

Cisco **Security**

Dynamic Defense: Hybrid Mesh Firewalls & Unified Security Management

Product Innovation

Securing the enterprise is increasingly challenging

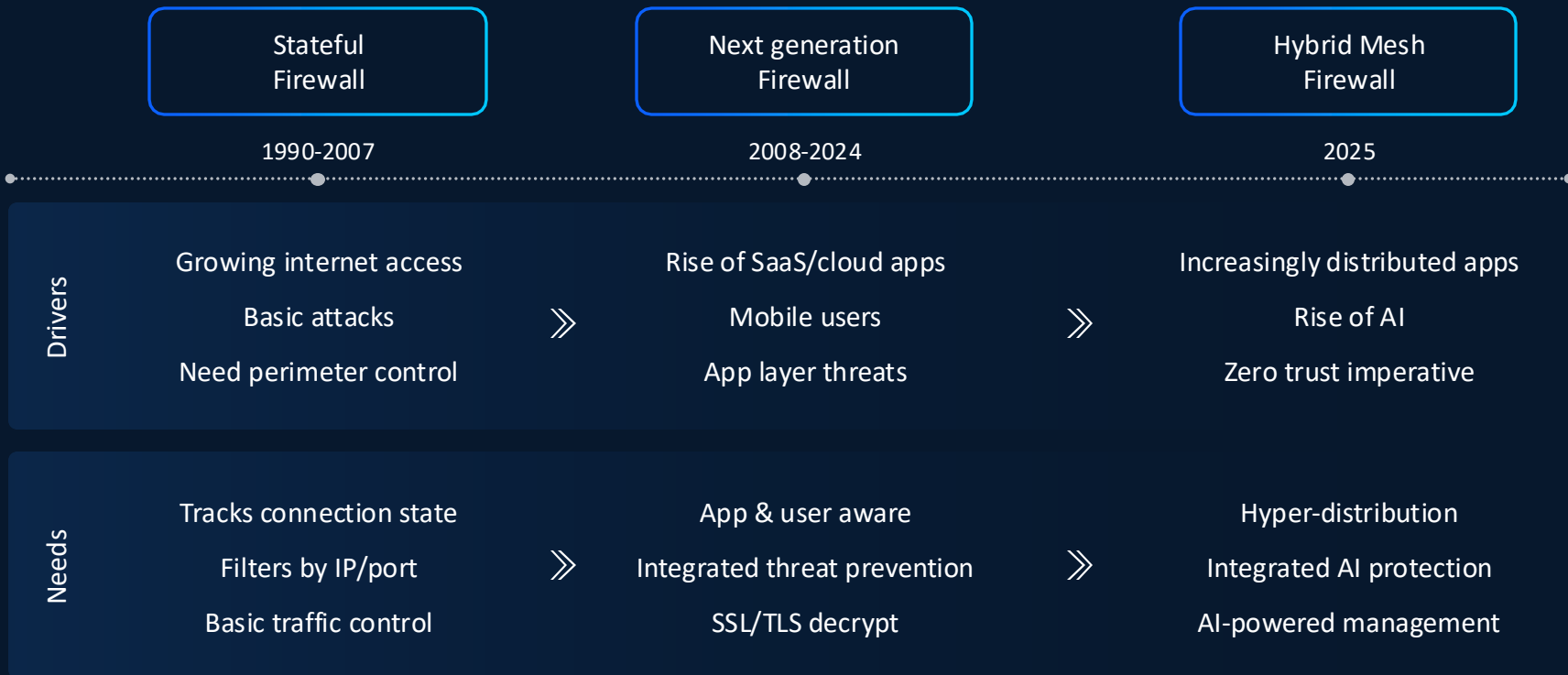
Highly distributed
applications

Nothing can
be trusted

More vulnerabilities,
exploited faster

← AI adoption makes it more challenging →

From Firewall to Firewalling



Competitor definition of Hybrid Mesh Firewall is limited



Unified management



Physical
Firewall



Virtual Firewall



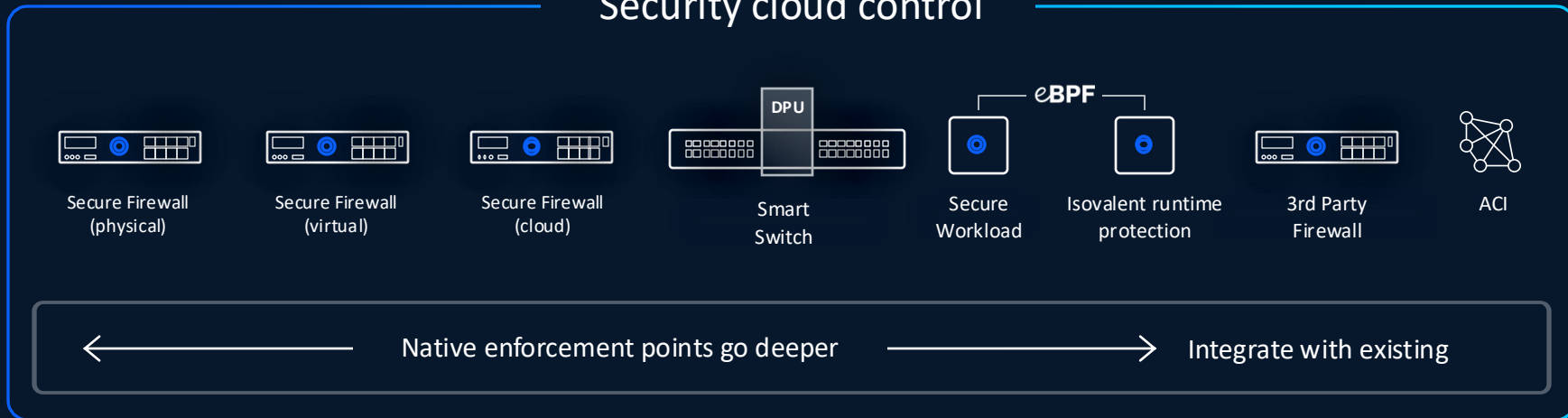
Cloud
Firewall

“Boxes managed as one”

Cisco Hybrid Mesh Firewall goes broader and deeper



Security cloud control



Write policy once, enforce across the mesh

NEW

Security Cloud Control

Industry's first multi-vendor intent-based policy



Absorb and optimize
existing rules

Change enforcement
points, not policy

No rip and
replace

Introducing Mesh Policy Engine

Cisco is the only enterprise firewall vendor that extends policy to non-Cisco enterprise firewalls

- A policy manager (not a device manager or policy converter)
- Retain the “what” and “where” of the policy and the “why”
- Change enforcement points, not policy
- Cisco plus the other enterprise firewall vendors

The screenshot displays the Cisco Security Cloud Control interface. At the top, it shows 'Policies' with a 'Draft' status and a 'Change summary' section indicating 00 Rules, 00 Endpoints, and 00 Applications. Below this is a table of 'All Rulesets' with columns for Name, Type, Install targets, Rules, and Description.

| Name | Type | Install targets | Rules | Description |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------|---|
| HR Apps Access | Security | DC-A-Prod-InfraNet, DC-A-Firewall, NY-Edge | 5 | Policy defines the security and configuration rules |
| Branch Policy | Security | SFO14 Firewall | 210 | |
| DMZ Security Policy | Governance_Append | SFO1 Firewall, NY3 Firewall | 164 | Controls access and security rules for systems in the DMZ, protecting internal networks from external threats |
| Network Interface Policy | Governance_Prepend | LON Firewall | 880 | |
| Router Configuration Policy | Security | LON Firewall | 200 | Defines standardized configurations for routers |
| Guest Wi-Fi Access Policy | NAT | LON-Edge Firewall | 45 | |
| Voice Traffic QoS Policy | Security | NY3 Firewall, LON Firewall | 24 | Prioritizes voice traffic to maintain call quality |
| Data Loss Prevention (DLP) Policy | Security | DC-C Firewall | 400 | Prevents unauthorized sharing/leakage of sensitive data |
| EGRP Routing Policy | Security | LON-Edge Firewall | 200 | Governs the configuration and management of EGRP routing to optimize network performance |

Cisco Security Cloud Control

Data center A



Data center B



Public cloud





2024 Forrester Wave: Enterprise Firewall Solutions

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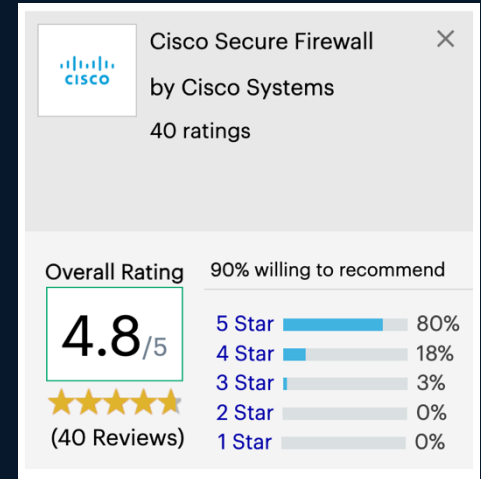
2025 IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Enterprise Hybrid Firewall

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Network Firewalls

SCORE LEADER*



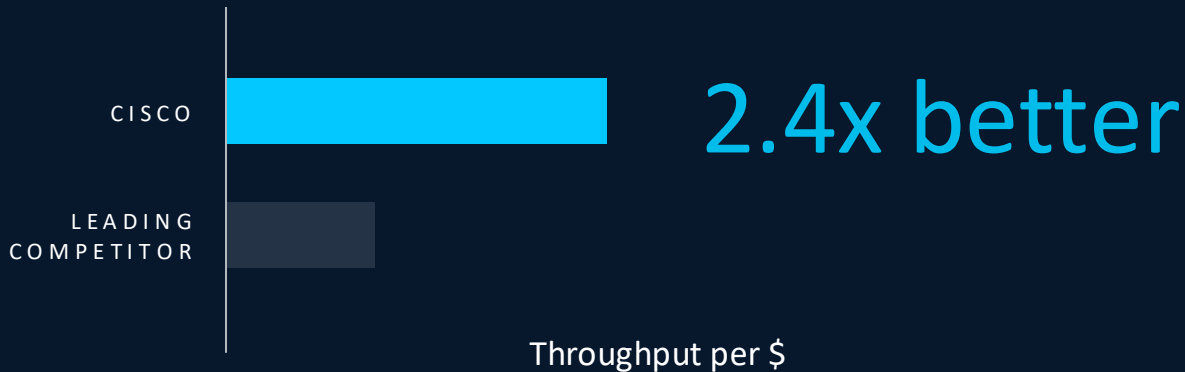
* Vs Palo Alto Networks 4.6, Fortinet 4.7. All scores for last 12 months as of Aug 19, 2025.

Cisco changes the economics of decryption

High-performance hardware offload architecture delivers price-performance leadership

NetSec OPEN

Testing validates Cisco's decryption advantage



¹ Table 2: Performance specifications and feature details, [Cisco Firewall 3100 Series Data Sheet](#)

² Table 11: HTTPS Throughput, [NetSecOPEN Certification Report, Fortinet](#)

Price from <https://www.cdw.com/search/?key=cisco%203105>

and <https://www.cdw.com/product/fortinet-fortigate-601f-security-appliance/7122512?pfm=srh>

A blue circular logo with a white border containing the letters 'AI' in white. The background of the slide features a blurred image of server racks with glowing blue and orange lights.

AI

Cisco Encrypted Visibility Engine

Visibility to malicious flows in encrypted traffic without decryption

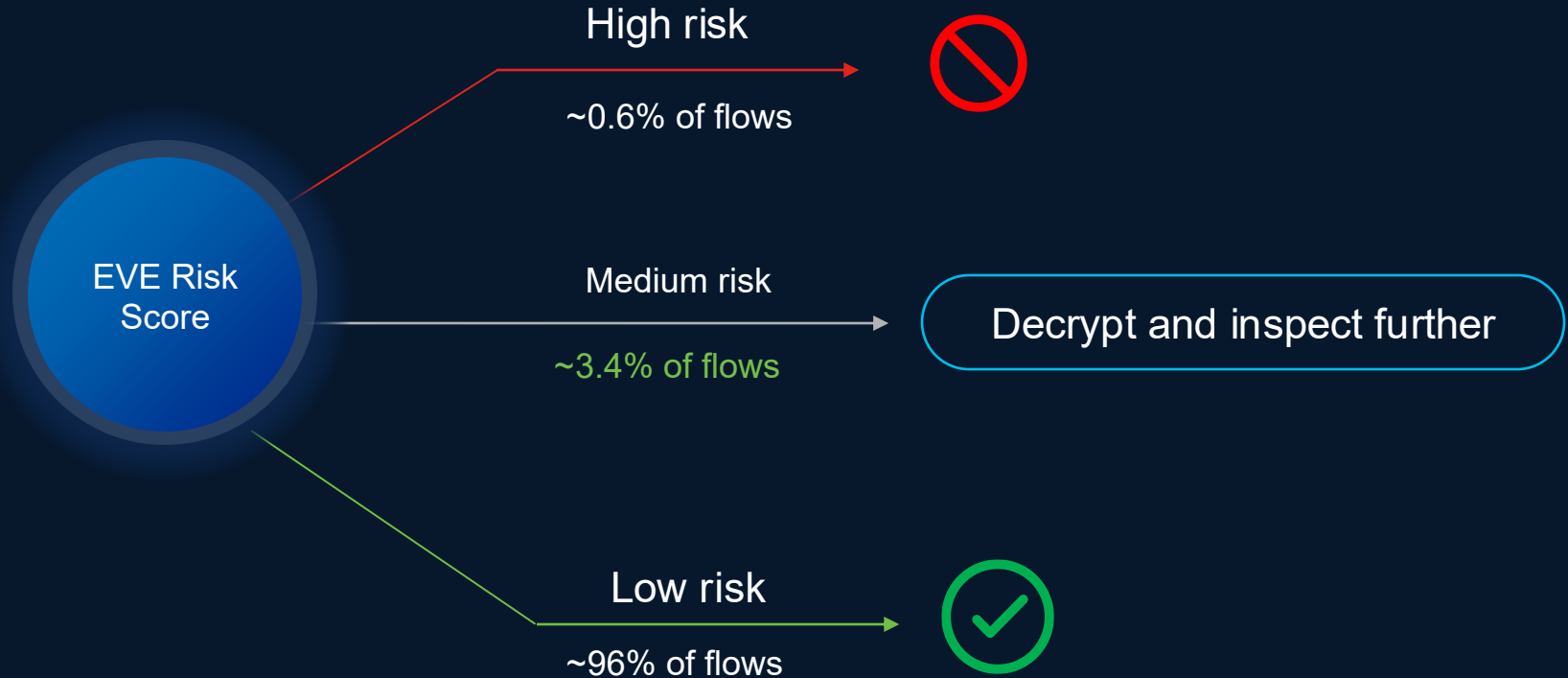
Machine learning
(ML) technology

Processes 1 B+
TLS fingerprints

Processes 10 K+
malware samples daily

Eve changes the game on decryption

Risk-based intelligent decryption, powered by Cisco Encrypted Visibility Engine (EVE)

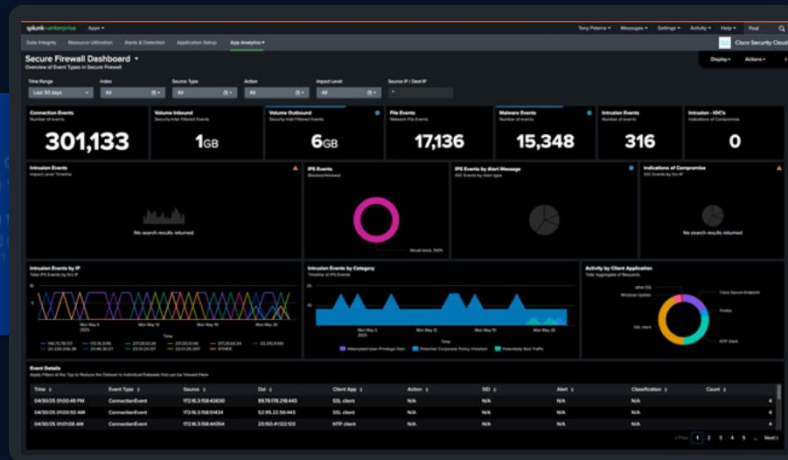


NEW

Security Insight, on Us

Free Cisco firewall logs to Splunk*

AVAILABLE AUGUST 2025



New detections | Automated response

*Ingest up to 5GB/device/day requires Firewall Threat Defense subscription and Splunk license

NEW

Flexibility to swap components

Cloud Protection Suite license

Gateways

Workloads

Secure
Firewall

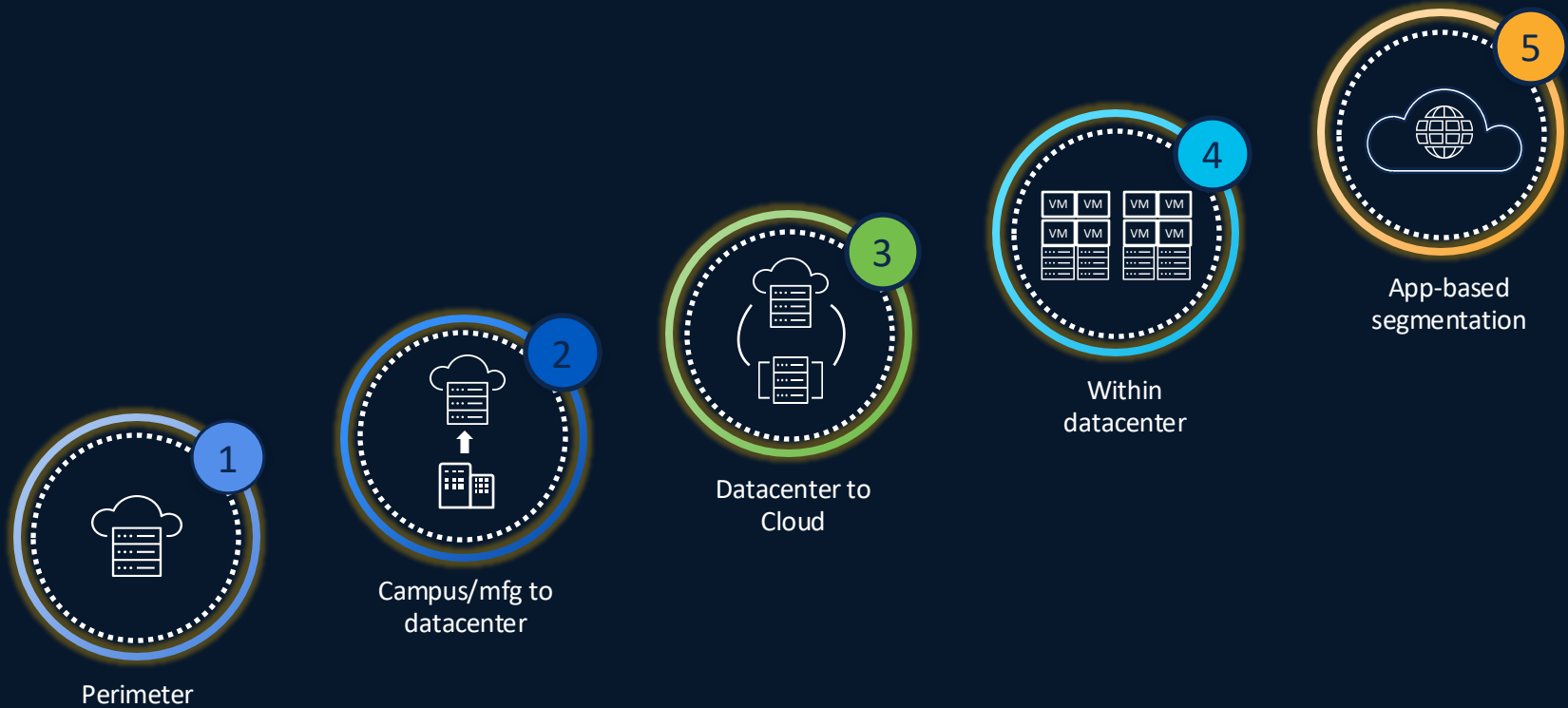
Multicloud
Defense

Secure
Workload

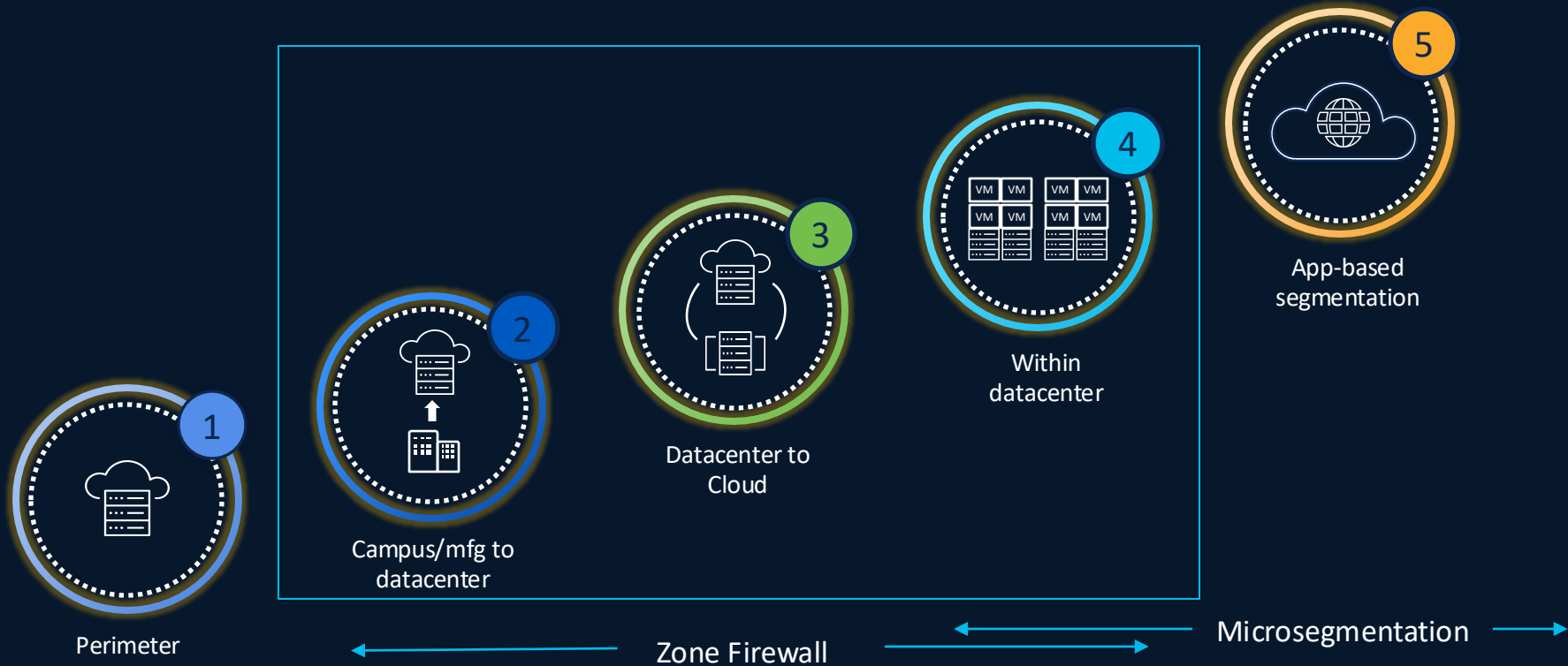
Isovalent
Enterprise

Hypershield

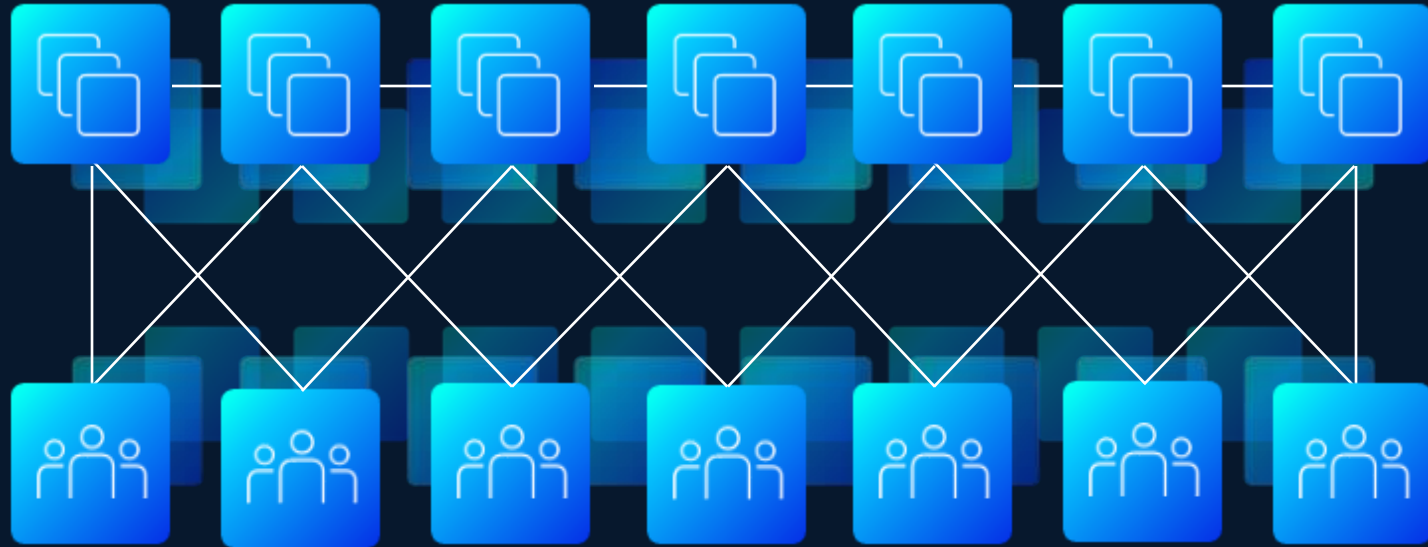
Segmentation that meets you where you are



Segmentation that meets you where you are



Know who is accessing what, and how apps are interacting



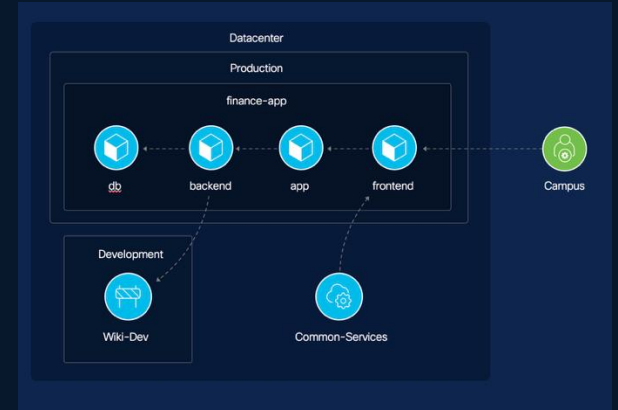
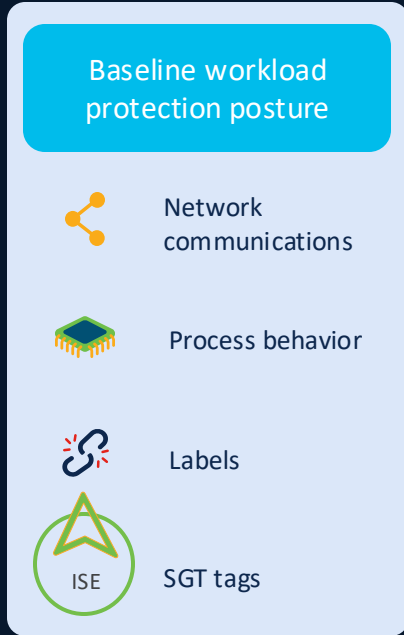
Segmentation

Network Segmentation

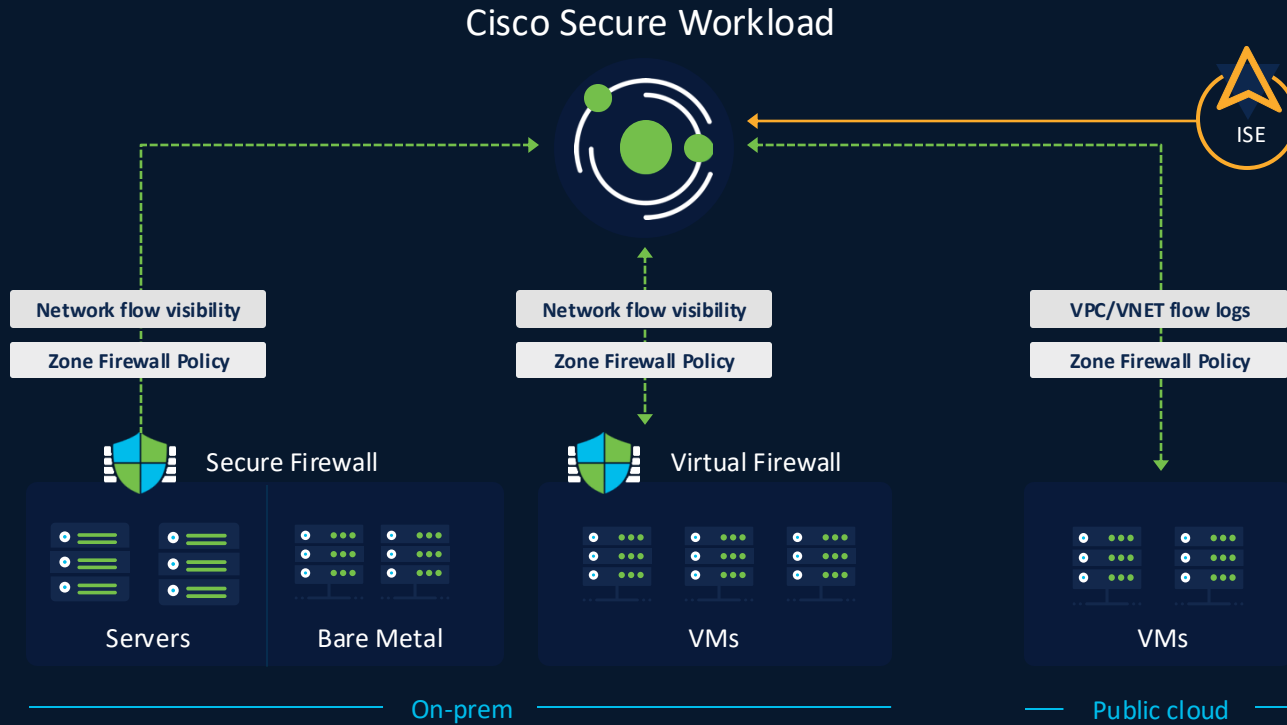
Microsegmentation

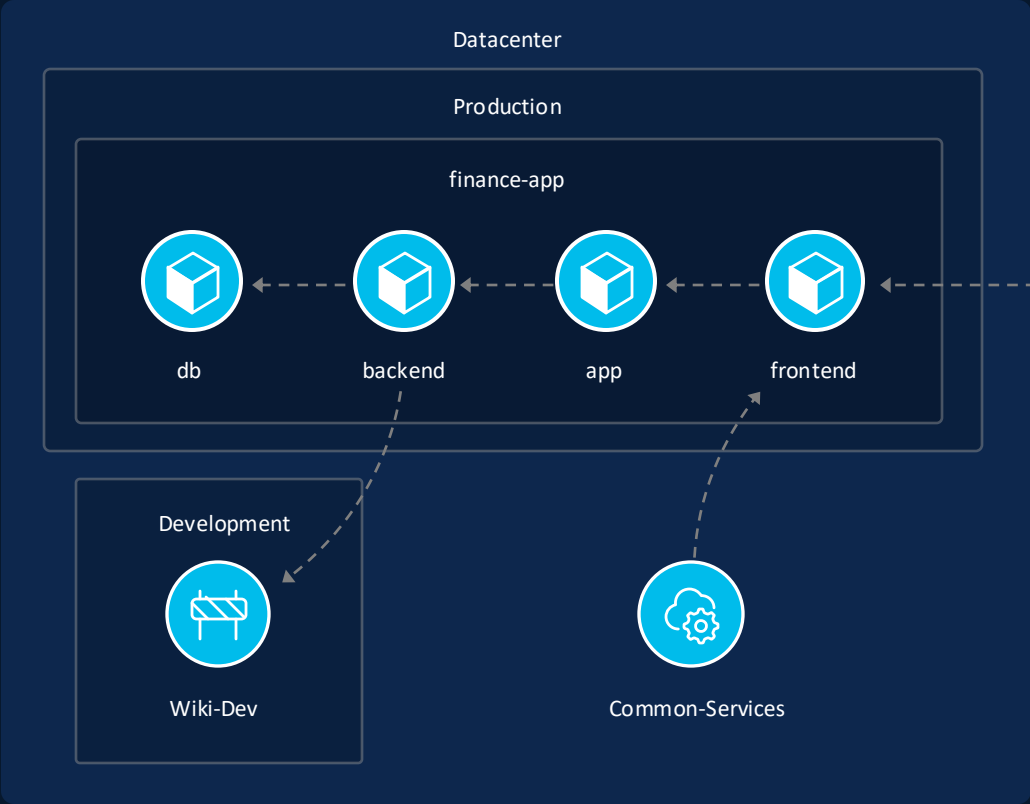
Kubernetes

Automated Application Policy Discovery



Agentless policy discovery and enforcement





| Priority ↓ | Action ↓ | Consumer ↓ | Provider ↓ | Protocols and Ports ↓ |
|------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 100 | ALLOW | tion : finance-app-agent | CSW-TME : Internet | UDP : 123 (NTP) ...1 more |
| 100 | ALLOW | db | CSW-TME : Internet | UDP : 53 (DNS) |
| 100 | ALLOW | tion : finance-app-agent | ter : Common-Services | ICMP |
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| 100 | ALLOW | tion : finance-app-agent | ion-Services : AD-DNS | ICMP ...1 more |
| 100 | ALLOW | backend | ent : Wiki-Development | TCP : 3306 (MySQL) |
| 100 | ALLOW | AcmeCorp : Users : Sales | app | TCP : 22 (SSH) |
| 100 | ALLOW | frontend | app | TCP : 8081 |
| 100 | ALLOW | nter : Common-Services | db | TCP : 22 (SSH) |
| 100 | ALLOW | db | db | TCP : 4567 |
| 100 | ALLOW | backend | db | TCP : 3306 (MySQL) |
| 100 | ALLOW | nter : Common-Services | frontend | TCP : 80 (HTTP) |
| 100 | ALLOW | -TME : AcmeCorp : Users | frontend | TCP : 80 (HTTP) |
| 100 | ALLOW | Corp : Users : Contractors | frontend | TCP : 80 (HTTP) |
| 100 | ALLOW | AcmeCorp : Users : Sales | frontend | TCP : 80 (HTTP) |
| 100 | ALLOW | Corp : Users : Developers | frontend | TCP : 80 (HTTP) |
| 100 | ALLOW | app | backend | TCP : 3306 (MySQL) |

Frontend → App

Backend → DB

App → Backend

We also understand things

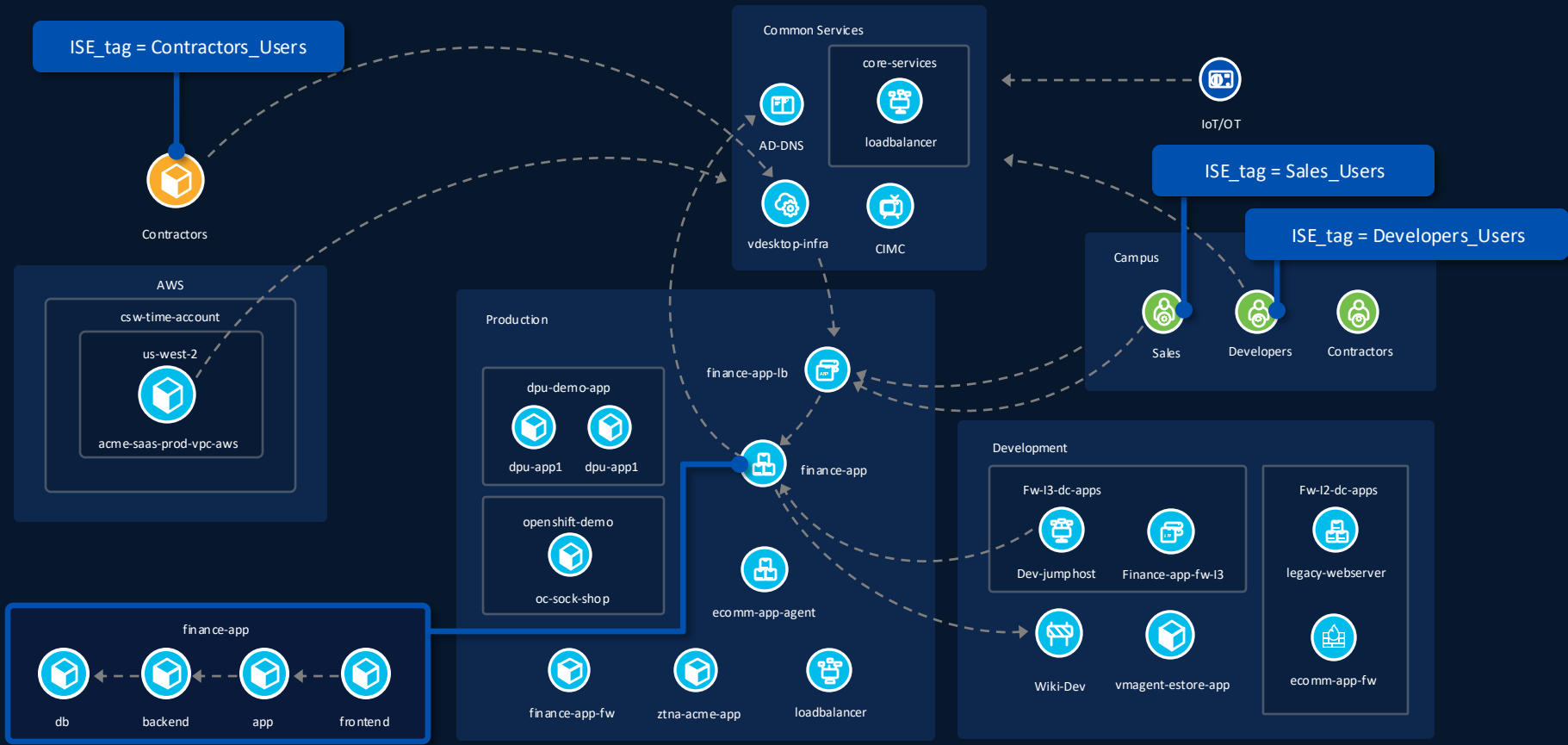


OS version | Mac ID | OPSWAT checks | DHCP | Traffic flows | DNS and certificate

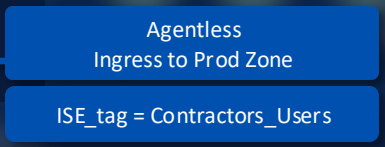
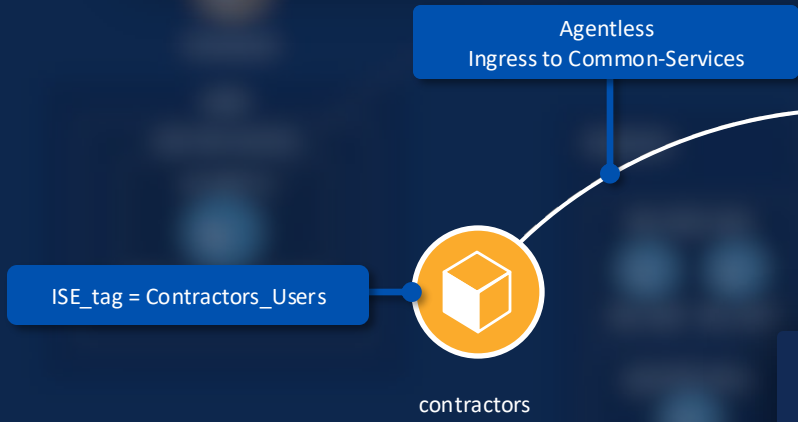
IOT Device

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| 10.40.100.61 | 68-3A-1E-53-7... | slc-lab-m... | Location... | Cisco-Meraki-Device | Cisco Meraki | |
| 10.40.100.62 | 68-3A-1E-53-7... | slc-lab-m... | Location... | Cisco-Meraki-Device | Cisco Meraki | |
| | lee@tme-csw.lab | | Datacenter | Windows11-Workstati... | Intel Corporate | |
| 10.40.100.61 | tme-csw\lee | winlaptop2 | Location... | Windows11-Workstati... | CE LINK LIMITED | Windows 11 Pro |
| | jorgquin@tme-c... | | Datacenter | OS_X_Catalina-Works... | Apple, Inc. | OS X |

Windows Device



| Action | Source | Destination | Protocols / Ports |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Allow | contractors-users | vdesktop-infra | TCP: 443 |



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|--------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
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Universal ZTNA from Cisco

SD-WAN

+

Security
Service Edge

+

Identity
Intelligence

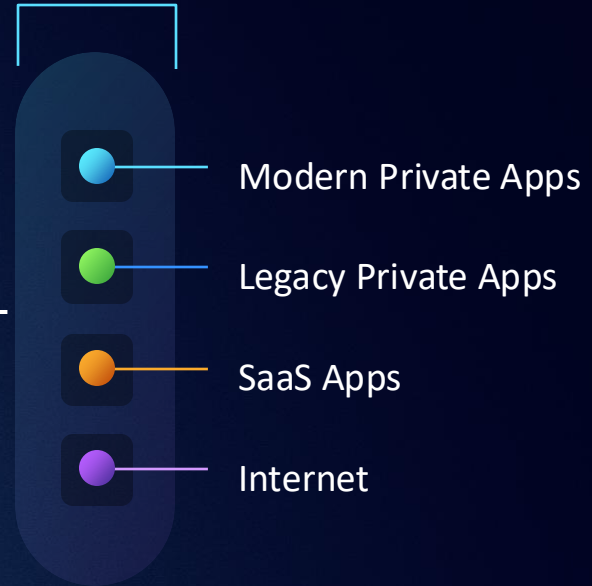
SINGLE VENDOR SASE

Seamless Access



We handle the plumbing

Go to work



Cisco's modern PoP architecture

Leverages MASQUE/QUIC, Vector Packet Processing (VPP), and a global peering



Low Latency



POP Network

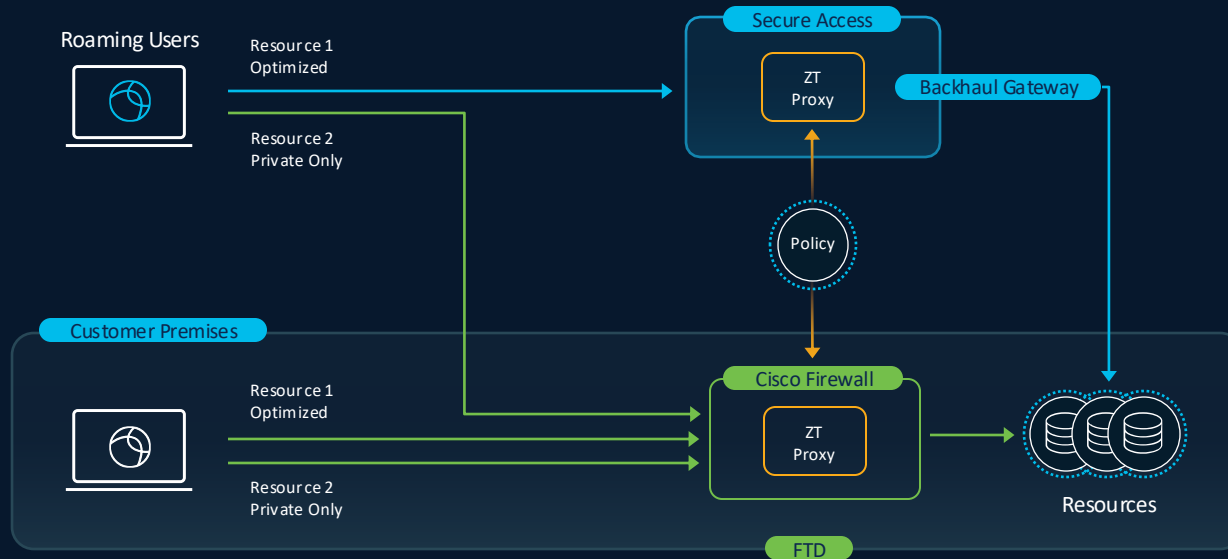


High
Throughput

Optimized
Backbone

Hybrid Private Access for flexible enforcement*

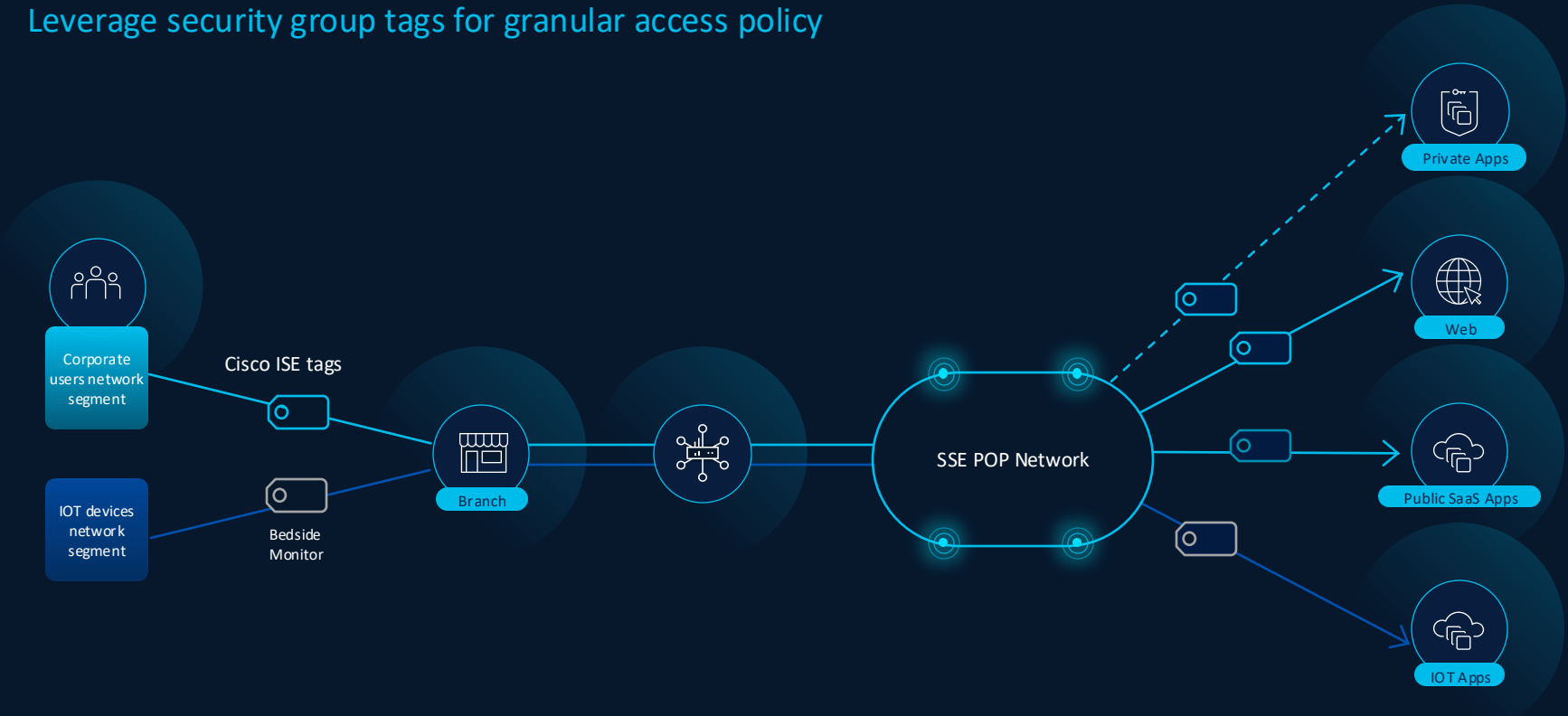
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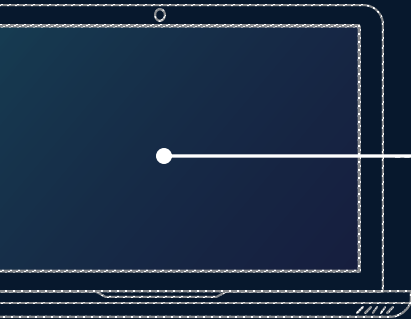
Enforce zero trust using identity context

Leverage security group tags for granular access policy



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End-to-end visibility with Digital Experience Monitoring



Client



VERIFYING PERFORMANCE

WiFi



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Broadband

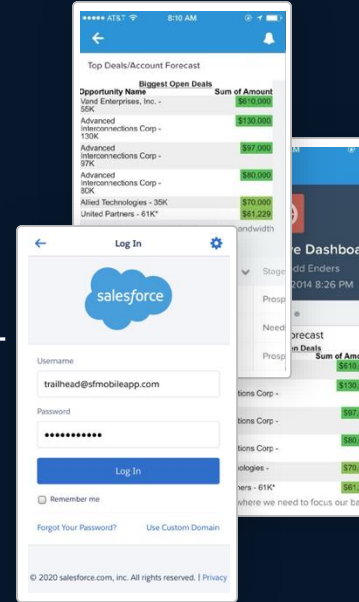


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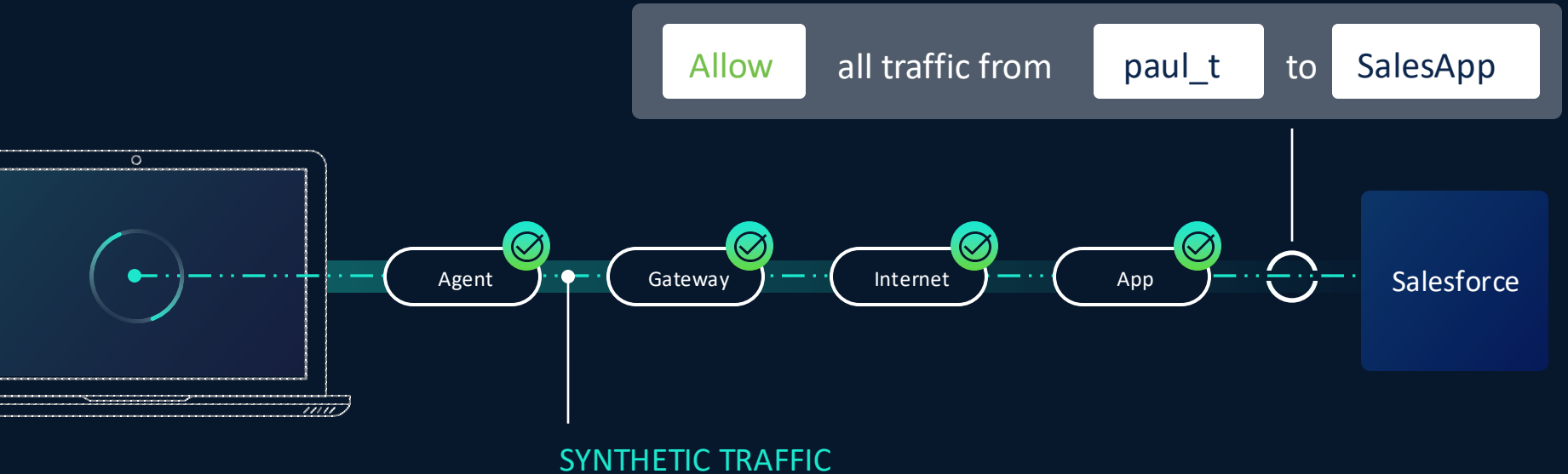
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Historical performance and recommendations

Policy Assurance*

Positive Policy: Verified

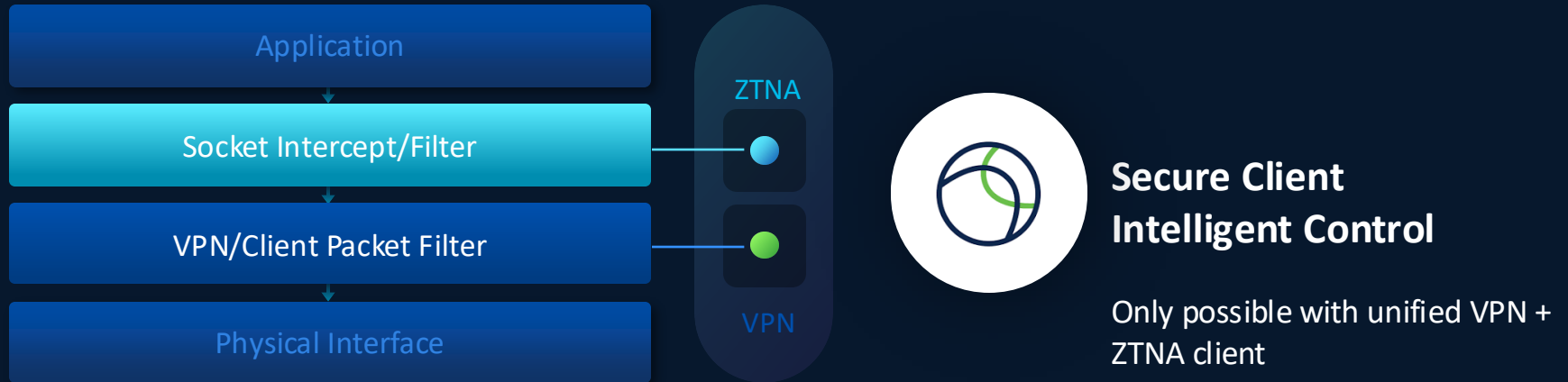


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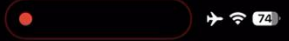
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ZTNA and VPN coexistence and fallback

DNS interception and socket intercept




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Cisco Secure Client

PRIMARY VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK

- AnyConnect VPN 
- Connections Amsterdam >
- Details Connecting... >



Home



Settings



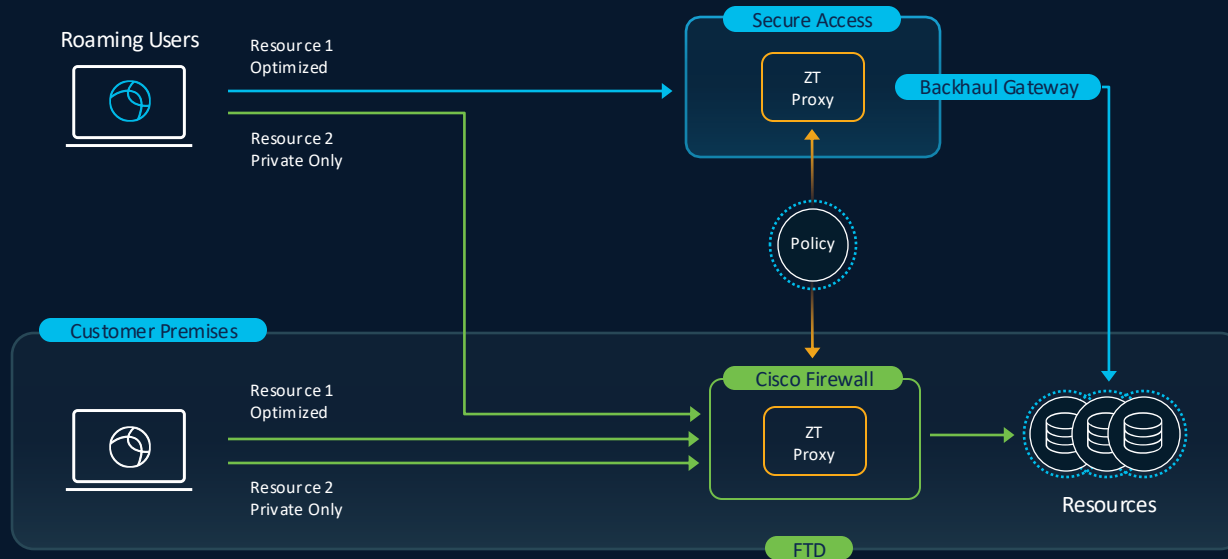
Diagnostics



About

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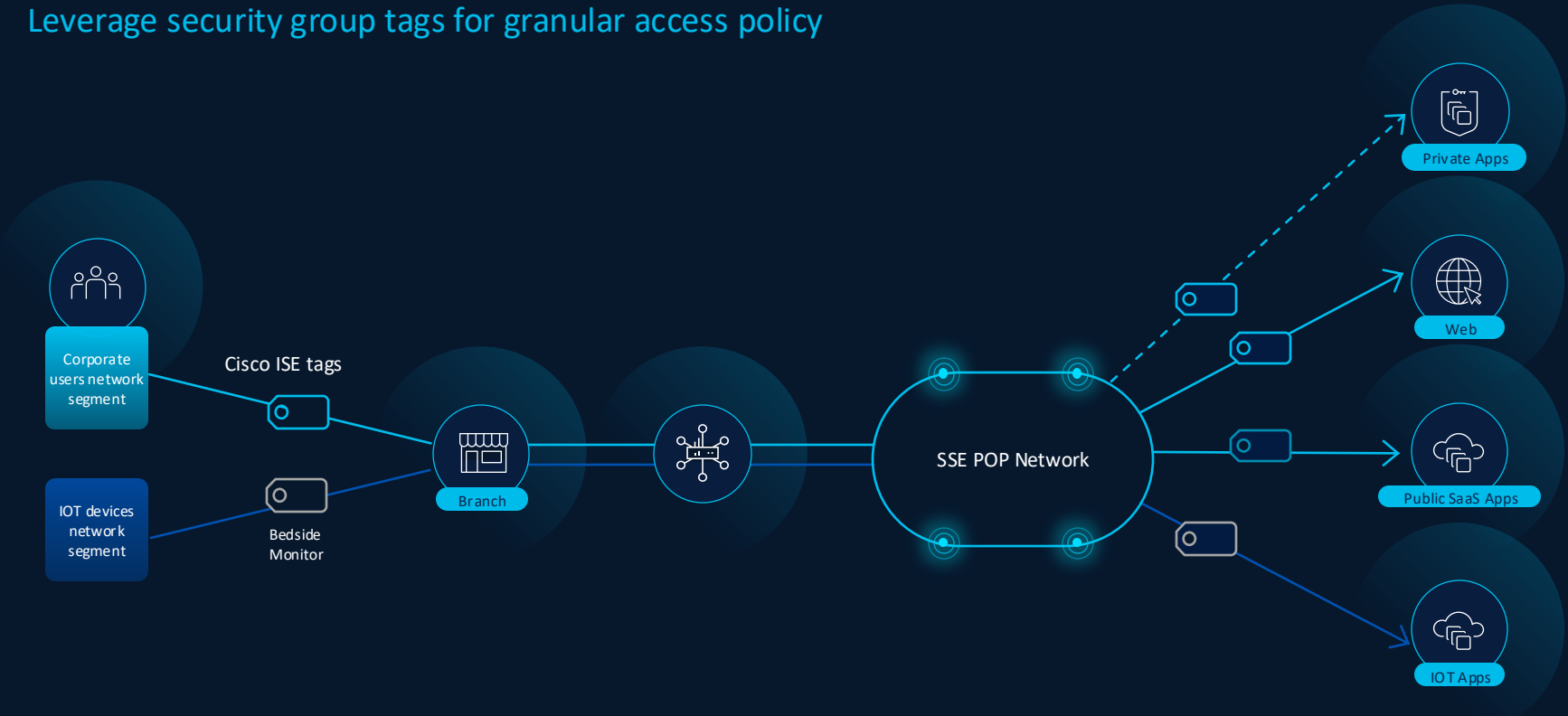
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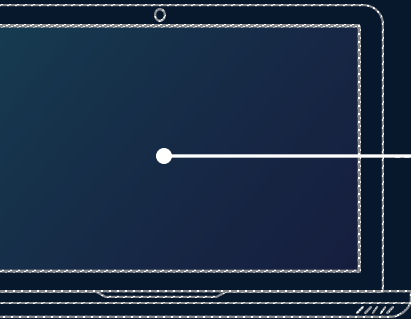
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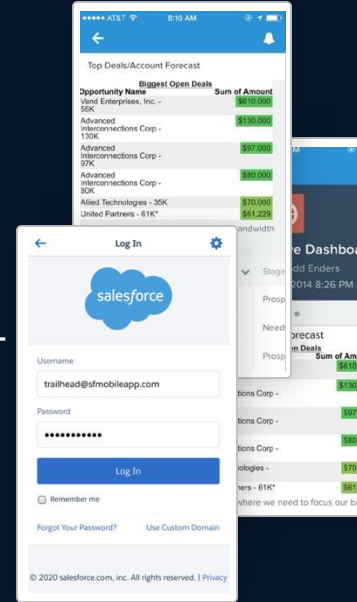


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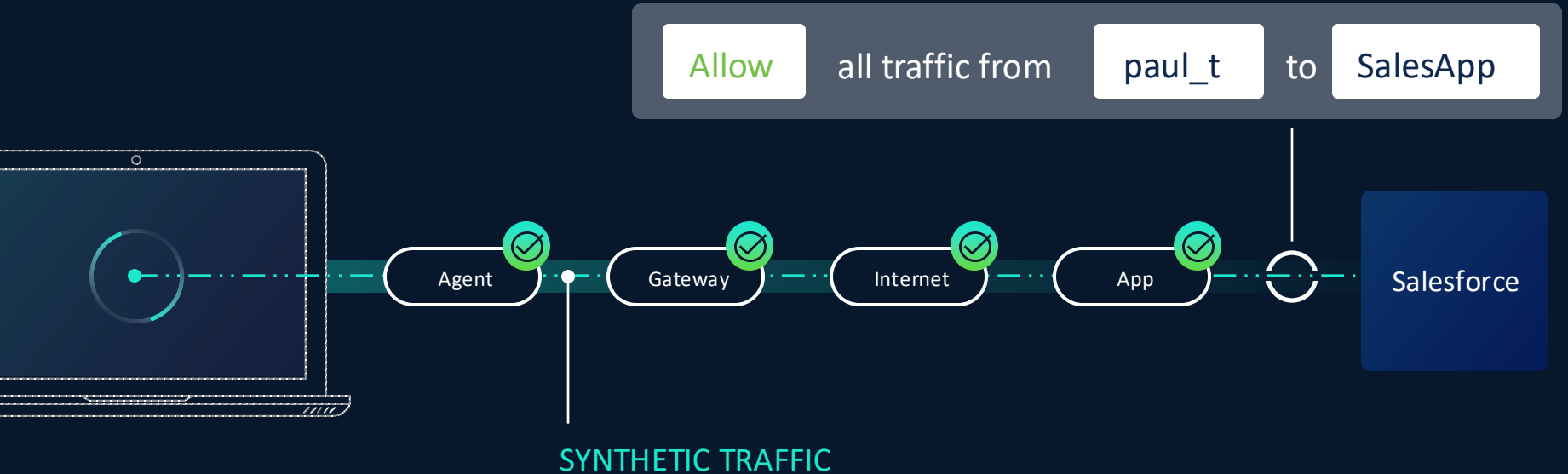
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Summary

Universal Zero Trust Network Access

Cloud Management (Security Cloud Control)

Extend
Identity Context

Identity
Intelligence/MFA



ISE & SD-WAN
integration



Unify
Application Access

Secure Internet
Access



Secure Private
Access



Build
Operational Resilience

Digital Experience
Monitoring



Policy
Assurance



SD-WAN

Firewall/Network Infrastructure

Splunk
Cisco XDR



Telemetry

