

# Cloud Security Architecture Skills Scope

## Architecture and Strategy



## Technical



## Legend

### Relevance

- Core:** Learn and apply now.
- Valuable:** Begin learning.
- Specialized/Emerging:** Learn if applicable

### Positive Impact on Security

- High (Dark Blue Diamond)
- Significant (Medium Blue Diamond)
- Moderate (Light Blue Diamond)

### Learning Curve

- Difficult (Diamond with '3')
- Moderate (Diamond with '2')
- Basic (Diamond with '1')

### Impedance to Apply

- Heavy (Diamond with a gear-like border)
- Moderate (Diamond with a star-like border)
- Light (Diamond with a simple outline)

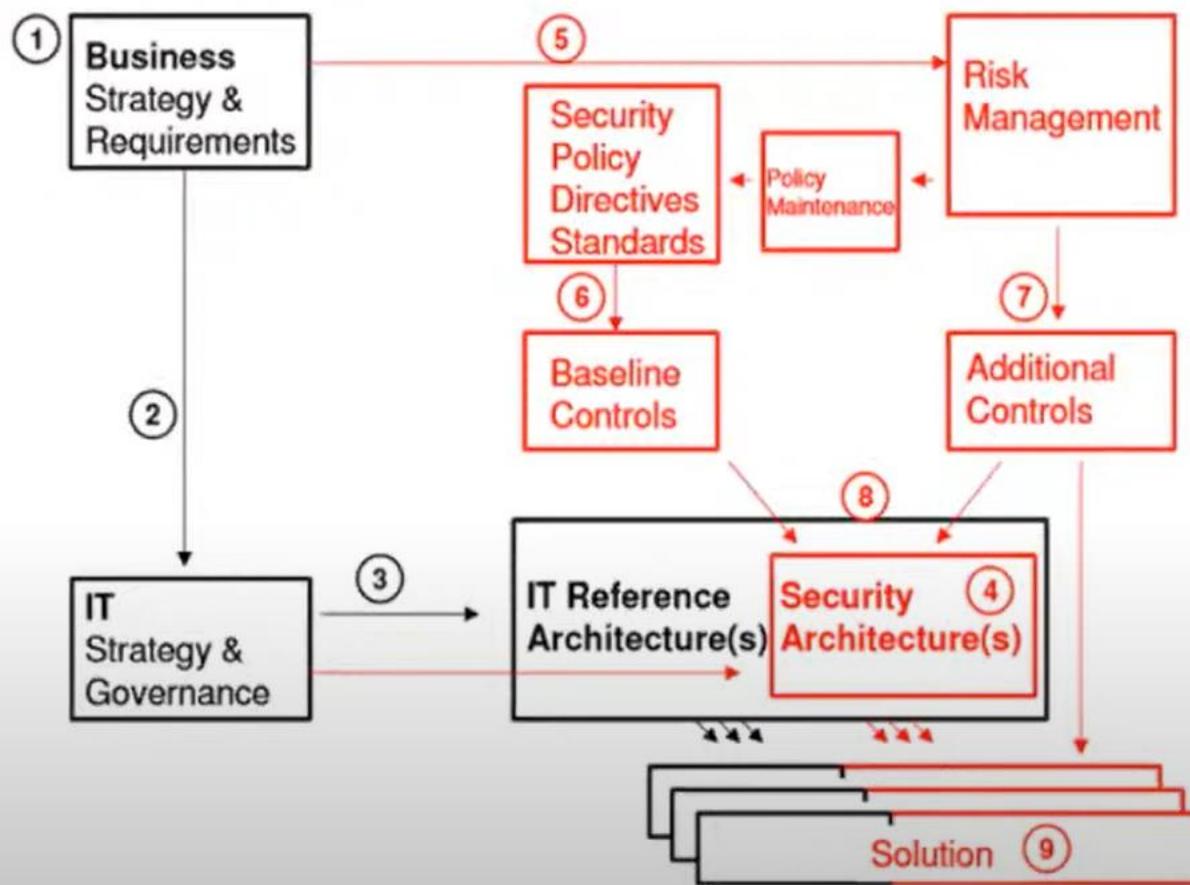
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# Security Architecture Process



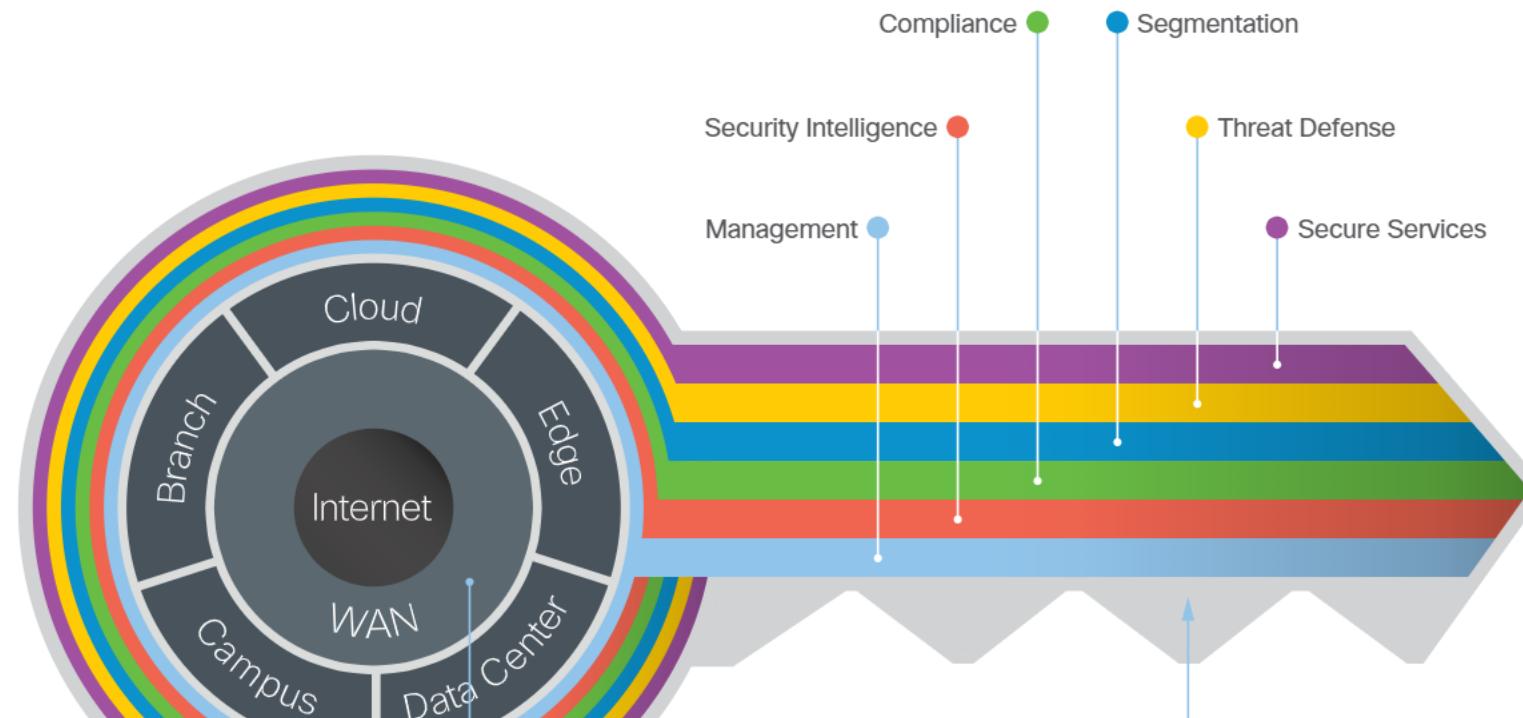
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# What is SAFE?

SAFE is a security **model** and **method** used to secure business. It focuses on threats—and best practices for defending against them. SAFE illustrates today's business challenges

in a language that changes the way we think about security. It uses simple concepts to focus on the complexities of today, so that we're prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.



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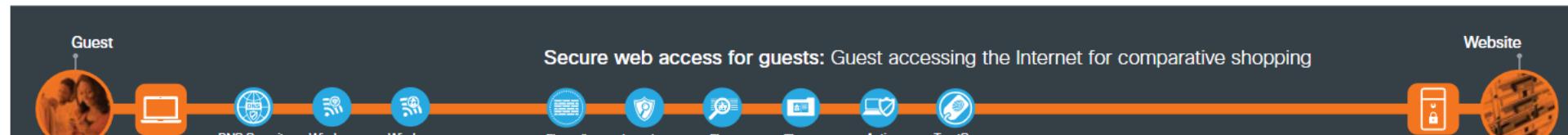
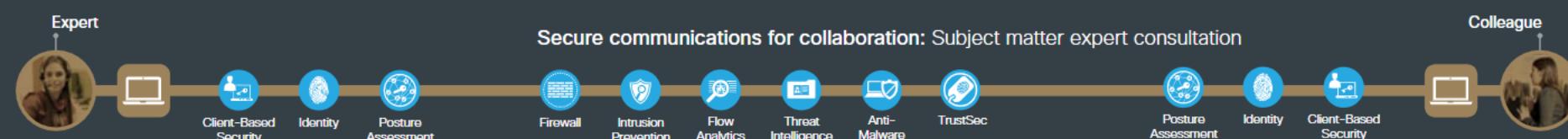
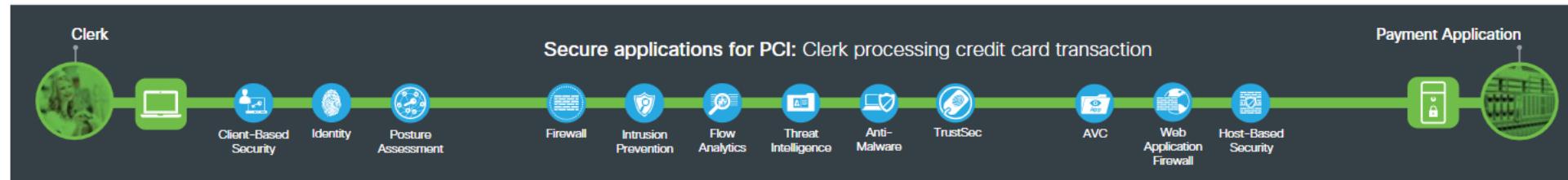
Table 1 The SAFE Model Icons

Phase/Example Icon	Description	Function
<b>Key</b> 	Organizational Model	The Key to SAFE provides the Key to simplify cybersecurity into Secure Places in the Network (PINs) for infrastructure and Secure Domains for operational guidance.
<b>Business Flow</b> 	Use Case	Business flows use colored lines to depict use cases and show where data flows through a network.
<b>Threat</b> 	Unauthorized Packets. This threat is blocked by firewalls.	The top security threats of an organization are catalogued.
<b>Capability</b> 	Firewall	Capabilities are used to describe security functions.
<b>Architecture</b> 	Logical Router. This logical router has firewall capability.	Architectures are used to logically arrange the security capabilities.
<b>Design</b> 	4451x with Firewall	Designs are used to provide specific products and services.

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## Small Branch Capabilities and Business Flows



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Based on where they are applied on the business flows, security capabilities can be grouped into three types: Foundational, Access, and Business.

## Foundational Capabilities

Foundational Capabilities work together to protect applications and traffic. They use segmentation, visibility, and analysis in a comprehensive architectural approach. All business flows require foundational security capabilities.

Figure 10 Foundational Capability Group: Secure Applications and Secure East West Traffic

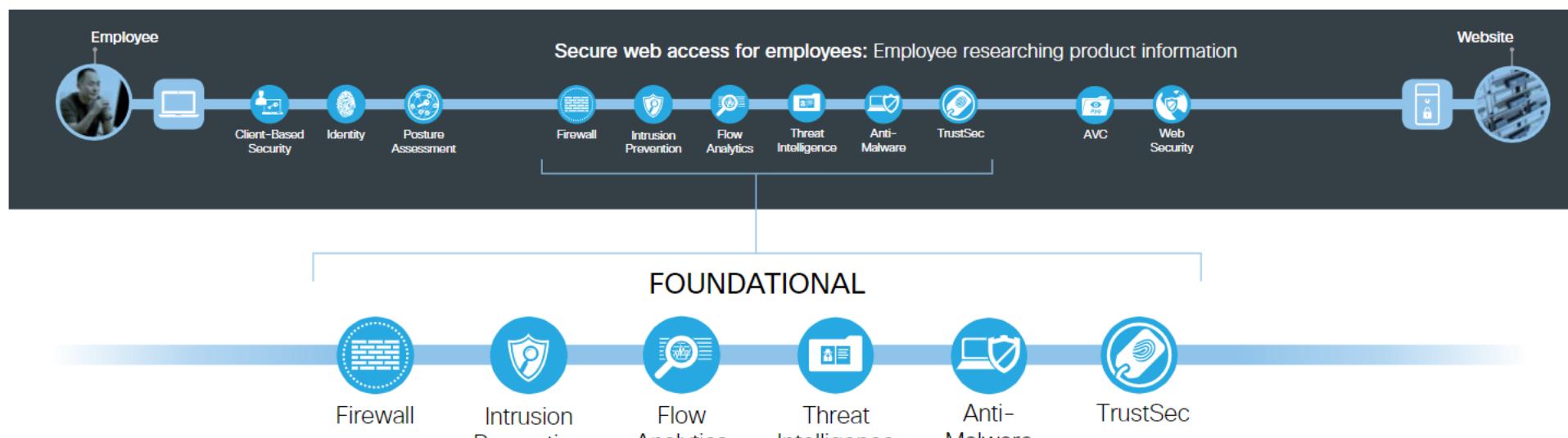


Table 2 Foundational Capabilities

Security Capability	Threat
	 Unauthorized access and malformed packets between and within the branch.
	 Attacks using worms, viruses, or other techniques.
	 Traffic, telemetry, and data exfiltration from successful attacks.
	 Zero-day malware and attacks.
	 Malware distribution across networks or between servers and devices.
	 Unauthorized access and malicious traffic between branch layers.

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Figure 11 Access Capability Group: Secure Access



Table 3 Access Capabilities

Security Capability	Threat
 Client-/Server-based Security: Security software for devices with the following capabilities:	
	 Malware compromising systems

Security Capability	Threat
 Client-/Server-based Security: Security software for devices with the following capabilities:	
 Anti-Malware	 Malware compromising systems.
 Anti-Virus	 Viruses compromising systems.
 Cloud Security	 Redirection of user to malicious website.
 Personal Firewall	 Unauthorized access and malformed packets connecting to client.
 Identity: Identity-based access.	 Attackers accessing restricted information resources.
 Posture Assessment: Client endpoint compliance verification and authorization.	 Compromised devices connecting to infrastructure.

## Business Capabilities

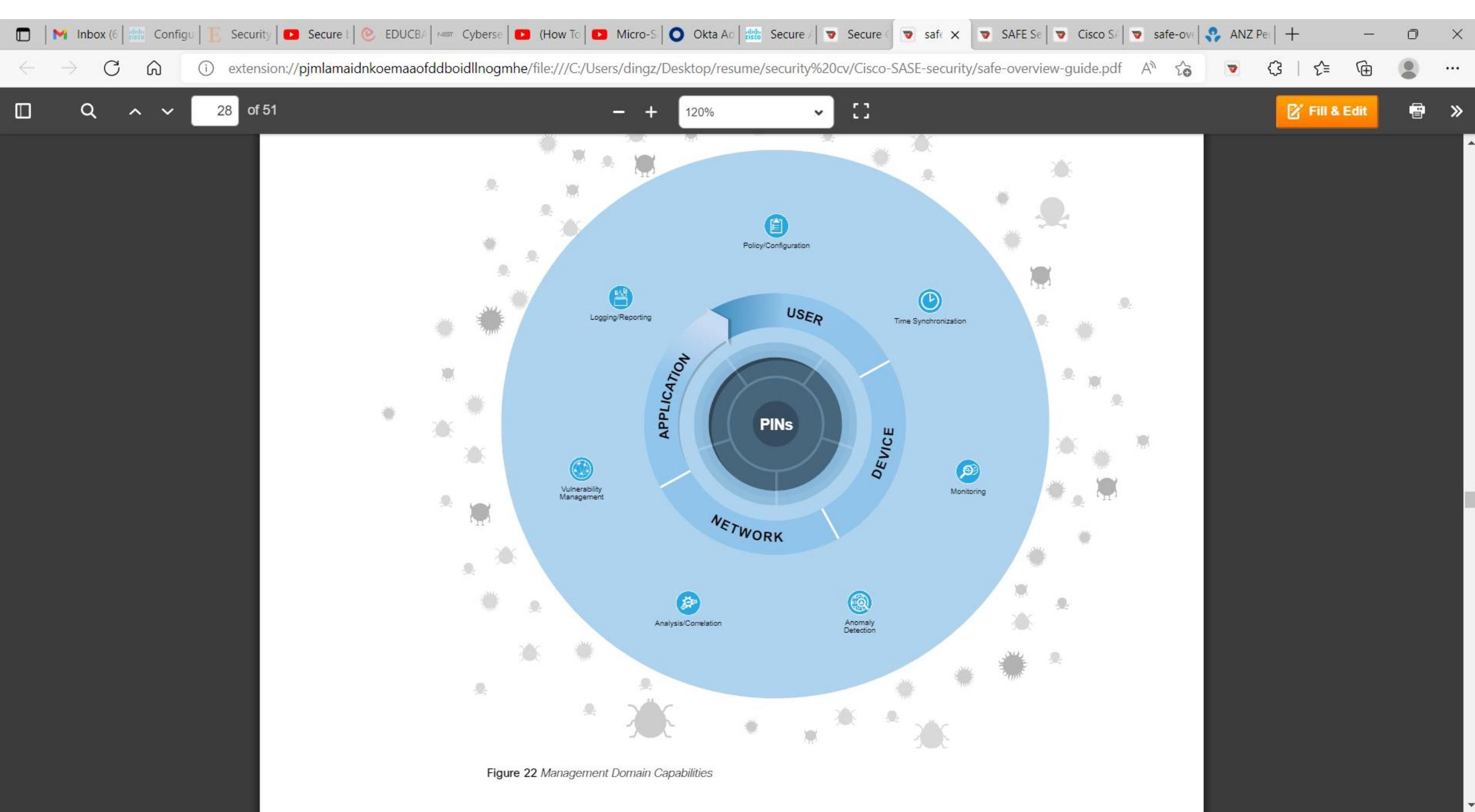
Business capabilities are used to secure risks introduced by business practices that are not handled by the foundational and access groups. Email, web access, and remote access directly connect to potential malicious entities (like the web, phishing, and compromised partners) which are outside the control of a company and require additional security capabilities.

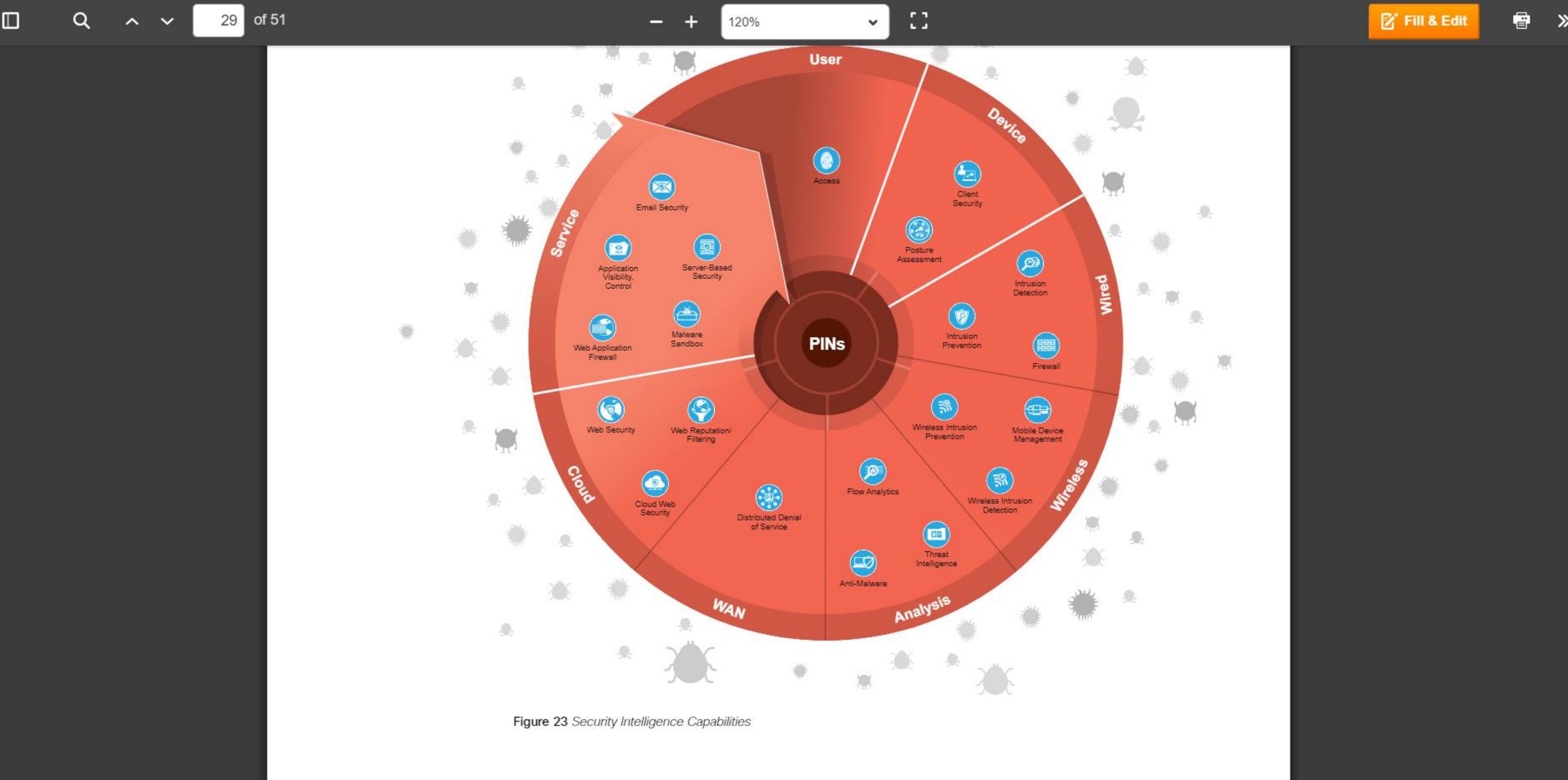
Figure 12 Business Capability Group: Secure Communications, Secure Web Access, Secure Remote Access

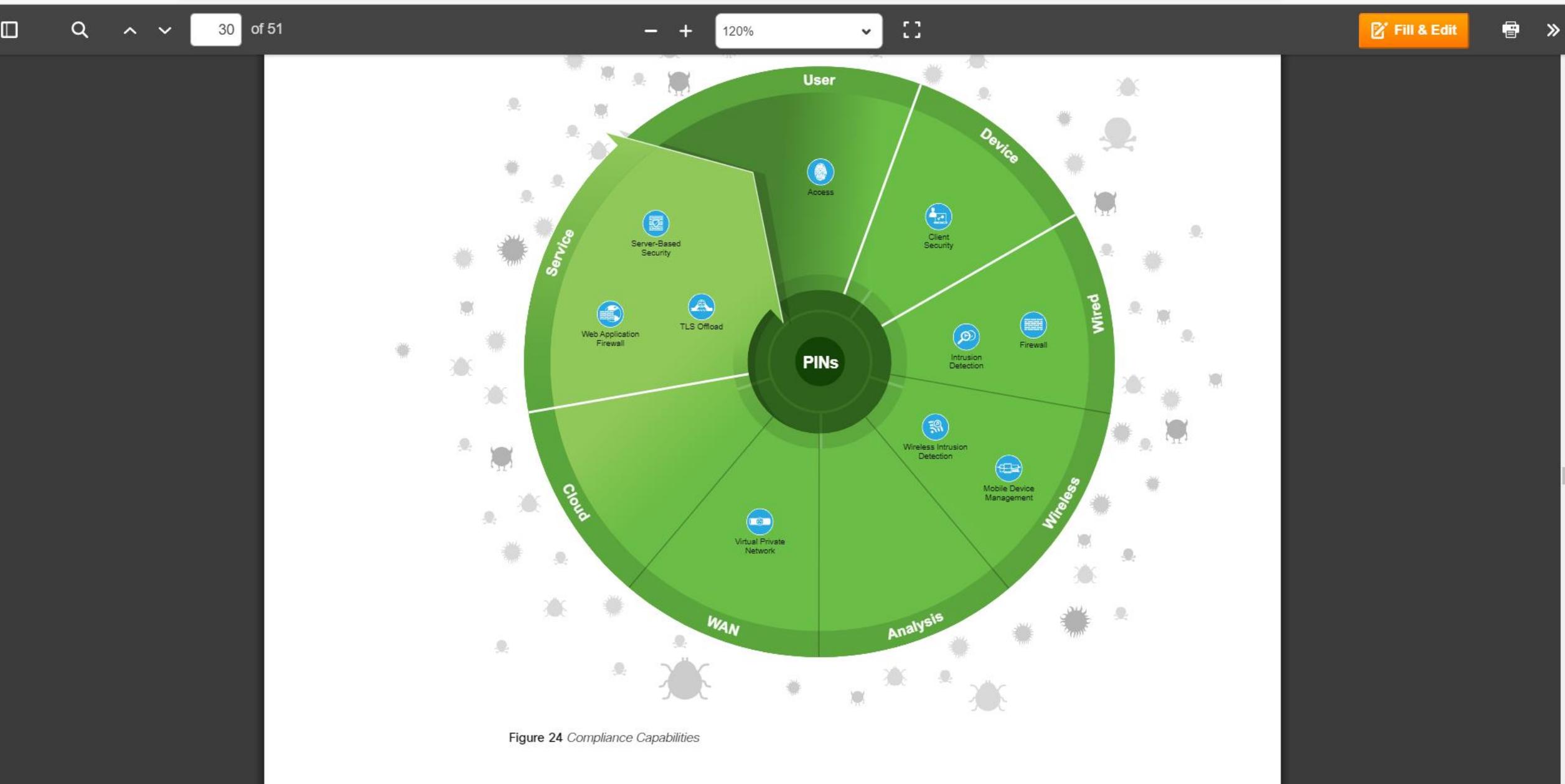


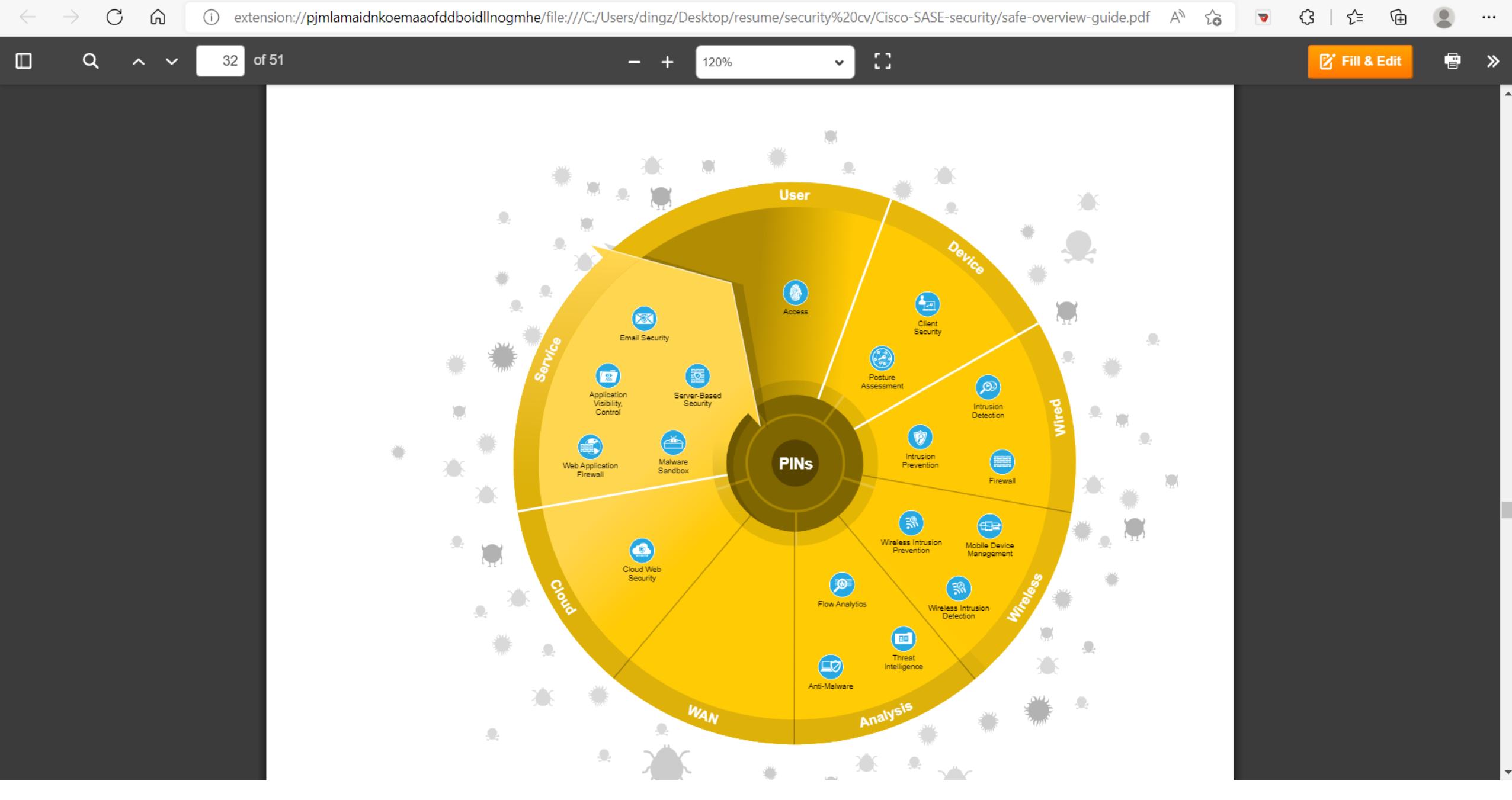
Table 4 Business Capabilities

Security Capability	Threat
 <b>Web Security:</b> Web, DNS, and IP-layer security and control for the branch.	 Attacks from malware, viruses, and redirection to malicious URLs.
 <b>Email Security:</b> Messaging integrity and protections.	 Infiltration and exfiltration via email.
 <b>Application Visibility and Control (AVC):</b> Deep packet inspection (DPI) of application flows.	 Attack tools hiding in permitted applications.
 <b>Web Application Firewalling:</b> Advanced application inspection and monitoring.	 Attacks against poorly-developed applications.
 <b>DDoS Protection:</b> Protection against scaled attack forms.	 Massively scaled attacks that overwhelm services.
 <b>Virtual Private Network (VPN):</b> Encrypted communication tunnels.	 Exposed services and data theft of remote workers and third parties.









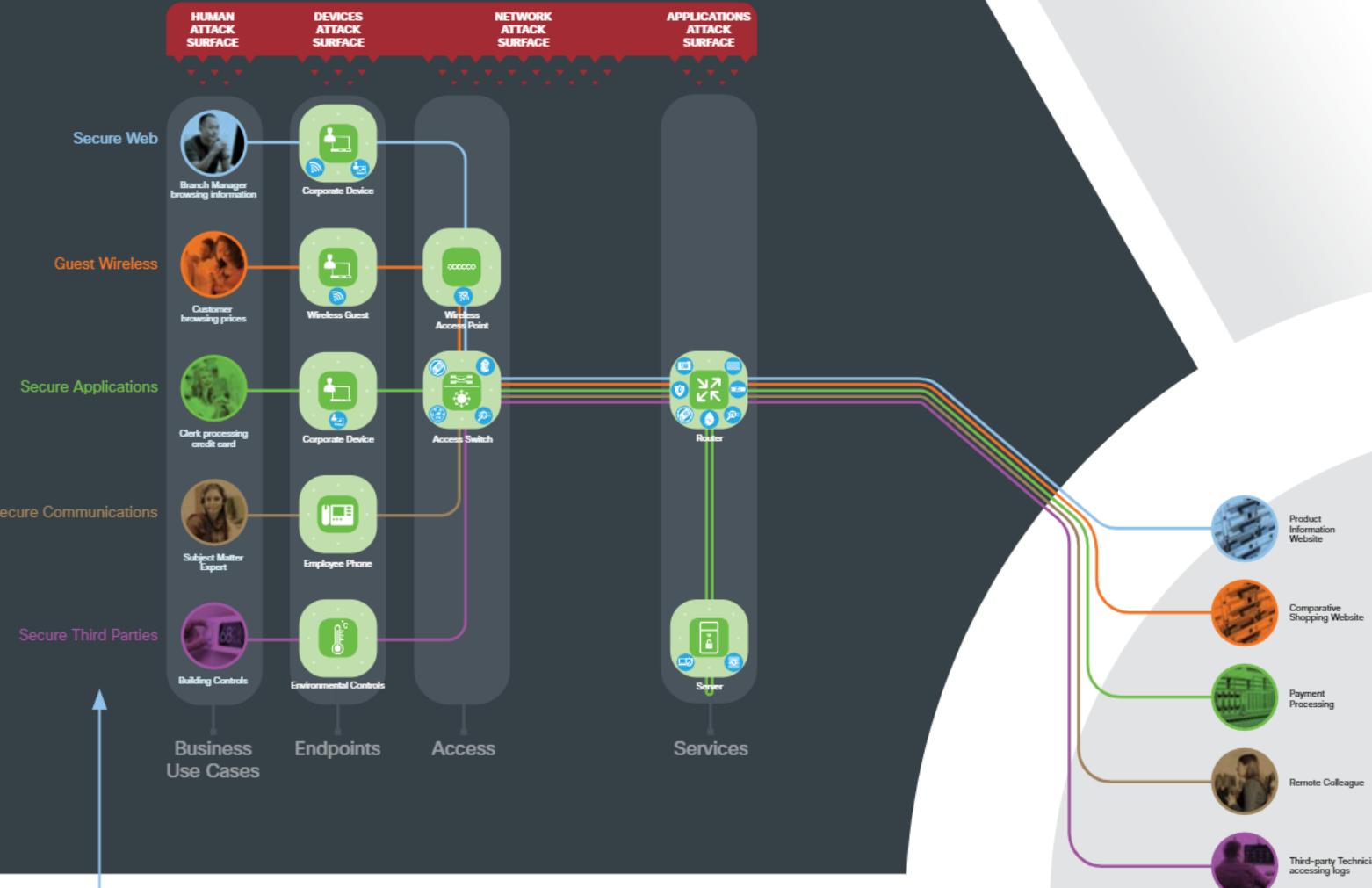
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**Table 5 Cisco Security Capabilities and Threats**

Attack Surface	Capabilities	Threats	Places in the Network	Recommended Products
<b>Human</b>				
	<b>Users:</b> Employees, third parties, customers, and administrators.	 <b>Identity/Authorization:</b> Restriction of user access to services and resources.	 <b>Unauthorized Network Access:</b> Attackers accessing restricted information.	Secure Branch Secure Campus Secure Cloud Secure Data Center Secure Edge Secure WAN
<b>Devices</b>				
	<b>Clients:</b> Devices such as PCs, laptops, smartphones, tablets.	 <b>Client-Based Security:</b> Security software to protect clients.	 <b>Malware:</b> Viruses or malware compromising systems.	Secure Branch Secure Campus Secure External Zones
		 <b>Anti-Malware</b>	 Malware compromising systems.	Cisco Advanced Malware Protection for Endpoint Anti-Virus AnyConnect Cisco Umbrella
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		 <b>Personal Firewall</b>	 Unauthorized access and malformed packets	
		 <b>Posture Assessment:</b> Client endpoint compliance verification	 <b>Virus and Malware:</b> Compromised	Secure Branch Secure Campus
				AnyConnect Agent Centralized Identity

## Small Branch Architecture



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## To Design a Security Architecture

Identify business objectives, goals and strategy

Identify business attributes that are required to achieve those goals

Identify all the risk associated with the attributes that can prevent a business from achieving its goals

Identify the required controls to manage the risk

Define a program to design and implement those controls

Governance,  
policy and  
domain  
architecture

Operational  
risk  
management  
architecture

Information  
architecture

Certificate  
management  
architecture

Access  
control  
architecture

Incident  
response  
architecture

Application  
security  
architecture

Web services  
architecture

Communication  
security  
architecture

## Conceptual Architecture for Business Risk

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## Physical Architecture

Platform security

Hardware  
security

Network security

Cloud Security

Operating system  
security

File security

Database  
security, practices  
and procedures

## Component Architecture

- Security standards
- Security products and tools
- Web services security

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## Operational Architecture

Implementation guides

Administrations

Configuration/patch management

Monitoring

Logging

Pen testing

Access management

Change management

Incident Response etc

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# Security Controls

		CONTROL FUNCTIONS		
		Preventative	Detective	Corrective
CONTROL TYPES	Physical	Fences, gates, locks	CCTV and surveillance camera logs	Repair physical damage, re-issue access cards
	Technical	Firewall, IPS, MFA solution, antivirus software	Intrusion detection systems, honeypots	Patch a system, terminate a process, reboot a system, quarantine a virus
	Administrative	Hiring and termination policies, separation of duties, data classification	Review access rights, audit logs, and unauthorized changes	Implement a business continuity plan or incident response plan

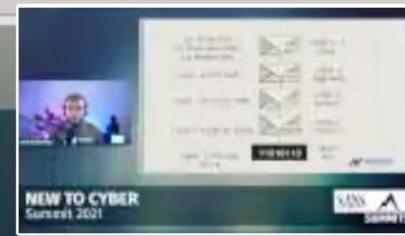
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<b>Application</b>	<b>Layer 7</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Layer 6</b>
<b>Session</b>	<b>Layer 5</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>Layer 4</b>
<b>Network</b>	<b>Layer 3</b>
<b>Data Link</b>	<b>Layer 2</b>
<b>Physical</b>	<b>Layer 1</b>

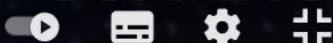


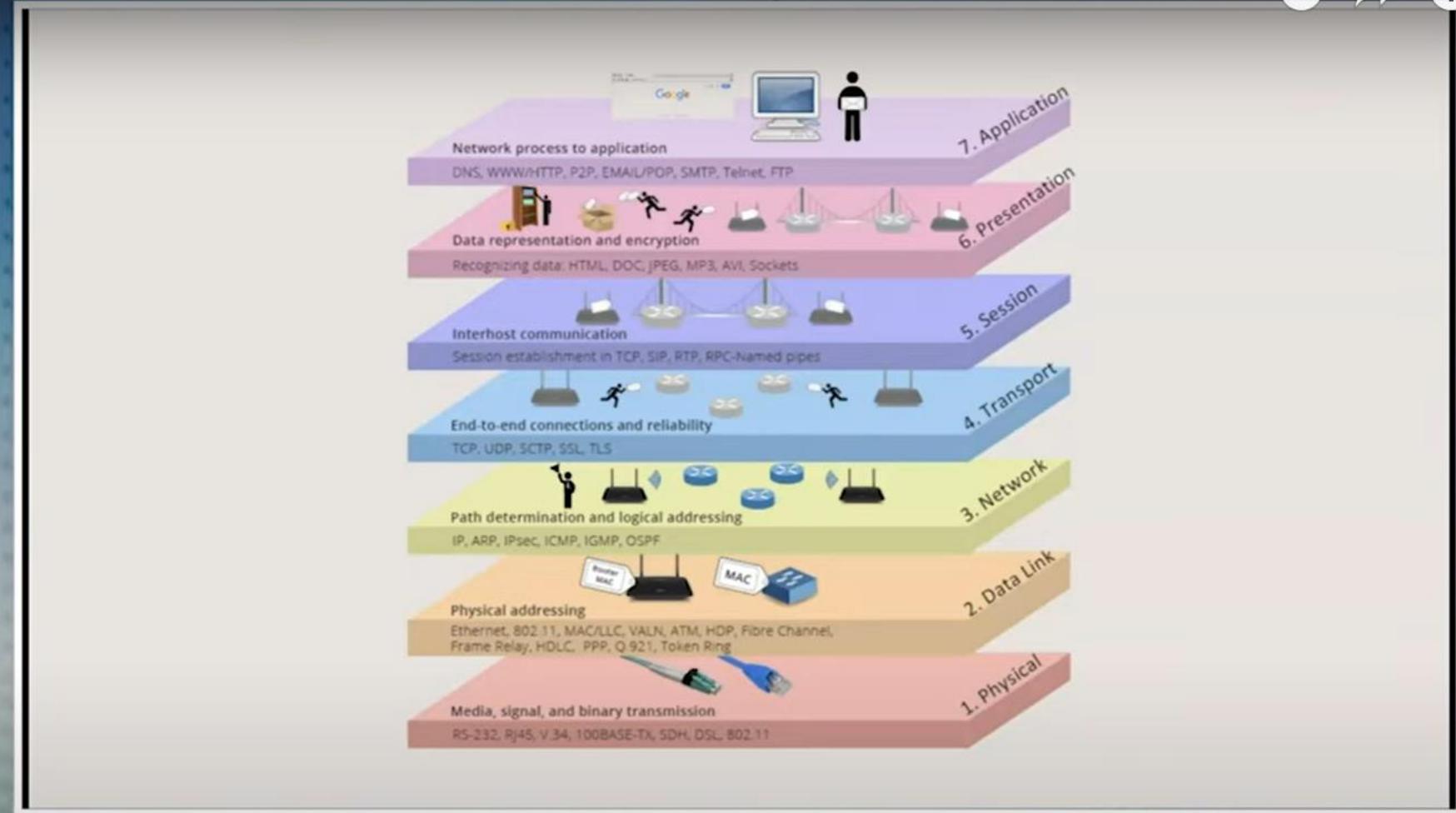
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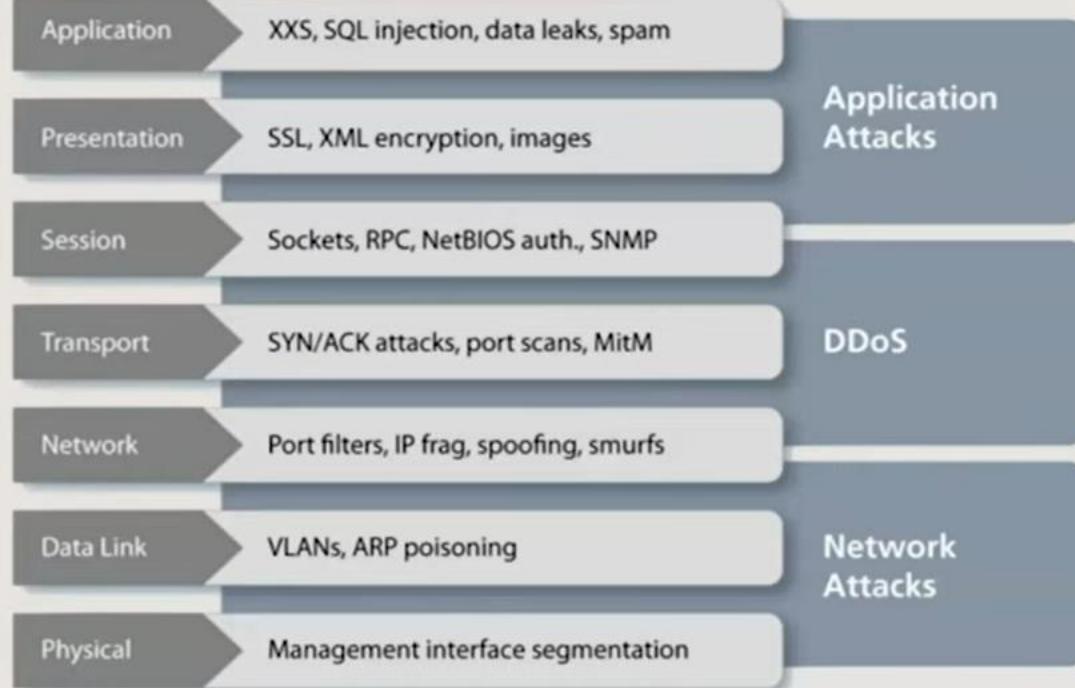




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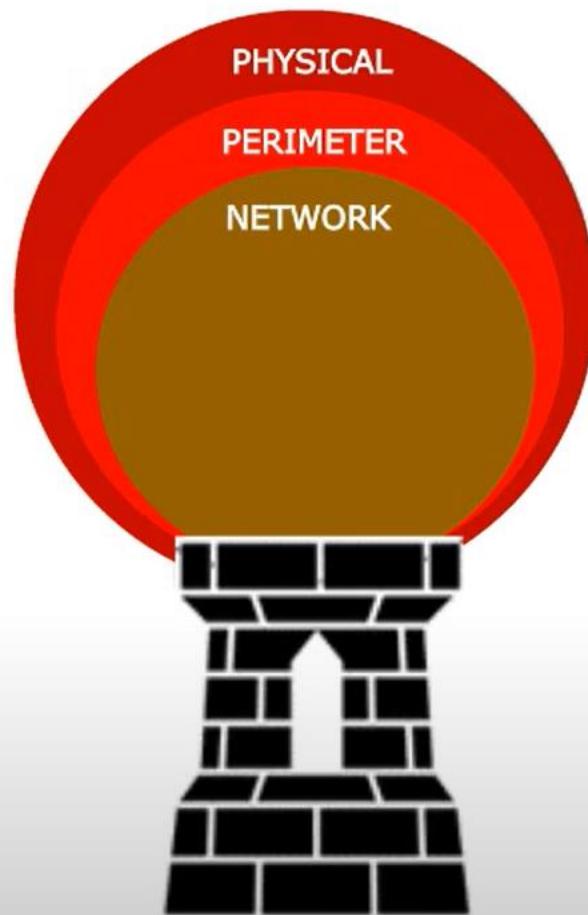
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# Security Architecture: Network Layer



IPS



Email



Window communication control



Web application firewall (WAF)



Data acquisition network (DAN/SIEM)



Network Access Control (NAC) &amp; Logical Access Controls



Network time protocol (NTP)



Wireless network security

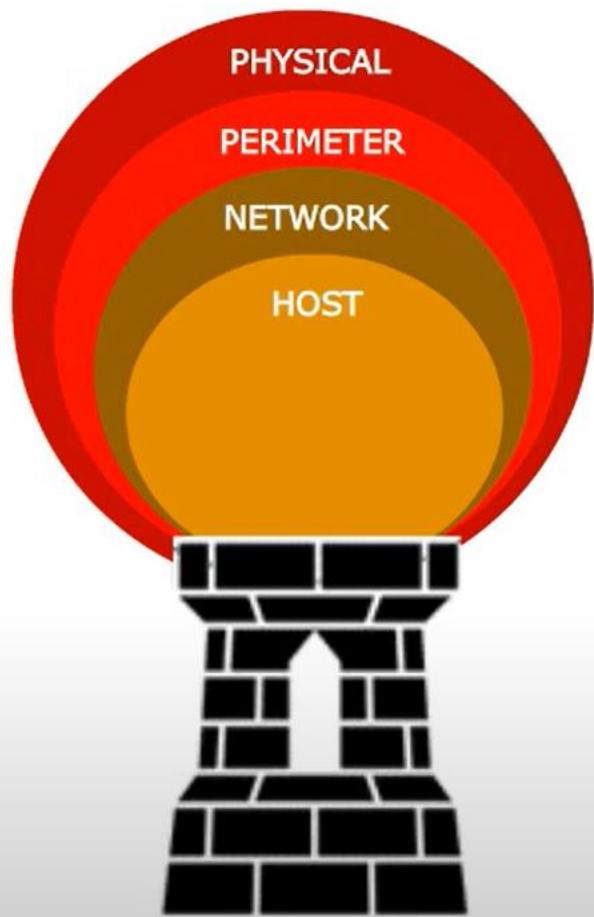


Password management (vaults)



Security Operations Center (SOC)

# Security Architecture: Host Layer



Host based FWs



Anti virus & malware



Vulnerability scanning & patching



CMDB and asset management



Server Access Controls



OS hardening guidelines



Mobile devices and MDM



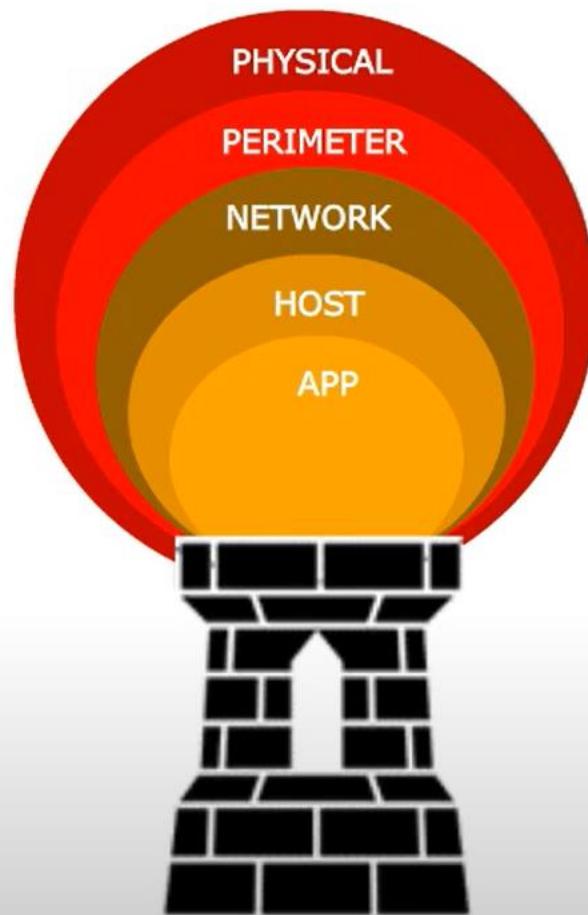
Privileged access management



Thumb drive protection



# Security Architecture: Application Layer



SSL certs (data-in-flight)

Role Base Access Control (RBAC/ABAC)

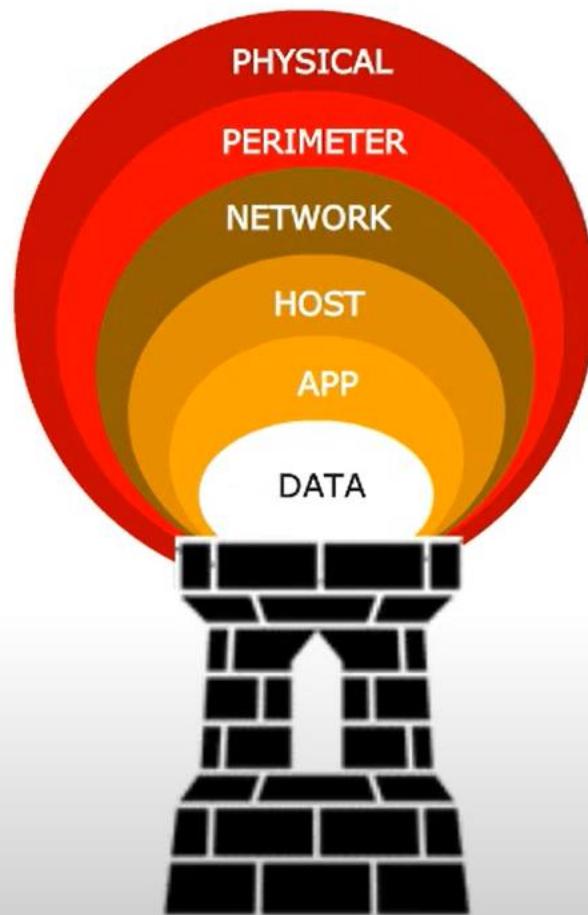
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Key management systems

Sourcecode management security



# Security Architecture: Data Layer



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Role Base Access Control (RBAC/ABAC)



Application code review



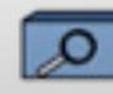
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Sourcecode management security



Data encryption



Data loss prevention (DLP)

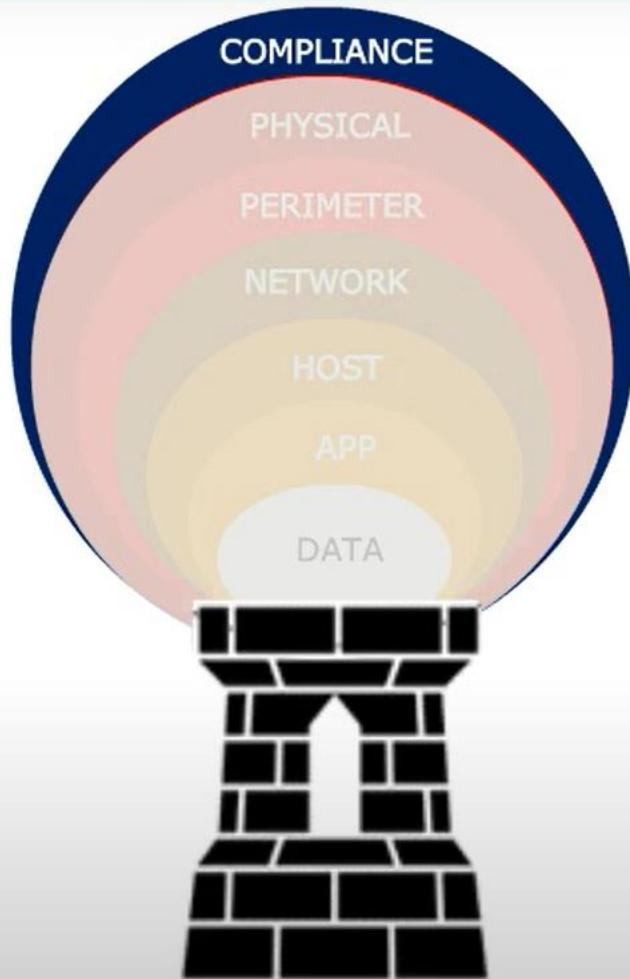


Distributed denial of Service



Data backup (recovery)

# Security Architecture: Compliance Layer



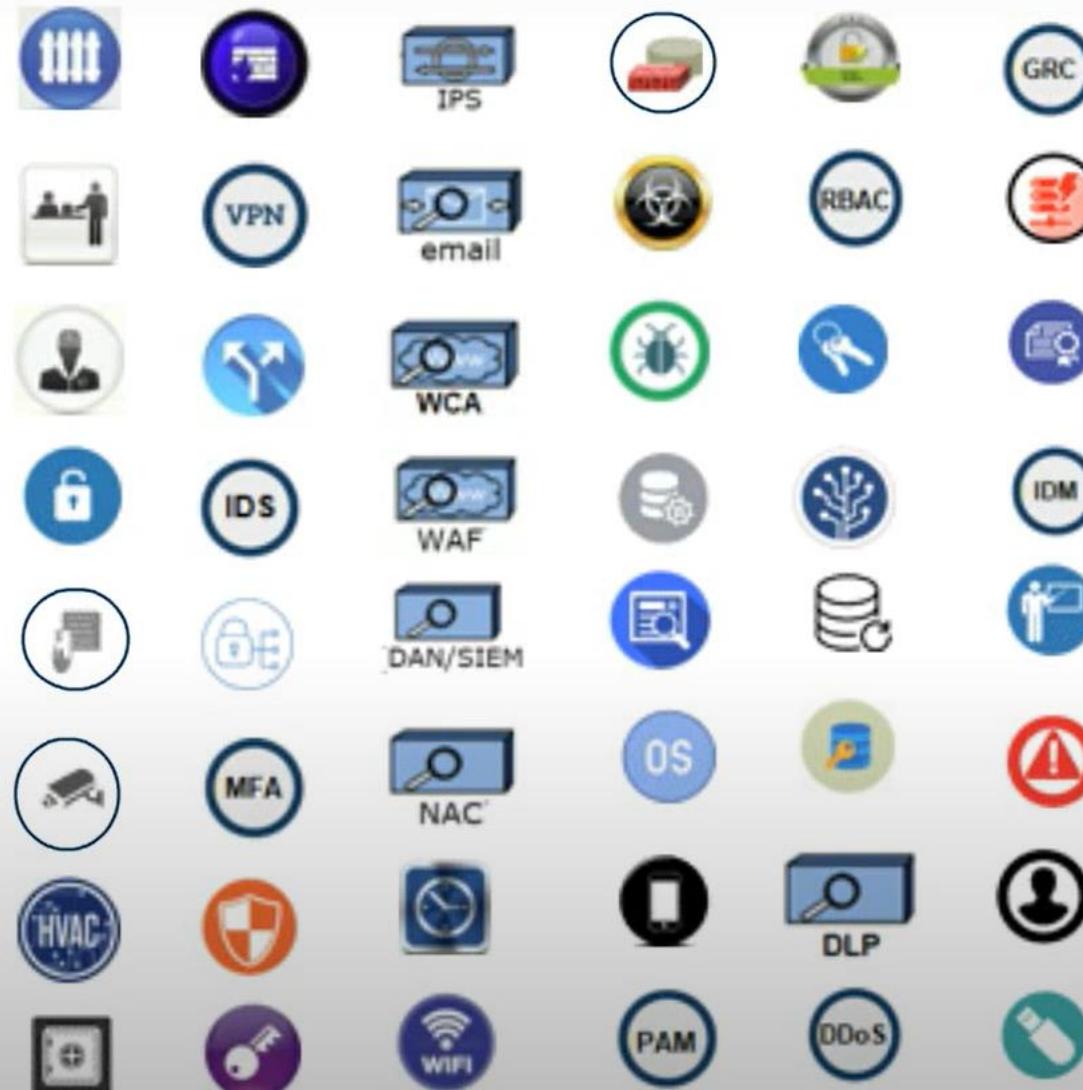
## Compliance – Policy, Procedures & Awareness

-  Governance, Risk and Compliance tools
-  Business continuity and Disaster Recovery
-  Certifications: SOC 2, ISO 27001, Privacy Shield, GDPR?
-  Change Management
-  Identity Management and Identity Governance
-  Security Awareness Training
-  Incident Management
-  HR Background Checks

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# Security Controls



# Modern Cyber Threats

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**No. 1: Socially engineered malware & Ransom-based attacks**

**No. 2: Password phishing attacks**

**No. 3: Unpatched software**

**No. 4: Social media threats**

**No. 5: Advanced persistent threats**

philosophy. Under this model, we make no assumptions about trust — other than the assumption that no user or device is trusted until they have proved both their identity and their authorization. With this new mindset in place, we then explore five adaptations of the customer's security controls to better support a zero trust approach.

## 1. Segment the Network

Proper network segmentation is the cornerstone of a zero trust architecture. Organizations must segregate systems and devices according to the types of access they allow and the categories of information that they process. These network segments can then serve as the trust boundaries that allow other security controls to enforce the zero trust philosophy.

## 2. Enhance Identity and Access Management

The second prerequisite for implementing zero trust is a strong identity and access management infrastructure. The use of multifactor authentication provides added assurance of identity and protects against credential theft. Deploying role-based access control allows applications to limit access in a manner that enforces the principle of least privilege.

## 3. Implement Least Privilege at the Firewall

Least privilege also applies to networks. After building out network segments, cybersecurity teams should lock down access between networks to only traffic required to meet business needs. For example, if remote offices do not need direct communication with each other, that access should not be allowed by default.

## 4. Add Application Context to the Firewall

Modern firewalls go far beyond the simple rule-based inspection of years past. Cybersecurity teams should add application inspection technology to their existing firewall deployments, ensuring that traffic being passed over a connection bears appropriate content. For example, application context controls can verify that outbound Domain Name System traffic actually corresponds to queries and responses and is not being abused by an attacker to stealthily exfiltrate sensitive information.

## 5. Log and Analyze Security Events

# Design Zero- trust model 5 steps

- 1. data discovery - sensitivity, data store, rules, access, sso, MTA
- 2. workstations- identified, patched, verified
- 3. data flow- segmentation of the core engine, NGFW, priviegd access control policy
- 4. pretend the application– enable rules and RBAS for the applicatinos
- 5. monitor-- logs, analytics, and threat alerting

## Why a 'new' architecture? Tips for a safer migration

- Graph thinking
- Why VPN into the network?
- Trusted Internet Connection (Federal IDS/IPS)
- Ransomware from client-side spreading through network
  - to other laptops, to fileshare servers
- Phishing/Browser attacks
- Social engineering for passwords (MFA/SSO everywhere)
- Segmentation:
  - Identity (Mimikatz)
  - Network vs Apps: Gmail/O365 vs. VPN+Local Exchange Server
  - Supply chain
  - Old and dangerous protocols

## Typosquatting (example DNS control)

- DNS logging/control, something you should be doing but probably aren't
- Some (not enough) do it at HQ and branch offices
- What about remote workers? (No full time VPN backhaul w/ no split tunneling)
- DNS logging/control should be on every desktop/laptop/server
- Typosquatting to \$HRsite, user wants to go to portal and miskeys one letter
- Option 1: Infected
- Option 2: DNS blocks Typosquatting site due to rules, policies and some AI

### Benefits of mobile DNS logging/control w/ no VPN:

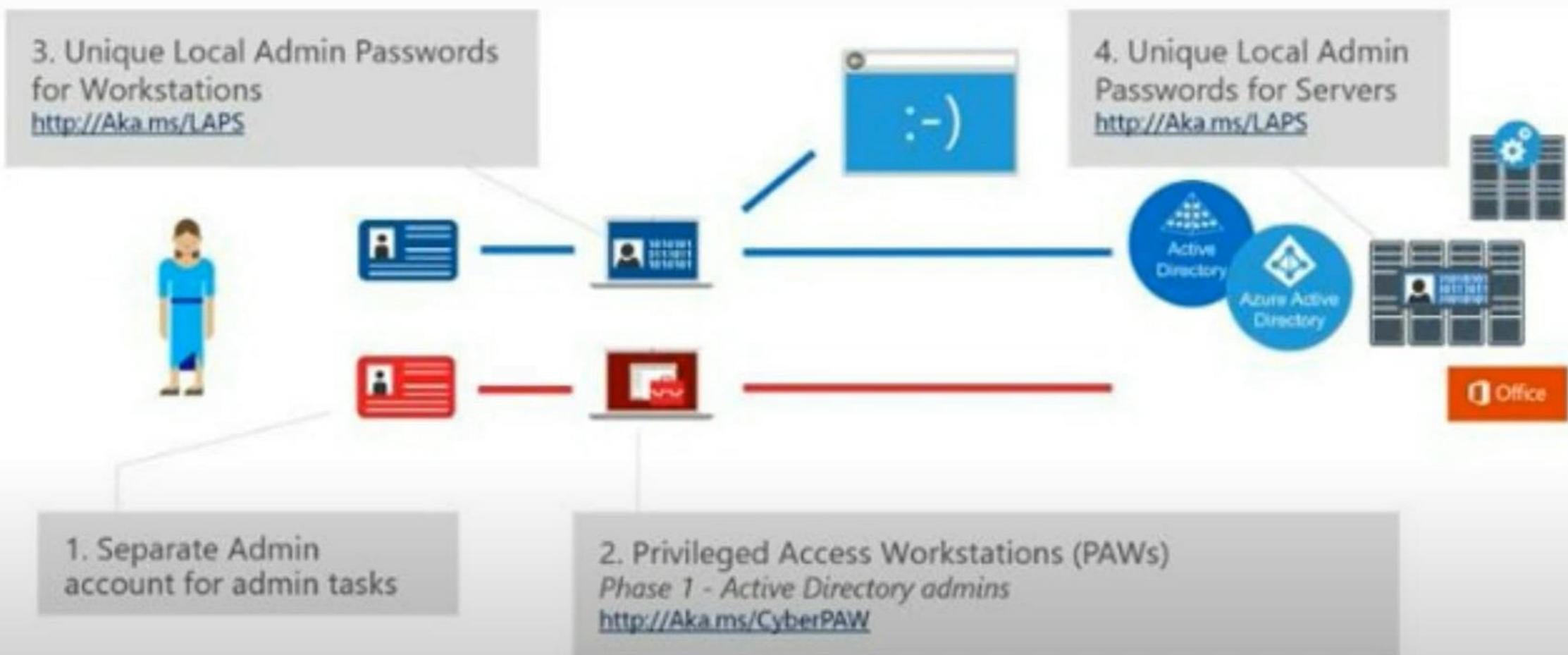
- Flexibility of movement for mobile users
- Reduced latency due to no need for network backhaul (trombone)
- Reduced helpdesk calls due to VPN clients

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# Identity Management as Segmentation

- Mimikatz allows theft of credentials from Windows
- Grabs credentials from RAM, in plaintext
  - No need for offline decryption of SAM file
  - Instantly use credentials to get Local Admin skeleton key
  - Domain Admin on ANY infected machine where credential is used
  - <https://github.com/gentilkiwi/mimikatz>
  - “It’s now well known to extract plaintext passwords, hash, PIN code
    - And Kerberos tickets from memory. Mimikatz can also perform
    - Pass-the-hash, pass-the-ticket or build *Golden tickets*.”

# Privileged Identity protection strategy

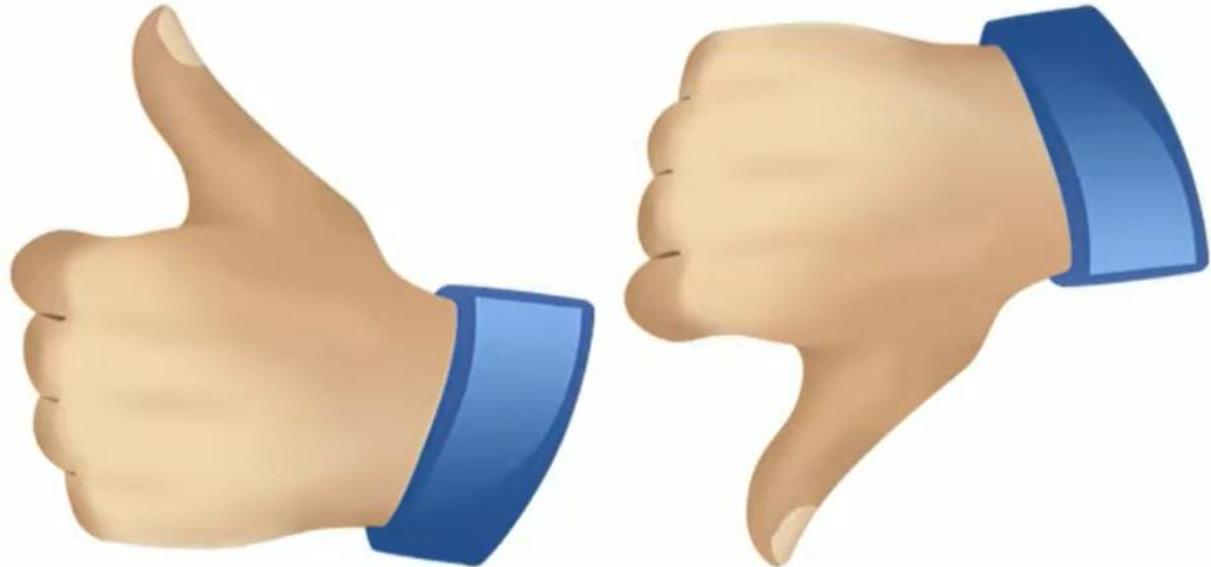


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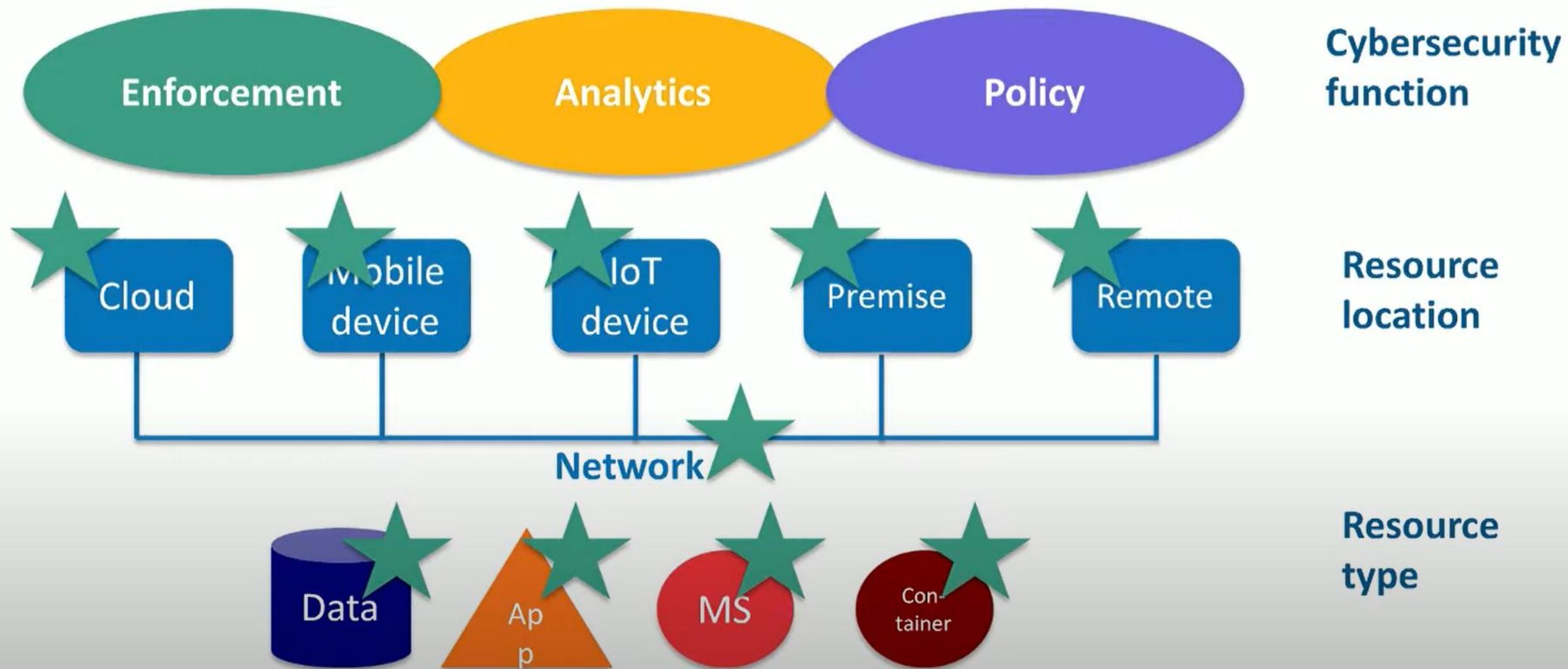
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- **Data**
  - Structured
  - Unstructured
  - Multimedia
  - Etc
- **Applications**
  - Executables
  - Services/microservices
  - Containers
  - Etc
- **Infrastructure and hardware**
  - Compute resources
  - Network resources
  - Devices



# Cybersecurity Architecture



- **Policy:** no product currently positioned to serve as a universal policy engine; currently function fragmented across a range of devices/services
- **Analytics:** Mix of embedded and external (BTA)
- **Enforcement:** Lack of integration with analytics and policy; limited automation

# Bellwether Technology:AST

## What it Is

- Automated application security testing (SAST, DAST, IAST, RAST)

## Why We Selected It

- Automated application security testing requires “table stakes” of a mature application security practice
- Automation enables next-gen development methodologies (eg Agile, DevOps)

## Example Providers

- Contrast, Fortify, Veracode, Waratek

# Bellwether Technology: Behavioral Threat Analytics

## What it Is

- Software that integrates multiple sources of data (logs, analytics platforms such as Splunk, SEIM) to capture and display anomalous behavior of users, devices, and systems

## Why We Selected It

- Effective use of BTS requires “table stakes” of solid analytics already in place; therefore characterizes more mature organizations
- UBA enables proactive protection against attacks

## Example Providers

- Bay Dynamics, Gurucul, Exabeam, Splunk/Caspida

# Bellwether Technology: Advanced Endpoint Security

## What it Is

- Software that protects endpoints from malware, using a variety of mechanisms (eg microsegmentation)
- Goes far beyond list-based protection offered by traditional anti-malware

## Why We Selected It

- Represents an architectural/technical “step function” increase over existing technology
- Aligns well with additional strategic initiatives (eg virtualization)

## Example Providers

- Bromium, Crowdstrike, Invincea, Tanium, Carbon Black (also current versions of Trend Micro, McAfee, Sophos Symantec, some capability in Microsoft)

# Bellwether Technology: Network Access Control

## What it Is

- Tools that authorize devices on the network based on security policies

## Why We Selected It

- To deploy NAC, organizations need to have a solid authorization and authentication policy in place; that policy becomes the foundation of the zero-trust environment

## Example Providers

- Cisco, Forescout, HP/Aruba, Trustwave

# Bellwether Technology: CASB

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## What it Is

- Premise or cloud based software that automatically detects cloud usage by employees, assesses business and technical risk, and enforces policies

## Why We Selected It

- Critical to manage cloud use by employees
- Use implies a relatively mature cloud initiative, including defined policies

## Example Providers

- BitGlass, BlueCoat/Symantec, Microsoft, Netskope, Skyhigh

# Bellwether Technology: Cloud DLP

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## What it Is

- Premise or cloud based software that protects content stored on clouds

## Why We Selected It

- Critical to manage cloud use by employees
- Use implies a relatively mature cloud initiative, including defined policies

## Example Providers

- Skyhigh, GTB, Cyphercloud, Vormetric



# Bellwether Technology: Single Signon as a Service

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## What it Is

- Cloud based software that enables single signon to cloud and on-premise resources

## Why We Selected It

- Critical to manage cloud and on-premise use by employees
- Use implies a relatively mature cloud initiative, including defined policies

## Example Providers

- Microsoft, Okta, Ping



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## Certifications

- ▶ CEH: Certified Ethical Hacker
- ▶ CISSP: Certified Information Systems Security Professional
- ▶ CISSP-ISSAP: Information Systems Security Architecture Professional
- ▶ CISM: Certified Information Security Manager
- ▶ CSSA: Certified SCADA Security Architect
- ▶ GSEC / GCIH / GCIA: GIAC Security Certifications
- ▶ TOGAF / SABSA / Zachman - Enterprise Architect