Reduce Your Risk with a Highly Secure Segmentation Strategy

Networks and the interactions among users, applications, and systems are highly complex. This makes it harder for security teams to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data and systems. Traditional security approaches are not meeting the demand and scale for this new technology landscape. And they are not able to provide consistency, scalability, and the appropriate detail required for effective controls and monitoring.

The Cisco® Security Segmentation Service provides a strategic infrastructure segmentation approach. It allows organizations like yours to reduce risk, simplify your audit profile, protect data and applications, and achieve a more defensible position for board-level requirements in today’s hyperconnected and complex environment.

Beyond the Tactical Model for Data and Systems Protection

This is a new approach to segmentation that more fully considers business and application impacts and vertical-specific design patterns. Our approach is customer-specific, extends beyond the network, and incorporates reusable design patterns. The result for you is a segmentation framework that will reduce risk, simplify your audit profile, secure your data, and help you comply with board-level requirements.

In developing your segmentation strategy, we consider both your specific business goals and your technology landscape. We go beyond the typical network considerations, such as focusing narrowly on isolation, and provide a framework that considers identity and trust, visibility, policy enforcement, availability, and application inter-dependencies.

Working with you, Cisco Security Advisors identify critical parameters that define security zones within your environment. Various infrastructure segmentation design patterns are evaluated and incorporated as necessary, including design patterns that are:

- Common to an industry vertical
- Based on line of business or agency separation
- Meant to secure geographical boundaries
- Topology-centric (remote sites versus a data center, for example)
- Hybrid approaches based on the above

Benefits

- Develop a highly secure segmentation strategy aligned with business objectives
- Reduce risk to your organization’s data and assets
- Apply effective security and policy controls across multiple security disciplines
- Simplify your audit profile for reduced audit time and cost savings
- Secure data and intellectual property from internal and external cyber attacks
- Meet board-level requirements for security and compliance
- Effectively implement data classification programs

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These reusable design patterns help ensure increased accountability and visibility across the organization. They provide consistent controls, flexibility as organizational and business needs evolve, simplified compliance, and the ability to manage access to resources. Cisco addresses segmentation beyond the network layer, to include application, data, user, and business process considerations. Our approach directly links segmentation strategy to your business objectives.

**Cisco Security Advisory Services: Seasoned Security Professionals**

As strategic and technical advisors, the Cisco Security Advisory Services team helps leading organizations identify strategic opportunities in information security. We help you protect network performance, create competitive advantage, and capture long-term sustainable business value. Backed by a superior combination of resources—vast research and threat intelligence, mature methodologies, and multidisciplinary experts across security, cloud, mobility, collaboration, and data center operations—our customers better manage risk and compliance, develop a strong security posture, control cost, and achieve strategic IT and business objectives.

**Next Steps**

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