

# Network Defense and Monitoring

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# Outline

- Defense in Depth
- Network Security Infrastructure
- Access Control
- AAA
- Antimalware Protection
- Network Security Data
- Network Security Monitoring
- Security Onion
- Snort rules



# Defense in Depth



# Layered Defense



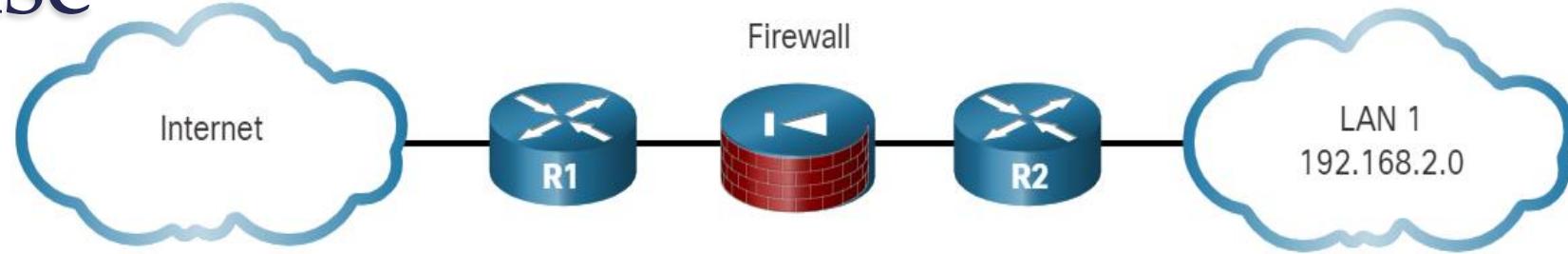
- **Defense-in-depth**
  - Identify threats and secure vulnerable assets
- **Multiple layers** of security
  - At network edge, within network, on endpoints
  - Router screens traffic, **forwards** to firewall e.g. Cisco ASA
  - IPS, advanced malware protection (AMP), web/email security systems, identity services, access controls, ....
- Different layers form **security architecture**
  - Failure of one safeguard **does not** affect other safeguards



# Layered Defense

## 1. Edge router

- First line of defense
- Set of **rules** for what traffic it allows/denies
- Passes connections intended for internal LAN to firewall



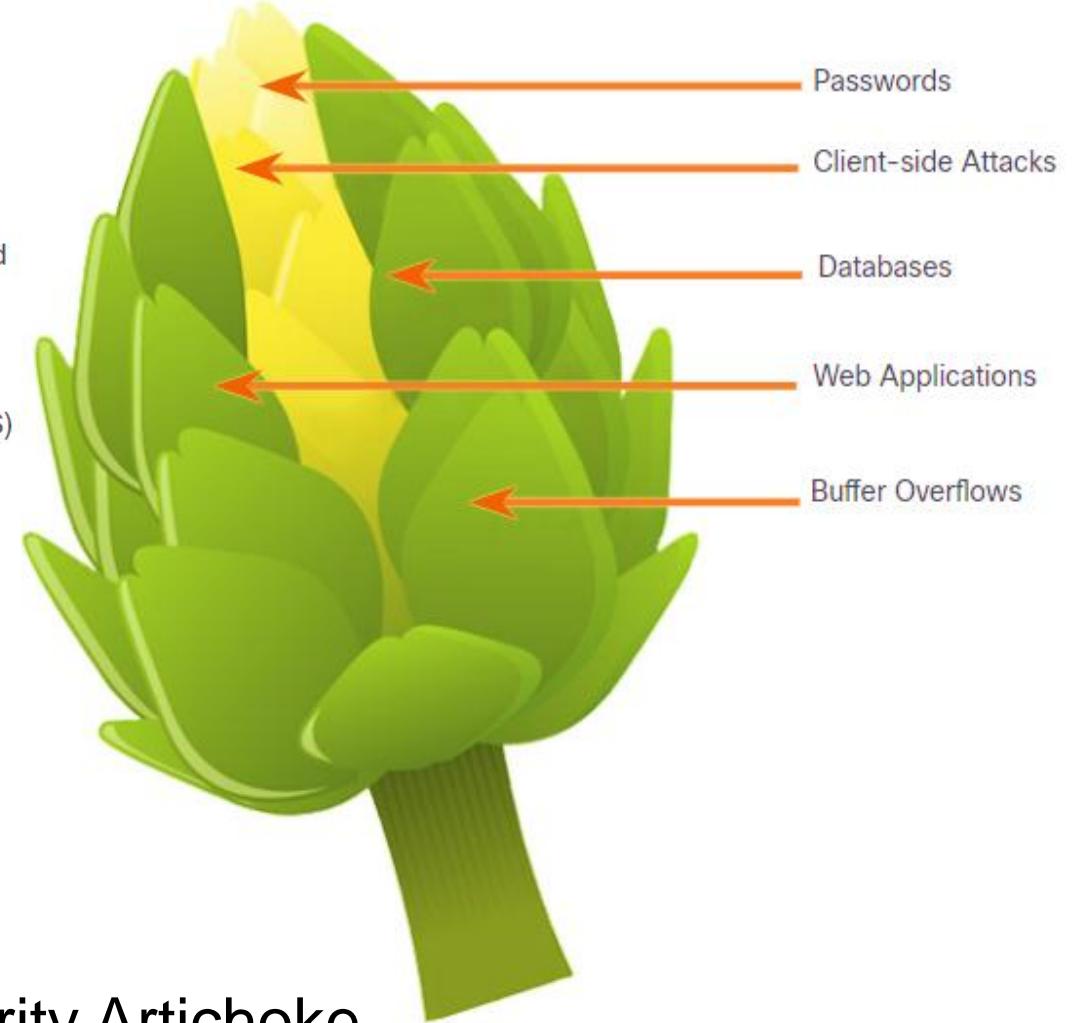
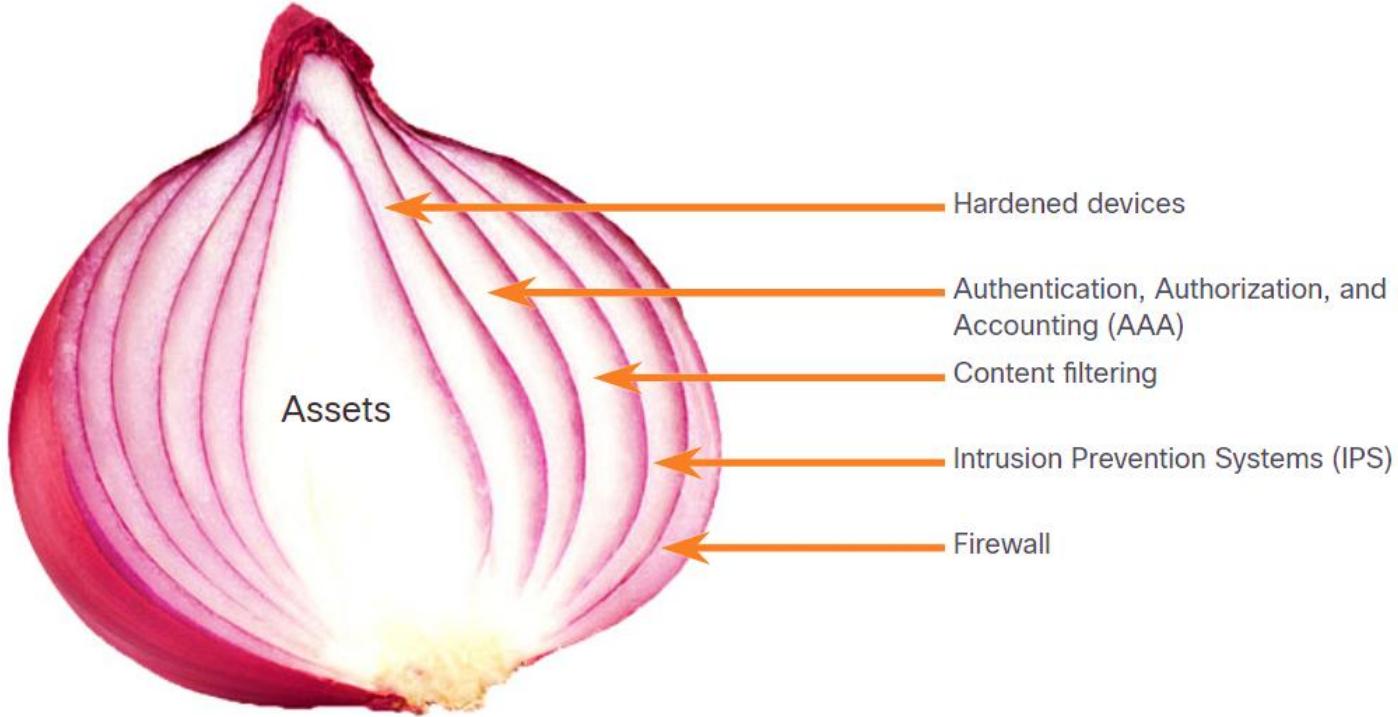
## 2. Firewall

- Additional filtering and tracking **state of connections**
- Deny **initiation** of connections from untrusted to trusted network
- Allow **internal users** to establish connections to untrusted networks

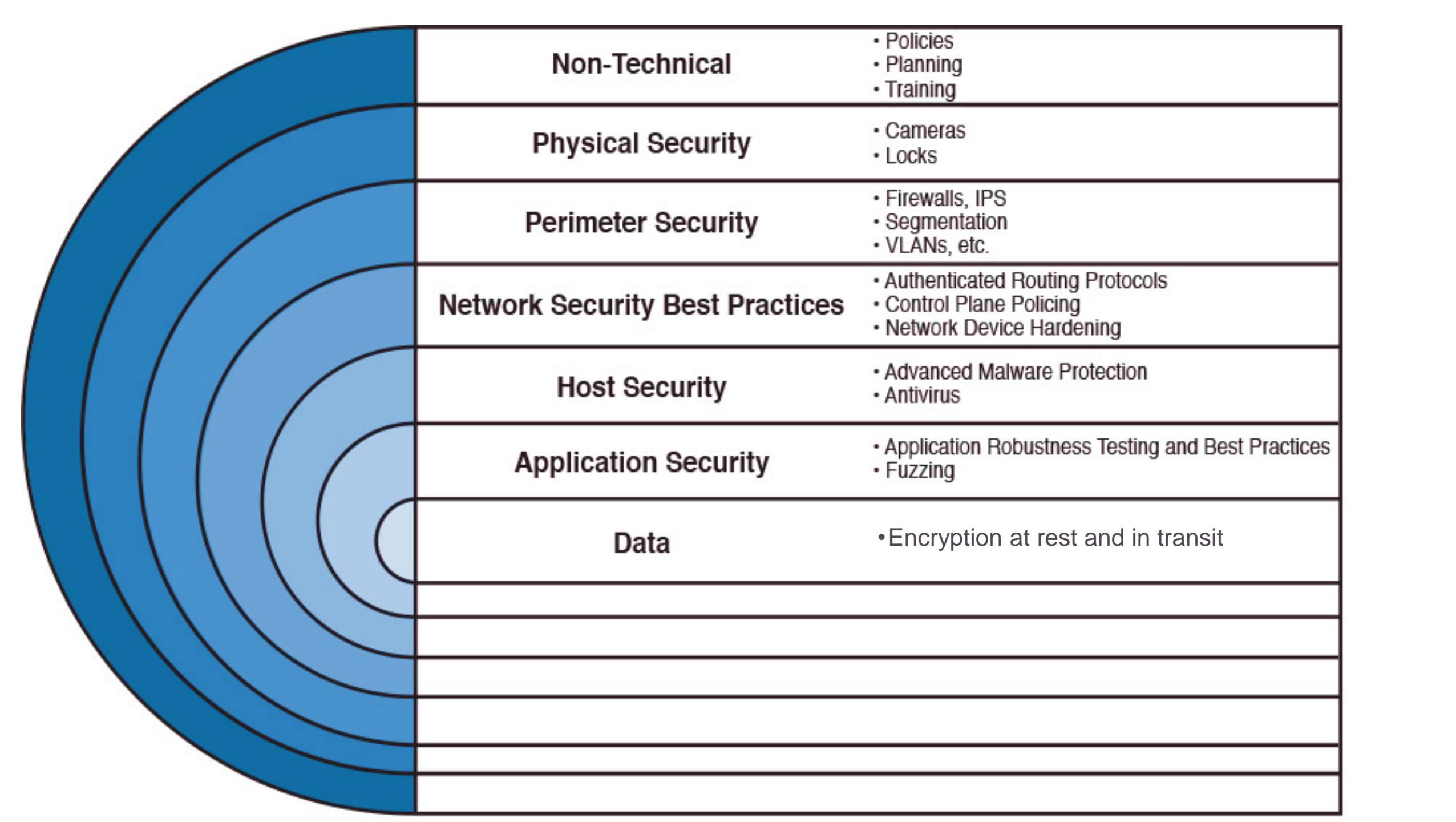
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- Apply **further filtering** on traffic before it is forwarded to destination

# Visualizing Defense in Depth

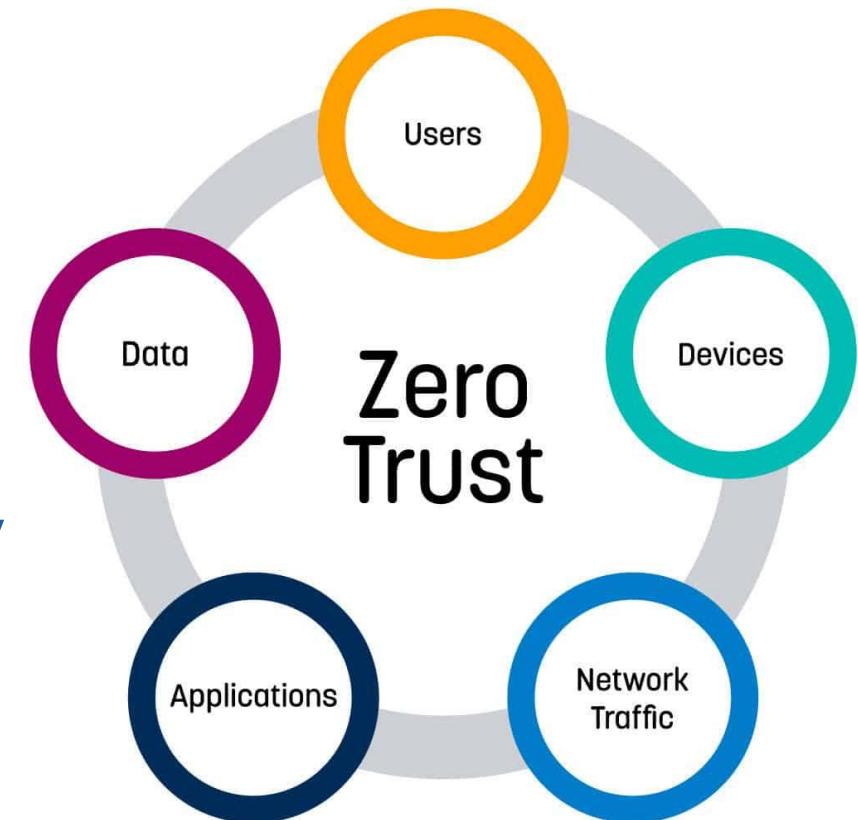


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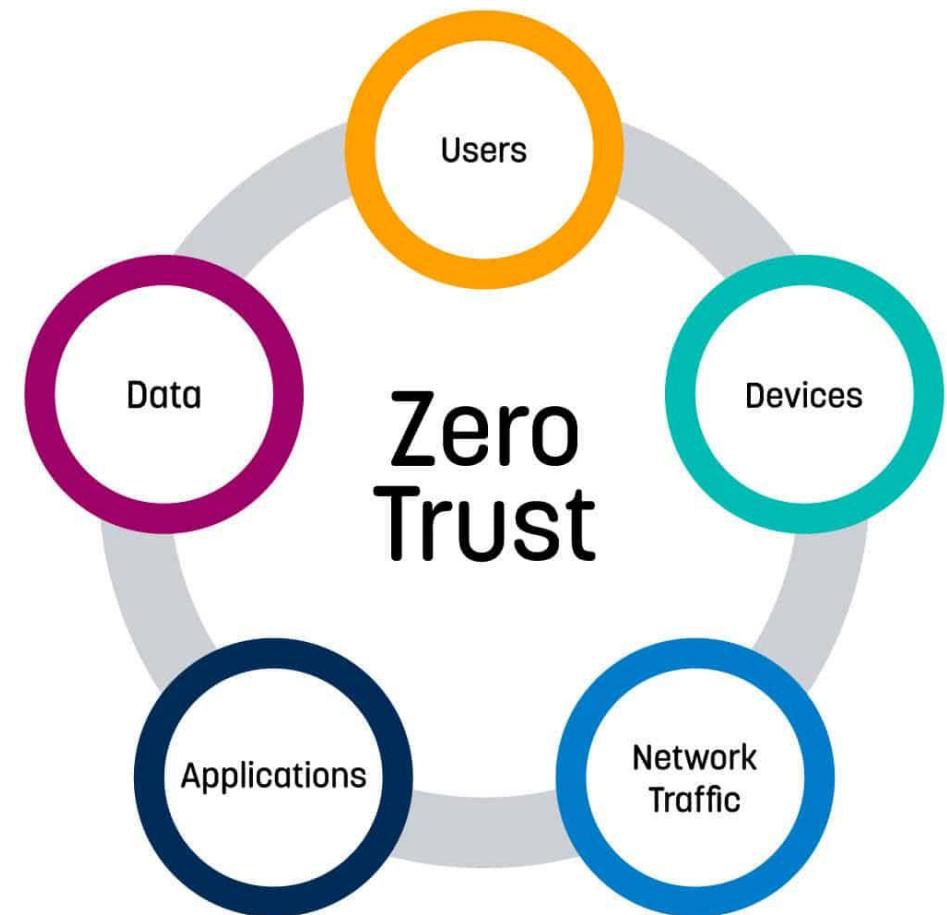
# Zero Trust Security

- *Never trust always verify*
- **Comprehensive** approach to securing access
  - networks, applications, databases and environments
- Secure access from **users, devices, microservices, containers, ...**
- All users **in or outside network**, to be authenticated, authorized and continuously validated for security configuration



# Zero Trust Security (cont)

- Remote users, hybrid cloud, ransomware, borderless networking, BYOD, mobile, ...
- **Benefits**
  - Prevent unauthorized access
  - Contain breaches
  - Reduce risk of **lateral** attacks



# Zero Trust Security (cont)



## Workforce

Secure users and their devices as they access applications



## Workload

Secure all connections between your apps, across multi-cloud



## Workplace

Secure all connections across your network, including IoT

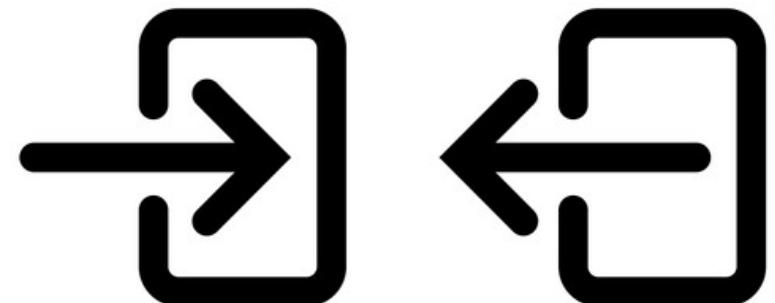
## NIST Zero Trust Architecture (NIST Special Publication 800-207, 8/2020)

Zero trust (ZT) is the term for an evolving set of cybersecurity paradigms that move defenses from static, network-based perimeters to focus on users, assets, and resources. A zero trust architecture (ZTA) uses zero trust principles to plan industrial and enterprise infrastructure and workflows...Zero trust focuses on protecting resources (assets, services, workflows, network accounts, etc.), not network segments, as the network location is no longer seen as the prime component to the security posture of the resource.



# Attack Surface

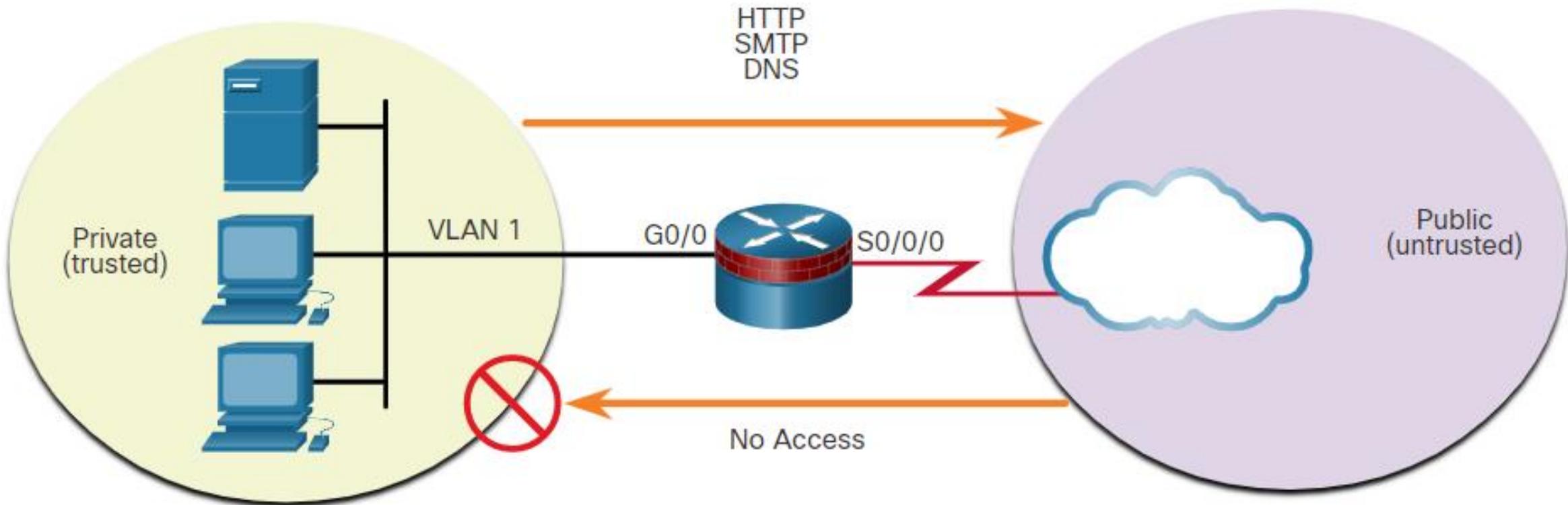
- Sum of system **vulnerabilities** (attack **vectors**) accessible to attackers
  - Compromised credentials, weak and stolen passwords, malicious insiders, missing or poor encryption, misconfiguration, trust
- **Network** Attack Surface
  - network protocols, open ports
- **Software** Attack Surface
  - web, cloud, or host-based software
- **Human** Attack Surface
  - weaknesses in user behavior
- Discovering, reducing and monitoring



# Network Security Infrastructure



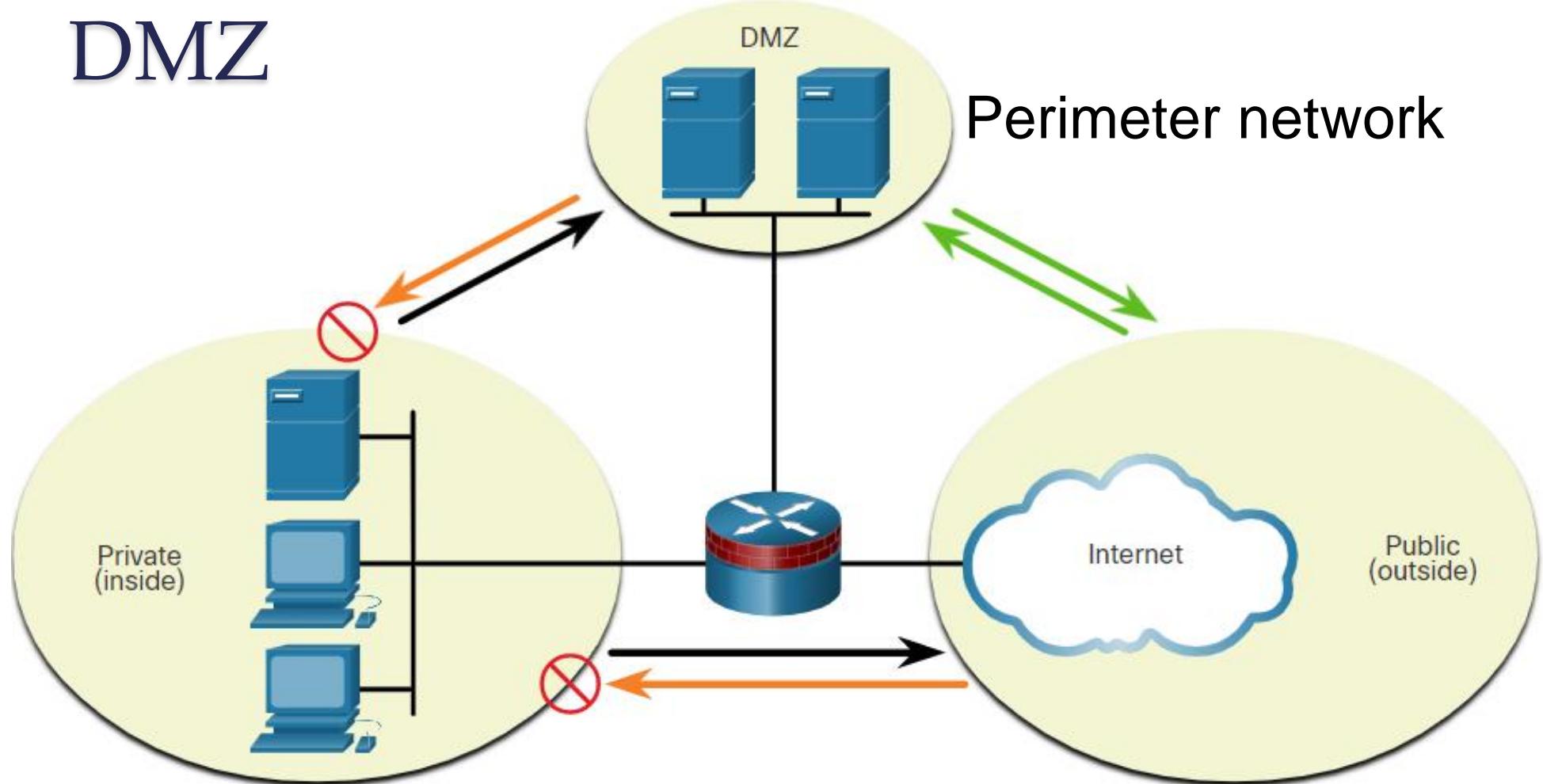
# Public vs Private Networks



- Configure and manage network **security**
- Enforce **policies**
- Achieve network **segmentation**

# DMZ

## Perimeter network

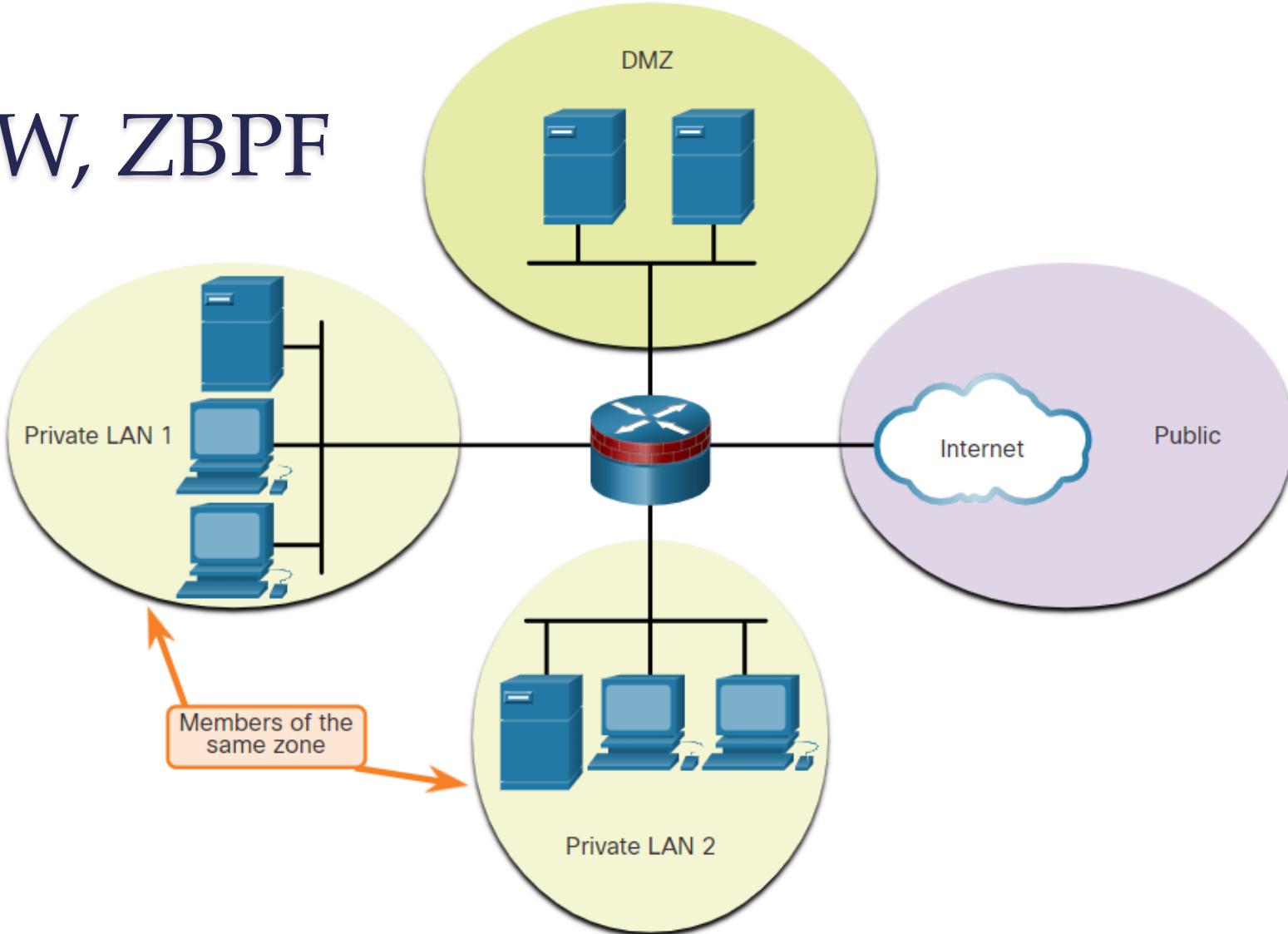


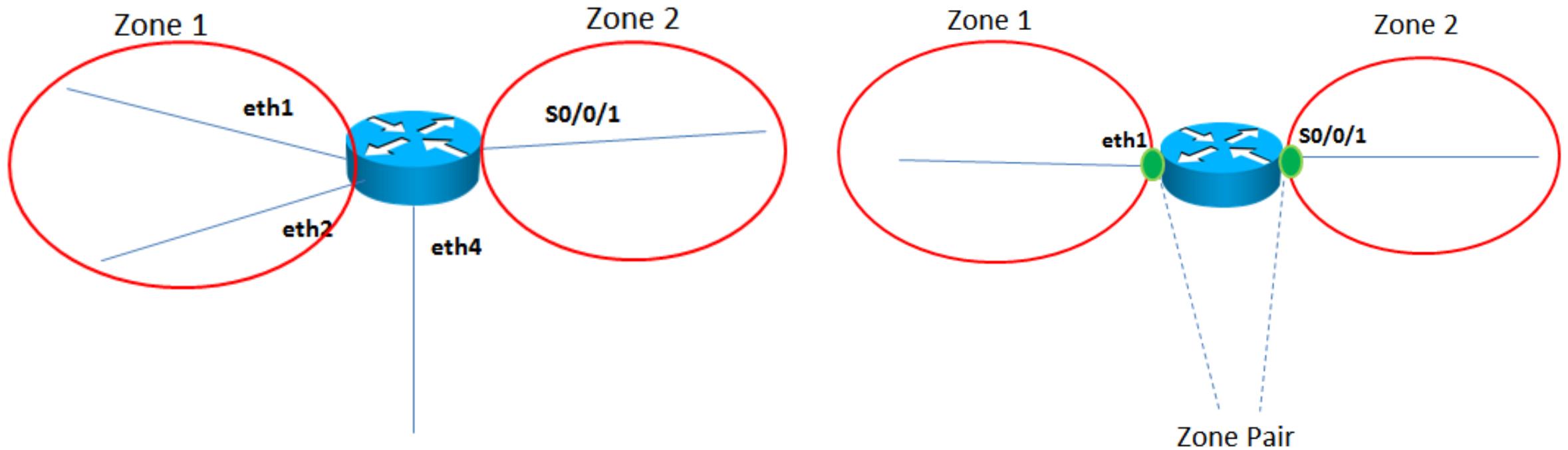
### Legend

- Selectively permitted
- Blocked
- Inspected and permitted with little or no restriction

# Zone-based Policy Firewalls

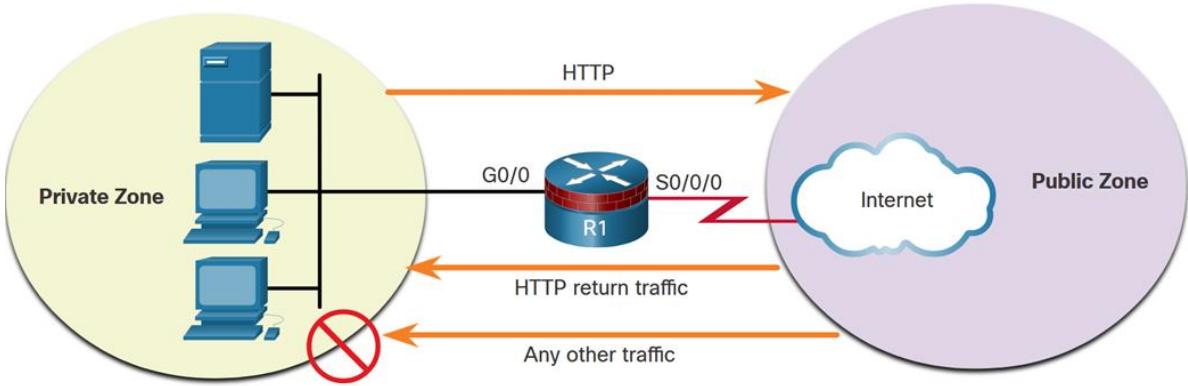
ZPF, ZFW, ZBPF





## Firewall Policy Actions

inspect	An action that offers statebased traffic control. The router maintains session information for TCP and UDP and permits return traffic.
drop	Discards unwanted traffic
pass	A stateless action the allows the router to forward traffic from one zone to another



**Step 1:** Create the zones.

**Step 2:** Identify traffic with a class-map.

**Step 3:** Define an action with a policy-map.

**Step 4:** Identify a zone pair and match it to a policy-map.

**Step 5:** Assign zones to the appropriate interfaces.

```
Router(config) # zone security zone-name
```

```
R1(config) # zone security PRIVATE
```

```
R1(config-sec-zone) # exit
```

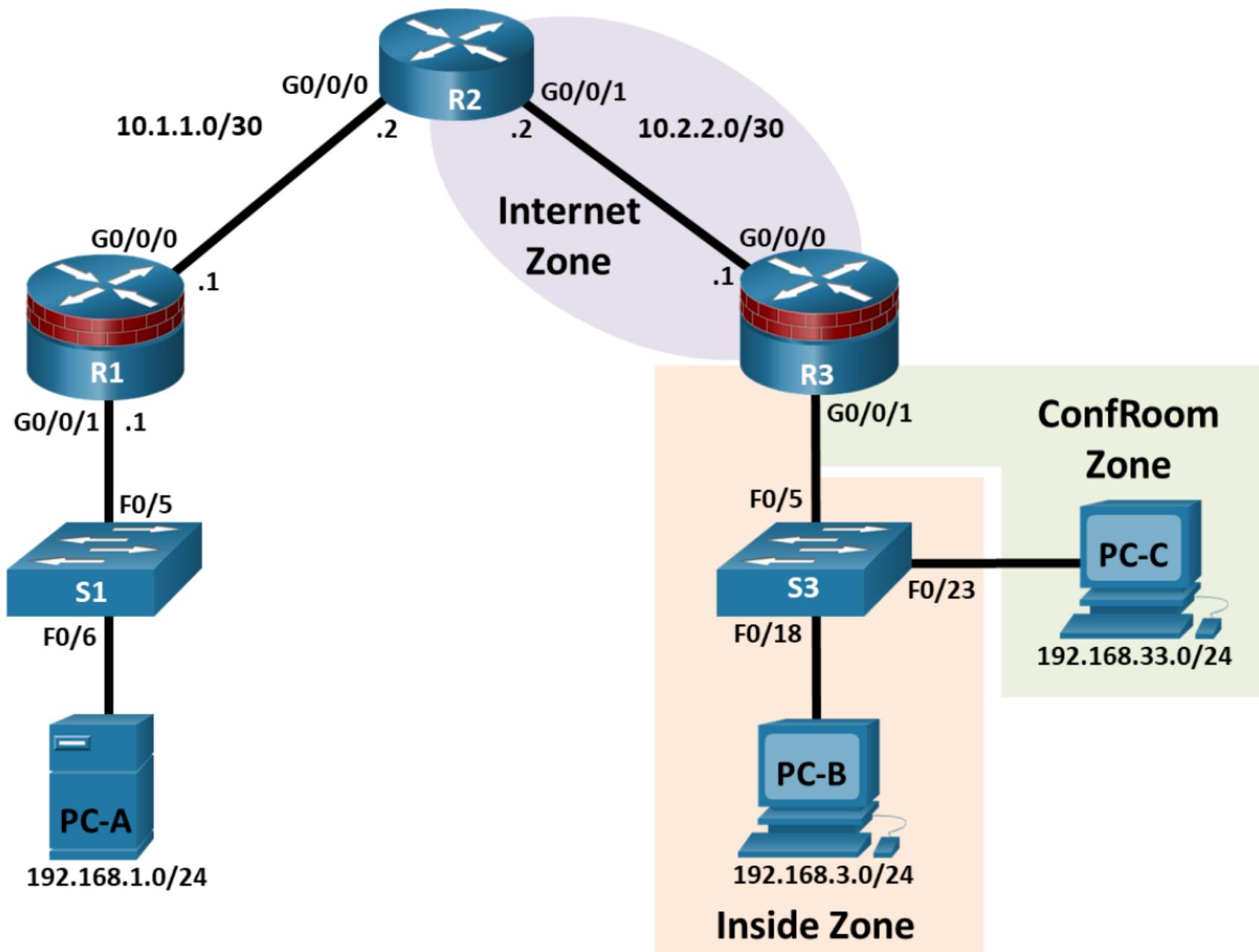
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R1(config) # zone security PUBLIC
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R1(config-sec-zone) # exit
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R1(config) #
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```
R1(config) # interface GigabitEthernet 0/0
R1(config-if) # zone-member security PRIVATE
R1(config-if) # interface Serial 0/0/0
R1(config-if) # zone-member security PUBLIC
```



```
R3(config)# zone security INSIDE  
R3(config)# zone security INTERNET
```

(1)

```
R3(config)# class-map type inspect match-any INSIDE_PROTOCOLS
```

(2)

```
R3(config-cmap)# match protocol tcp
```

```
R3(config-cmap)# match protocol udp
```

```
R3(config-cmap)# match protocol icmp
```

```
R3(config)# policy-map type inspect INSIDE_TO_INTERNET
```

(3)

```
R3(config-pmap)# class type inspect INSIDE_PROTOCOLS
```

```
R3(config-pmap-c)# inspect
```

```
R3(config)# zone-pair security INSIDE_TO_INTERNET source INSIDE destination  
INTERNET
```

(4)

```
R3(config)# zone-pair security INSIDE_TO_INTERNET
```

```
R3(config-sec-zone-pair)# service-policy type inspect INSIDE_TO_INTERNET
```

```
R3(config)# interface g0/0/1.3
```

(5)

```
R3(config-if)# zone-member security INSIDE
```

```
R3(config)# interface g0/0/0
```

```
R3(config-if)# zone-member security INTERNET
```

# Firewalls

**Allow** traffic from any external address to the web server.

**Allow** traffic to FTP server.

**Allow** traffic to SMTP server.

**Allow** traffic to internal IMAP server.

**Deny** all inbound traffic with network addresses matching internal-registered IP addresses.

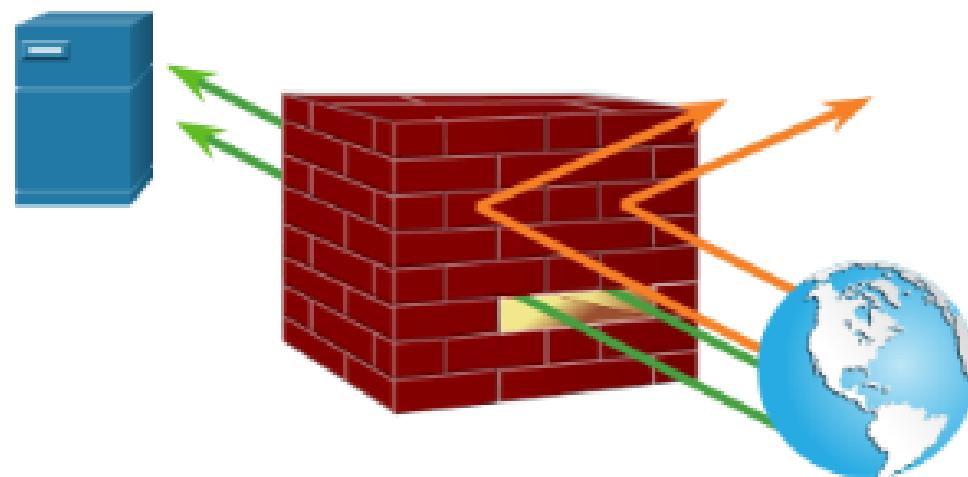
**Deny** all inbound traffic to server from external addresses.

**Deny** all inbound ICMP echo request traffic.

**Deny** all inbound MS Active Directory queries.

**Deny** all inbound traffic to MS SQL server queries.

**Deny** all MS Domain Local Broadcasts.



# Firewall Benefits and Limitations

## Firewall Benefits

Prevent **exposure** of sensitive hosts and resources to untrusted users

**Sanitize** protocol flow preventing exploitation of protocol flaws

Block **malicious data** from servers and clients

Reduce security management complexity

## Firewall Limitations

**Misconfigured** firewall e.g. becoming a single point of failure

Users proactively search for **ways around** firewall exposing network to threat

Network **performance** can slow down

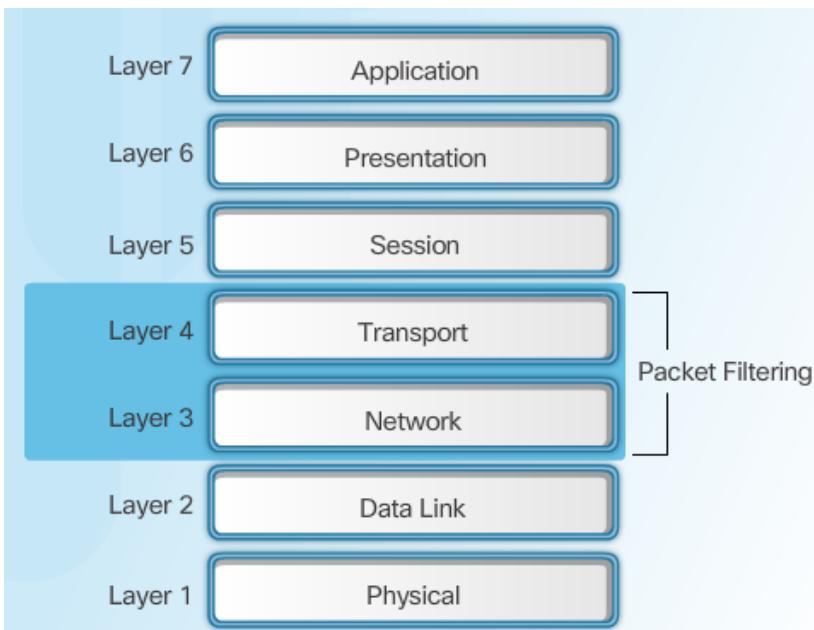
Unauthorized traffic **tunnelled** or hidden as legitimate traffic through firewall

# Firewall Best Practices

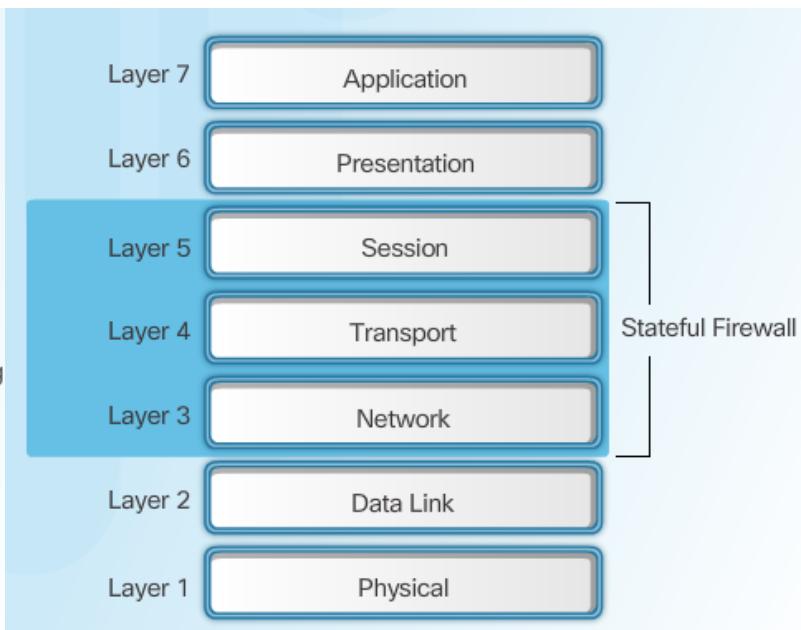
- Position firewalls at security **boundaries**
- It is **unwise** to rely exclusively on a firewall for security
- **Deny all** traffic by default. **Permit only** services needed
- Ensure **physical access** to the firewall is controlled
- Monitor **firewall logs**
- Firewalls primarily protect from attacks originating from **outside**
- Practice **change management** for firewall configuration changes
  - Requesting policy changes
  - Who can authorize change
  - Audit trail
  - Centralized management

# Firewall Types

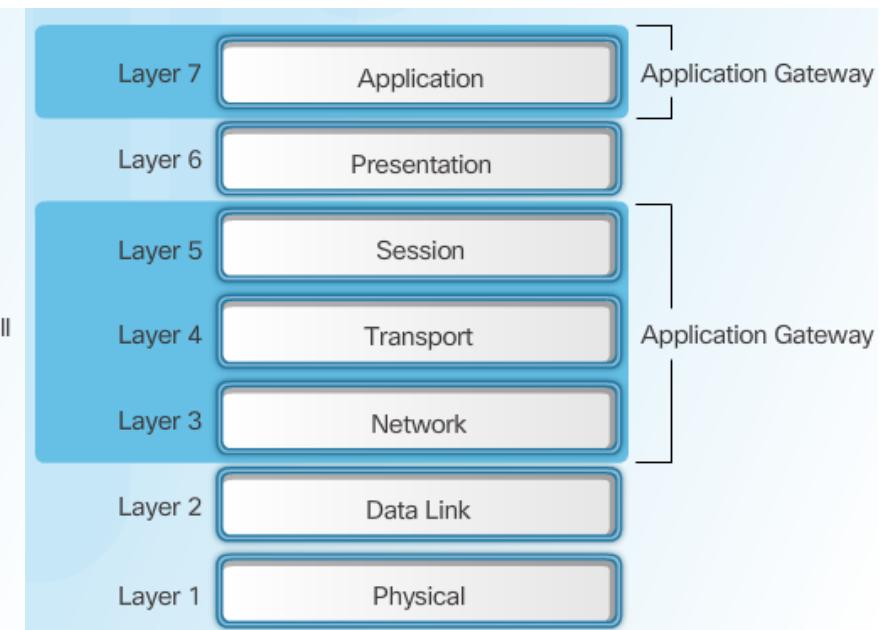
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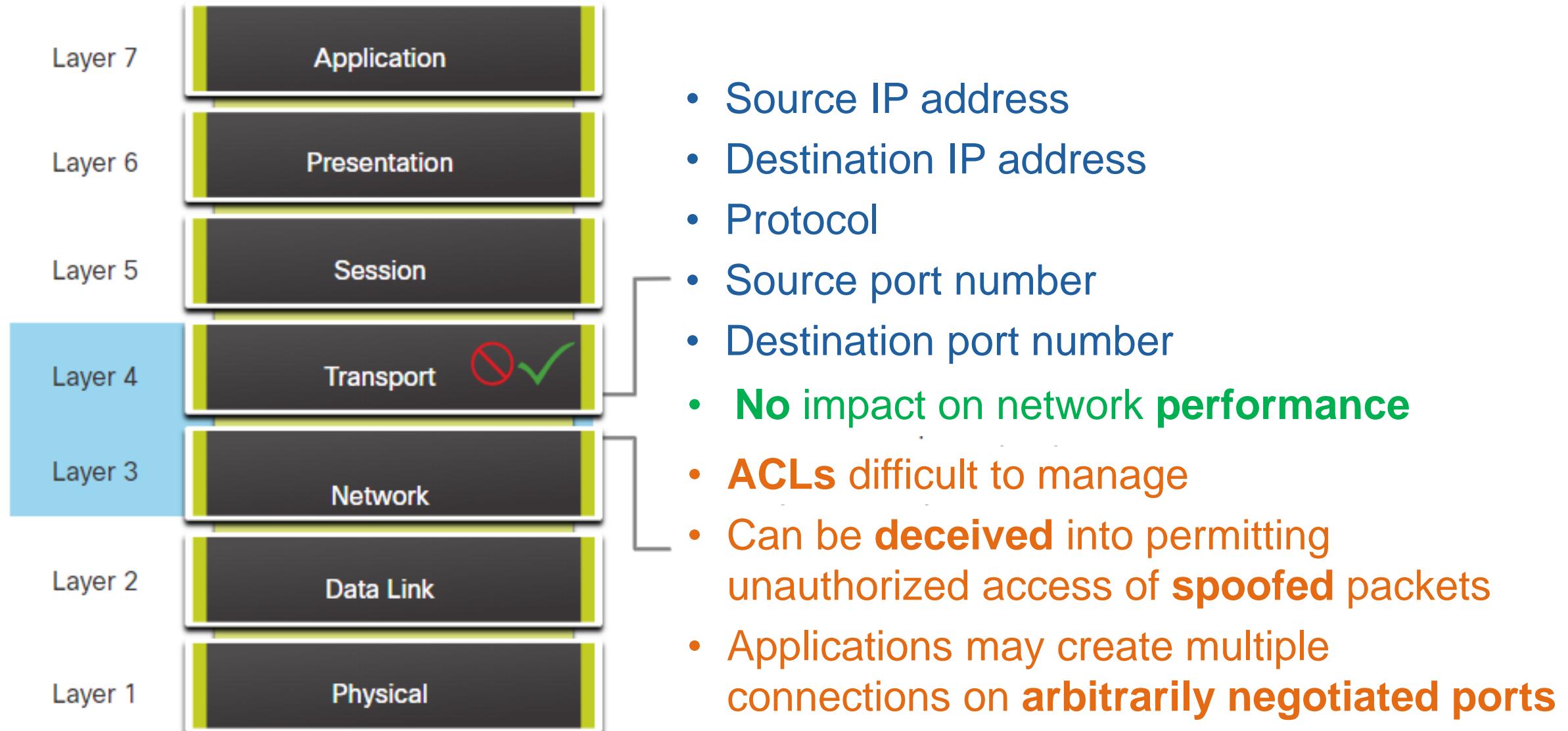
## Stateful Firewall



## Application Gateway Firewall



# Packet Filtering (Stateless) Firewall

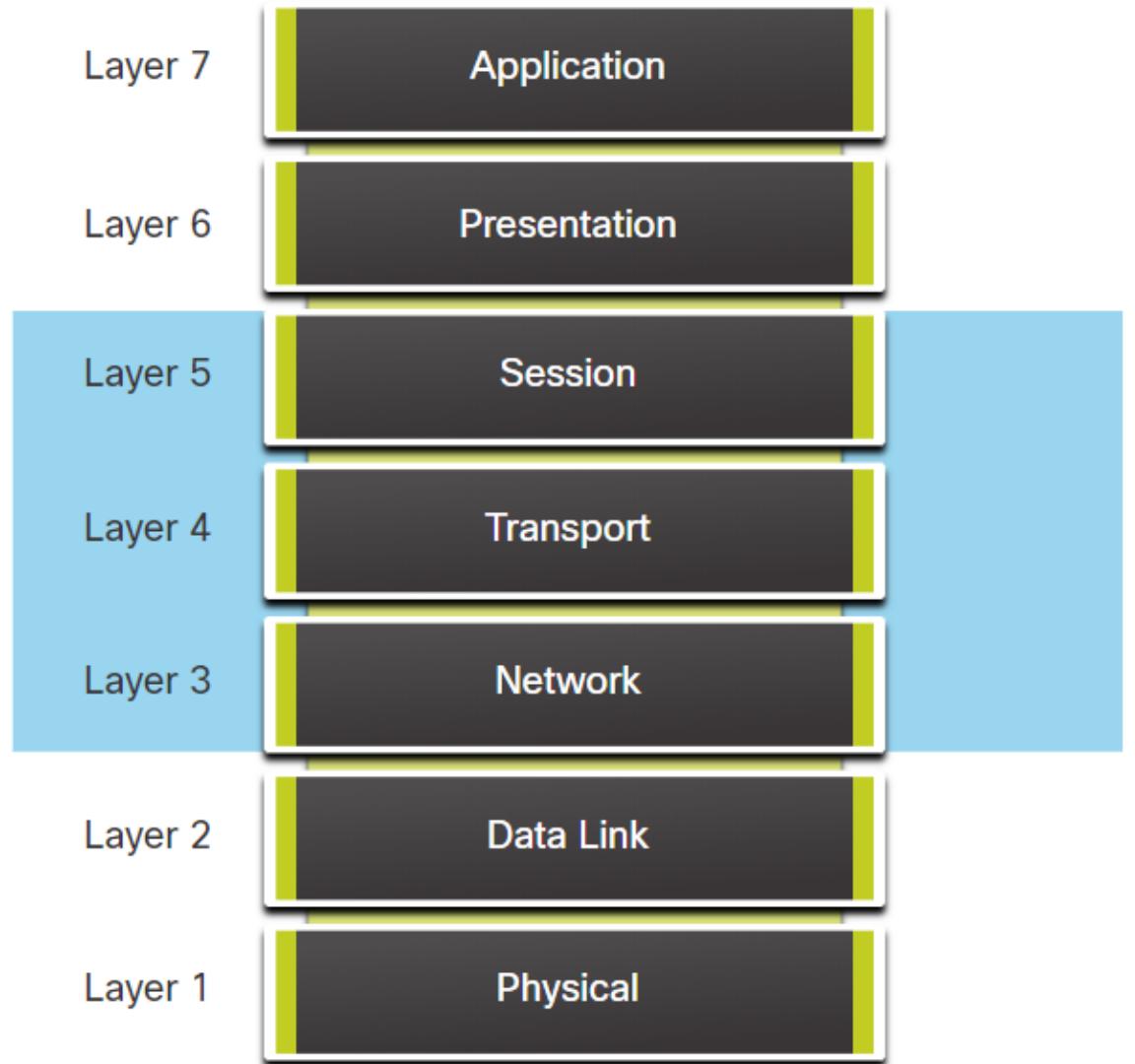


# Stateful Firewalls

## Stateful Packet Inspection (SPI)

- Slower but far more **secure**
- Maintain **state table** for connections  
e.g. established, closed, reset

Source Address	Source Port	Destination Address	Destination Port	Connection State
192.168.1.100	1030	210.22.88.29	80	Established
192.168.1.102	1031	216.32.42.123	80	Established
192.168.1.101	1033	173.66.32.122	25	Established
192.168.1.106	1035	177.231.32.12	79	Established
223.43.21.231	1990	192.168.1.6	80	Established



## Protected Internal Network

1. User1 initiates a SSH session.

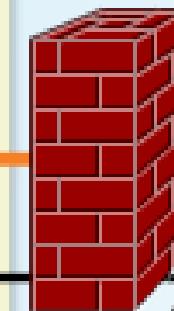


2. Return traffic of User1 SSH session is permitted.

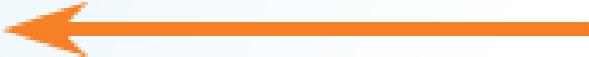


User1

Firewall



S0/0/0



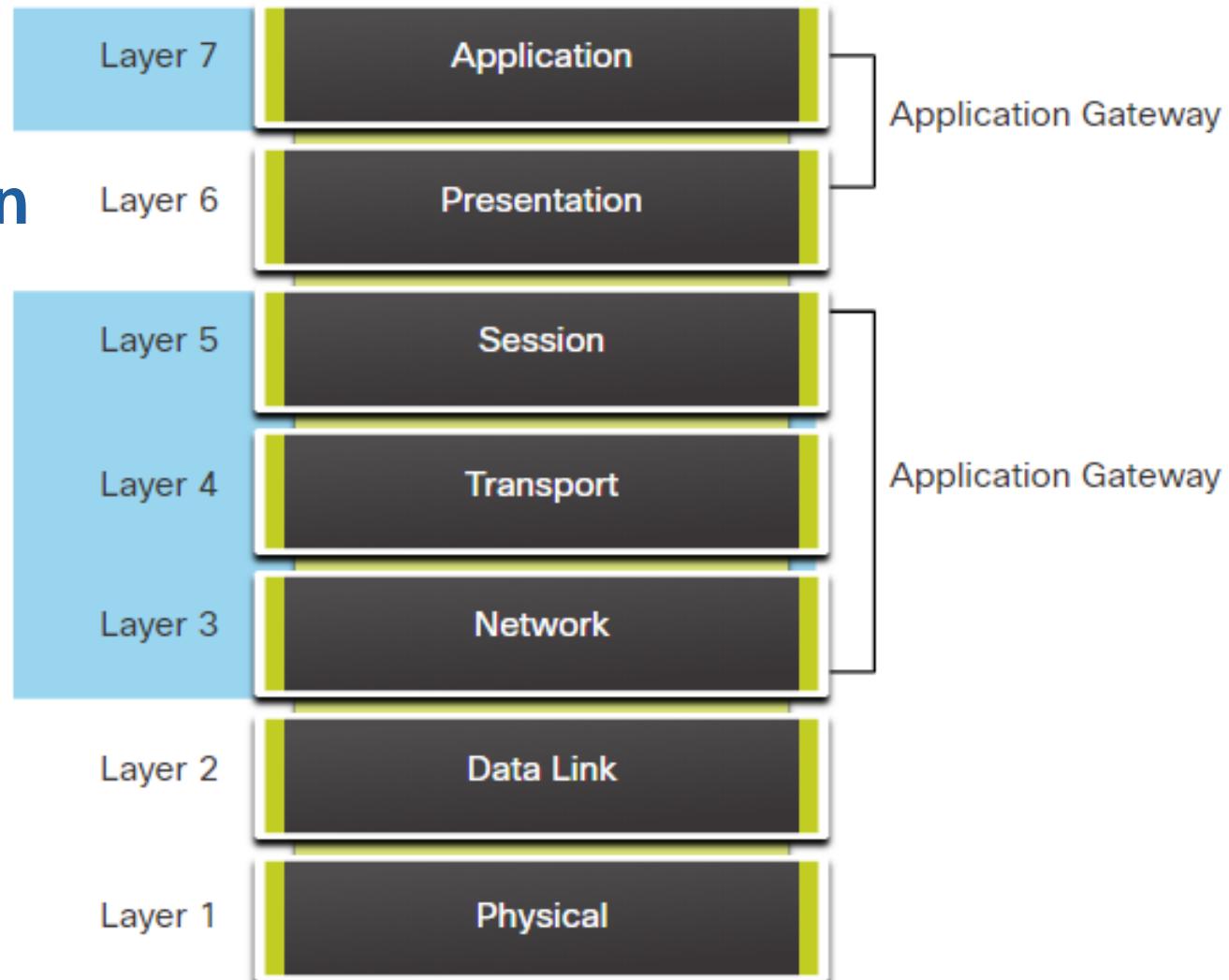
S0/0/1



3. Other SSH traffic is blocked.

# Application Gateway (Proxy) Firewalls

- Filter access based on **application info**
- Processing make them **slower**
- Can **cache** info to accelerate transactions



# Next-Generation Firewalls (NGFW)

- **Deeper inspection**
- Integrate signature-based **IPS**
- **Application awareness**
- Techniques to address **evolving security threats**
- Little impact on network **performance**
- Traditional e.g. NAT, stateful inspection, VPN
- + other features e.g. identity management, encrypted traffic inspection



# Other Firewall Types

- **Hybrid firewall**
- **Host-based firewall**
  - Server and personal



# Intrusion Detection and Prevention Devices

## Common Characteristics of IDS and IPS

- Both technologies are deployed as sensors.
- Both technologies use signatures to detect patterns of misuse in network traffic.
- Both can detect atomic patterns (single-packet) or composite patterns (multi-packet).

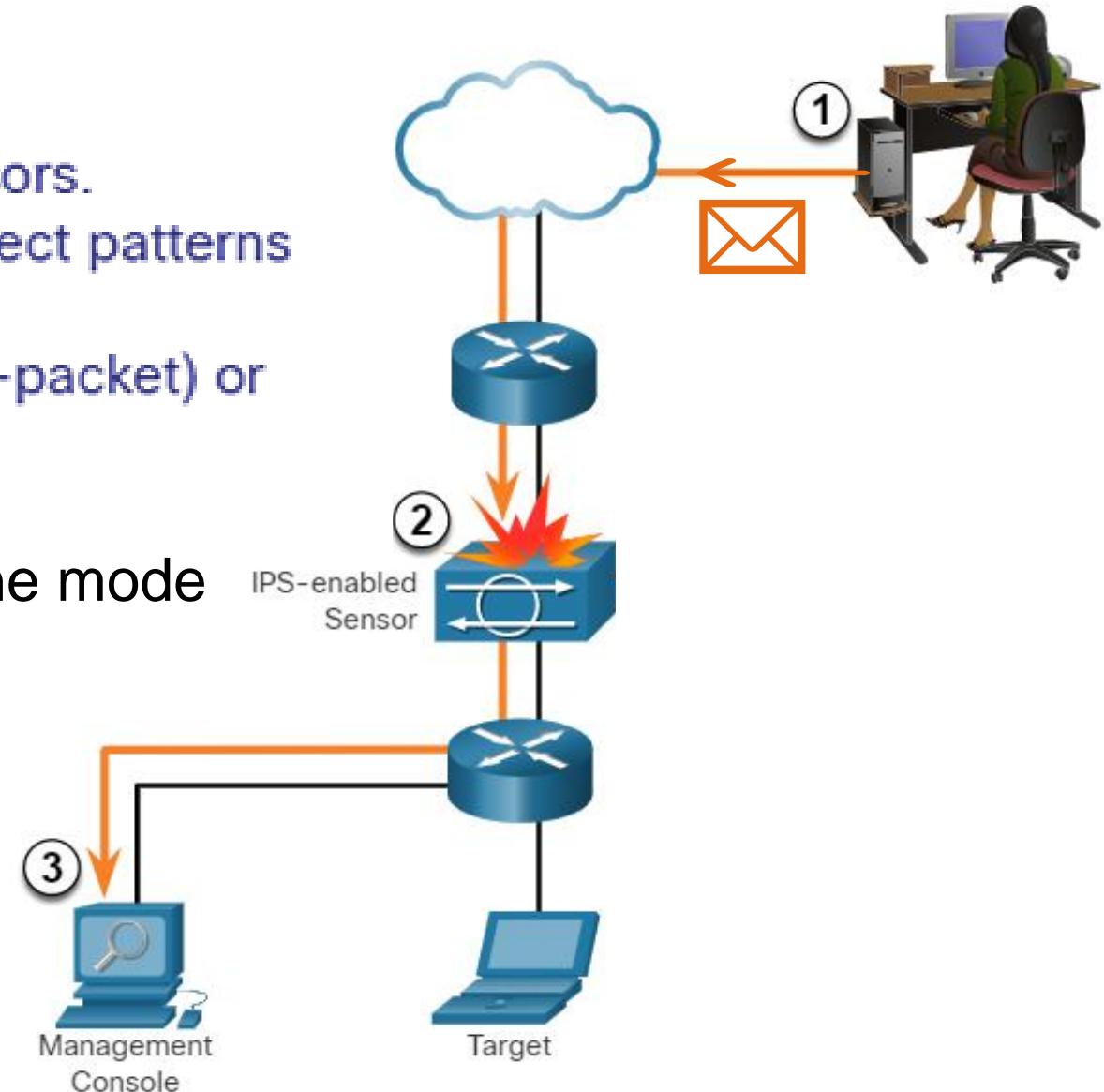
Monitoring (promiscuous) mode → Inline mode

True +ve

True -ve

False +ve

False -ve



# Advantages and Disadvantages of IDS and IPS

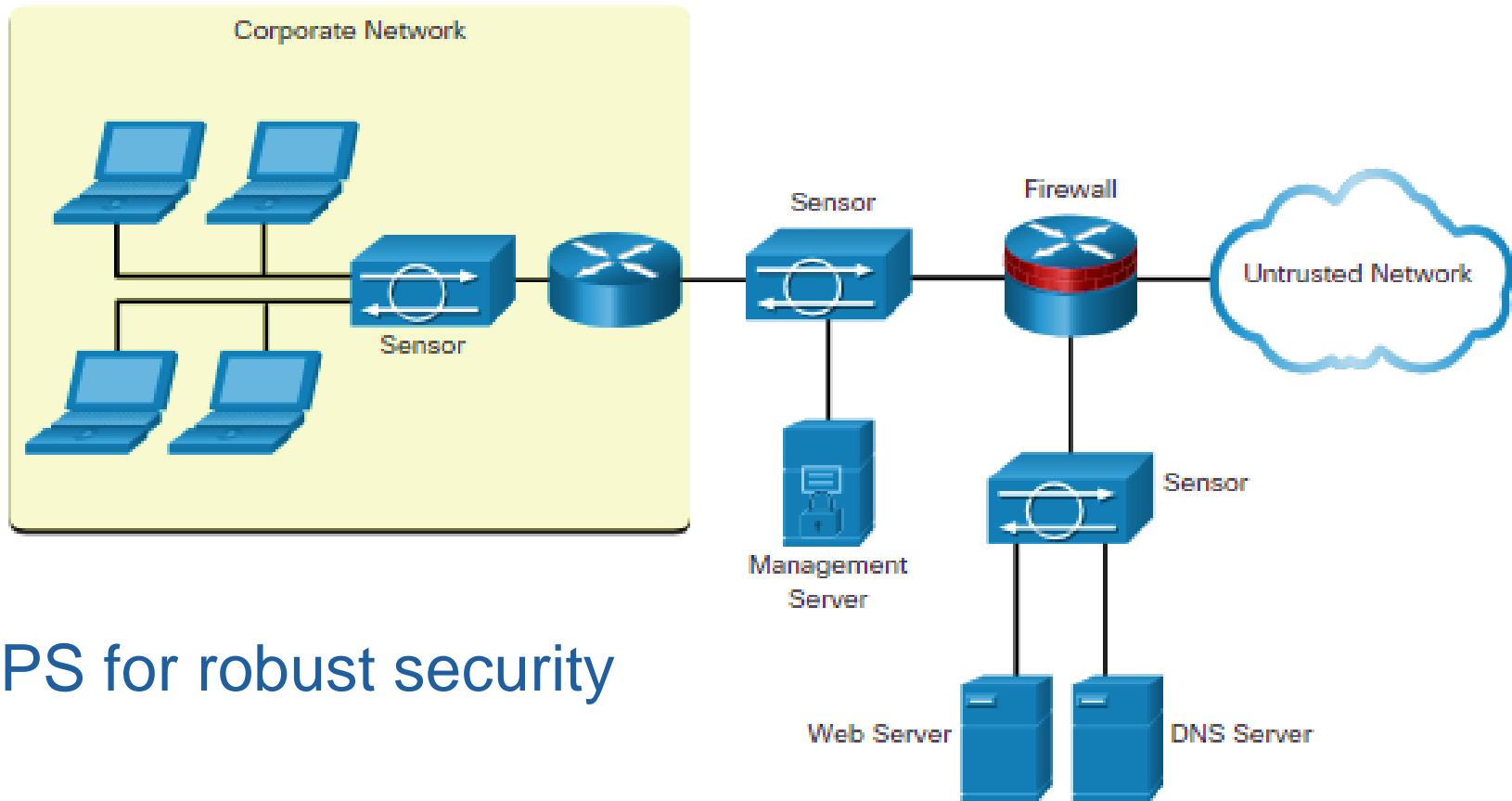
	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>IDS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No impact on network (latency, jitter)</li><li>• <b>No network impact</b> on sensor failure or overload</li><li>• High availability good for <b>critical infrastructure</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response action <b>cannot stop</b> trigger packets</li></ul>
<b>IPS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stops <b>trigger packets</b></li><li>• Use stream <b>normalization</b> techniques to protect from evasion</li><li>• Protects from <b>immediate damage</b> e.g. sensitive data</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sensor <b>failure/overload</b> affect network traffic</li><li>• Some impact on network (<b>latency, jitter</b>)</li></ul>

# Host-based vs Network-based IPS

	Advantages	Disadvantages
HIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protection specific to <b>host OS</b></li><li>• OS and <b>application level</b> protection</li><li>• Protects host after message is <b>decrypted</b></li><li>• <b>Cost effective</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>OS dependent</b></li><li>• Install on <b>every hosts</b></li></ul>
NIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OS independent</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cannot examine encrypted traffic</li></ul>

# Network-based IPS (NIPS)

- **Dedicated** or non-dedicated IPS device
- **Real-time** prevention



- **Integrate HIPS and NIPS for robust security**

# Access Control



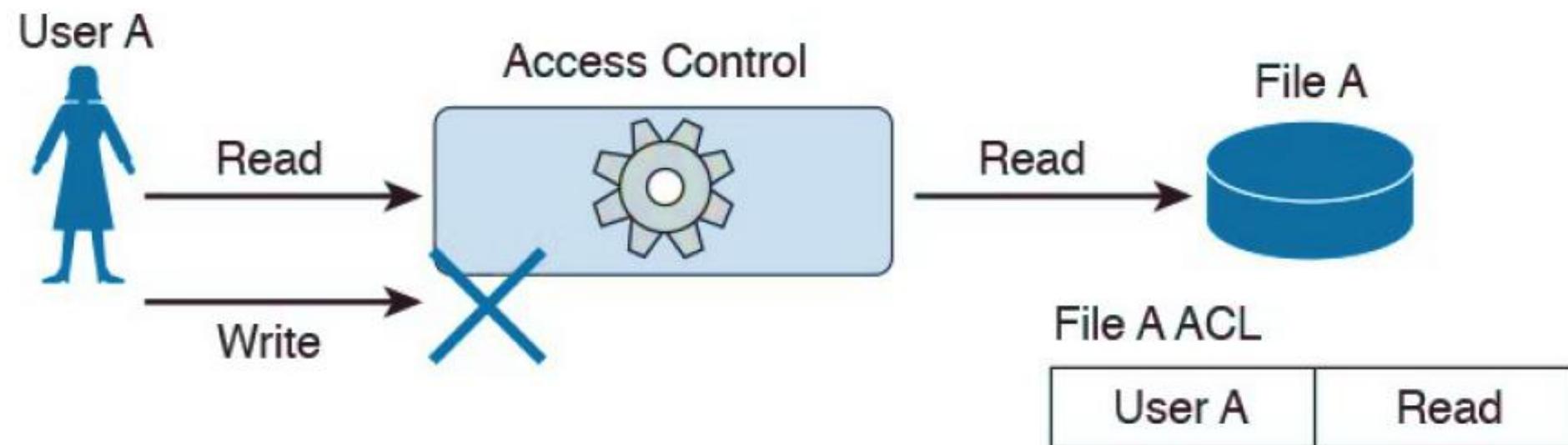
# Access Control Models



## Discretionary access control

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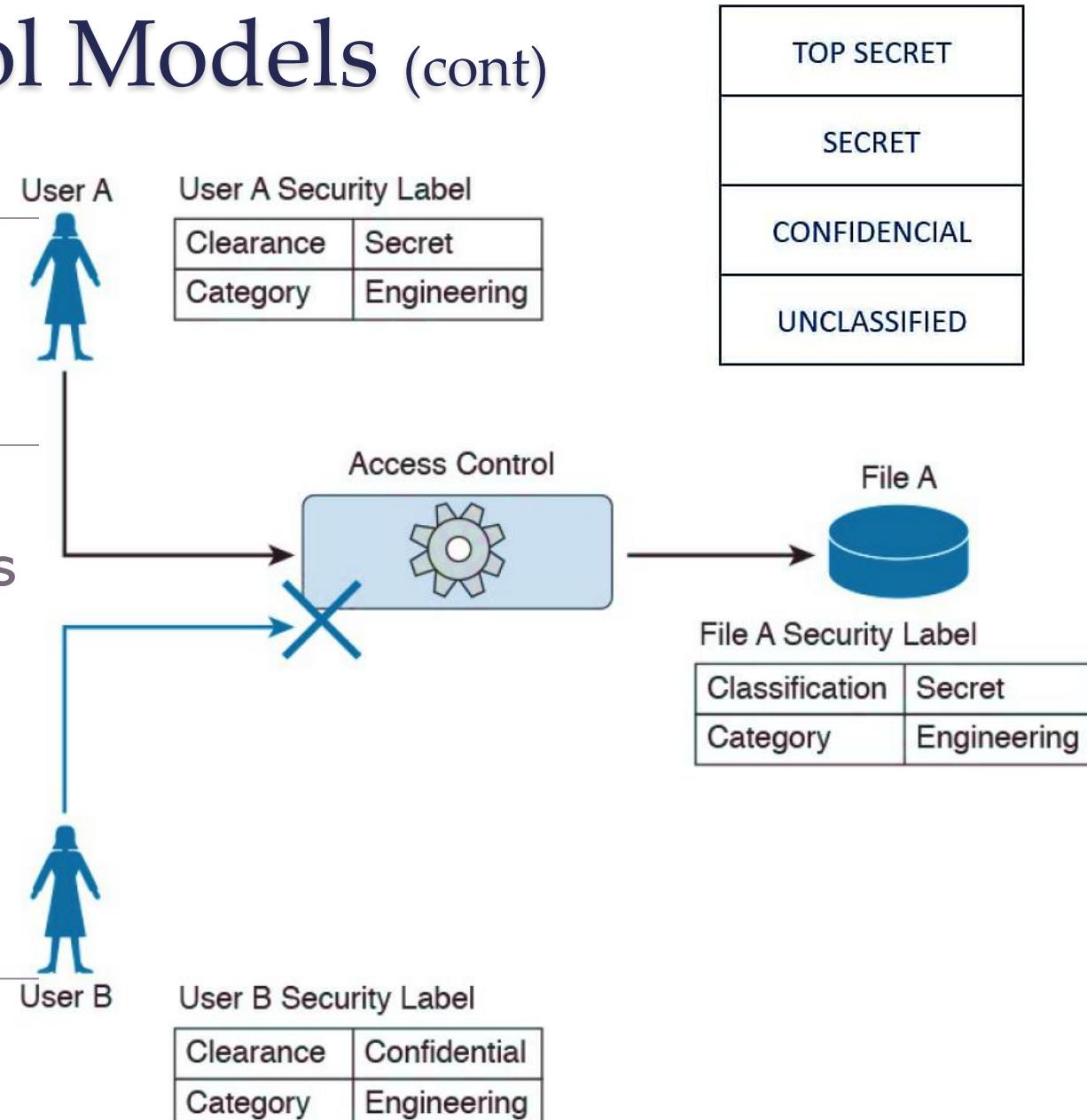
- Least restrictive model
- Users control access to their data as **owners**
- Use **ACLs** or other methods to specify which users or groups have access
- Scalability?



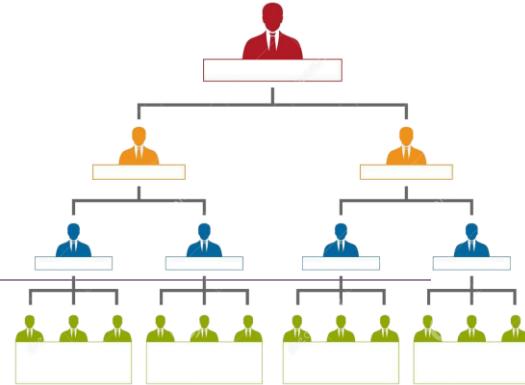
# Access Control Models (cont)

## Mandatory access control MAC

- Strictest
- Used in military and critical applications
- Assigns **security level labels** to resources
- Enables **users** with access based on their security level



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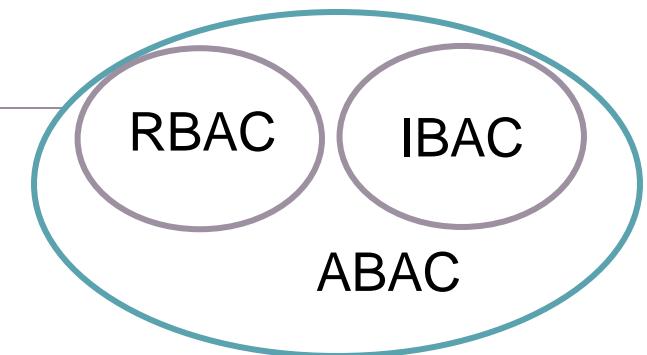
## Role-based access control (RBAC)

- Individuals assigned to **roles**
- Different roles assigned **security privileges**
- Separation of duty
- **Non-discretionary access control**

## Attribute-based access control (ABAC)

Based on attributes:

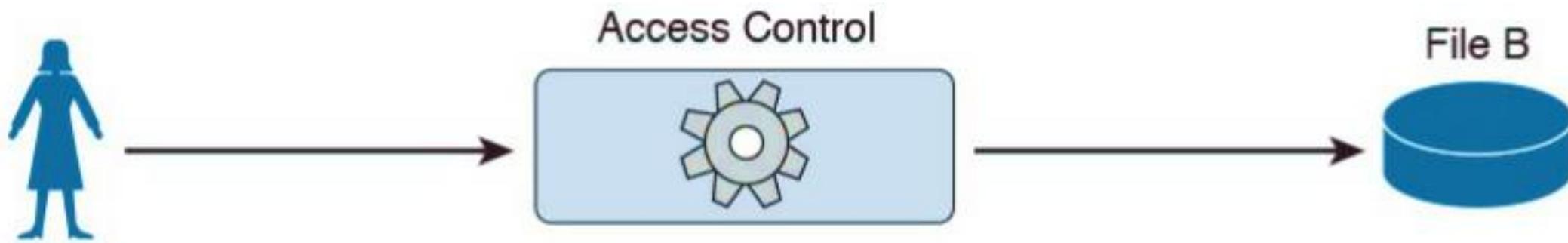
- **object** to be accessed,
  - **subject** accessing resource
  - **environmental factors** on how object is accessed
- XACML (eXtensible Access Control Markup Language)**



## Rule-based access control

- **Sets of rules** associated with access to data or systems
- E.g. permitted/denied IP addresses, protocols, ...

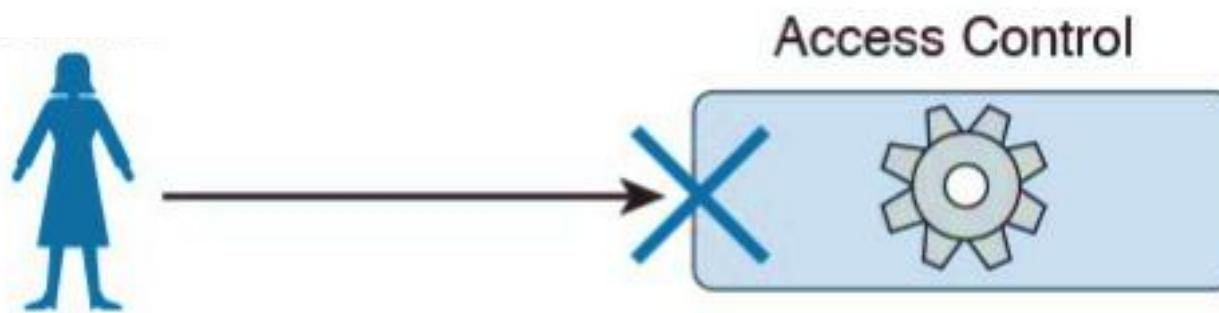
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Projects	NG Firewall NG IPS VPN Client
Location	Building A

Category	Engineer
Project	NG Firewall
User Attribute	
Environmental Attributes	
Resource Attribute	

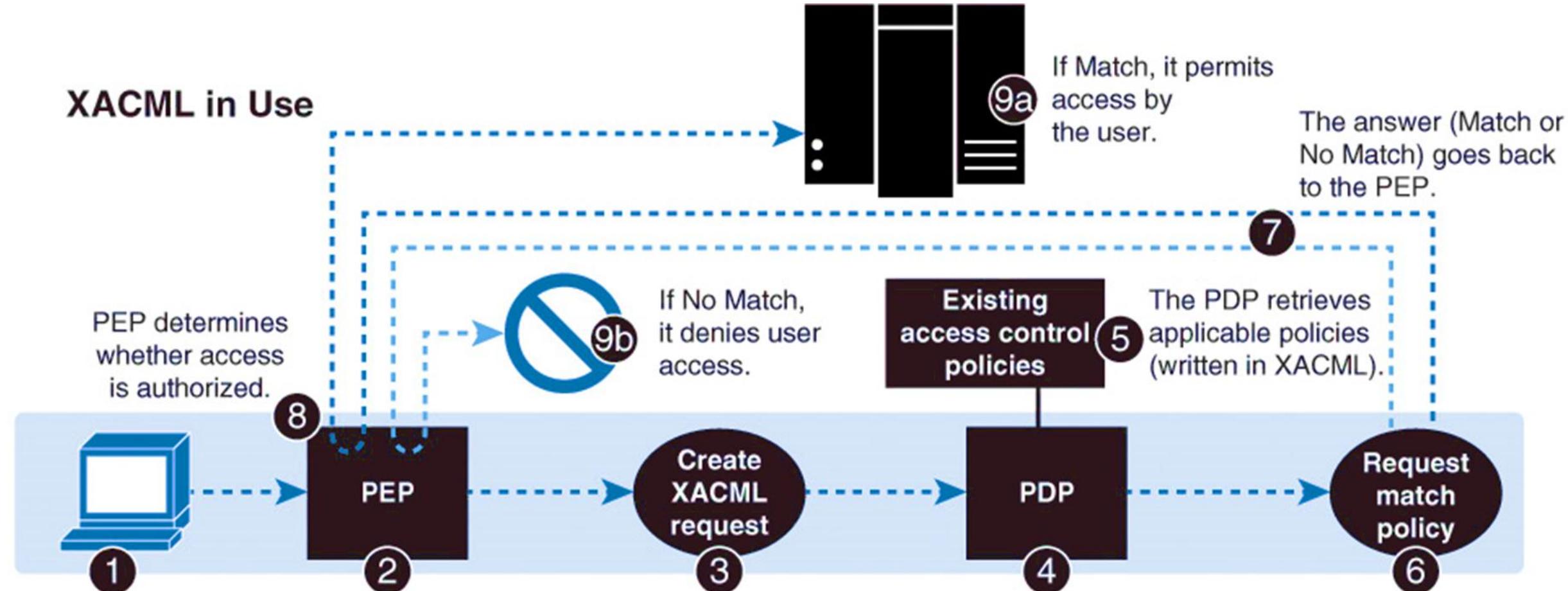
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Business Unit	Security Engineering
Projects	NG Firewall NG IPS VPN Client
Location	Connecting from Home

File A	A blue cylinder icon representing a file or document.
Category	Engineer
Project	NG Firewall
User Attribute	
Environmental Attributes	
Resource Attribute	

## XACML in Use



A user (in XACML terms, a subject) requests data from a specific network resource (a file system, server, database or Web service).

The query goes to the entity protecting the resource (called a Policy Enforcement Point, or PEP).

The PEP uses the XACML request language to create a request based on the attributes of the subject, action, resource and other relevant information.

The PEP sends this request to a Policy Decision Point (PDP).

The PDP compares the request against policies and determines whether access should be granted.

If Match, it permits access by the user.

The answer (Match or No Match) goes back to the PEP.

# Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)

- **Federated identity** standard
- Enables **SSO** across SAML-enabled applications
- **IdP (SAML authority)**
  - authenticates users and passes **security information (SAML assertions)** about user (subject, principal) to
- **SP (relying party)**



# SAML (cont)

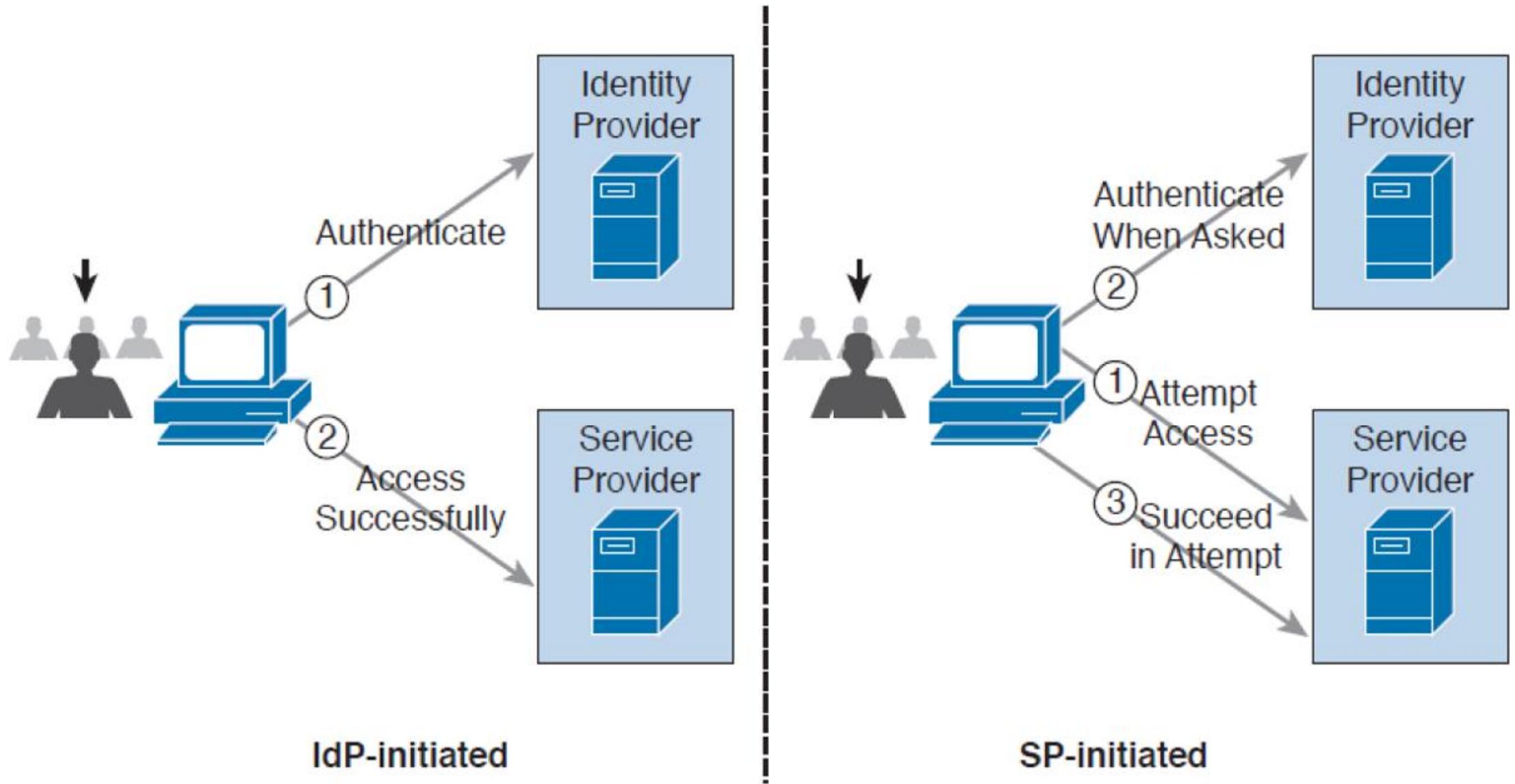
- **SAML Assertion** contain
  - Authentication statement
  - Attribute statement
  - Authorization statement

e.g. *User A, who has the email address usera@domain.com authenticated via username and password, is a platinum member and is authorized for a 10% discount*

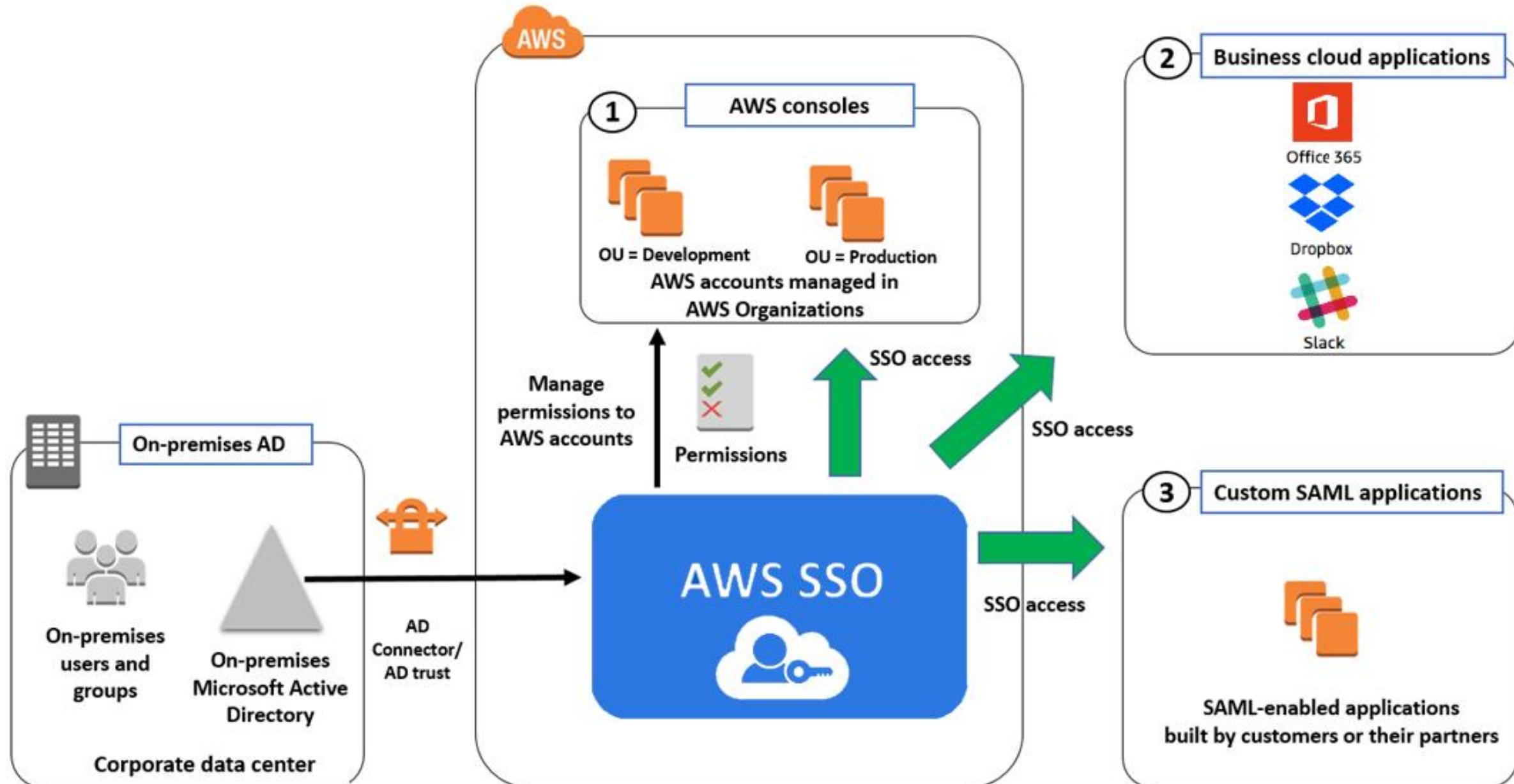
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  Version="2.0"
  IssueInstant="2004-12-05T09:22:05Z">

  <saml:Issuer>https://idp.example.org/SAML2</saml:Issuer>
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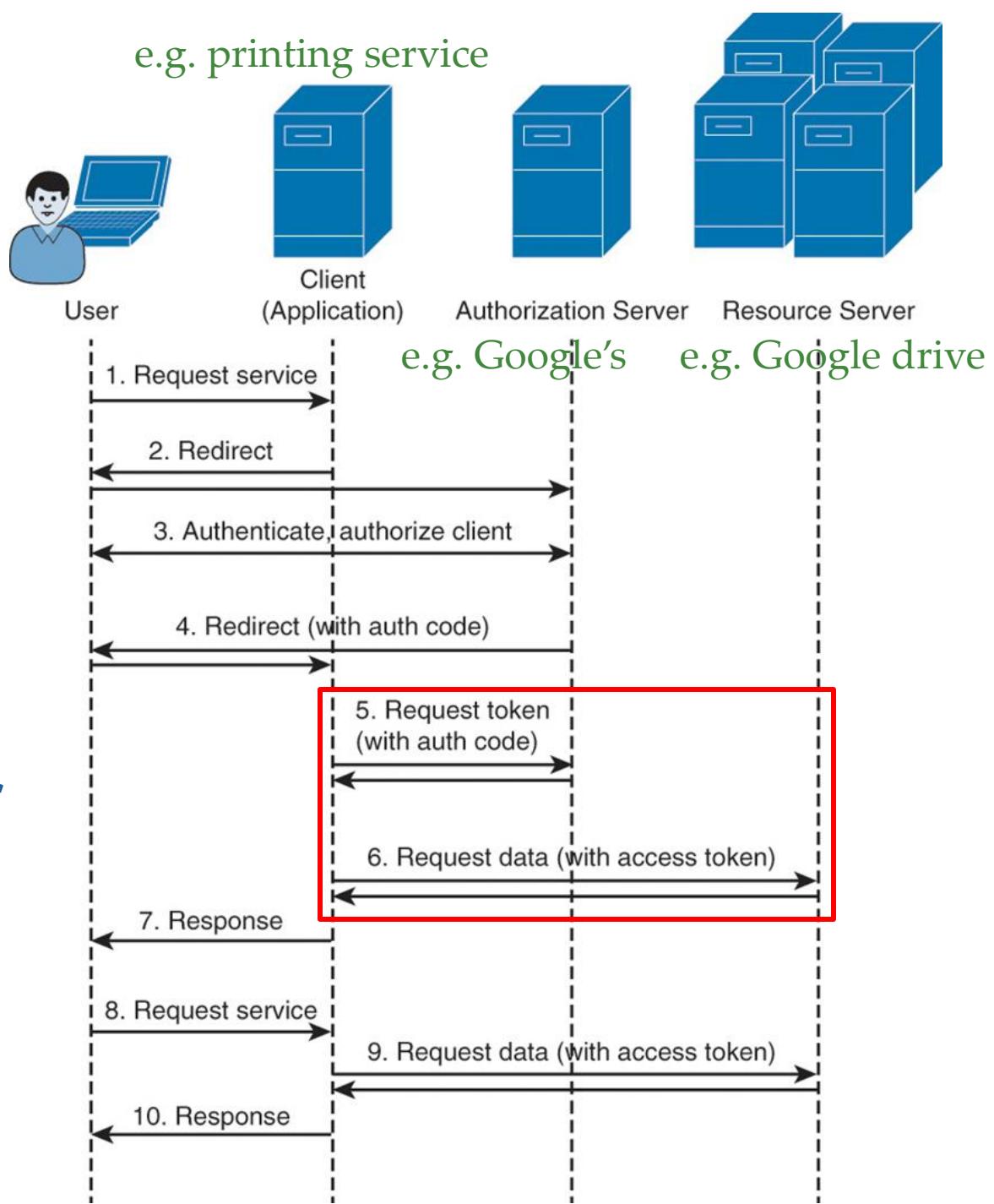


# AWS SSO Use Cases



# OAuth

- Open Authorization standard
- Allows users share private resources on one site to another site **without using credentials**
- Third party receives **access token**
- One web application uses **another web application's API** on behalf of the user



AAA

# AAA Servers

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Authentication • Users must **prove** that they are who they say they are

- Can be **established** using username/password, challenge/response questions, token cards, ...
  - **Centralized** way to control access to network
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Authorization • Which **resources** and **operations** user can access

E.g. User M can access host server X using SSH only

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Accounting • **Records** what user does i.e. what is accessed, amount of time, any changes made

- Keeps **track** of how network resources are used

E.g. User M accessed host server X using SSH for 15min

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# AAA Operation

- Network must **control** who is allowed to connect and what they are allowed to do
- **Security policy** specifies **how** users access network resources
  - Network administrators, corporate users, remote users, business partners, clients
- Policy may mandate **tracking** who, when and what they did while logged in
- **AAA** provides framework to enable **scalable access security**



### Authentication

Who are you?

### Authorization

How much can you spend?

### Accounting

What did you spend it on?

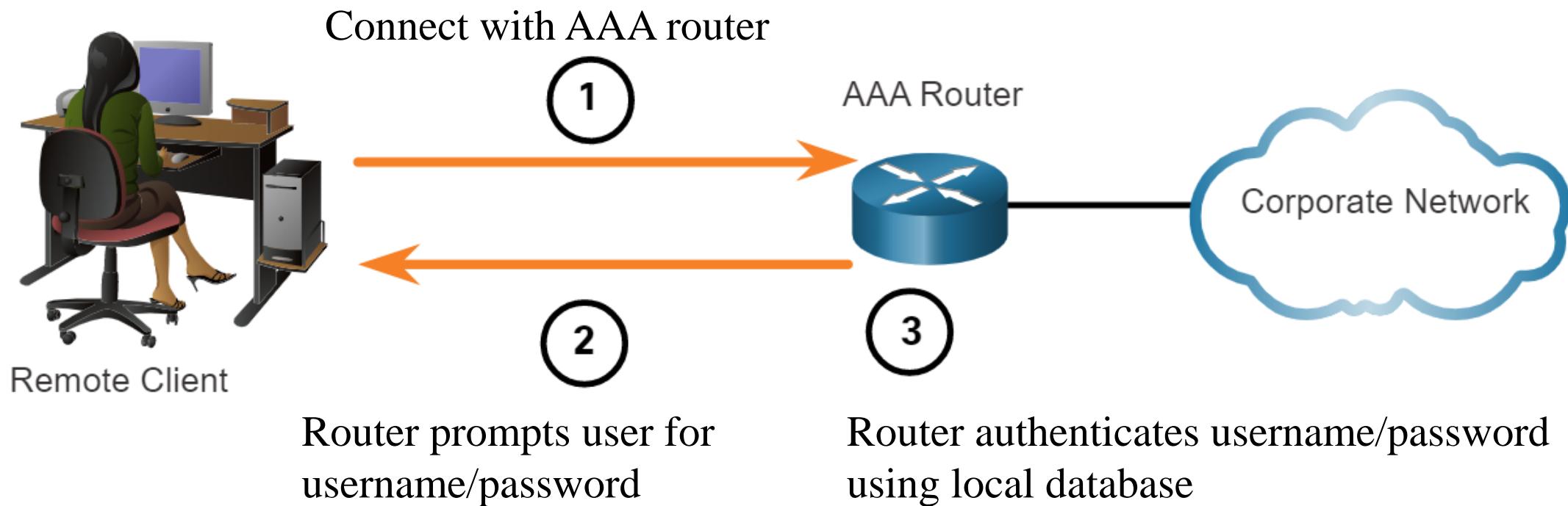
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# AAA Authentication

- Authenticate users for **administrative or remote** network access
- Two common methods for implementing AAA Services
  - Local
  - Server-based

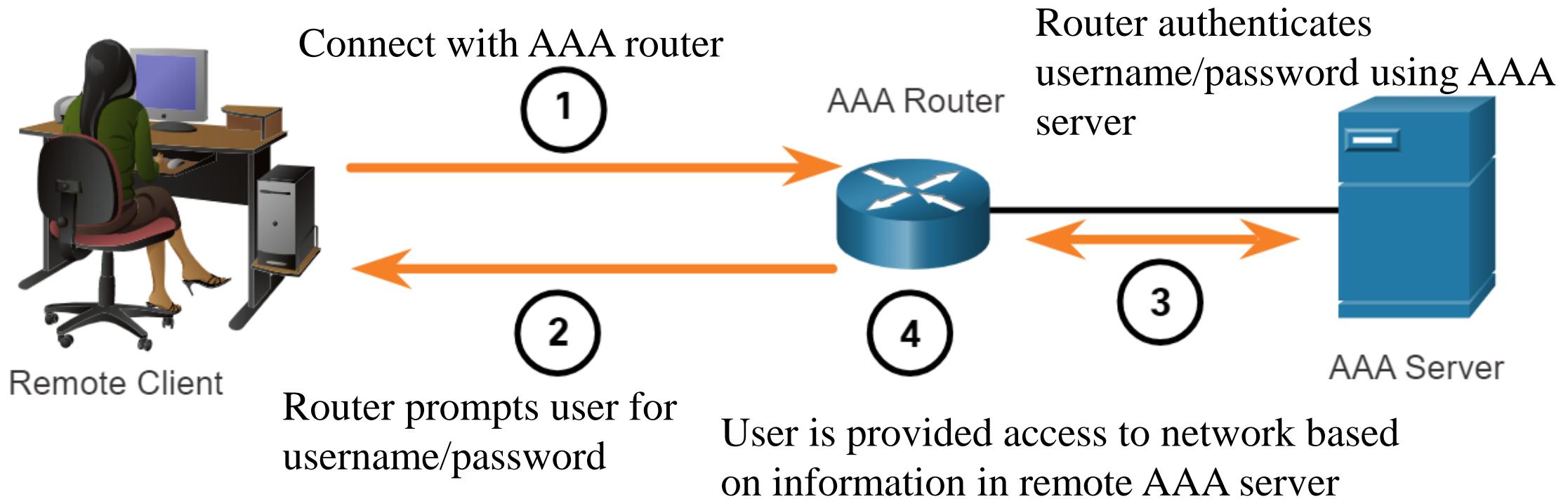
# Local AAA Authentication

- **Self-contained AAA**
- Authenticates users against **locally stored** username/password
- Ideal for **small** networks



# Server-based AAA Authentication

- Central AAA server contains usernames and passwords for all users
- Ideal for medium to large networks
- Uses RADIUS or TACACS+



# Centralized AAA

- Preferred AAA implementation
  - More scalable and manageable than local AAA
- May independently maintain databases for A, A, and A
- Can leverage Active Directory or LDAP for authentication and group membership
  - While maintaining own authorization and accounting databases
- Devices communicate with AAA server using either
  - RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service)
  - TACACS+ (Terminal Access Controller Access Control System)

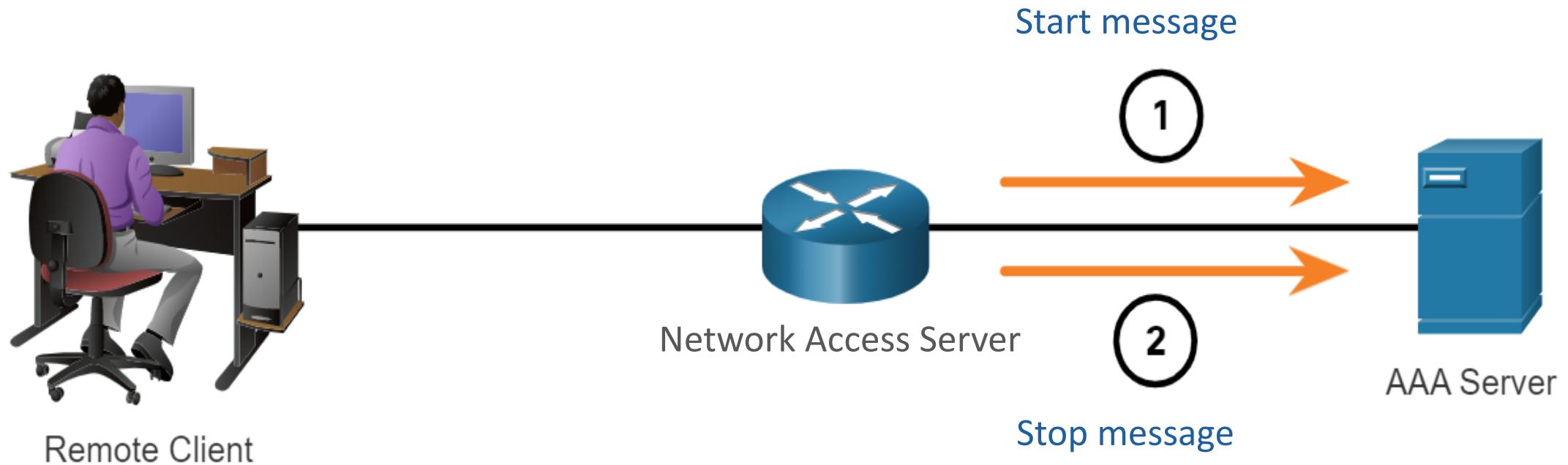
Functions	TACACS+	RADIUS
<b>Functionality</b>	<p><b>Separates</b> authentication, authorization and accounting according to AAA architecture</p> <p>Modularity of security server implementation</p>	<p><b>Combines</b> authentication and authorization but separates accounting</p> <p>Less flexibility in implementation</p>
<b>Standard</b>	Cisco proprietary	Open/RFC standard
<b>Transport</b>	TCP port 49	UDP ports 1812/1813 or 1645/1646
<b>Confidentiality</b>	Encrypts <b>whole packet</b> but leaves TACACS+ header	<p>Encrypts <b>password only</b></p> <p>Remainder of packet is unencrypted, leaving username, authorized services and accounting <b>unprotected</b></p>

Functions	TACACS+	RADIUS
<b>Customization</b>	Provides authorization of router commands on per-user or per-group basis	Has <b>no option</b> to authorize router commands on per-user or per-group basis
<b>Accounting</b>	Limited	<b>Extensive</b>
<b>Common Usage</b>	Device administration	Network access

# AAA Accounting Logs

- Accounting records from all devices sent to **centralized repositories** to simplify auditing
- Data includes start and stop connection **times**, executed **commands**, **no. packets** and **no. bytes**
- **Combining** with AA helps **manage access** to internetworking devices by administrative staff
  - Security **auditing**
  - Detailed log of what authenticated user does on device  
e.g. EXEC and configuration commands

# AAA Accounting Logs (cont)



# Types of Accounting Events

**aaa accounting *event-type* {default | *list-name*} {start-stop | stop-only | none} *method***

aaa accounting commands default start-stop radius

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**Network**

Information for all Point-to-Point Protocol (**PPP**) sessions including packet and byte counts

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**Connection**

Information on all **outbound connections** that are made from AAA client e.g. SSH to another device

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**EXEC**

Information on **EXEC terminal sessions** on NAS e.g. username, date, start/stop time, user IP address

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**System**

Information on all **system-level events** e.g. interface up/down, router reload

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**Commands**

Information on **EXEC shell commands** for specified privilege level, date and time command executed and user involved

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**Resource**

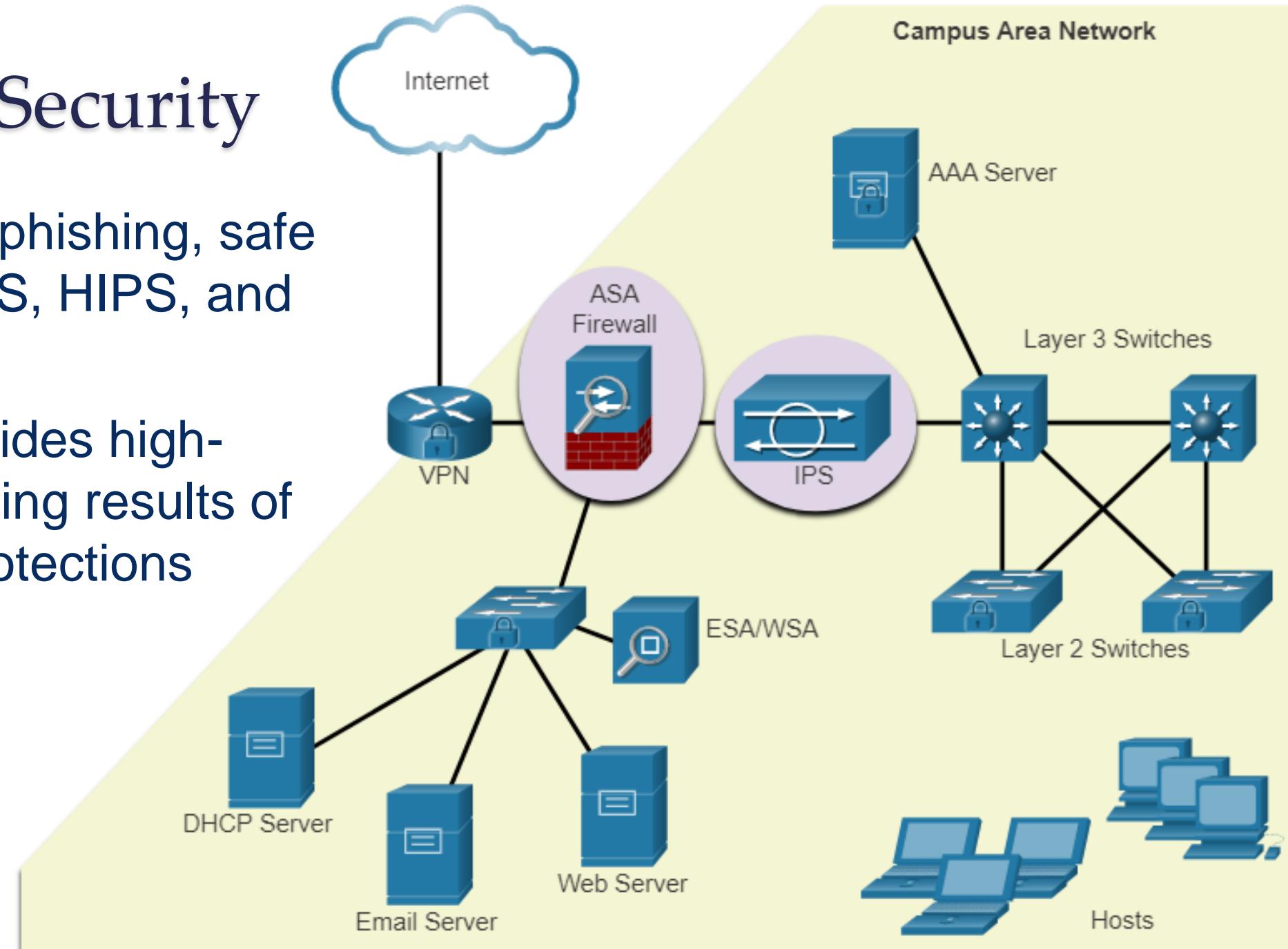
'start' and 'stop' records for connections that passed user authentication

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# Anti-malware Protection

# Endpoint Security

- Antivirus, anti-phishing, safe browsing, HIDS, HIPS, and firewall
- **AV-TEST** provides high-quality lab testing results of host-based protections



## Current security products for Windows 10 put to the test ›

All results can be found here



CURRENT TEST:  
Windows 10

CURRENT TEST:  
MacOS

Test: 3 VPN Packages

Tests: EPPs and EDRs



Tests for home users



Tests for business users

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Internet of Things (IoT)

# Host-Based Anti-malware

- Installed on **hosts** to detect and mitigate viruses and malware
- Win Defender, Cisco AMP, Norton, McAfee, Trend Micro, ...
  - **Signature-based**

Recognizes static characteristics of known malware files  
e.g. strings, hash, code



- **Heuristics-based**

Recognizes features shared by various malware  
e.g. instructions, commands -> payload, replication, distribution



- **Behavior-based**

Employs static or dynamic analysis of suspicious behavior  
e.g. file access, OS calls



# Host-Based Firewalls

- Software that control traffic **entering/leaving** host
- Issue **alerts** to users if suspicious behavior is detected
- Include **logging** functionality
- **Windows Defender**  
Profile-based approach to firewall functionality
- **iptables**  
Utility to allow **configuring** network access rules  
Part of Linux kernel **Netfilter** modules



# Host-Based Firewalls (cont)

- **nftables**

Successor to iptables

Addresses scalability and performance issues

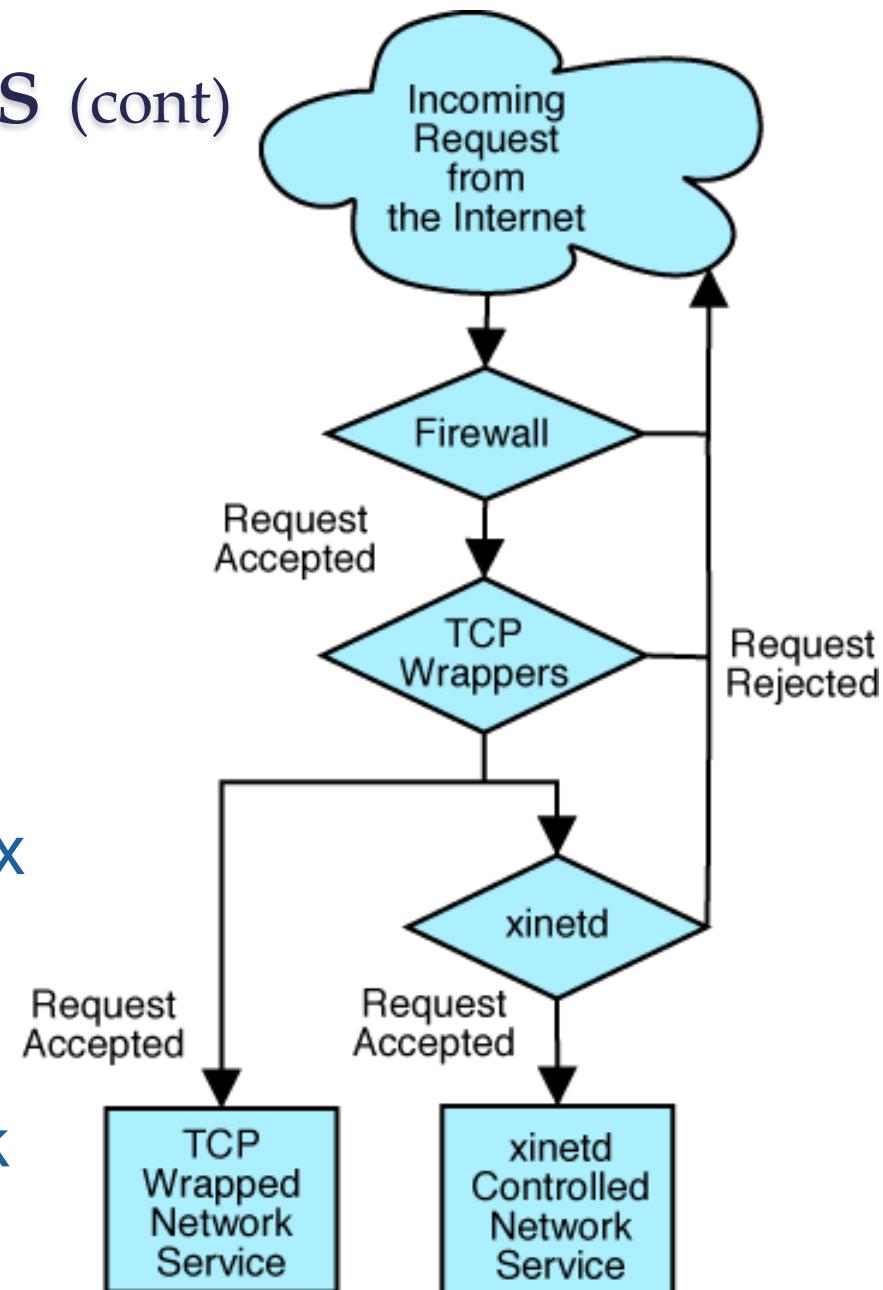
Uses virtual machine in Linux kernel

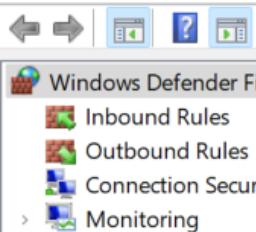
- **TCP Wrappers**

Rule-based access control and logging for Linux

Can provide **additional layer of protection**  
for some network services

**Which hosts** are allowed to connect to network  
services e.g. xinetd





Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security  
Inbound Rules  
Outbound Rules  
Connection Security Rules  
Monitoring

## Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security on Local Computer



Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security provides network security for Windows computers

### Overview

#### Domain Profile

- Windows Defender Firewall is on.
- Inbound connections that do not match a rule are blocked.
- Outbound connections that do not match a rule are allowed.

#### Private Profile is Active

- Windows Defender Firewall is on.
- Inbound connections that do not match a rule are blocked.
- Outbound connections that do not match a rule are allowed.

#### Public Profile is Active

- Windows Defender Firewall is on.
- Inbound connections that do not match a rule are blocked.
- Outbound connections that do not match a rule are allowed.

[Windows Defender Firewall Properties](#)

### Getting Started

#### Authenticate communications between computers

Create connection security rules to specify how and when connections protected by using Internet Protocol security (IPsec).

[Connection Security Rules](#)

#### View and create firewall rules

Create firewall rules to allow or block connections to specified programs if it is authenticated, or if it comes from an authorized user, group, or computer. Inbound connections are blocked unless they match a rule that allows them, and outbound connections that blocks them.

### Actions

Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Sec...

[Import Policy...](#)

[Export Policy...](#)

[Restore Default Policy](#)

[Diagnose / Repair](#)

[View](#)

[Refresh](#)

## Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security on Local Com... X

Domain Profile Private Profile Public Profile IPsec Settings

#### IPsec defaults

Specify settings used by IPsec to establish secured connections.  
[Customize...](#)

#### IPsec exemptions

Exempting ICMP from all IPsec requirements can simplify troubleshooting of network connectivity issues.

Exempt ICMP from IPsec:

No (default)

#### IPsec tunnel authorization

Specify the users and computers that are authorized to establish IPsec tunnel connections to this computer.

None

Advanced

[Customize...](#)

OK

Cancel

Apply



## Requirements

Specify the authentication requirements for connections that match this rule.

### Steps:

- [Rule Type](#)
- Requirements**
- [Authentication Method](#)
- [Profile](#)
- [Name](#)

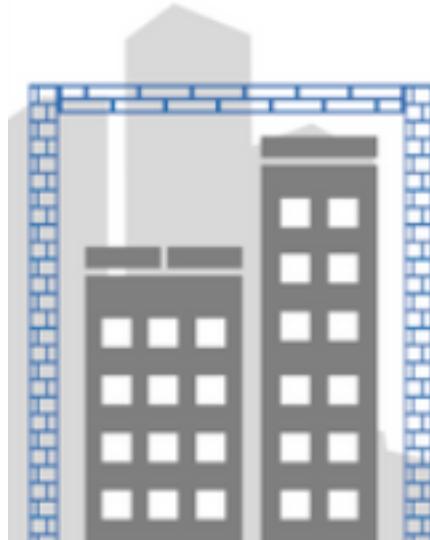
When do you want authentication to occur?

- Request authentication for inbound and outbound connections**  
Authenticate whenever possible but authentication is not required.
- Require authentication for inbound connections and request authentication for outbound connections**  
Inbound connections must be authenticated to be allowed. Outbound connections are authenticated whenever possible but authentication is not required.
- Require authentication for inbound and outbound connections**  
Both inbound and outbound connections must be authenticated to be allowed.

[\*\*< Back\*\*](#)[\*\*Next >\*\*](#)[\*\*Cancel\*\*](#)

# Network-Based Malware Protection

Next-generation  
firewalls



Intrusion prevention  
systems



Network access  
control



Gateway security



Endpoint security



# Network-Based Malware Protection



## Advanced Malware Protection (AMP)

- Endpoint protection from viruses and malware

## Email Security Appliance (ESA)

- SPAM and potentially malicious email filtering before reaching endpoint

## Web Security Appliance (WSA)

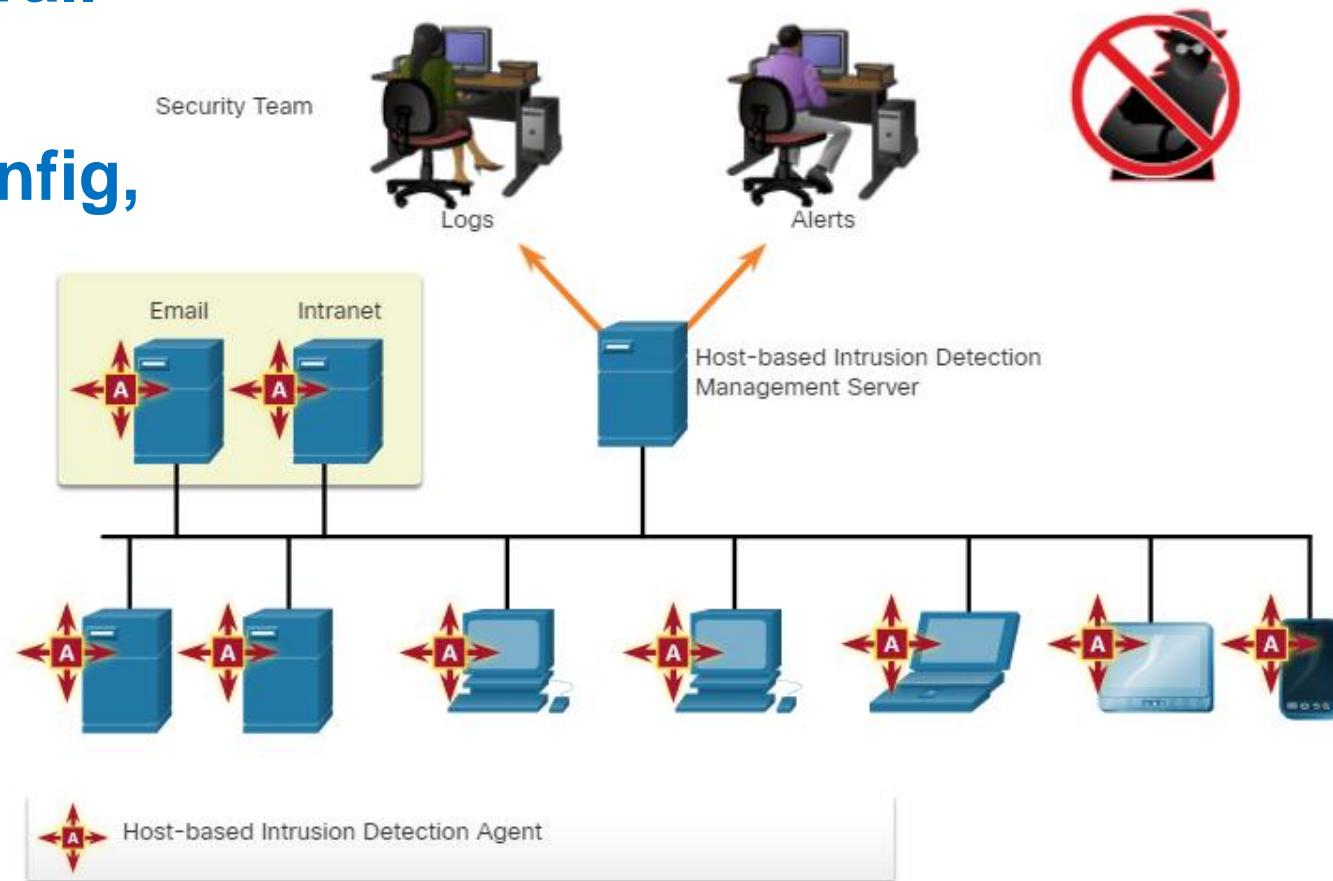
- Filtering of websites and blacklisting

## Network Admission Control (NAC)

- Enforces user or machine authentication before granting network access
- Permits only authorized and compliant systems to connect to network

# HIDS/HIPS

- Host-Based Intrusion Detection/Prevention
- Combines **antimalware** and **firewall** functionality
- Monitor and report on **system config, logs, file integrity (FIM), application activity**
- **Agent-based with central security management**
- Cisco AMP, AlienVault USM
- Open Source: Tripwire, OSSEC



# HIDS/HIPS Operation

- Uses **signatures** to detect malware and prevent infection
- Additional strategies
  - **Anomaly based**

System behavior compared to baseline model of **normal behavior**  
If intrusion detected, HIDS logs details, **send alerts to Managing server**
  - **Policy based**

Normal system behavior described by **rules**  
Violating policies results in **action** by HIPS e.g. shutdown of processes
  - **Log based**

Monitor and analyse log data

# NGFWs



Intrusion Prevention  
(Subscription)



Firepower Analytics  
and Automation



Advanced Malware  
Protection and  
Sandboxing  
(Subscription)



URL Filtering  
(Subscription)



Application Visibility  
and Control



Built-in Network  
Profiling



Identity-Policy Control  
and VPN

# Network Security Data



# Alert Data

- Violation of IDS/IPS rule or matching the signature of a known exploit

SGUIL-0.9.0 - Connected To localhost										
RealTime Events Escalated Events										
ST	CNT	Sensor	Alert ID	Date/Time	Src IP	SPort	Dst IP	DPort	Pr	Event Message
RT	1	seconion...	5.1482	2020-05-10 21:20:55	209.165.201.17	52332	209.165.200.235	80	6	ET WEB_SPECIFIC_APPS phpSkelSite theme parameter remote file inclusi
RT	1	seconion...	7.1795	2020-05-10 21:20:55	209.165.201.17	52332	209.165.200.235	80	6	ET WEB_SPECIFIC_APPS phpSkelSite theme parameter remote file inclusi
RT	1	seconion...	7.1688	2020-05-10 21:20:52	209.165.201.17	52298	209.165.200.235	80	6	ET WEB_SPECIFIC_APPS phptraverse mp3_id.php GLOBALS Parameter P
RT	1	seconion...	5.1375	2020-05-10 21:20:52	209.165.201.17	52298	209.165.200.235	80	6	ET WEB_SPECIFIC_APPS phptraverse mp3_id.php GLOBALS Parameter P
RT	1	seconion...	5.1580	2020-05-10 21:21:17	209.165.201.17	52414	209.165.200.235	80	6	ET WORM TheMoon.linksys.router 1
RT	1	seconion...	7.1893	2020-05-10 21:21:17	209.165.201.17	52414	209.165.200.235	80	6	ET WORM TheMoon.linksys.router 1
RT	4	seconion...	5.362	2020-05-10 20:58:01	209.165.200.235	6200	209.165.201.17	37071	6	GPL ATTACK_RESPONSE id check returned root
RT	4	seconion...	7.675	2020-05-10 20:58:01	209.165.200.235	6200	209.165.201.17	37071	6	GPL ATTACK_RESPONSE id check returned root
RT	12	seconion...	7.690	2020-05-10 21:20:25	209.165.201.17	52158	209.165.200.235	80	6	GPL EXPLOIT .cnf access
RT	12	seconion...	5.377	2020-05-10 21:20:25	209.165.201.17	52158	209.165.200.235	80	6	GPL EXPLOIT .cnf access
RT	8	seconion...	7.683	2020-05-10 21:20:25	209.165.201.17	52156	209.165.200.235	80	6	GPL EXPLOIT .htaccess
RT	8	seconion...	5.370	2020-05-10 21:20:25	209.165.201.17	52156	209.165.200.235	80	6	GPL EXPLOIT .htaccess
RT	1	seconion...	5.1055	2020-05-10 21:20:49	209.165.201.17	52238	209.165.200.235	80	6	GPL EXPLOIT /isadmpwd/aexp2.htm access
RT	1	seconion...	7.1360	2020-05-10 21:20:49	209.165.201.17	52238	209.165.200.235	80	6	GPL EXPLOIT /isadmpwd/aexp2.htm access

# Session and Transaction Data

```
GET /home/index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
Content-Type: text/plain
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:53.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/53.0
```



```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2015
23:59:59 GMT Content-Type: text/plain
<text returned>
```



```
192.168.1.10 - anyUser [10/Oct/2015:13:55:36 -0500] "GET /index.html HTTP/1.1" 200 326
```

# Full Packet Captures

Cisco NAM  
Packet Analyzer

Display Filter: 0

Capture Session \_http\_1.pcap | Packets: 1-43271 of 43271

Filter:  Apply Clear Tools

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
38333	2.691104	1.3.2.178	1.2.0.2	TCP	70	[TCP Dup ACK 34839#1] [TCP ACKed unseen segment] 54735 > http [ACK]
38334	2.691167	1.4.0.1	1.1.2.27	HTTP	1504	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Continuation or non-HTTP traffic[Packet]
38335	2.691175	1.4.0.1	1.1.2.27	HTTP	1504	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Continuation or non-HTTP traffic[Packet]
38336	2.691189	1.4.0.1	1.1.2.27	HTTP	1504	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Continuation or non-HTTP traffic[Packet]
38337	2.691193	1.4.0.1	1.1.2.27	HTTP	1504	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Continuation or non-HTTP traffic[Packet]
38338	2.691214	1.4.0.1	1.1.2.27	HTTP	1504	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Continuation or non-HTTP traffic[Packet]
38339	2.691221	1.4.0.1	1.1.2.27	HTTP	1504	[TCP Previous segment not captured] Continuation or non-HTTP traffic[Packet]

Frame 1: 1504 bytes on wire (12032 bits), 1500 bytes captured (12000 bits)

Ethernet II, Src: 02:1a:c5:01:00:00 (02:1a:c5:01:00:00), Dst: 02:1a:c5:02:00:00 (02:1a:c5:02:00:00)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 1.2.0.2 (1.2.0.2), Dst: 1.3.1.229 (1.3.1.229)

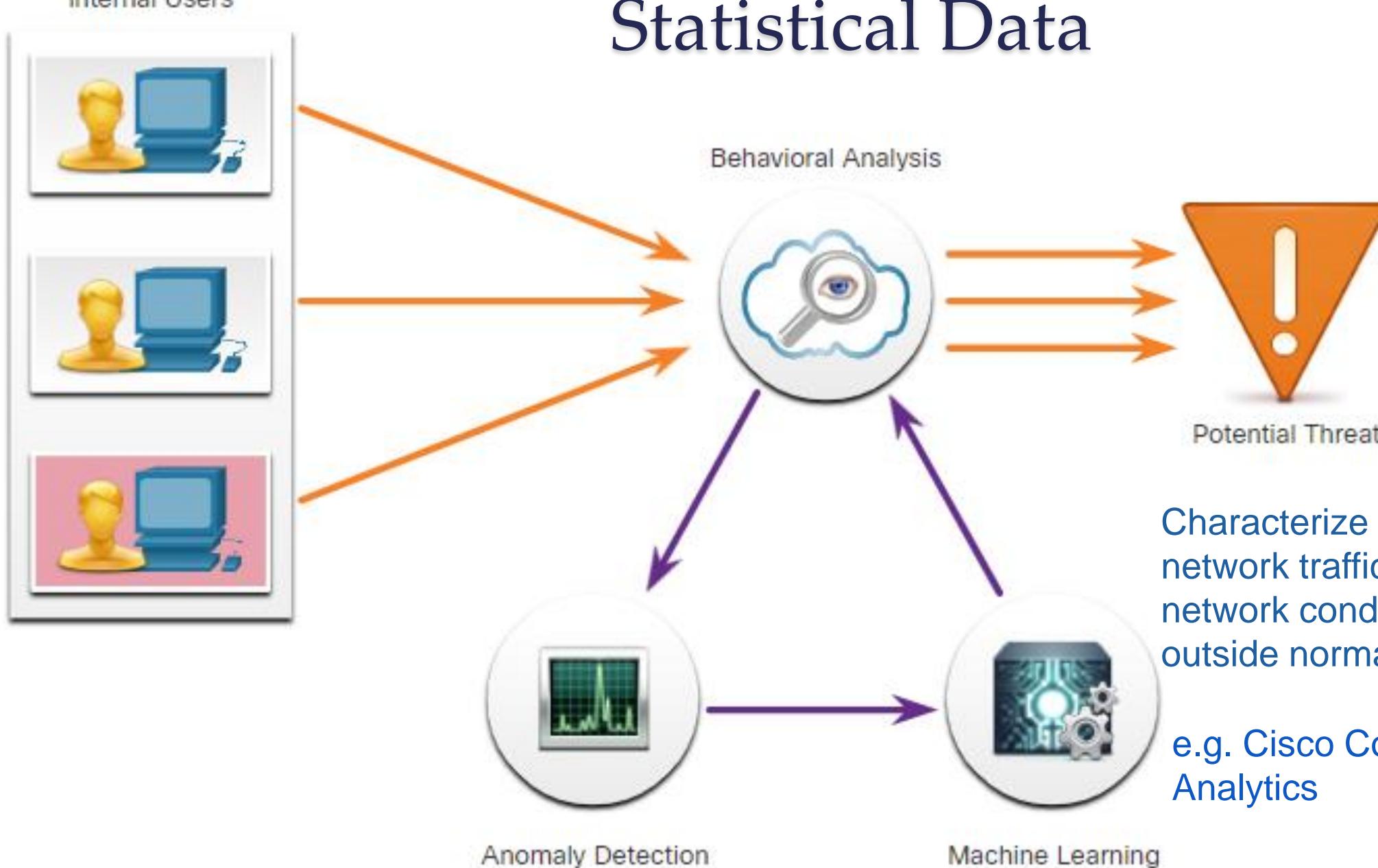
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: http (80), Dst Port: 55998 (55998), Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 1438

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

0000	02 1A C5 02 00 00 02 1A C5 01 00 00 08 00 45 00	.....E.
0010	05 DC 87 D5 40 00 20 06 C9 5B 01 02 00 02 01 03	....@. ...[.....
0020	01 E5 00 50 DA BE CF FD 2D 19 4F DA E7 D9 80 18	...P.....0.....
0030	1C 48 BE E1 00 00 01 01 08 0A AC 19 04 03 AB C7	.H.....
0040	79 16 37 BE 45 A5 2F B6 30 9C 7E 72 D7 50 D1 17	y.7.E./.0..~r.P..
0050	3B 71 79 A9 6B DD DD B8 17 58 97 B8 42 C7 9E 55	;qy.k....X..B..U
0060	FF 2F B3 02 04 72 00 26 16 89 3C 21 68 B8 04 E0	./...r.&..<lh...
0070	DD D4 DE 59 AB 69 AA A3 A0 BC D8 C9 61 B8 C4 CB	...Y.i.....a...
0080	FF 1E 7F BB 5A DC B3 FB DC 55 93 DD A9 79 83 35	....Z....U...y.5

Cisco NAM (Network Analysis Monitor)  
Cisco Prime Infrastructure

# Statistical Data



# NSM



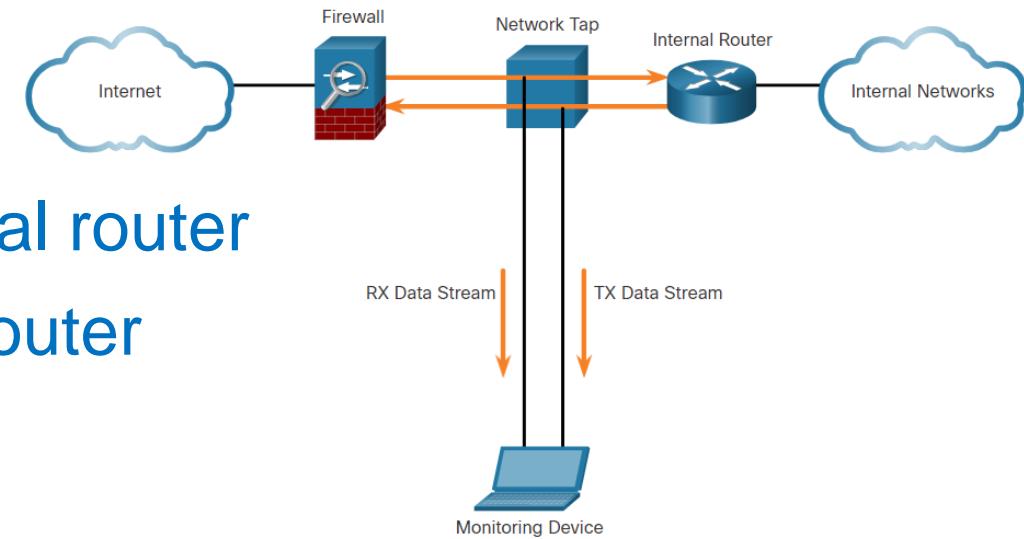
# Network Monitoring Methods

- **Normal network behaviour** consists of traffic flow, bandwidth usage and resource access
- To determine network behaviour, **monitoring** must be implemented
- IDS, packet analyzers, SNMP, NetFlow, ....
- Two common methods to **capture traffic** for monitoring
  - **Network taps**
  - **Port mirroring**

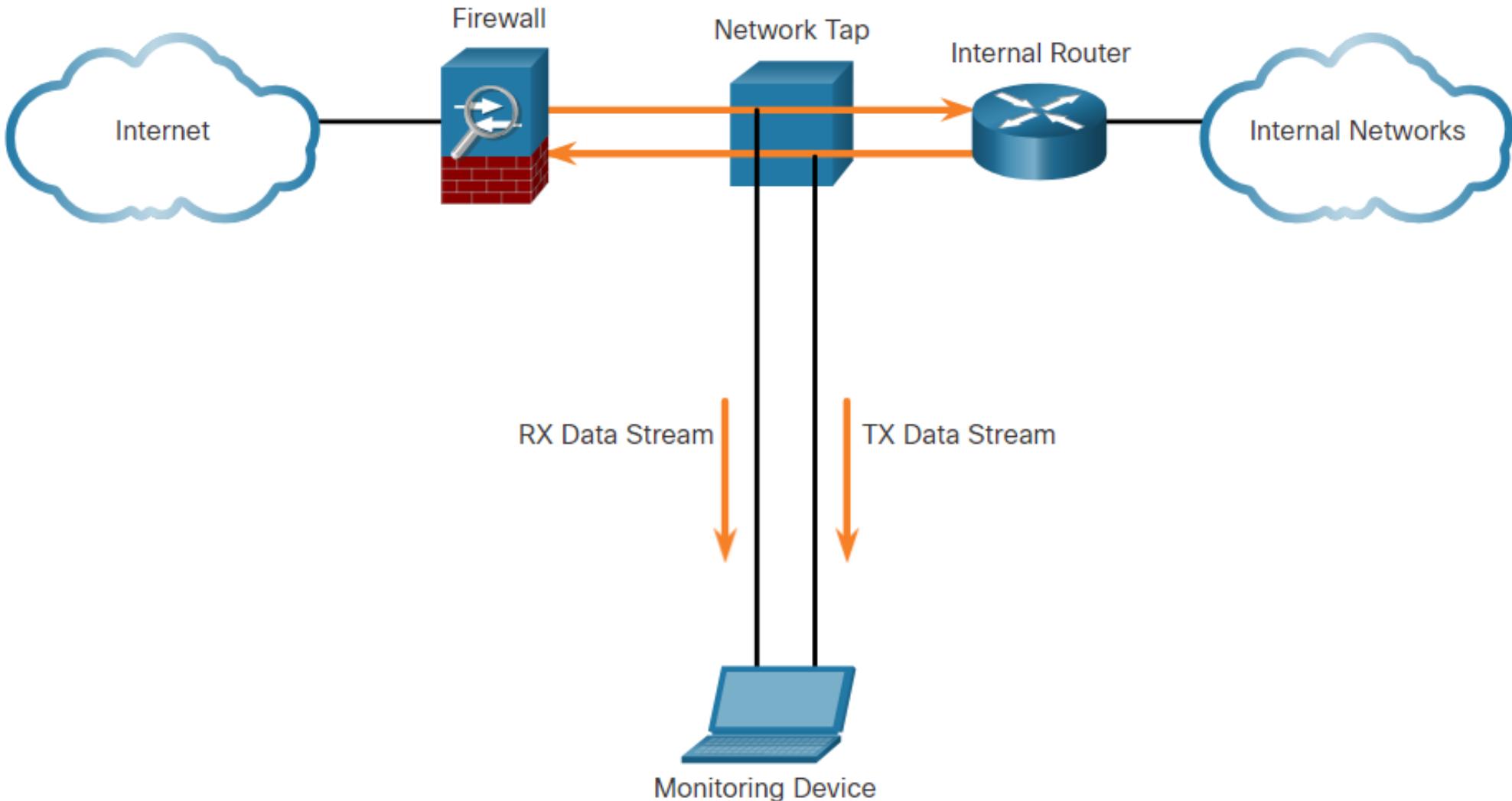
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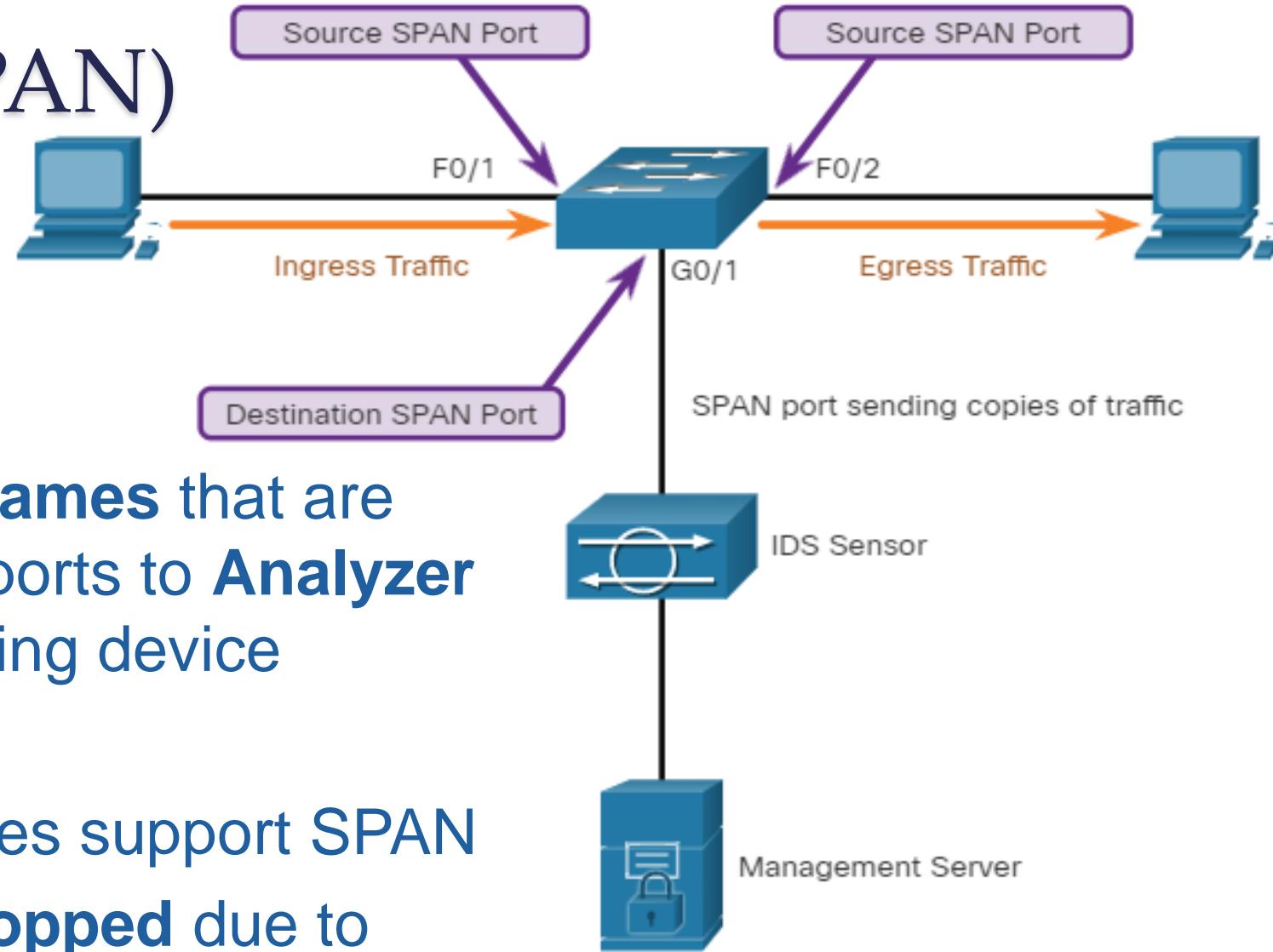
- **Passive** splitting device implemented **inline** between device of interest and network
- **Forwards** all traffic to analysis device while allowing traffic to its destination
- Simultaneously sends
  - **transmit (TX)** data stream from internal router
  - **receive (RX)** data stream to internal routeron separate dedicated channels
- Fail-safe
- No impact on performance



# Network Taps



# Port Mirroring (SPAN)

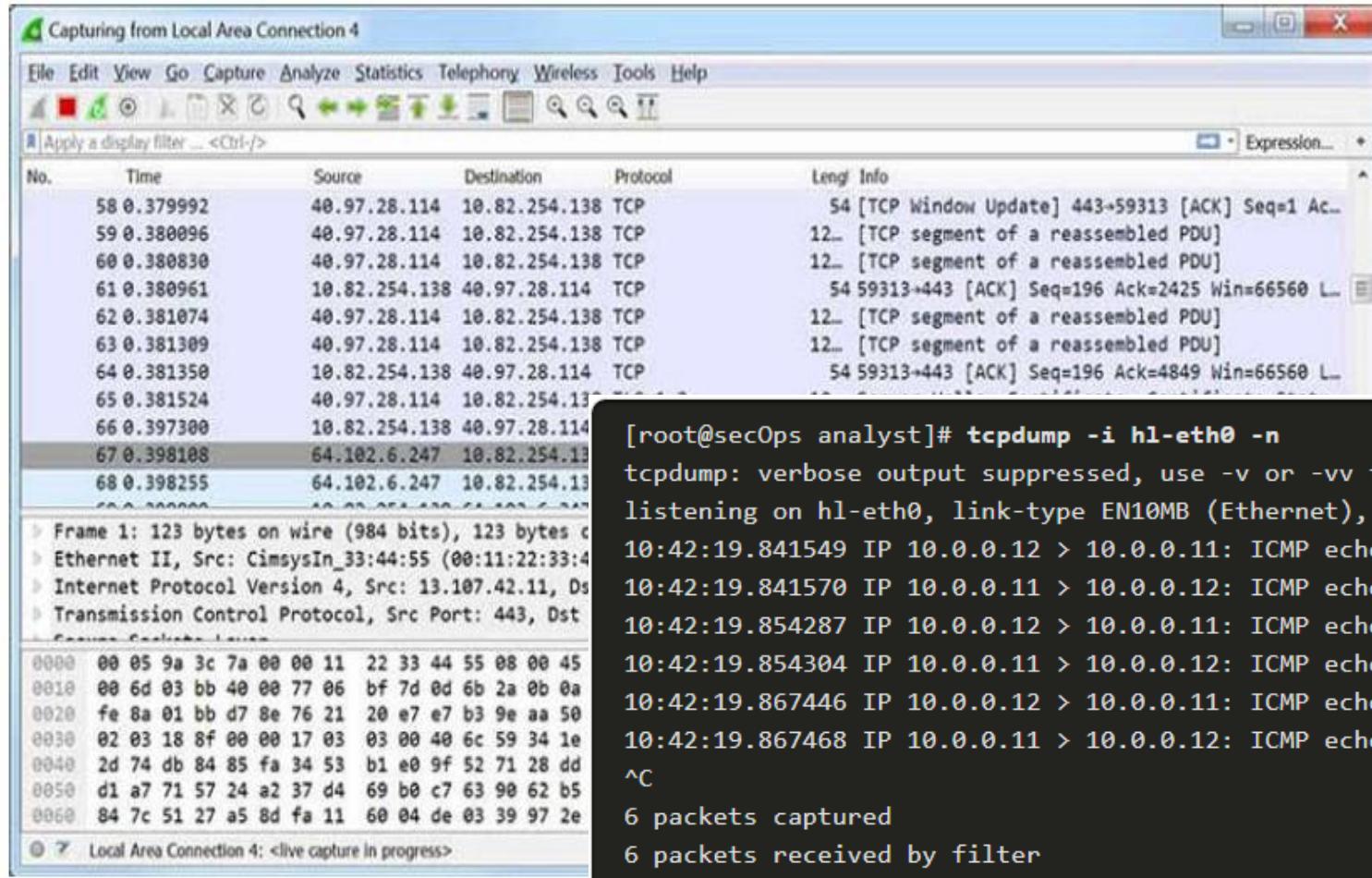


# Network Security Monitoring Tools

- Network protocol **analyzers**
  - e.g. Wireshark and Tcpdump
- **NetFlow**
- **SNMP**
- **Log files (Syslog)**
- **SIEM (Security Information and Event Management)**



# Network Protocol Analyzers (Packet Sniffers)



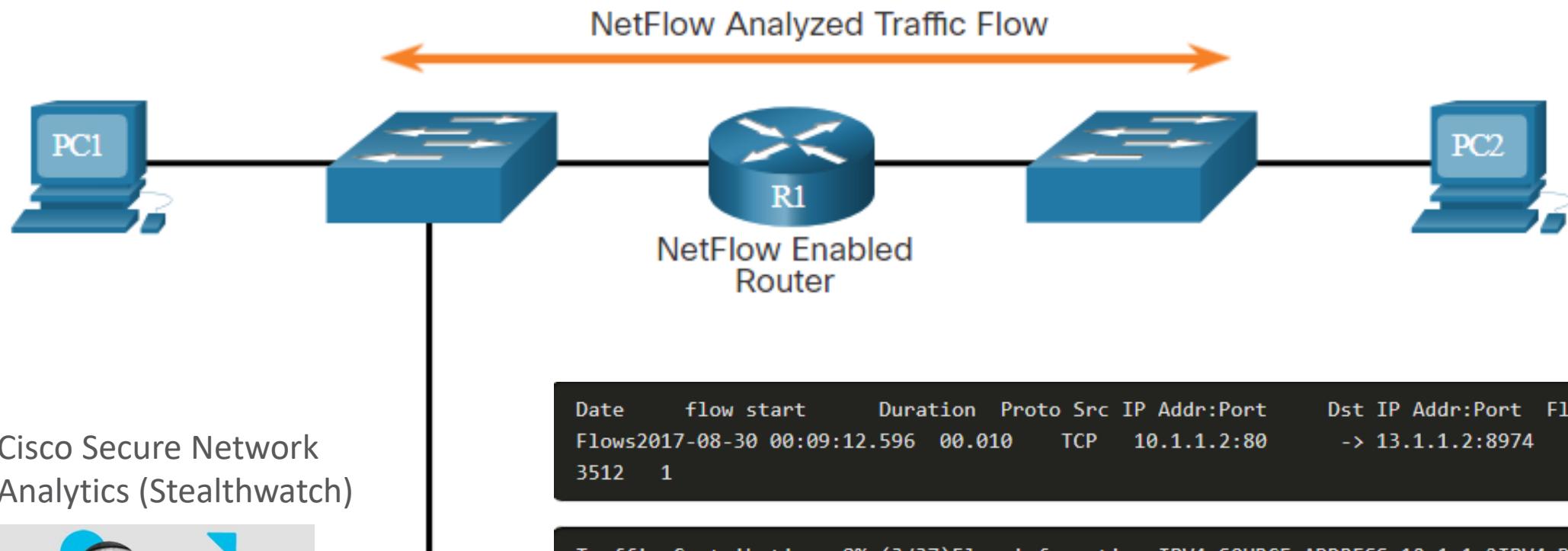
- Security analysis
- Network troubleshooting
- Software and protocol development
- Education

```
[root@secOps analyst]# tcpdump -i h1-eth0 -n
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on h1-eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
0: 00:0c:cc:01:00 > 00:0c:cc:01:00:00, ethertype IPv4 (version 4, header length 20 bytes), length 64
    0000  00 05 9a 3c 7a 00 00 11 22 33 44 55 08 00 45
    0010  00 6d 03 bb 40 00 77 06 bf 7d 0d 6b 2a 0b 0a
    0020  fe 8a 01 bb d7 8e 76 21 20 e7 e7 b3 9e aa 50
    0030  02 03 18 8f 00 00 17 03 03 00 40 6c 59 34 1e
    0040  2d 74 db 84 85 fa 34 53 b1 e0 9f 52 71 28 dd
    0050  d1 a7 71 57 24 a2 37 d4 69 b0 c7 63 90 62 b5
    0060  84 7c 51 27 a5 8d fa 11 60 04 de 03 39 97 2e
^C
6 packets captured
6 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel
[root@secOps analyst]#
```

# NetFlow

- Cisco IOS provides 24/7 **statistics** on **packet flow** through **router** or multilayer switch
- Used for network and security **monitoring**, network **planning** and traffic **analysis**
- Complete **audit trail** of info about all IP flow forwarded on device
  - Monitors application connection by **tracking byte and packet counts**
  - Analysis of **security incidents** e.g. timeline of compromise
- NetFlow stores flow data in device **local cache**
  - Configure to forward data to **NetFlow collector**
  - **nfdump** CL utility for viewing NetFlow data

# NetFlow (cont)



## Cisco Secure Network Analytics (Stealthwatch)



## NetFlow Collector and Analyzer Software



Region



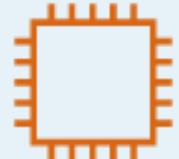
VPC



Availability Zone



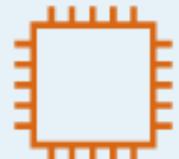
Private subnet



EC2 instance



Private subnet



EC2 instance



Flow log

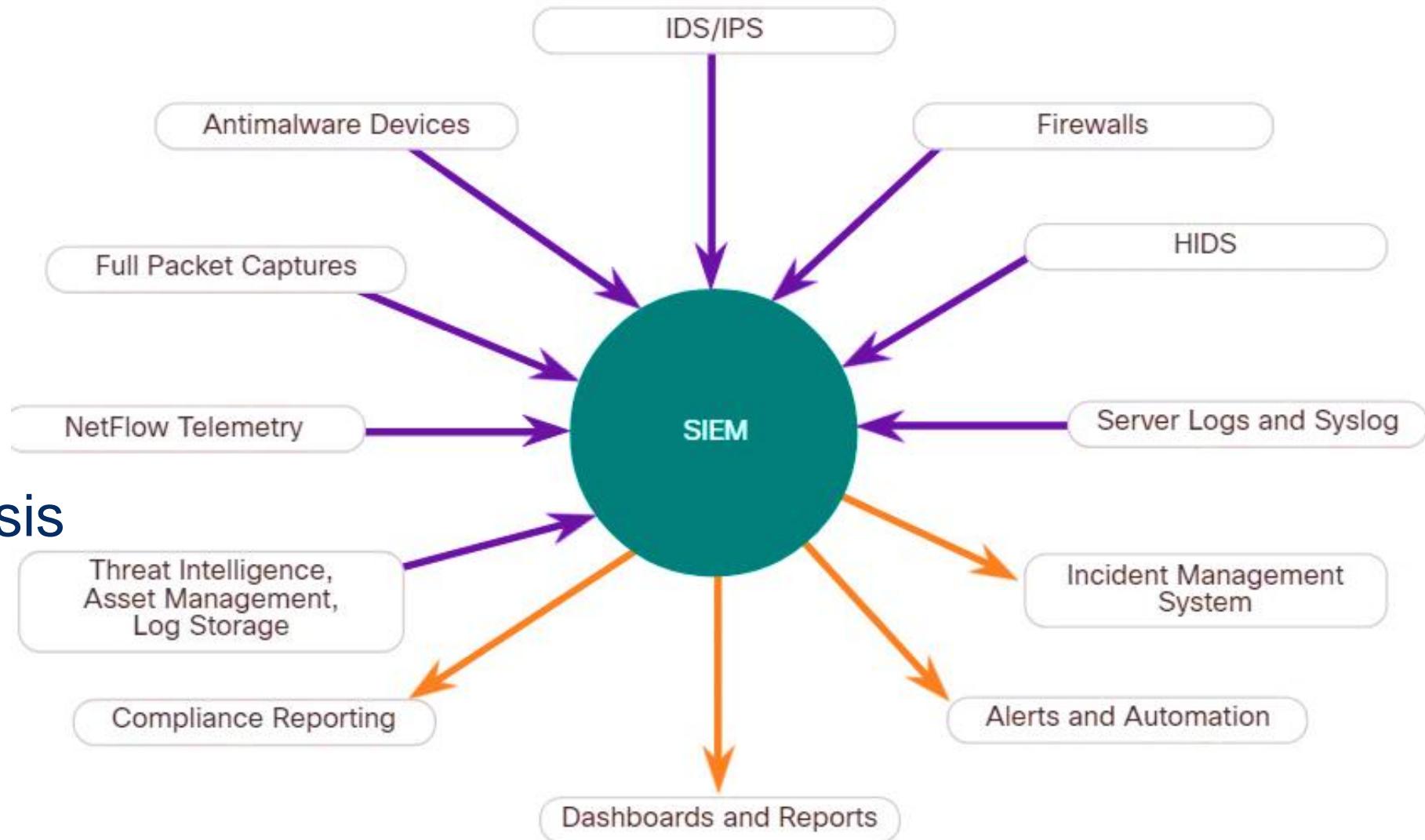


CloudWatch  
Logs

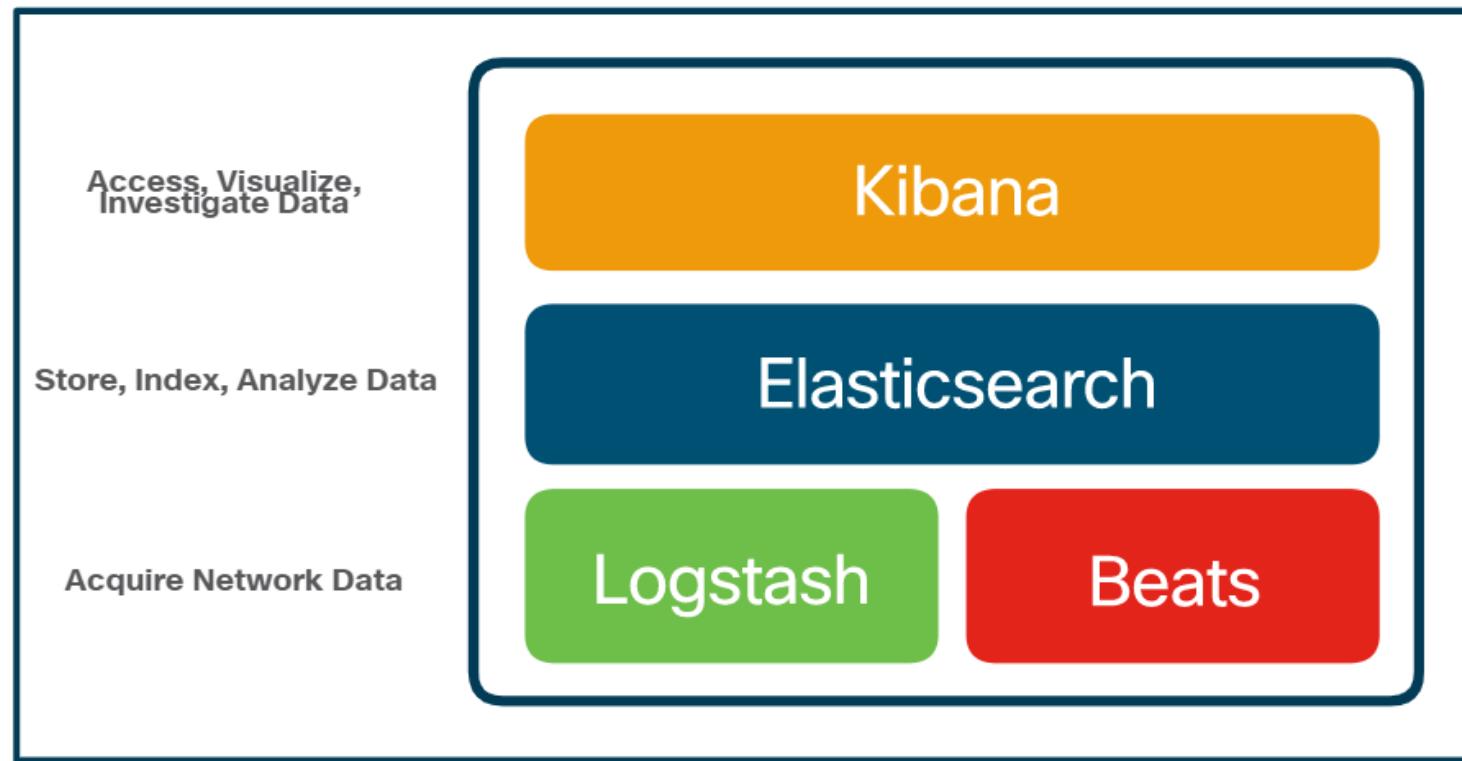


# SIEM

- Log collection
- Normalization
- Correlation
- Aggregation
- Reporting
- Forensic analysis
- Compliance



# SIEM Systems



Security Onion includes  
**Elastic Stack (ELK)** for  
SIEM features

## Commercial SIEM

- SolarWinds Security Event Manager
- Splunk Enterprise Security
- IBM QRadar

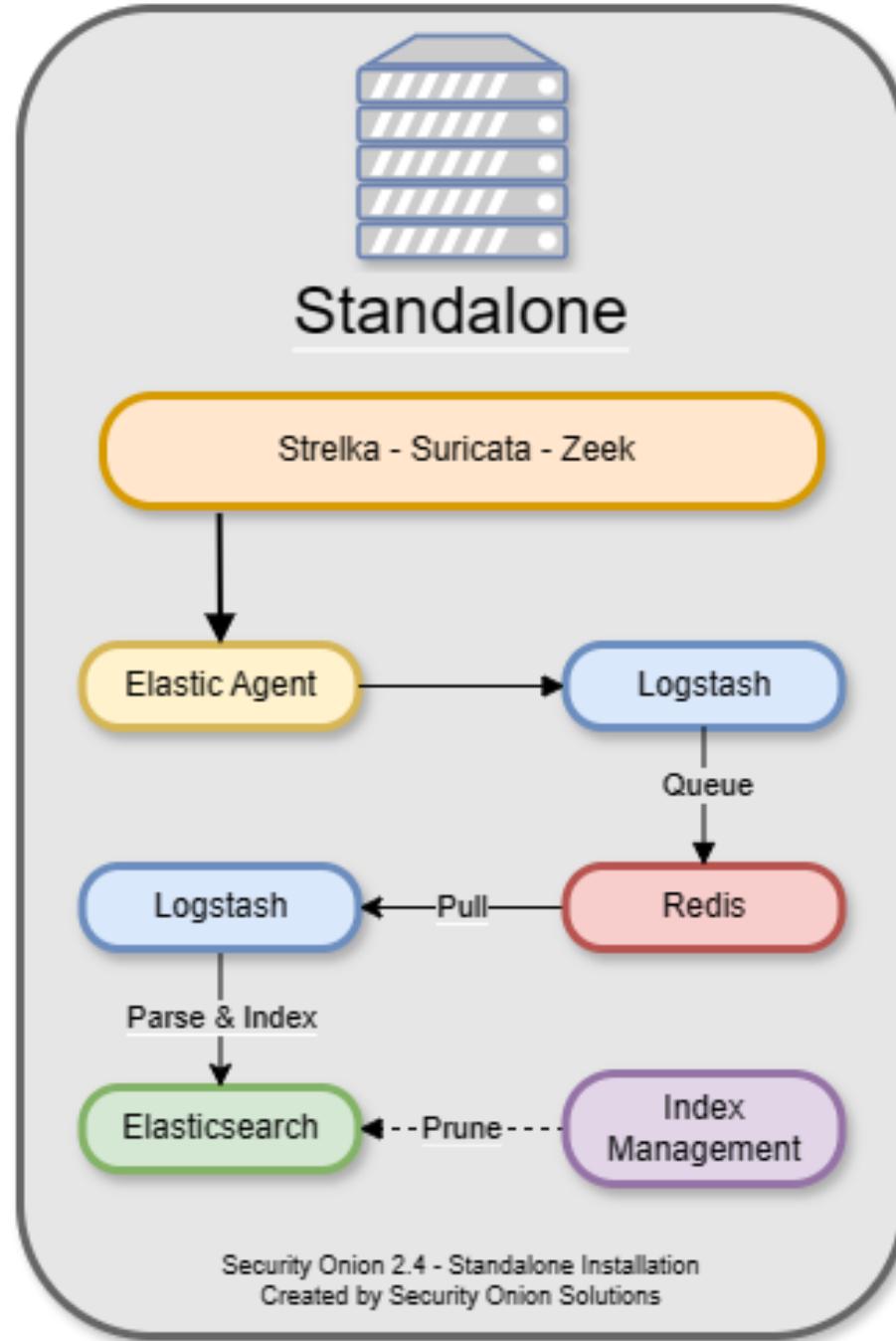


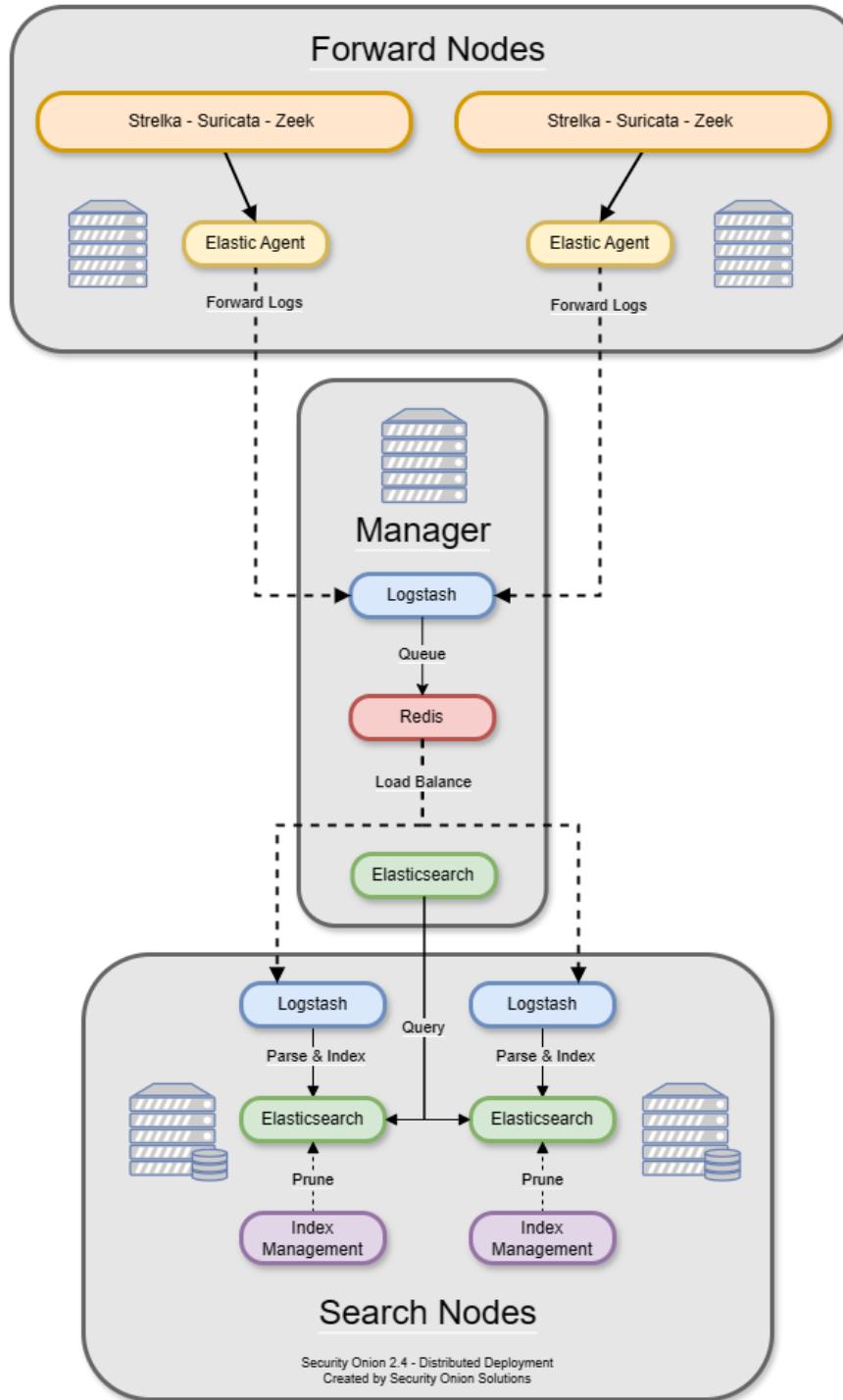
# SIEM Systems (cont)

- **Elasticsearch**
  - Searching and analyzing organization's data in near **real-time**
- **Logstash**
  - Collection and **normalization** of network data into **format** to be efficiently searched by Elasticsearch
- **Kibana**
  - GUI** to data compiled by Elasticsearch
- **Beats**
  - Agents** on servers that send data to Elasticsearch datastores

# Security Onion







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## Dashboards

Options

Total Found: 1,028

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groupby event.module | groupby -sankey event.module event.dataset | groupby  
event.dataset | groupby observer.name | groupby host.name | groupby source.ip |  
groupby destination.ip | groupby destination.port

... ⚙



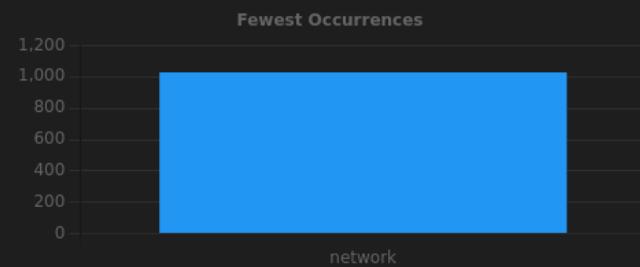
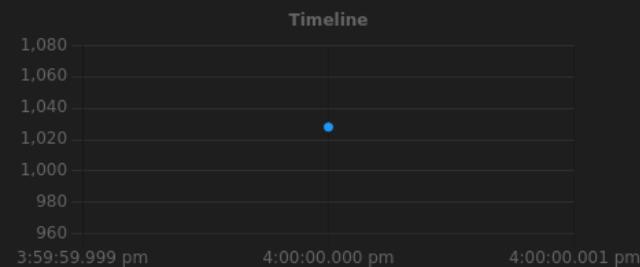
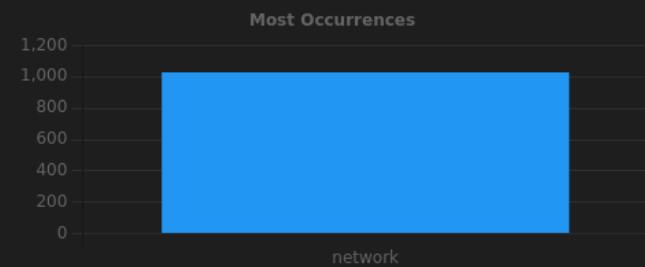
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REFRESH

Choose the timespan to search, or click the calendar icon to switch to relative time

Specify a query in Onion Query Language (OQL)

## Basic Metrics



## Group Metrics

Fetch Limit

10

Filter Results

Count [ ] ▾

event.category

1,028

network

Rows per page: 10 ▾

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Count [ ] ▾

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event.category, event.module

event.category, event.module

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network

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event.module

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zeek

273

suricata

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# Security Onion (cont)

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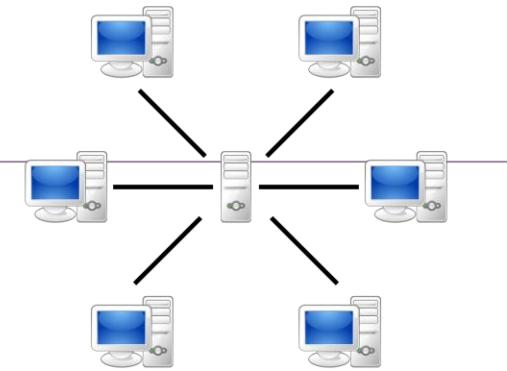
## CapME

Web interface for viewing **pcap transcripts** rendered with **tcpflow** or **Zeek**

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## Stenographer

## Strelka



## Suricata

NIDS, NIPS  
Signature-based approach

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## Wireshark

Packet capture  
Can be opened from other tools to display **full packet captures**

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# Security Onion (cont)

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## Zeek

### NIDS

+ Network **traffic analyzer** and security monitor

Behavior-based approach

Inspects all traffic on network segment with **in-depth analysis**

Pivot from **Sguil** to **Zeek** for access to transaction logs, file content and customized output



## Cyberchef

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## Kibana

Interactive dashboard interface to Elasticsearch data

Allows querying of NSM data with flexible visualizations

Possible to pivot from **Sguil** into Kibana



kibana

# Snort Rules

# Snort Rule Structure

```
alert ip any any -> any any (msg:"GPL ATTACK_RESPONSE id check returned root";
content:"uid=0|28|root|29|"; fast_pattern:only; classtype:bad-unknown; sid:2100498;
rev:8;)
/nsm/server_data/securityonion/rules/seconion-eth1-1/downloaded.rules:Line 692
```

Component	Example	Explanation
rule header	alert ip any any -> any any	Action to be taken, protocol, source and dest addresses, ports and direction of traffic
rule options	(msg:"GPL ATTACK_RESPONSE ID CHECK RETURNED ROOT";...)	Message to be displayed, packet content, event type, source ID and additional details e.g. reference for rule or vulnerability
rule location	/nsm/server_data/securityoni on/rules/...	Added by Sguil to indicate rule location in Security Onion and in rule file

# Rule Header

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**alert** Action is to issue an alert, other actions: **log, pass**

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**ip** Protocol; IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP

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**any any** Specified source is any IP address and any Layer 4 port

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**->** Direction of flow is from source to destination

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**any any** Specified destination is any IP address and any Layer 4 port

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# Rule Options

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**msg:** Describes alert

**content:** Refers to packet content  
Alert is sent if text “uid=0(root)” appears in packet data

**reference:** Link to URL for more info on rule

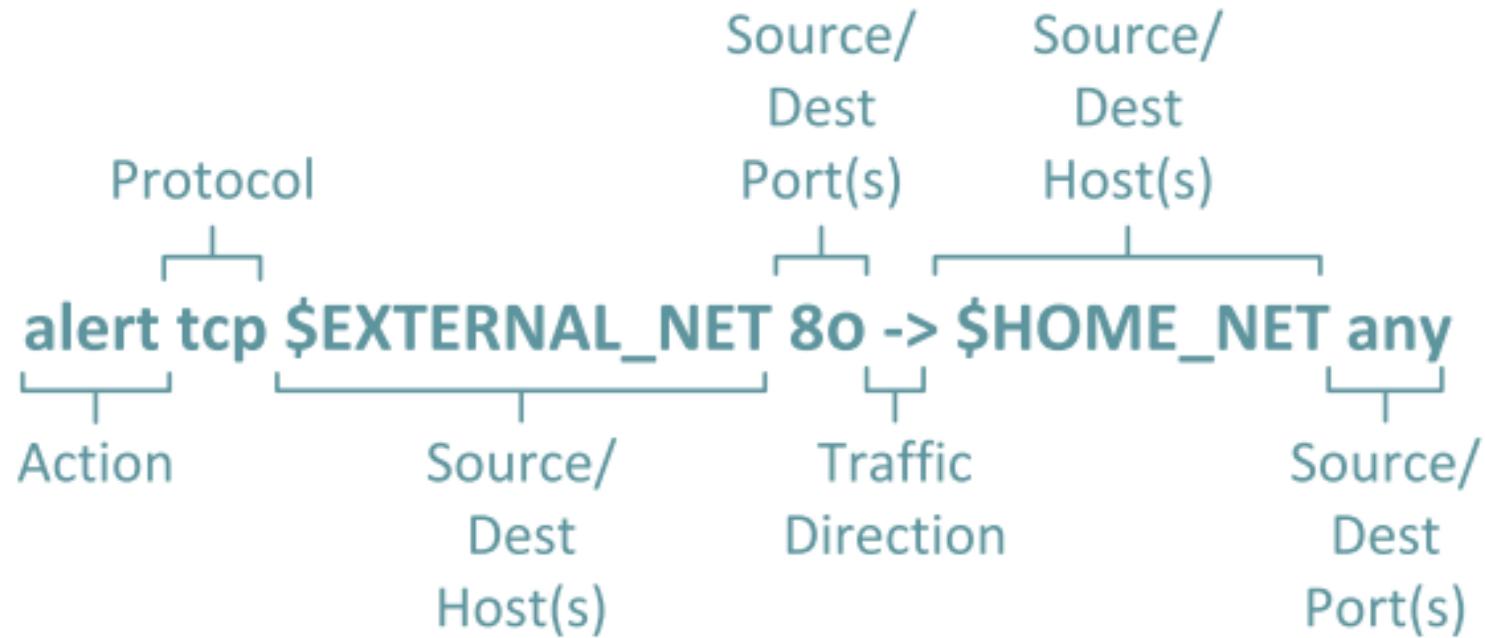
**classtype:** Category for attack e.g. bad-unknown = potentially bad traffic

**sid:** Unique numeric rule identifier

**rev:** Revision of rule represented by sid

**fast\_pattern:** only evaluate rule if content is found in payload

# Rule Header



# Rule Options

<option>: <option values>;

<option>;

reference: <reference name>, <reference>;

reference:url,vil.nai.com/vil/content/v\_157489.htm;

# Sources for Snort rules

- **GPL**
  - Older rules created by **Sourcefire** and distributed under GPLv2
  - Available from **Snort website** and used in Security Onion
- **ET**
  - **Emerging Threats (Proofpoint, Inc)**
  - Collection point for rules from multiple sources
  - A set of ET rules is included with Security Onion
- **VRT**
  - Created and maintained by Cisco Talos



# Summary

- Defense in Depth
  - Layered security, security onion, artichoke, zero trust, attack surfaces
- Network Security Infrastructure
  - DMZ, ZPF, stateless, stateful, proxy, IPS, IDS, NGFW
- Access Control
  - MAC, DAC, RBAC, ABAC, XACML, SSO, SAML, OAuth, AAA
- Antimalware Protection
  - Host-based antimalware, host-based firewalls, HIDS
- Network Security Data
  - Alerts, packet captures, session data, transactional, statistical, logs, ...
- Network Security Monitoring
  - Taps, SPAN, Netflow, SIEM, ...
- Security Onion
  - Kibana, Zeek, Wazuh, Suricata, Wireshark, ...
- Snort rules
  - Header, options