

RBA-01 | RBAC & RLS

User Stories

Access Control & Security Management

Overview

Three Layer Configuration:

- RBAC Role (Admin & User) Defines general privilege tier, who can configure vs. who can use.
- Feature Access - Defines what modules the users can access and see.
- Access Control (RLS) Defines what data they can view within the modules and the map navigation

Roles & Core Permissions

Role	Description	Core Capabilities
Admin	Full access across all modules and datasets. Manages users, audits, and data restrictions.	Full feature + data access
User	Limited, Enforced by access rules	Restricted modules, datasets, location and redacted outputs.

RBAC Feature-Level Access Matrix

Controls which modules and features each client can access:

For Users, feature-level access is not static, it's customizable per individual.

Admins can selectively enable any combination of modules.

Module	Description

Monitor Mode	Playbacks, Event Viewing & Data Feed
Motion Tracer	Device Tracer & Route Analysis
Network Graph	Device-to-ip and association mapping
AI Assistant	Live & Historical Queries or Data & Analysis
Profile Device Data	Device Metadata and Contextual Info
Audit Logs	Access to users activity history for performance audit
Data Export	Download/Reports/Map Shots export

RLS Customizable Data Access (Per User)

Field	Type	Description
user_id	UUID	Supabase Auth ID
modules_enabled	TEXT[]	e.g. ['monitor','tracer']
region_geom	GEOGRAPHY	Geographic boundary polygon
record_limit	INT	Max rows retrievable
time_window_days	INT	Lookback window (e.g. 30)
mask_shodan	BOOLEAN	Hide Shodan fields if TRUE
hash_identifiers	BOOLEAN	Hash device_id & IPs if TRUE
ai_assistant_access	BOOLEAN	Enable/disable AI assistant
created_at	TIMESTAMP	Audit timestamp

RLS Layer — Data-Level Security

Implemented at Supabase level to restrict data access based on:

- **Geographic boundaries** (city, state, region) using PostGIS
- **Volume limits** (record count caps for trial users)
- **Temporal ranges** (time-based data access windows)

Client Access Scenarios

Client A — Feature-Restricted Access

- **Access:** Profile Modal only
- **Restrictions:** No Tracer or Connections modules
- **Use Case:** Basic device lookup without behavioral analysis

Client B — Geographic Restriction

- **Access:** Full features (Profile, Tracer, Connections, AI Panel)
- **RLS Filter:** Miami geographic boundary only
- **Implementation:** Supabase RLS policy filters data by lat/lon bounds
- **Use Case:** Regional operations with location-specific intelligence

Client C — Volume-Limited Trial

- **Access:** Full features
- **RLS Filter:** Maximum 10,000 records per query
- **Implementation:** Supabase RLS policy with LIMIT clause
- **Use Case:** Trial period with controlled data exposure

Implementation Requirements

1. Role and Access Configuration

- Maintain two core roles (Admin, User) managed through Supabase Auth.
- Store all per-user configurations (modules, geography, record limits, temporal scope, masking, hashing) in `user_access_rules`.
- Admins can dynamically assign or revoke access via configuration UI or database updates.
- Include version tracking for access-rule changes (to support rollback and audit history).

2. Supabase RLS Policies

- **Geographic boundary** enforcement using PostGIS `ST_Within()` for spatial filtering.
 - **Temporal access** limits via timestamp-based range filters.
 - **Record limits** applied through query-level `LIMIT` enforcement or function-based result caps.
 - **Identifier hashing and masking** (IPs & Device IDs)
 - **AI Assistant RLS Integration:** All assistant queries route through RLS-filtered (`arkem_filtered_context`).
 - Policies tested against each module's expected query patterns to ensure consistent restriction logic.
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3. Audit Logging (This will be as we build an audit system but the initial "set up" can be there)

- All access and actions logged in `arkem_audit_logs` and `user_access_rules_log`.
 - Each log entry includes: `user_id`, `module`, `action`, `records_returned`, `sensitivity_tier`, `timestamp`, and `ip_address`.
 - Logs separated by access type:
 - **System Actions:** Configuration changes, exports, failed logins.
 - **Data Actions:** View, query, export, AI query.
 - Include retention policy (e.g. 12 months default) and export options for compliance or investigation reports.
 - *(Optional):* Real-time log dashboard and anomaly alerts (e.g. unusual volume or repeated failed queries).
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4. Security Standards

- JWT-based authentication with embedded claims: `role`, `user_id`, and `tier`.
- All endpoints and data transmissions secured via **TLS 1.3**.

- Sensitive fields (device IDs, IPs) **hashed for non-admins**; raw identifiers accessible to Admins only.
 - Implement **row-level masking** for Shodan enrichment and critical metadata.
 - Regular **penetration testing and RLS validation checks**.
 - Compliance alignment: **GDPR, SOC 2, CJIS** (if future law enforcement partners).
 - *(Optional)*: Automated session expiration and token refresh lifecycle.
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5. Data Isolation & Multi-Tenancy Readiness

- All user data filtered by `client_id` when multi-tenant mode is introduced.
 - Ensure cross-client data separation at both RLS and API layers.
 - *(Future consideration)*: Dedicated schema per client for high-sensitivity operations.
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6. Feature Integration Dependencies

- Frontend middleware validates `modules_enabled` array before loading routes or components.
- Each module's data API validates the same configuration server-side (no UI-only enforcement).
- Shared enforcement service (middleware or Supabase function) to centralize rule checking across all modules.

*Possible Consideration is the for Admin to Create Predefined Roles (AFTER MVP)