Zero Trust Security Policy API

Enterprise-Grade API for Enforcing Identity-Based Access Controls in Zero Trust Architectures

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Overview

Businesses can programmatically create, implement, and audit fine-grained access control rules across dispersed infrastructure, including cloud, hybrid, & on-premises systems, with the help of the **Zero Trust Security Policy API.**

This RESTful API integrates directly with **Zero Trust architectures** to enable **identity-aware access control**, **real-time policy evaluation**, **device posture checks**, and **multi-context authentication enforcement**.

Designed for high-security environments like banks, cloud service providers, and enterprise SaaS products.
Ideal for **Cloud Architects**, **DevSecOps engineers**, **IAM specialists**, and **tech companies seeking Zero Trust compliance**.

Key Features

Feature	Description
Contextual Policy Evaluation	Enforce policies based on identity, device trust, location, time, and role.
Machine Learning Integration	Anomaly detection via external ML models for dynamic policy enforcement.

Feature	**Description**
Multi-Cloud Ready	Compatible with AWS IAM, Google Cloud Identity, and Azure AD.
Audit Logs & Version Control	Immutable policy history for forensic analysis and compliance (SOC 2, ISO 27001).
Fine-Grained Access Control	RBAC + ABAC + CBAC = Triple-layer enforcement model.

Authentication

All endpoints require **OAuth 2.0 Bearer Token** with **JWT payloads** containing:

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```json
{
  "sub": "user@company.com",
  "roles": ["engineer", "infra_admin"],
  "device_posture": "compliant",
  "iat": 1718002021,
  "exp": 1718005621
}
```

Token must be signed using **ES256** and verified via the JWKS endpoint.

Base URL

bash

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```bash
https://api.yourcompany.com/v1/zt-policy
```

Endpoints

GET /policies

Retrieve a list of all active access policies.

Response

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```
[
  {
    "id": "pol_884b81",
    "name": "Engineering Admin Access",
    "subjects": ["group:engineering"],
    "resources": ["gitlab.*", "internal.k8s.cluster"],
    "conditions": {
      "device_posture": "compliant",
      "location": "US_ONLY"
    },
    "actions": ["read", "write", "admin"],
    "effect": "allow"
  }
]
```

POST /policies

Create a new Zero Trust policy with multi-context conditions.

Required Fields

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```
{
  "name": "Data Scientist Access",
  "subjects": ["group:data_science"],
  "resources": ["bigquery.dataset.*"],
  "actions": ["read"],
  "conditions": {
    "location": "EU_ONLY",
    "device_posture": "compliant"
  },
  "effect": "allow"
}
```

DELETE /policies/{id}

Delete a specific policy by ID.

Notes

- This triggers an audit event and can be rolled back within 30 minutes.
- Deletion requires **infra_admin** role and **multi-factor authentication**.

Advanced Use Case: Dynamic Device Trust via External ML Model

Use the following endpoint to connect a **machine learning model** that evaluates device trust dynamically using threat intelligence signals.

POST /device-intelligence/integrate

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```
{
  "model_url": "https://ml-secure.company.com/api/device-risk-score",
  "threshold": 0.75
}
```

This allows policies to auto-restrict access if the **risk score > threshold**.

Use Cases

1. Identity-Aware DevOps Access

Restrict access to production servers based on:

- GitHub commit history
- On-call status (from PagerDuty)
- Location and device compliance

Policy DSL Example:

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```
{
  "subjects": ["user:alice@company.com"],
  "resources": ["prod.ssh.access"],
  "conditions": {
    "on_call": true,
    "last_commit_within_days": 7
  }
}
```

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2. Secure CI/CD Pipeline Integration

Integrate into Jenkins/GitHub Actions:

- Only compliant build agents can deploy to production.
- Enforce *just-in-time* temporary secrets.

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3. Global Access Policy Management

Centralize policy enforcement across:

- **Multi-cloud Kubernetes clusters**
- **Distributed VPCs**
- **Developer sandboxes**
- **Data warehouse access (BigQuery, Snowflake)**

Compliance & Security

Standard	Feature
SOC 2 Type II	Immutable audit logs and policy rollback
ISO 27001	Full access traceability & access intent logging
NIST 800-207	Adheres to Zero Trust Architecture principles

Error Handling

Code	Meaning	Troubleshooting
401 Unauthorized	Missing or invalid JWT	Regenerate token with correct scope

Code	Meaning	Troubleshooting
403 Forbidden	Access denied by policy	Review policy conditions and device posture
429 Too Many Requests	Rate limit hit	Wait or request rate limit increase via support
500 Internal Error	API misconfiguration	Check logs, contact security engineer

SEO Highlights (Top Keywords Used)

- *Zero Trust API*
- *Identity Access Management*
- *Secure API Gateway*
- *OAuth2 and JWT authorization*
- *Enterprise-grade access policy enforcement*
- *Fine-grained security controls*
- *Cloud access governance*
- *Policy-as-code integration*
- *Real-time threat intelligence access control*

Bonus: Terraform Provider (IaC Integration)

Manage policies via Terraform for DevSecOps automation:

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```
resource "zt_policy" "data_access" {
  name     = "Data Scientist Access"
  subjects = ["group:data_science"]
  actions  = ["read"]
  ...
}
```