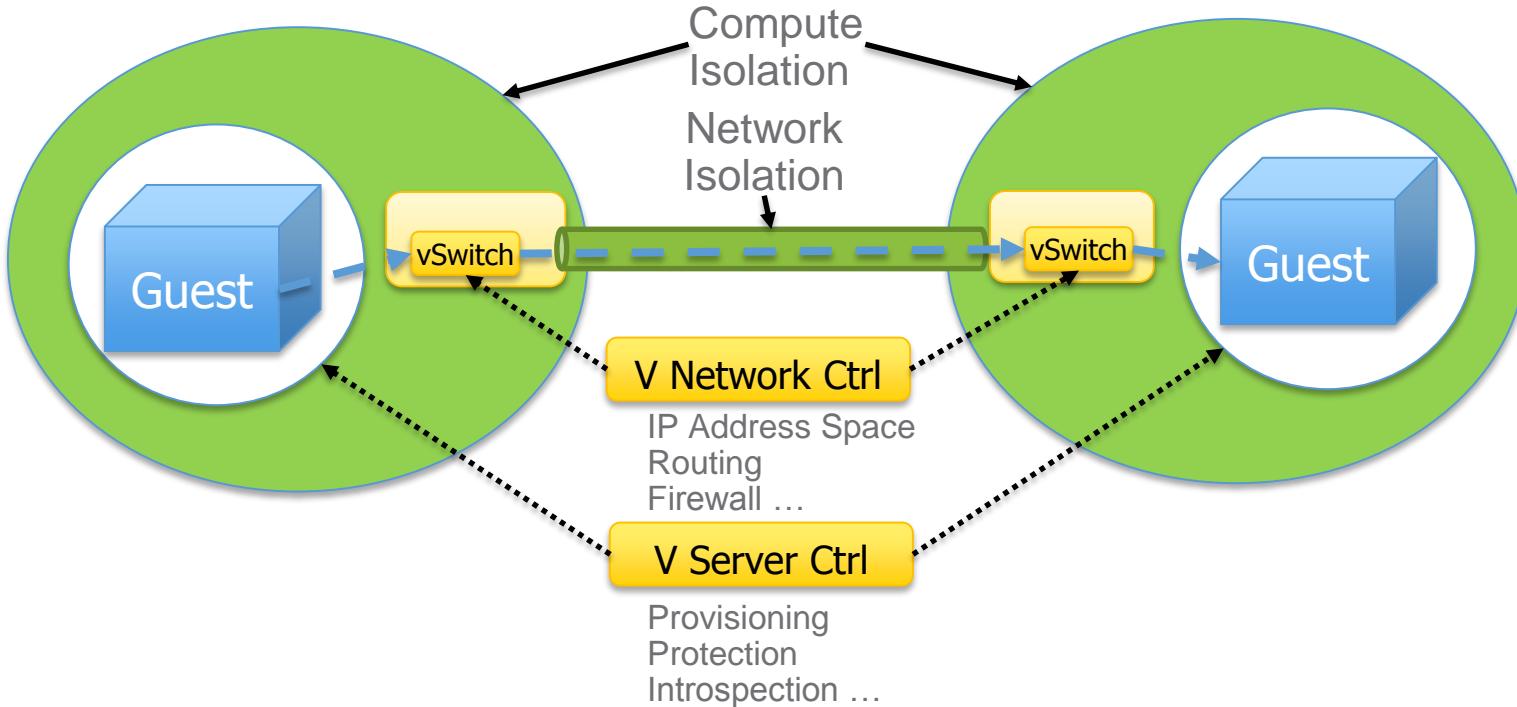


Containment & Protection

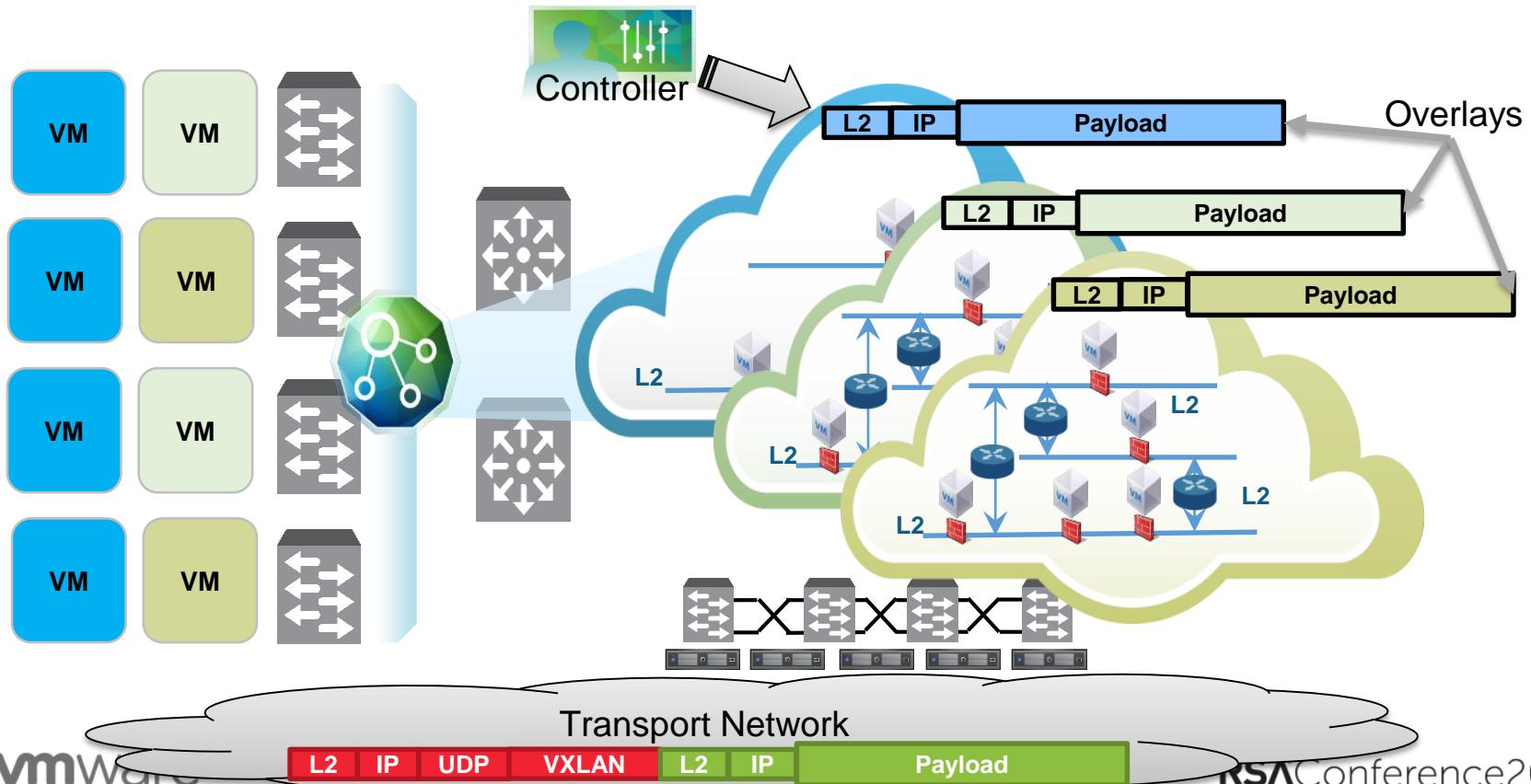




Network Virtualization

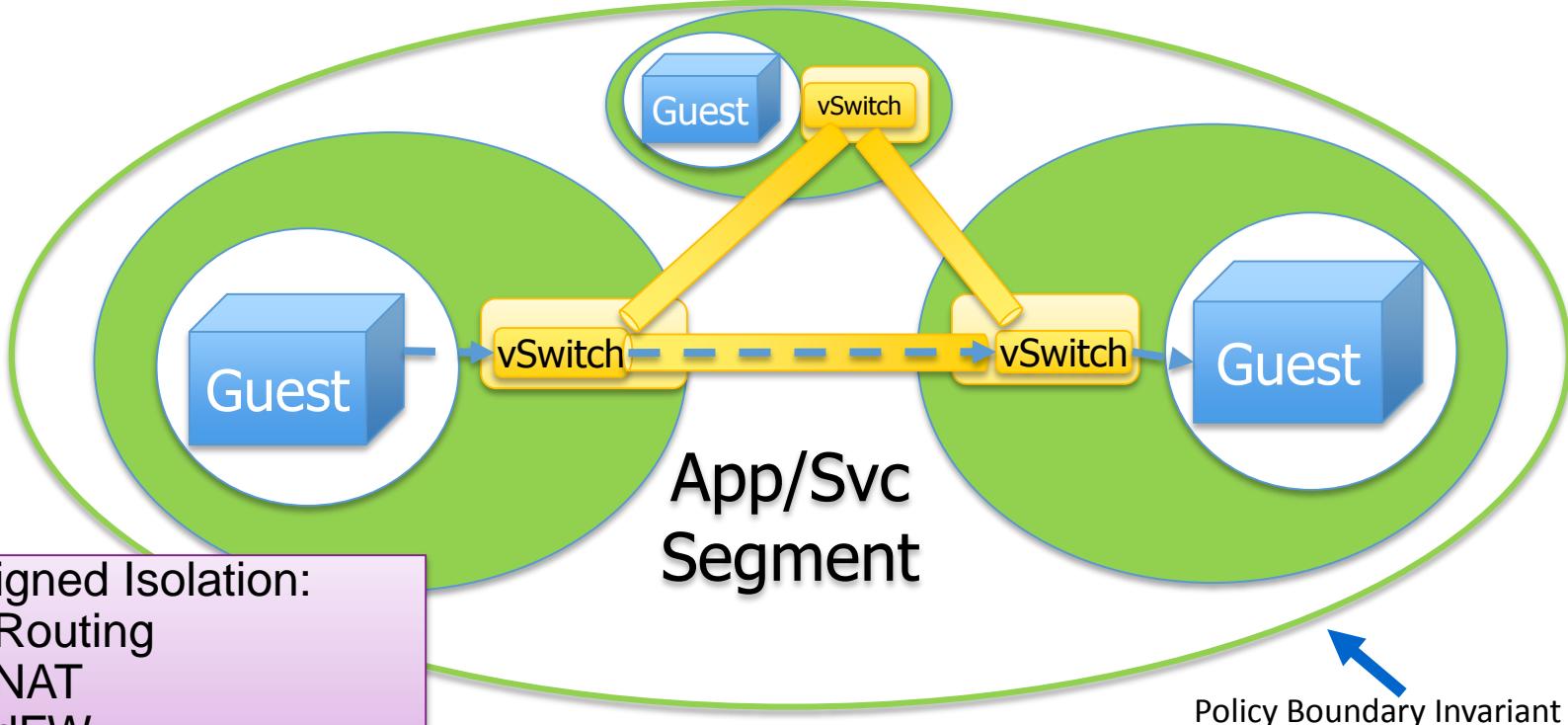


Network Virtualization: Overlays



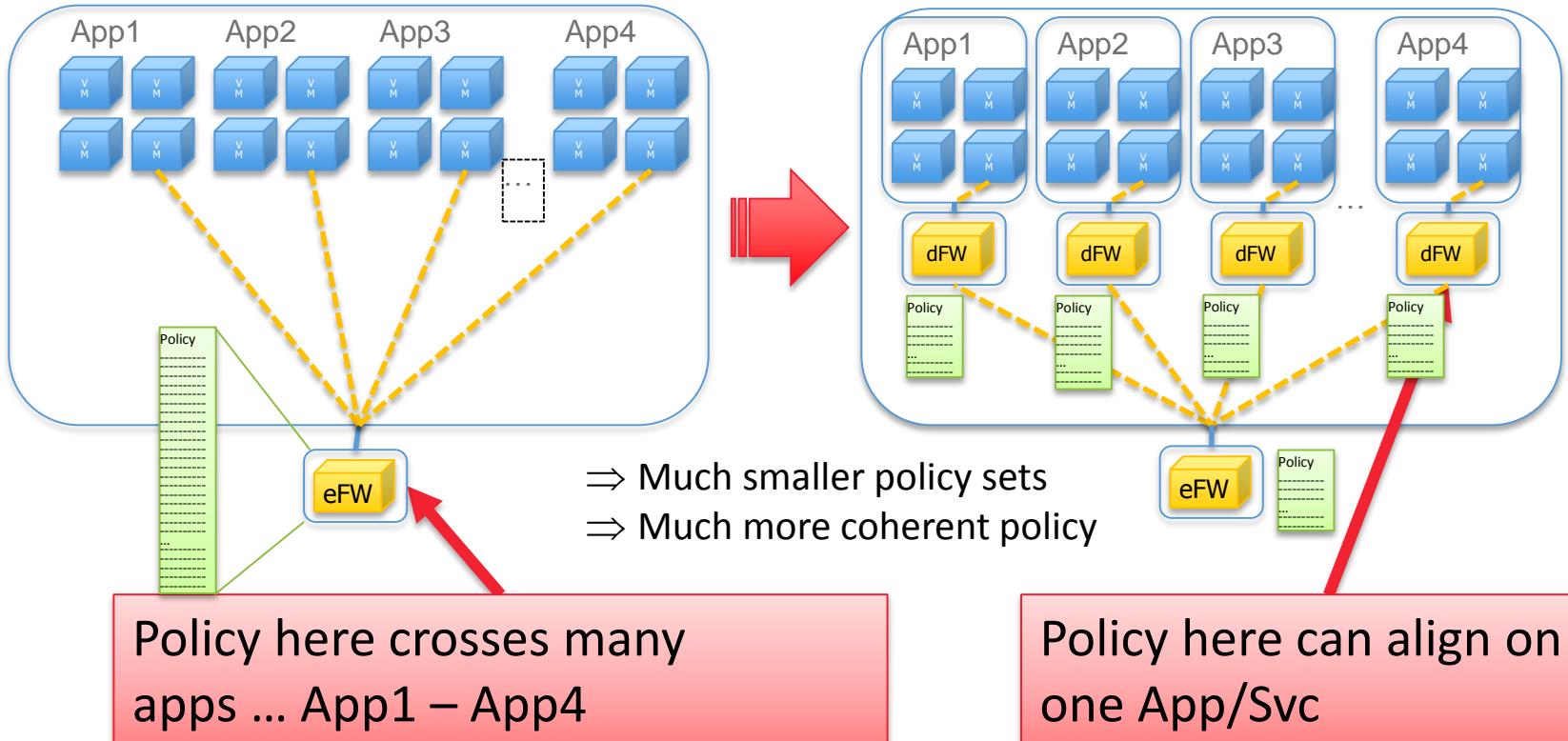


Micro-segments: A new policy primitive



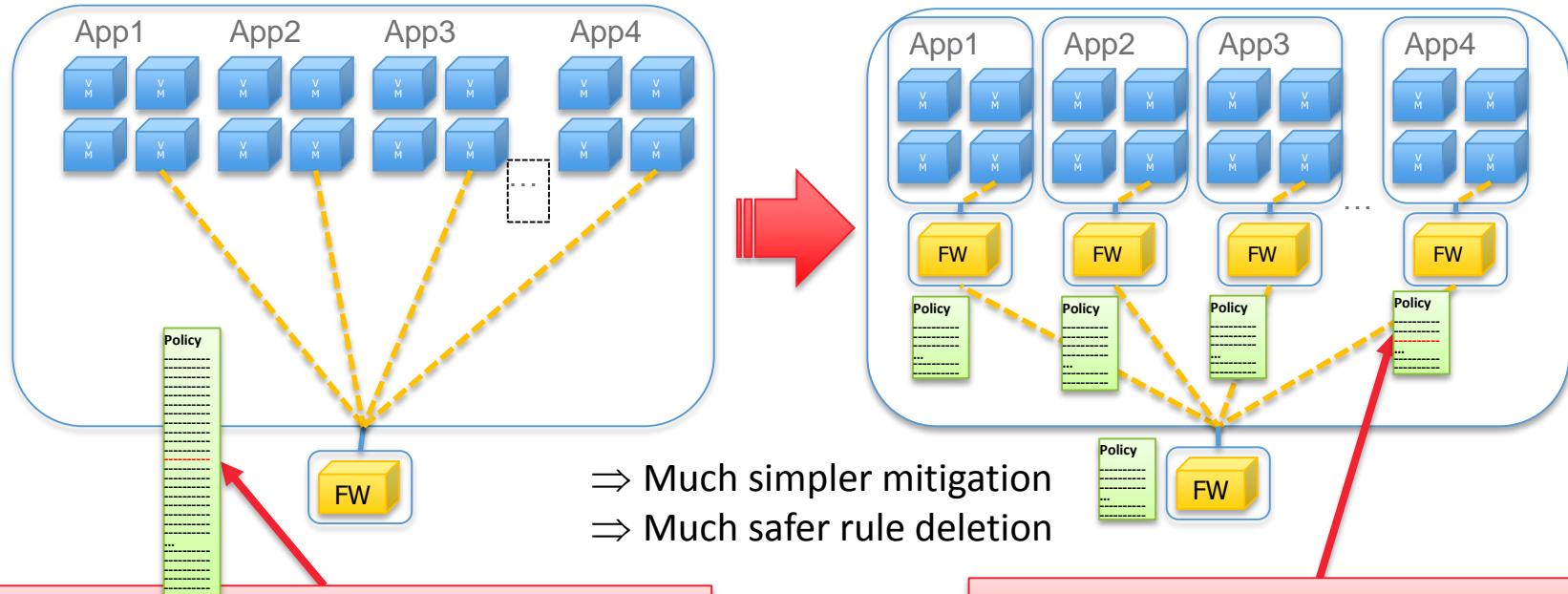


Simplify: Smaller more aligned policy





Simplify: Change with less side effect

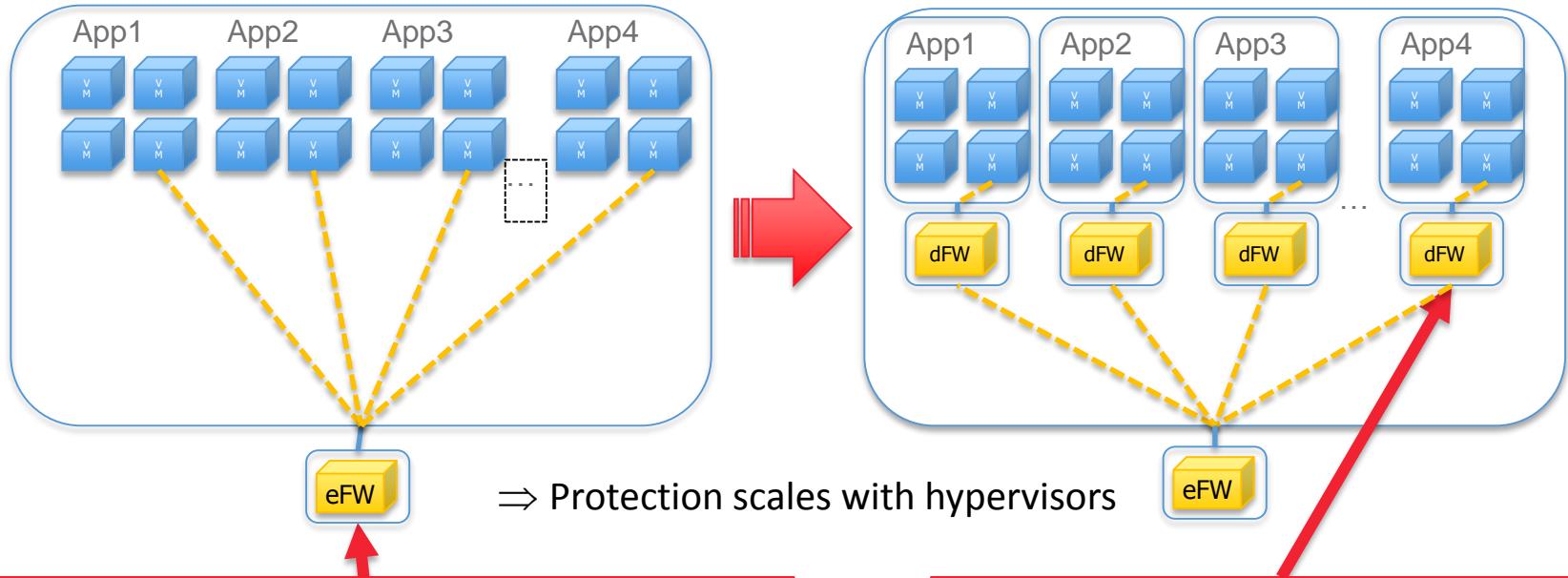


Policy change here is coupled across apps

Policy change here is far safer



Simplify: Policy that follows the workload

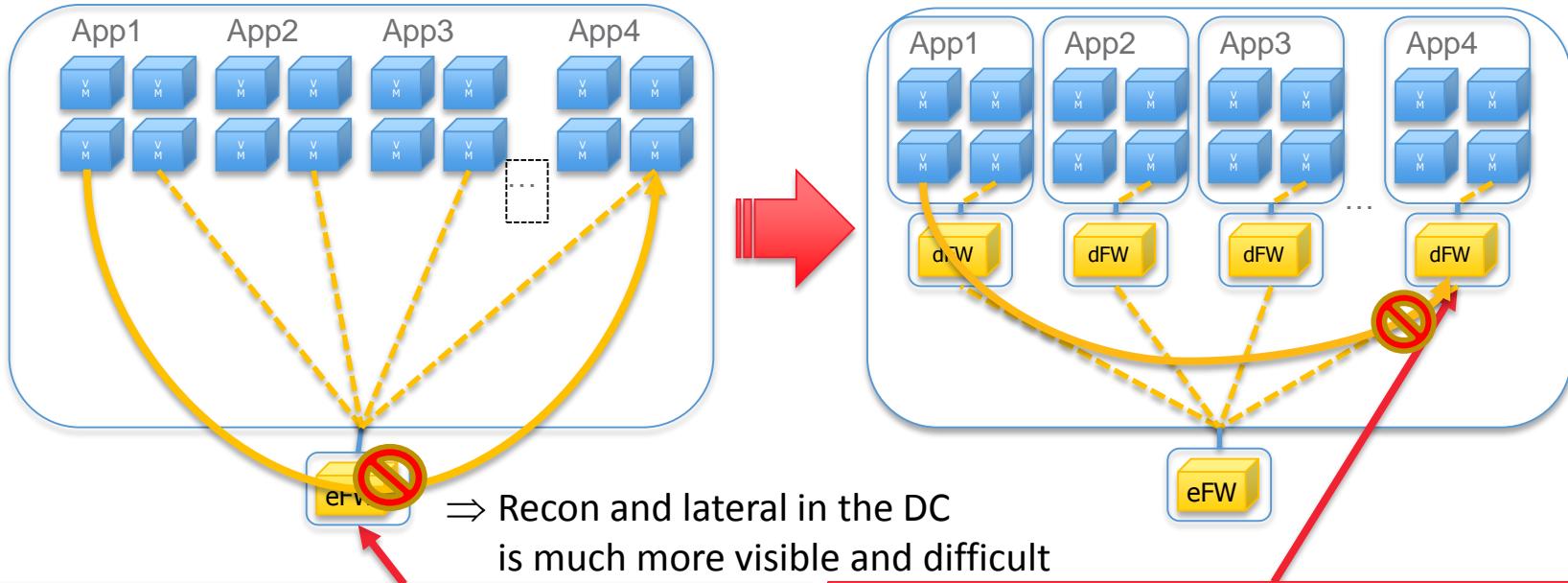


Only traffic steering determines protection/visibility

Classification (SG) determines protection & visibility



Simplify: Default deny posture

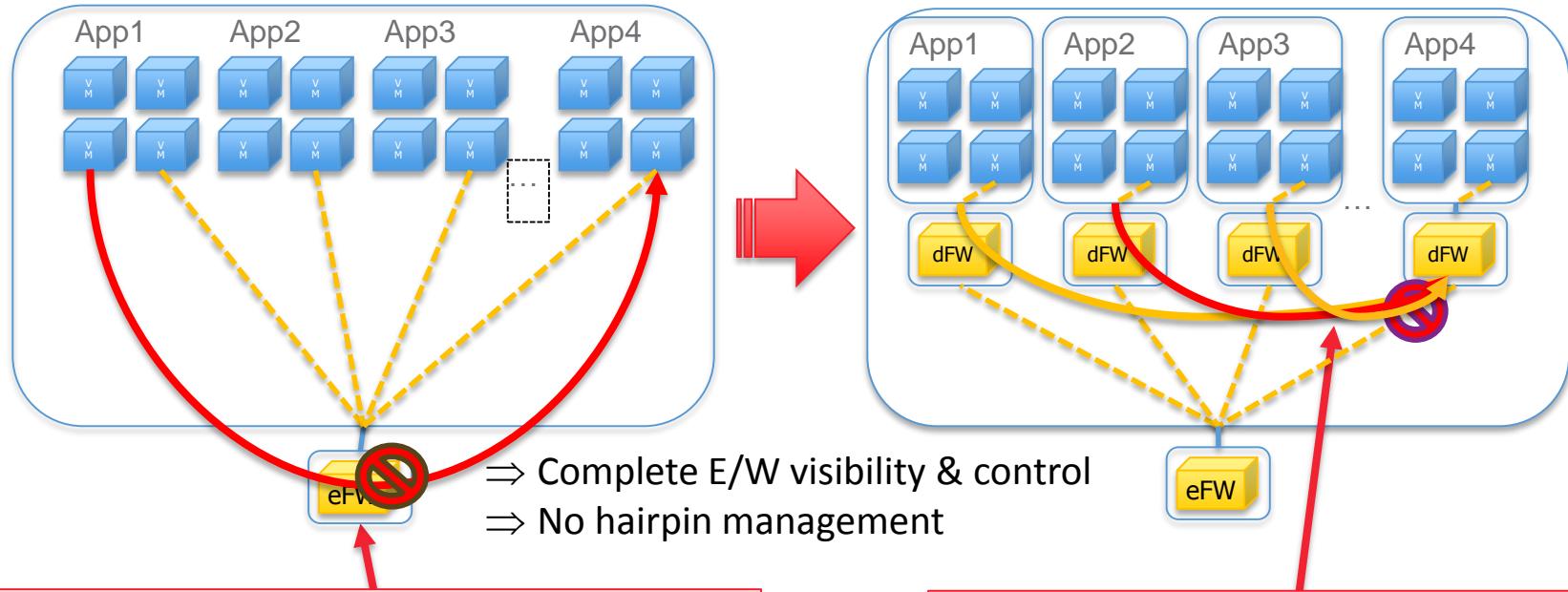


Default deny policy here is blunt,
coupled across apps, partial and
weakly scale-able

Default deny policy here is precise,
efficient, scale-able, ...

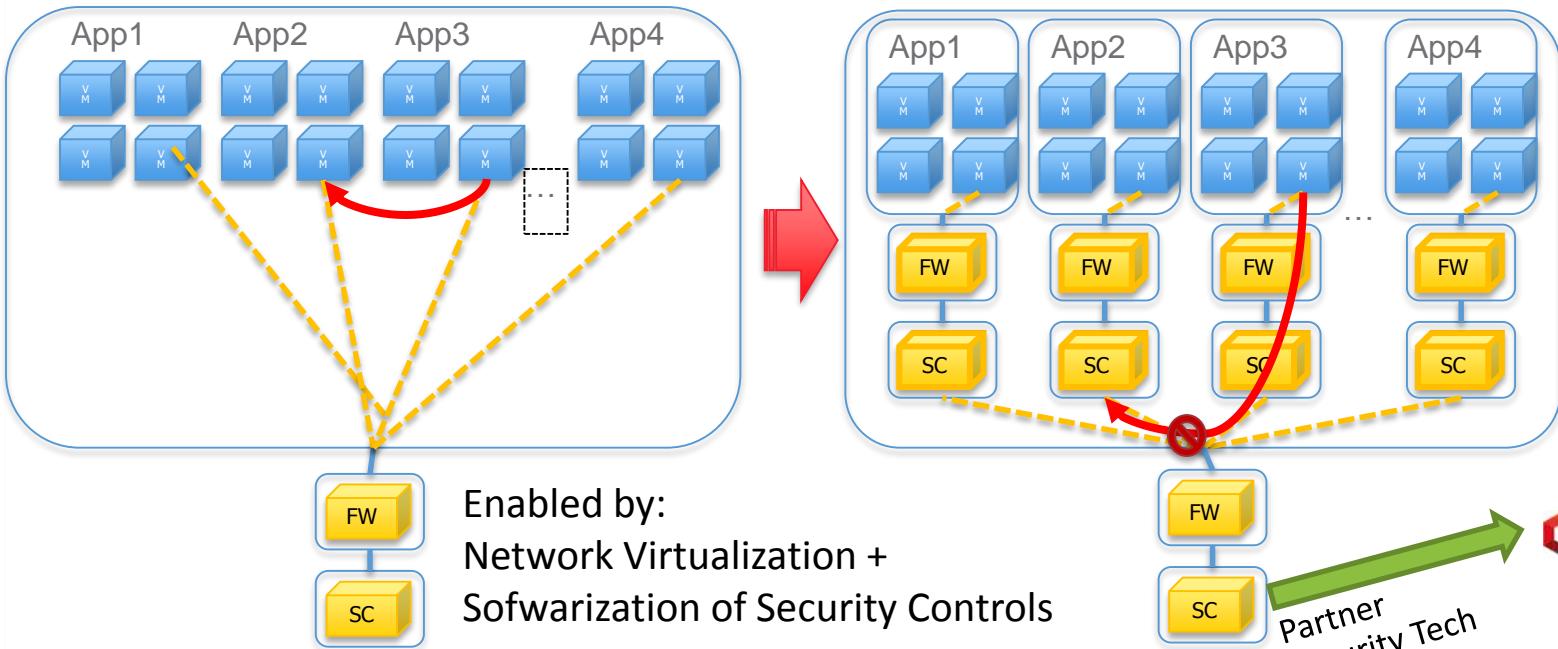


Simplify: Intrinsic E/W visibility/control





Control Placement and μSegments





Virtualization and the Softwarization of Security Controls: Improved Alignment

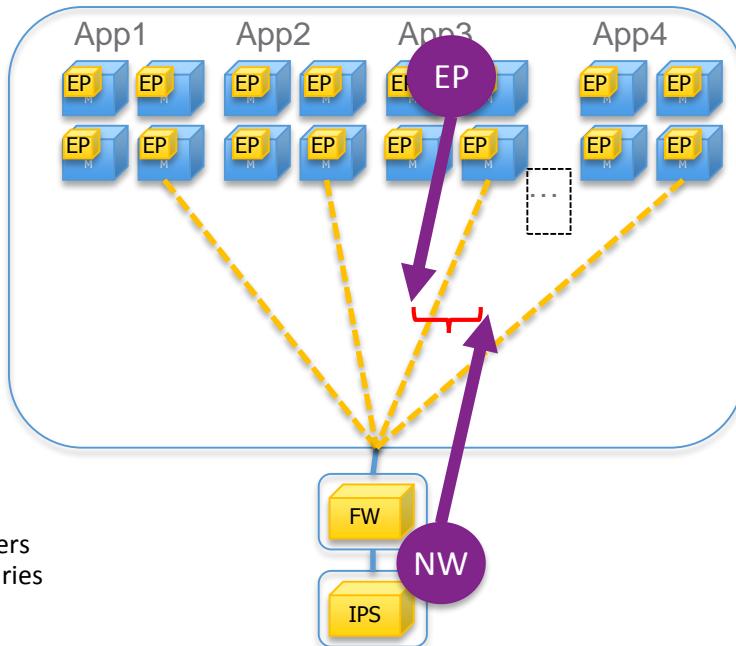


Align: NW/EP Control Aligned on μSegments

EP Identifiers
EP Boundaries

EP Policy(Asset, HostID, SID, Svr Role, TPM...)

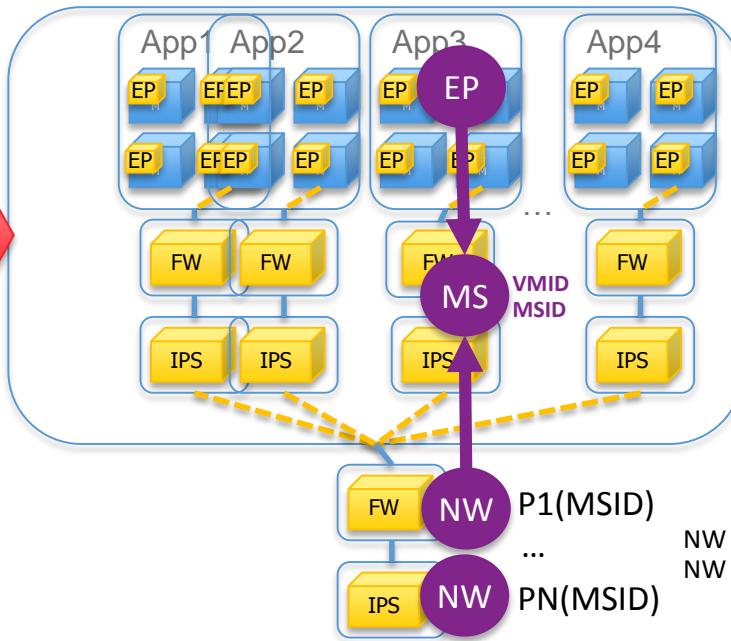
EP Identifiers
EP Boundaries



NW Identifiers
NW Boundaries

NW Policy(IF, Subnet, DHCP Scope, ...)

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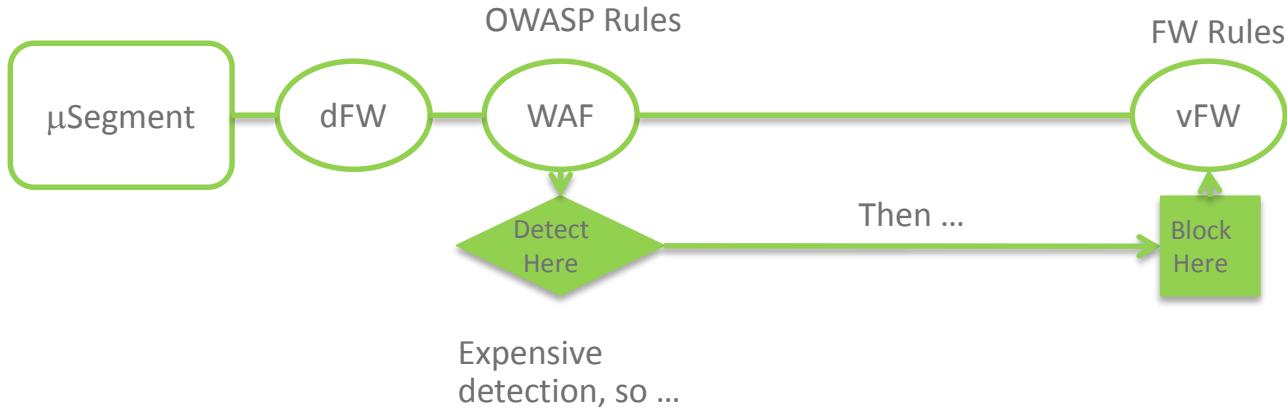
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App
 μ Seg

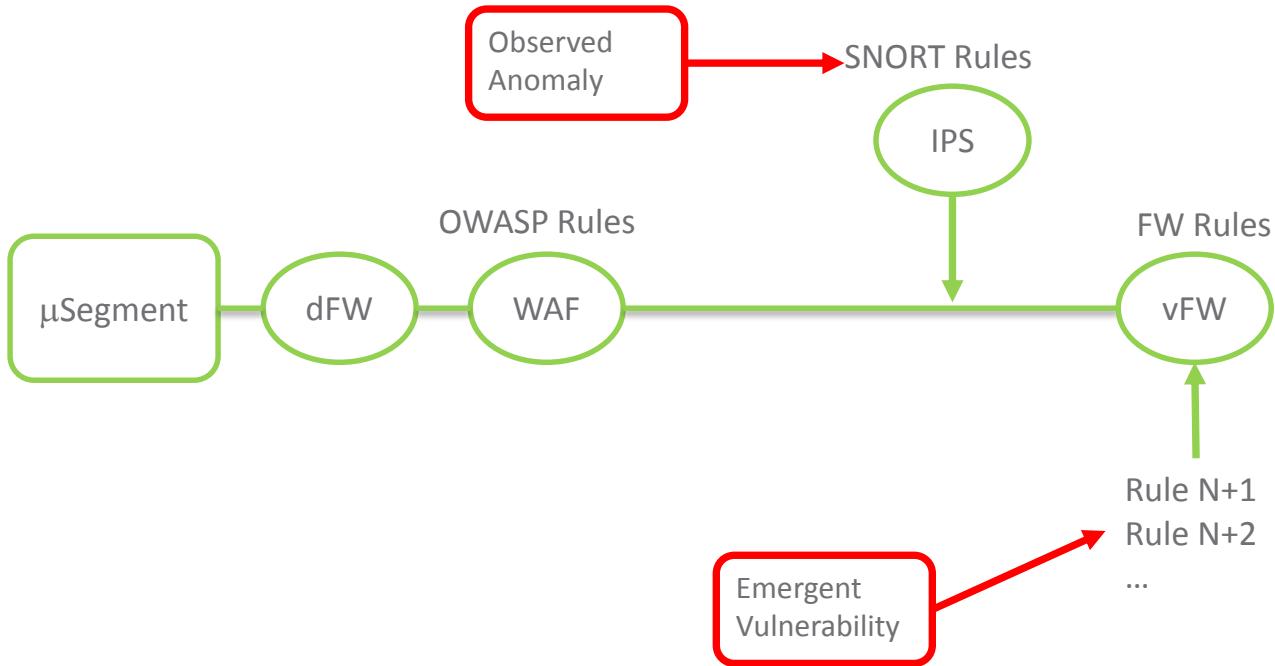


Align: Coordinated Controls



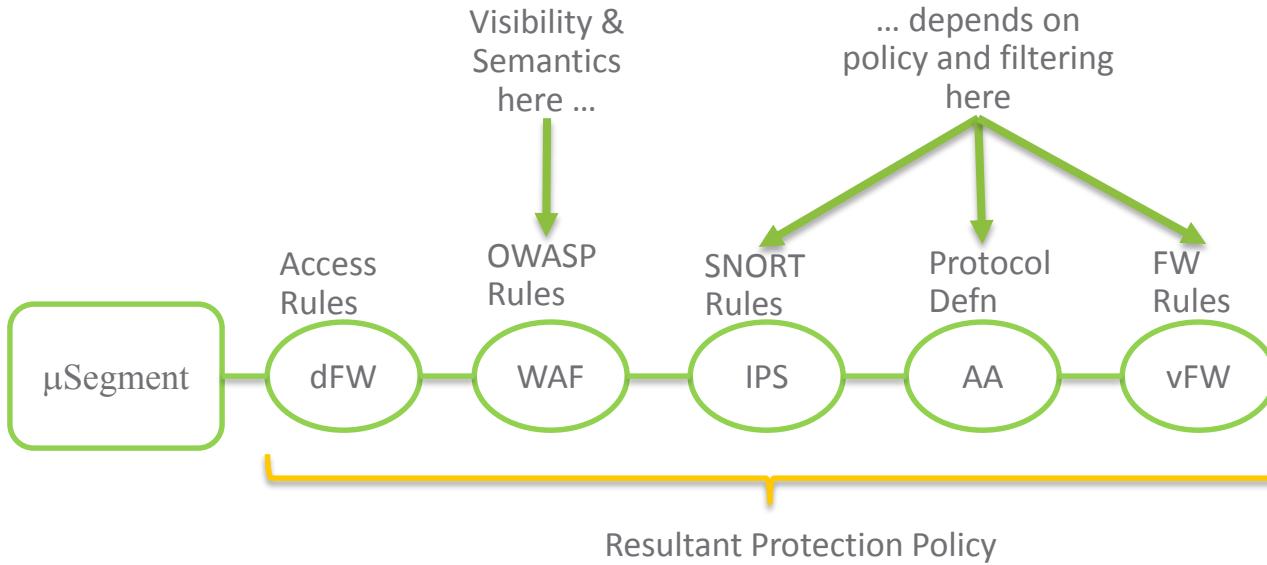


Align: Coordinated Controls





Align: Controls Context



Order Matters: So topological context is required for many security use cases.



Containers and Operationally Plausible Default Deny Policy





Sources of Plausible Micro-segment Policy

1. Provenance, Manifests & Provisioning Information
2. Application Network Behavior
3. Infrastructure Services (or Micro-services) Connectivity & Dynamics



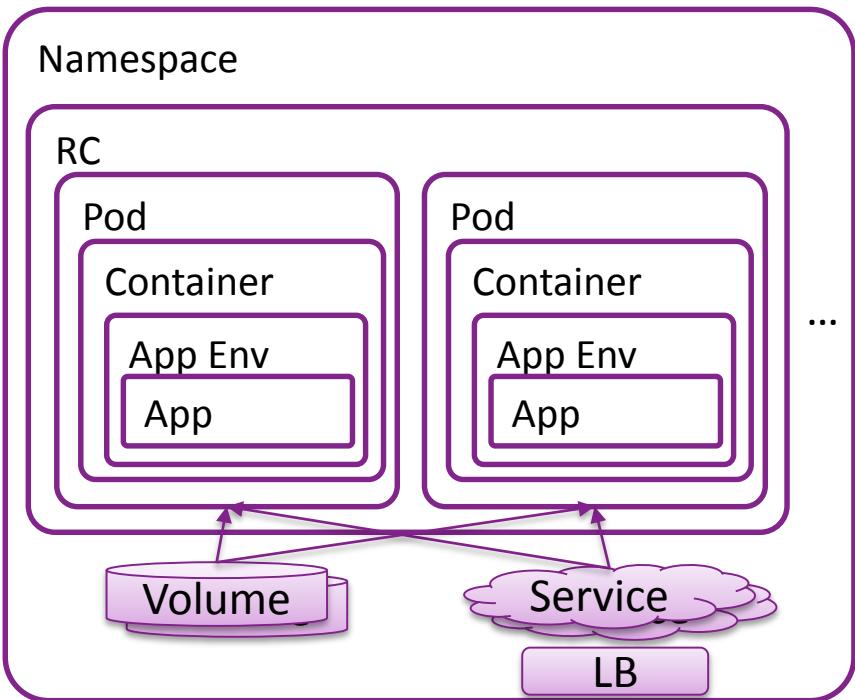
Containers: App/Svc Focused Context

Ex. Authoritative Context

- App Configuration & Resources
- Resource Sharing Across Apps
- Colocation of Containers
- Service Components
- Services within a Namespace
- Network Dynamics (LB, HA, ...)

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Example Contextual Structure





Containers: EP Compliance

Compliance scan of Docker image

Usage: docker-oscap image IMAGE_NAME [OSCAP_ARGUMENTS]

Compliance scan of Docker container

Usage: docker-oscap container CONTAINER_NAME [OSCAP_ARGUMENTS]

"Vulnerability scan of Docker image"

Usage: docker\-\oscrap image\-\cve IMAGE_NAME [--results oval-results-file.xml [--report report.html]]

"Vulnerability scap of Docker container"

Usage: oscap-docker container-cve CONTAINER_NAME [--results oval-results-file.xml [--report report.html]]

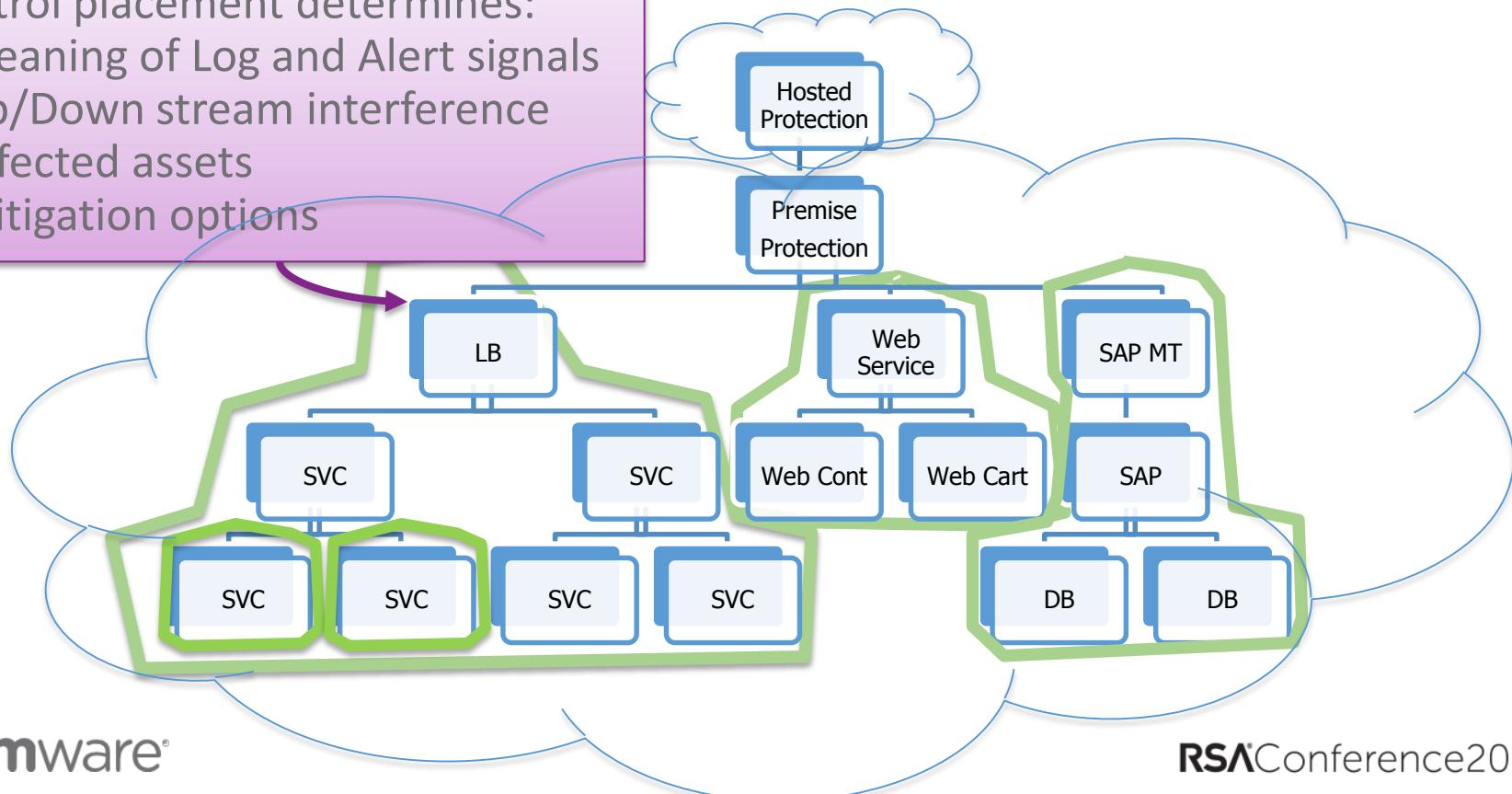
Ref: <https://github.com/OpenSCAP/container-compliance>



Alignment: Network Context

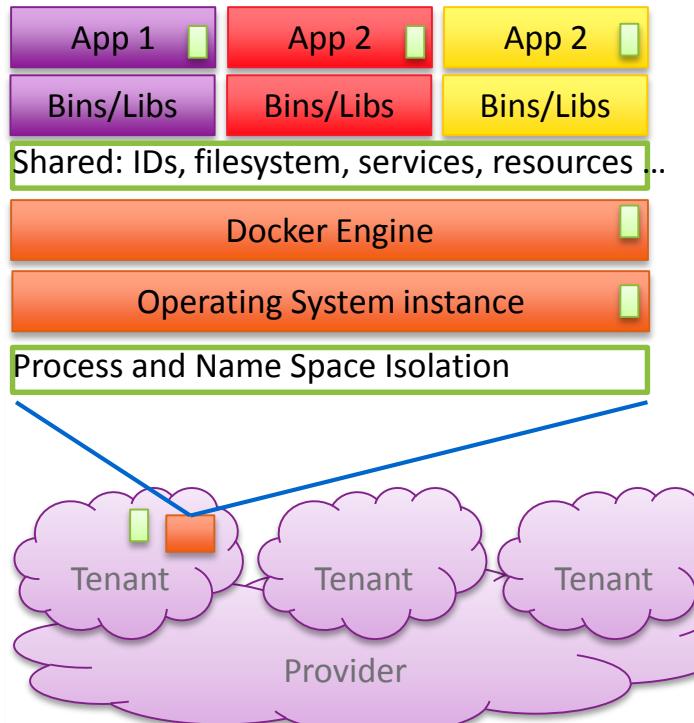
Control placement determines:

- Meaning of Log and Alert signals
- Up/Down stream interference
- Affected assets
- Mitigation options





But “containers don’t contain”



Audit:

- ✓ -----
- ✓ -----
- ✓ -----

Audit:

- ✓ -----
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Attest:

- ✓ -----
- ✓ -----
- ✓ -----

Mis-alignment

Process/Namespace Isolation

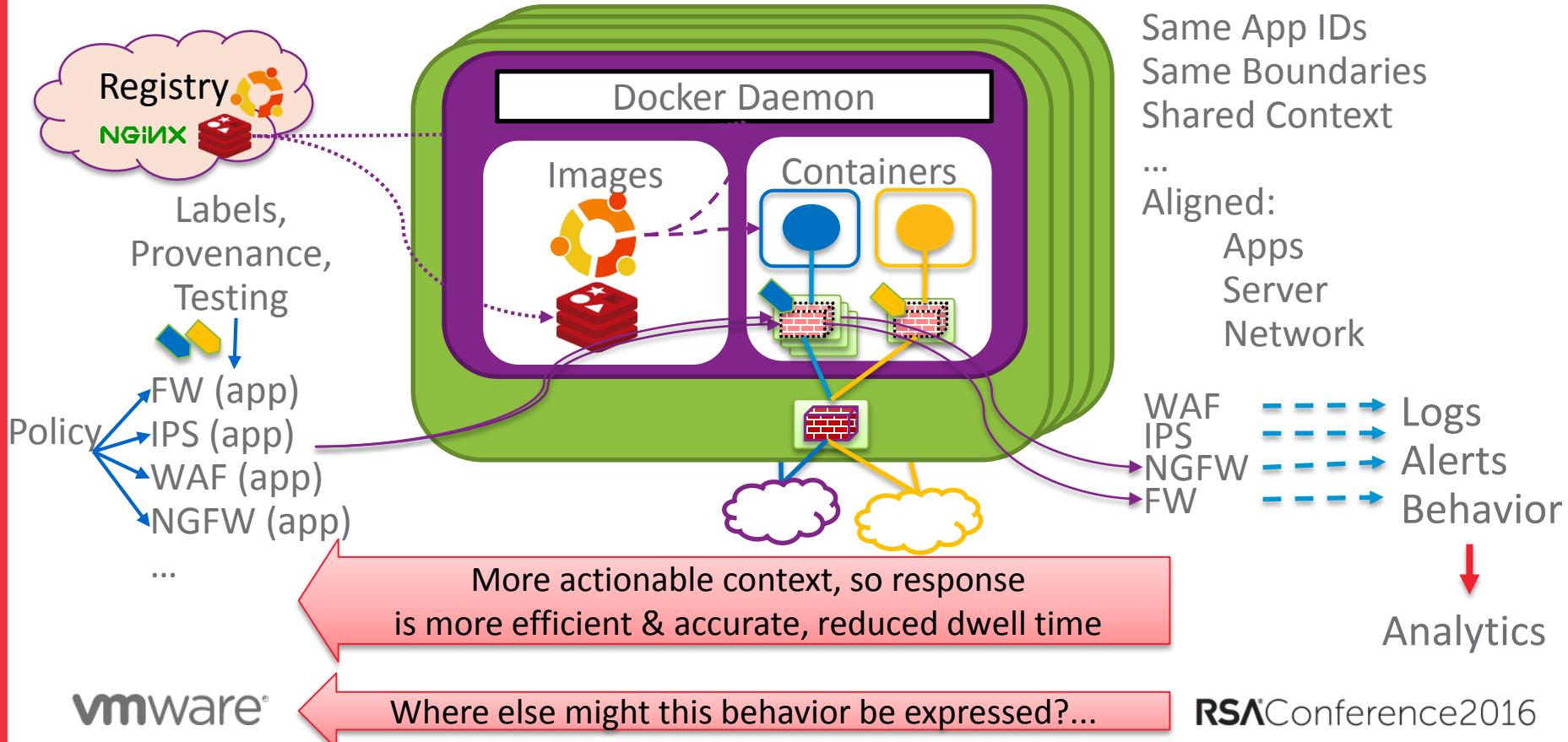
... but could be much better

Better Isolation
Isolated Controls (independent)
Mature Security Mgmt (Gartner)
Normalized Policy Locus

Between WL and Hosting
(hybrid/multi-cloud)

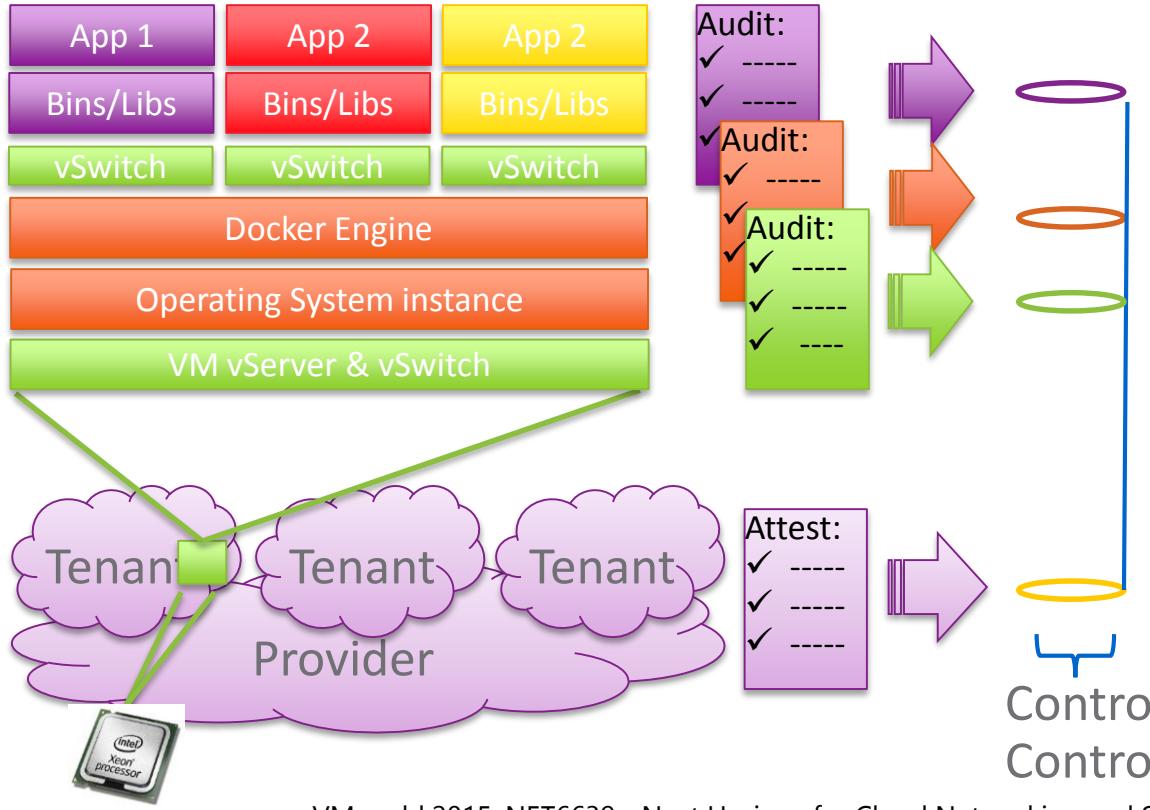


Directional: Containers + Virtualization





Containers + Virtualization



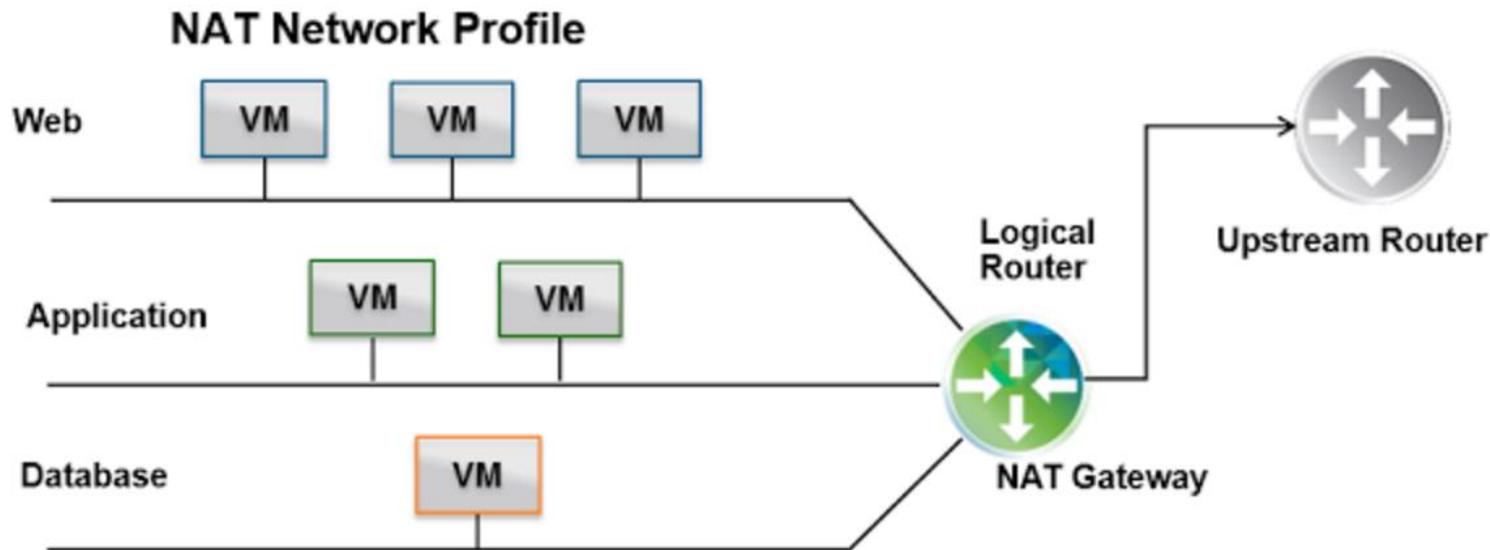
Consistent boundary X Stack
Same identifier (msid, vmid)
Alignment ... in any state
Independent verification
Authoritative context (OOB)

Control Boundary &
Controls Alignment



Application Blueprint Example - vRealize

- Application structure and external connectivity are completely exposed to inform operationally plausible security policy

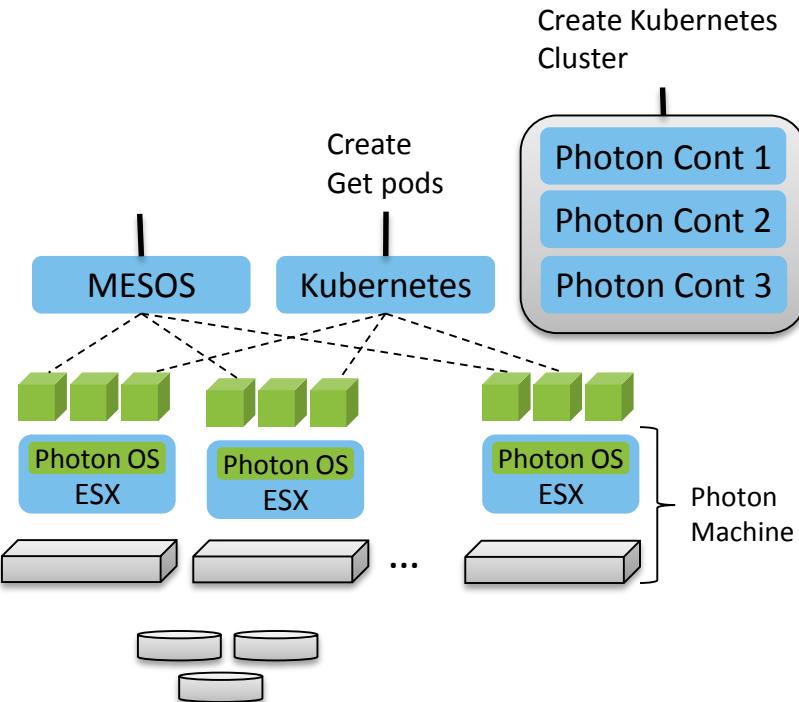




Enterprise Infrastructure & Containers

Infrastructural Context

- Leveraging of PBS, PBN, Infrastructural Services
- Legacy apps to cloud native apps, on the same infrastructure
- Integration of governance, CJA, context (for logs, alerts, response RCA, ...)



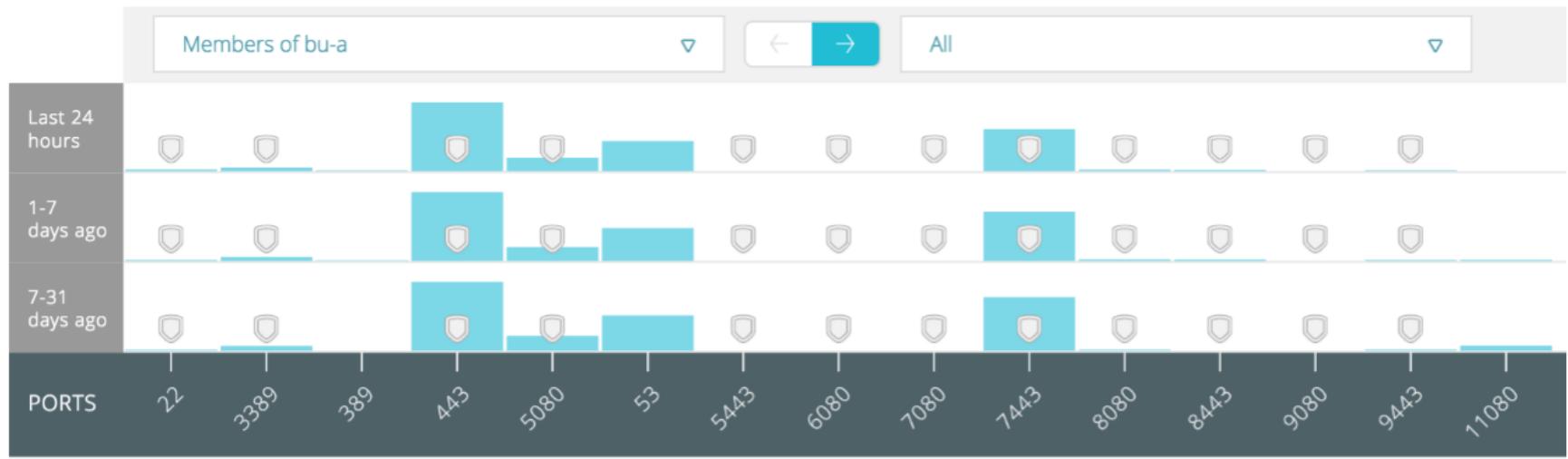


App Behavior Analysis: Arkin Example

Insight into application network behavior drives 1st order operationally plausible default deny posture.

Group Flows

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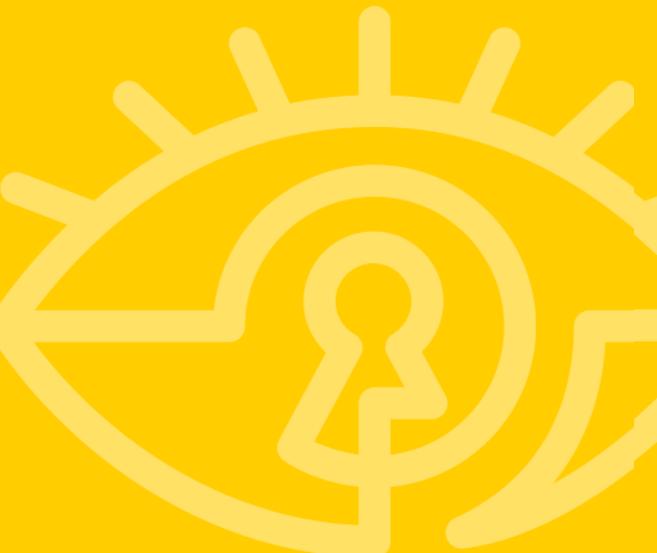


Container

- Intrinsically Captures Application Structure, Provenance, and Classification (pre-launch)
- Always Current Configuration (immutability)
 - No “intended” vs. “actual” gap
 - Operations & Security perspectives
- Immutability accommodates “moving target” defense techniques
- Expose *implicit* network requirements in App context context.
- Expose *implicit* app deployment requirements
 - Level of req'd awareness of virtual network topology
 - Req'd SVCs



Refining Micro-Segmentation Using Analytics



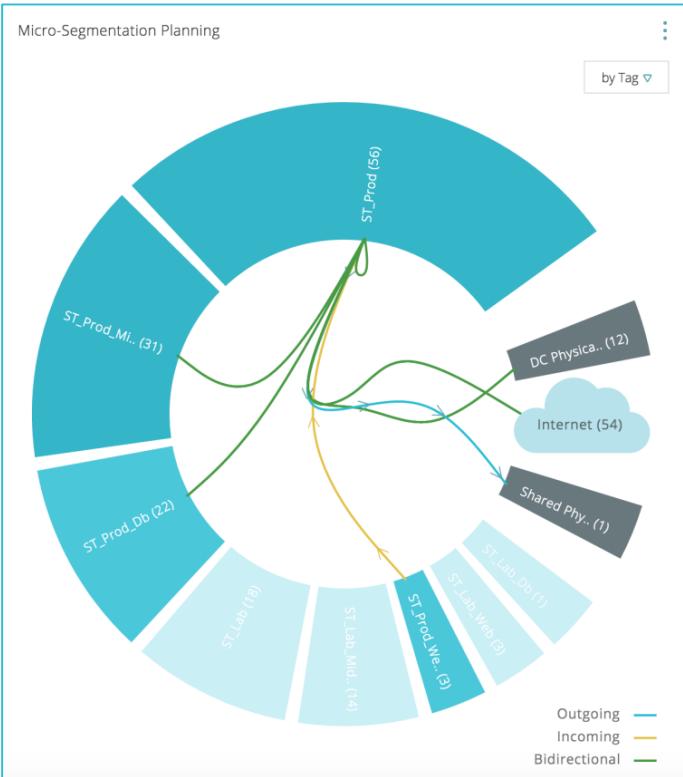


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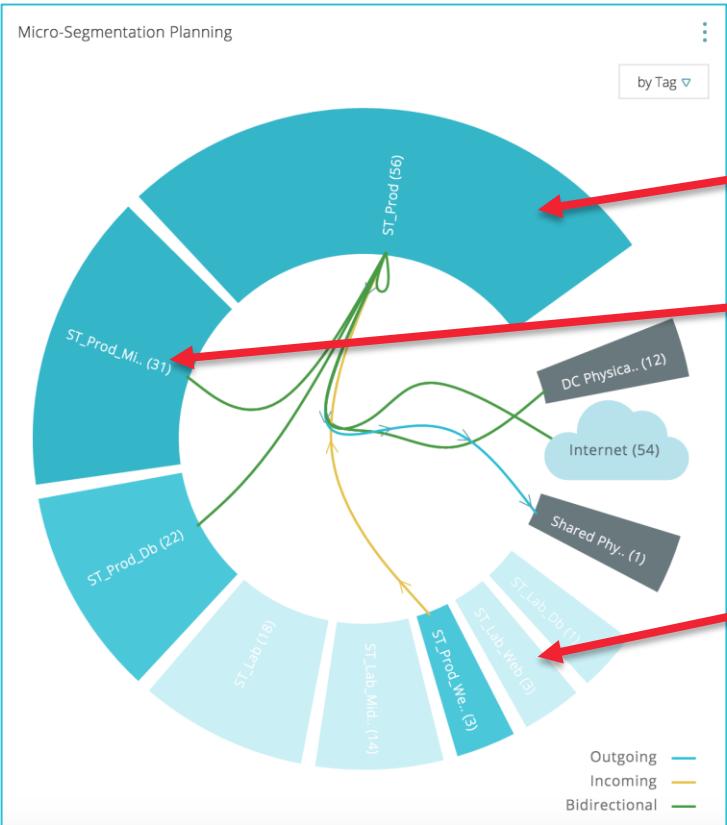
Micro-Segmentation: Model & Secure



- Model apps, app tiers, regulatory scopes, network, org boundaries, etc.
- Default Deny: Only allow what's necessary, Deny everything else.



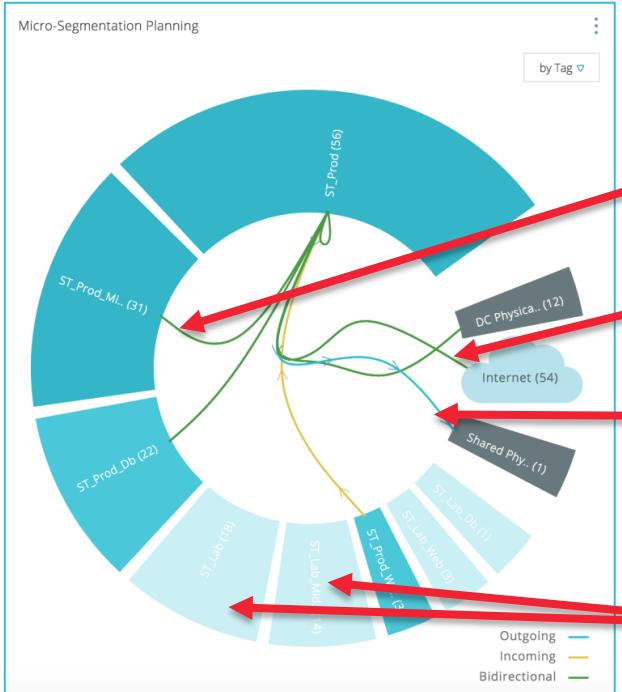
Micro-Segmentation in Action: Modeling Security Groups



Segment by applications, app tiers, security zones, L2/L3 network boundaries, virtual-physical boundaries, organizational levels, etc



Micro-Segmentation in Action: Modeling Security Policies



Inter and Intra Segment (VM to VM) Communication

Some services require internet access.

Allowed access to shared services

“Deny All” to these segments (...and confirm it)

Source: Arkin.net Screenshot



Micro-Segmentation in Action: Validate Compliance

The screenshot shows a network diagram with two hosts, HQ-DC1 and HQ-EVID1, connected to a Cisco Nexus 7K switch. The hosts are represented by blue icons with IP addresses: 172.16.150.10 and 172.16.151.30. The switch is labeled 'Cisco Nexus 7K'. The network is segmented into three green boxes labeled 'vlan-981' and 'vlan-983'. A legend indicates 'LS-FilePrint-NS' and 'FilePrint-SG'. On the right, the 'NSX Firewall' interface displays two sections: 'Applicable Firewall Rules' and 'Applicable Firewall Redirect Rules'.

| Seq ID | Name | Source | Destination | Action | Section Name |
|--------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|---|
| 2 | File Print in | Any | FilePrint-SG | ALLOW | File Print :: NSX Service Composer - Firewall |
| 3 | File Print Out | FilePrint-SG | Any | ALLOW | File Print :: NSX Service Composer - Firewall |
| 16 | Default Rule NDP | Any | Any | ALLOW | Default Section Layer3 |
| 17 | Default Rule DHCP | Any | Any | ALLOW | Default Section Layer3 |

| Seq ID | Name | Source | Destination | Services | Action | Section Name |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|--|
| 3 | FilePrint-dynAdd | FilePrint-SG | Any | Any | DONT_REDIRECT | File Print :: NSX Service Composer - Network Introspection |
| 6 | Logical Switch IN | Any | Logical-Switch-SG | Any | REDIRECT | Logical-Switch-Palo-Security :: NSX Service Composer - Network Introspection |
| 7 | Logical Switch Out | Logical-Switch-SG | Any | Any | REDIRECT | Logical-Switch-Palo-Security :: NSX Service Composer - Network Introspection |

Runtime Effective Policy between any two points in the Datacenter

Source: Arkin.net Screenshot



Summary



Summary

- Complexity is at the heart of today's security challenge
- Virtualization and Softwarization allows app focused placement and policy alignment
- Containerization provides the essential context for realizing an operationally plausible default deny policy
- This resulting in transformationally simpler policy and more effective protection.



Apply: Assess

When you return to work:

- Evaluate your current policy complexity
 - Policy set size
 - Policy testing workflow
- Estimate its effect on security policy management
 - Latency in security policy updates
 - Estimate the degree of your “default deny” posture
 - Identify related instances of policy misconfiguration



Apply: Dev Ops

As move forward in DevOps:

- For selected applications determine
 - Operationally plausible default deny posture by observed logs
 - Application policy requirements from container blueprints/manifests
 - Application component dynamics: continuity, scaling, ...
- For important and cross application cutting services
 - Document discovery, election, failover, ... protocol dynamics



Apply: Plausible Micro-segment Policy

Plausible Policy Information Sources

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Thank You!

Questions?

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