

Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA) for Network Cloud Interface



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Problem Statement

- Dynamic Nature of Cloud Services : requirement of dynamic policies ➔ Neotec (Network Operations for Telecom Clouds)
- Network cloud coordination lacks security mechanisms.
 - ❑ Cloud and Network telemetry data may be exposed to unauthorized entities.
 - ❑ Lack of Standardized Security Policies framework for enforcing ZTNA principles in network-Cloud coordination.
 - ❑ No standardized model to secure exposure of Cloud and Network resources dynamically.

Gap Analysis

- Previous IETF initiatives primarily focus on policy-based network orchestration, telemetry, and capability-aware routing.
- Previous initiatives do not adequately address real-time ZTNA policy enforcement for network- cloud interfaces.
- Lack of identity-based access control mechanisms between Cloud Service Orchestrators and Network Controllers.
- Absence of least privilege enforcement to restrict access to network and Cloud telemetry.

Proposed Solution

- YANG data model implementing ZTNA principles at the network-cloud interface and integrating ZTNA policies into the Neotec (NM4EC) framework.
- High Level Objective of the ZTNA YANG DM for Neotec:
 - **Establish identity-based access control** to secure network-cloud interactions.
 - **Enable least privilege principles**, ensuring entities only access necessary resources.
 - **Secure network and cloud telemetry exposure**, preventing unauthorized access.
 - **Enable continuous monitoring** to detect unauthorized access attempts and security anomalies.
 - **Ensure real-time, policy-driven security coordination** between cloud-aware orchestrators and network controllers.
 - **Provide a scalable and extensible structure** for future security enhancements.

ZTNA YANG Model major components

```
module: ietf-ztna-netcloud
  +--rw ztna-policy
    +--rw enable-ztna boolean
    +--rw identity-based-access
      +--rw access-rule* [id]
        +--rw id string
        +--rw identity string
        +--rw role string
        +--rw access-level enumeration
    +--rw least-privilege-enforcement
      +--rw enforce boolean
      +--rw restricted-metric* [metric-name]
        +--rw metric-name string
        +--rw access-level enumeration
    +--rw secure-exposure
      +--rw encrypt-metrics boolean
      +--rw exposed-metric* [metric-name]
        +--rw metric-name string
        +--rw exposure-level enumeration
    +--rw continuous-monitoring
      +--rw enable-monitoring boolean
      +--rw log-events boolean
      +--rw alert-threshold uint32
      +--rw threat-detection boolean
      +--rw monitoring-interval uint32
      +--rw audit-logs* [log-id]
        +--rw log-id string
        +--rw timestamp string
        +--rw source string
        +--rw severity enumeration
        +--rw description string
```

Utilizing ZTNA YANG Module

Utilizing Least Privilege Enforcement:

```
{
  "ztna-policy": {
    "enable-ztna": true,
    "least-privilege-enforcement": {
      "enforce": true,
      "restricted-metric": [
        {
          "metric-name": "network-latency",
          "access-level": "summary-only"
        },
        {
          "metric-name": "bandwidth-usage",
          "access-level": "none"
        },
        {
          "metric-name": "cpu-load",
          "access-level": "detailed"
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

Using Secure Exposure:

```
{
  "ztna-policy": {
    "enable-ztna": true,
    "secure-exposure": {
      "encrypt-metrics": true,
      "exposed-metric": [
        {
          "metric-name": "latency",
          "exposure-level": "public"
        },
        {
          "metric-name": "cpu-usage",
          "exposure-level": "restricted"
        },
        {
          "metric-name": "network-topology",
          "exposure-level": "private"
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

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The Neotec (NetOps4Clouds) is to define standardized interfaces, such as YANG models, to enable dynamic network policy adjustments—such as time-sensitive UCMP policies for routers—that accommodate the scaling of cloud-hosted services and ensure that adequate network resources are adjusted for the services in the clouds.

Thank you ! Stay Connected !



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