

# Simplifying The Hybrid Work Experience with Cisco Secure Access

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# What are you in for?

- Changing access requirements
- Where we are at
- Introducing Cisco Secure Access
- Secure Internet Access
- Private Application Access
- If you're not ready for ZTNA
- Client-based access
- QUIC and MASQUE
- Clientless access
- Streamlining operations
- Putting it all together

# About Me



## Las Vegas, NV

Originally from Buffalo, NY, prior US Army Satcom Operator.

## 15 years in IT

Military, DoD contracting, Advanced Services

## 8 years with Cisco Security

Advanced Services/Customer Experience, XDR Incubation Team, SLED West Solutions Engineer

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To name a few. Working on CCIE Security currently.

## Movies, Tinkering

Family time, Marvel, home-renovation projects, other IT projects, educating and mentoring

# Changing access requirements

# Hybrid work. Cloud/SaaS explosion. Unabated threats.

Need to reduce the attack surface and enforce least privilege access



**49%**

Employees are  
remote/hybrid users



**53%**

Remote/hybrid  
workers using DIA



**55%**

Traffic to/from off-premises,  
cloud-based facilities

Capacity constraints. User frustration (opting out). Security gaps.

# What Organizations Have Done to Adapt

New high-volume  
remote/hybrid work  
environment



- Majority have ramped up their current on-premise VPN solution



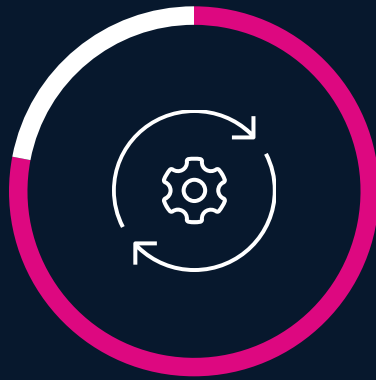
- Some have adopted ZTNA (but still have on-premise VPN)

# Why are users so frustrated?



**52%**

Repeated authentication /verification



**45%**

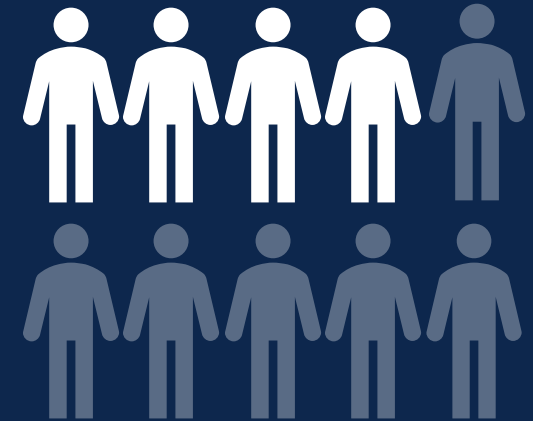
Having to choose method to connect based on the app



**50%**

Number of steps to get to the app they need

User fatigue opens the door for successful attacks

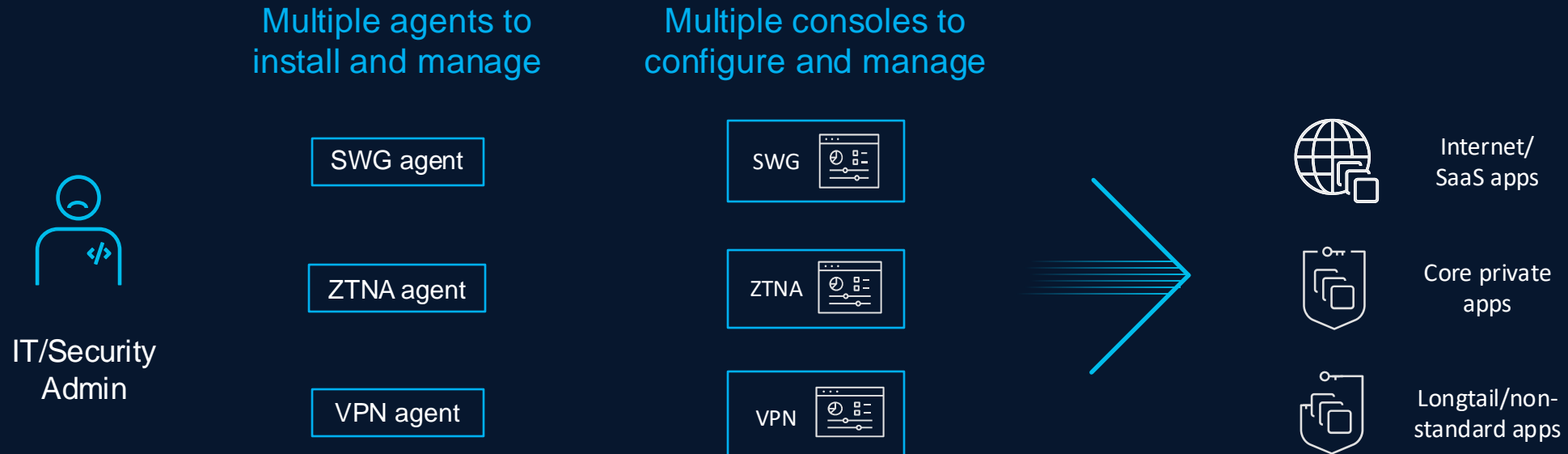


**40%**

Of remote/hybrid users have bypassed recommended VPN use in the past

# Operational and Security Challenges Remain for IT

Multi-vendor/tool approach increases complexity and overhead



- Licenses/hardware
- Cumbersome deployments
- Increased attack surface

- App support limitations
- Suboptimal performance
- Additional user training and support

65%

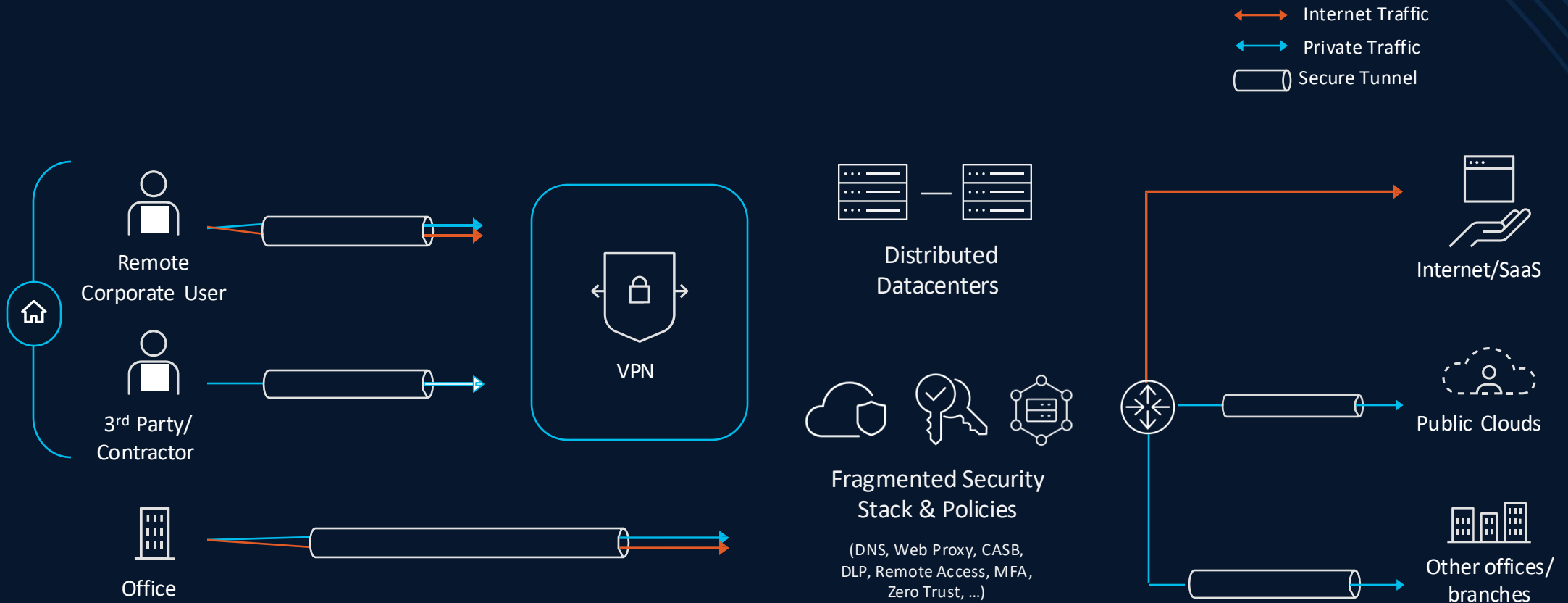
of enterprises plan on consolidating vendors for better risk posture



# Where we are at



# An architecture never designed for hybrid work



Poor user experience  
Lower productivity

Large sets of individual solutions and vendors  
Complexity of operations and costs

Gaps in security posture born out of  
complexity and fragmentation

# What customers want in a remote access solution

## Addresses IT/security challenges

- Security for all apps (not some)
- Simplified deployment and configuration
- Unified security platform with one console
- Obfuscate resources

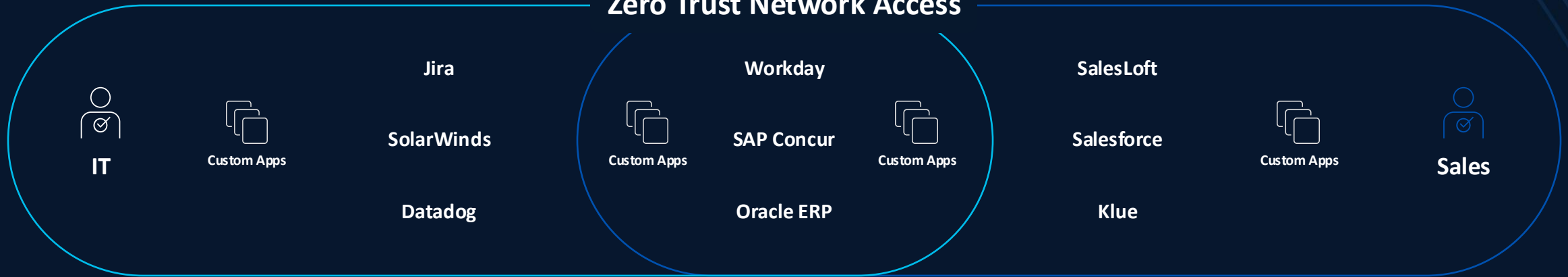
## Addresses user challenges

- Simple user experience with seamless access to private/SaaS apps, internet
- No need to know if/when to use VPN
- Faster performance
- Intelligent, not highly-repetitive authentication tasks

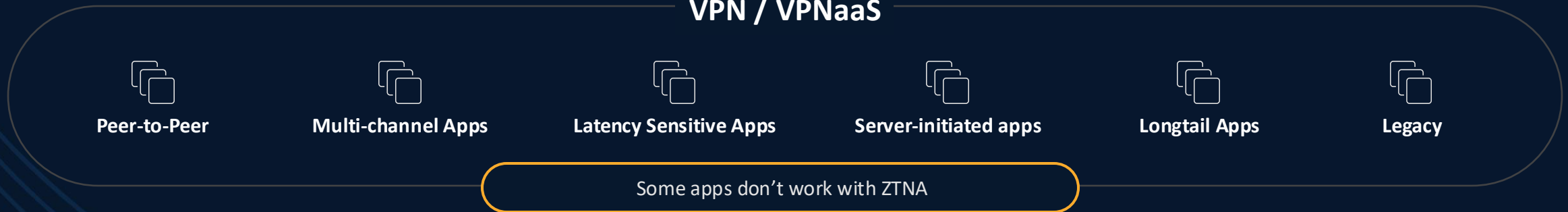
Cover all private apps over any port or protocol

# ZTNA Delivers, But Can't Cover All Scenarios

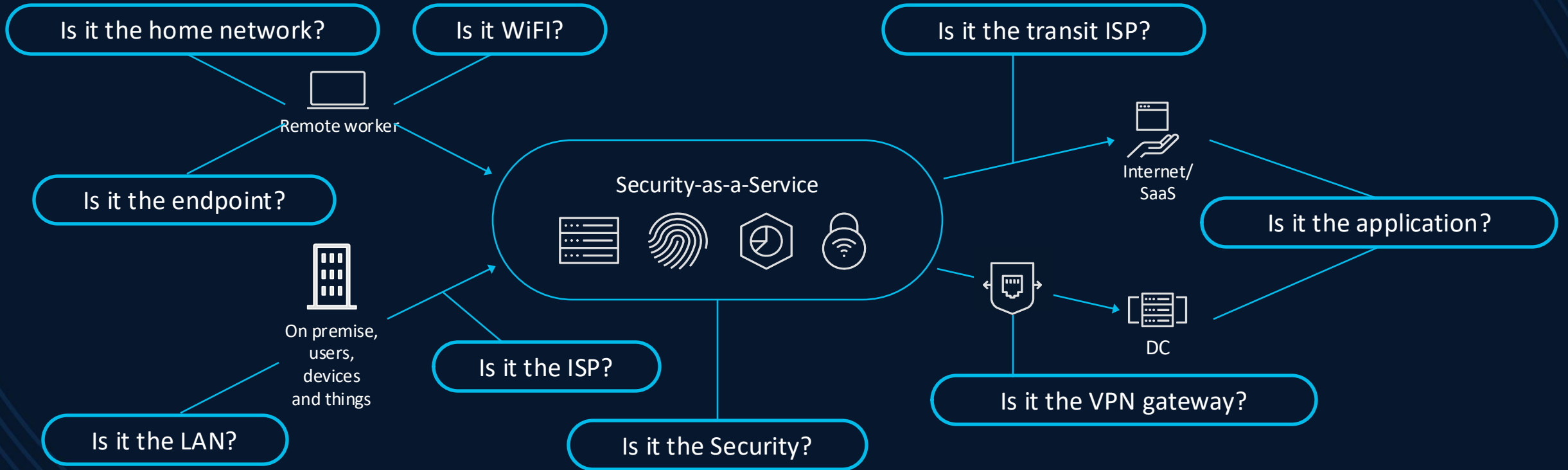
## Zero Trust Network Access



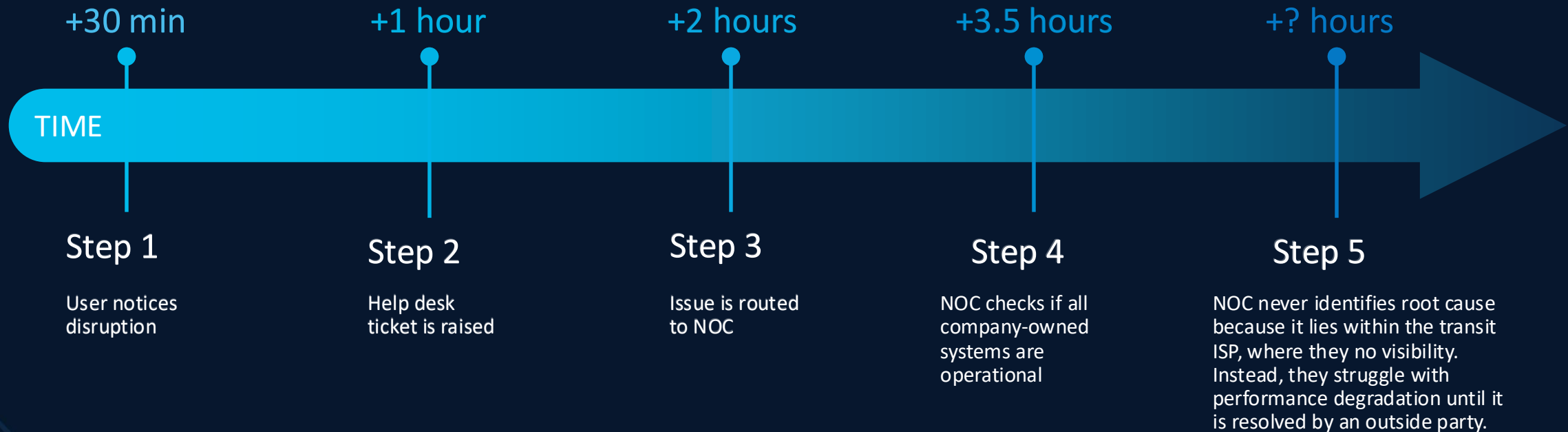
## VPN / VPNaaS



# Troubleshooting the hybrid work experience



# Lack of end-to-end visibility increases mean time to resolution



# Introducing Cisco Secure Access



# ZTNA for the ultimate in secure private access

Least privileged access

Efficient and secure access  
to all private apps

- ✓ Groundbreaking security
- ✓ Incredibly easy to use
- ✓ Synergistic with VPNaaS

- Per user/app access control protects resources
- Frictionless user experience boosts productivity
- Continuous posture checks for user compliance
- Obfuscate resources to prevent discovery
- Unified dashboard enables operational simplicity
- Optimized throughput for superior performance

Cisco Secure Access ZTNA plus VPNaaS in one common experience



# Cisco Secure Access

Go beyond core Secure Service Edge (SSE) to better connect and protect your business

## Core SSE



Secure Web Gateway (SWG)



Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB) and DLP



Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA)



Firewall as a Service (FWaaS) and IPS



Cisco delivers the core and more in a single subscription...



DNS Security



Multimode DLP



Advanced Malware protection



Sandbox



Talos Threat Intelligence



VPN as a Service



Digital Experience Monitoring\*



Remote Browser Isolation

## Add-on solutions



SD-WAN



XDR

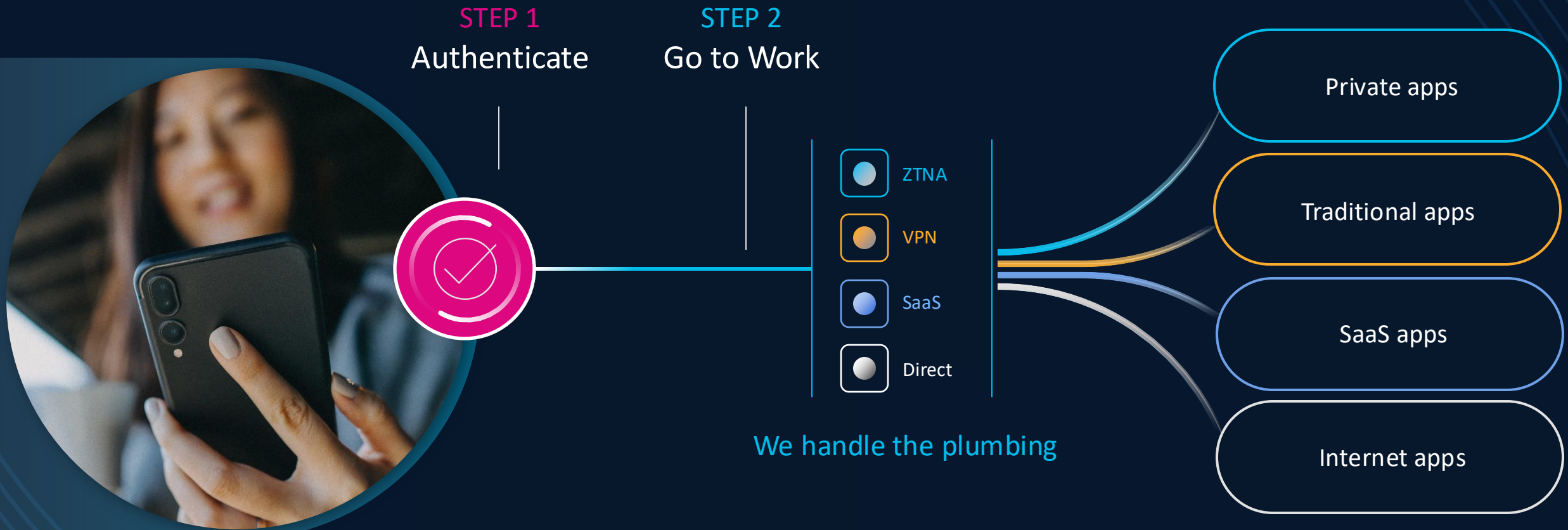


Duo MFA/SSO



CSPM

# Seamless user to app Zero Trust



# Cisco Secure Client

Suite of security service enablement modules



AnyConnect VPN (Core)

ZTA Module

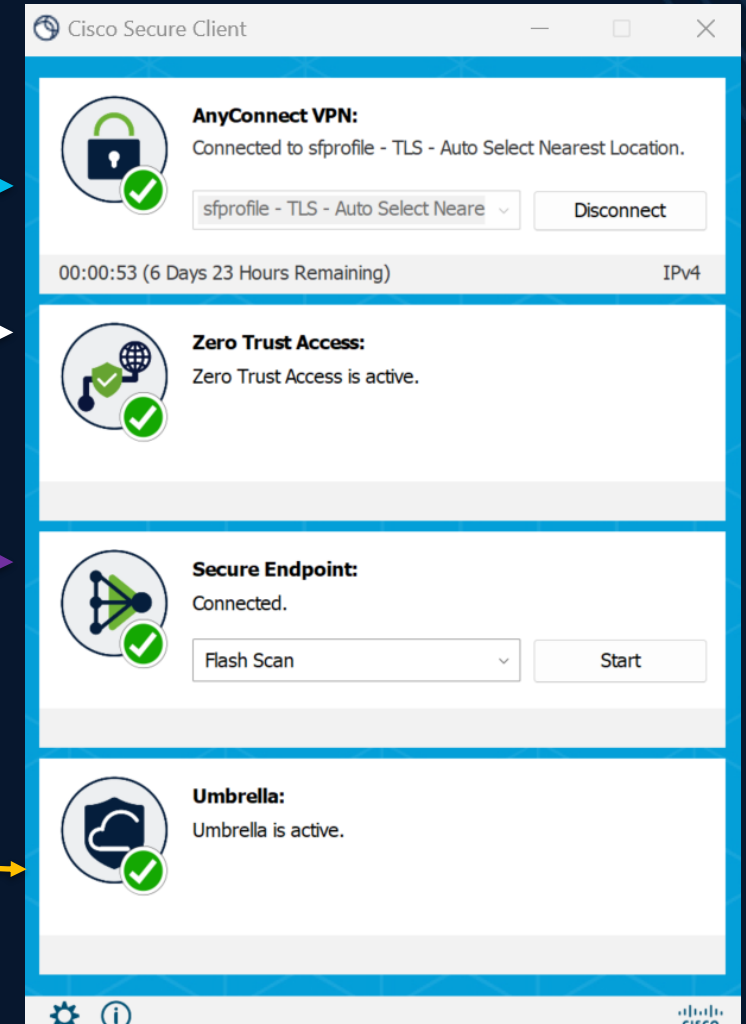
Secure Endpoint (AMP)

Roaming Module

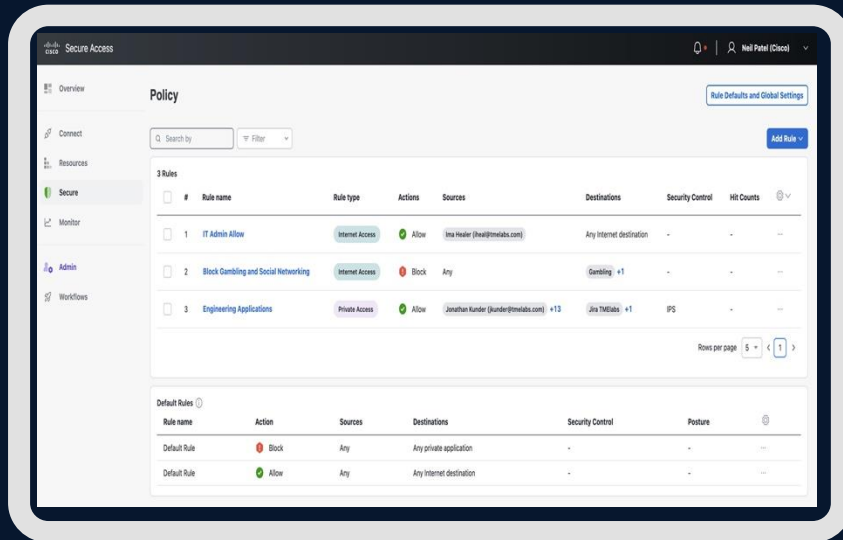
Thousand Eyes (No UI)

Cloud Management Module (No UI)

Diagnostic and Reporting (DART)



# Cisco Secure Access: Easier for IT



Higher efficiency

Lower costs

- *Single* agent, console and policy engine, identity and posture
- Digital Experience Monitoring (DEM)
- Single SLA
- Consolidated licensing
- Less hardware
- Ecosystem

One place to see traffic, set policies, and analyze risk.

**Secure** [X]

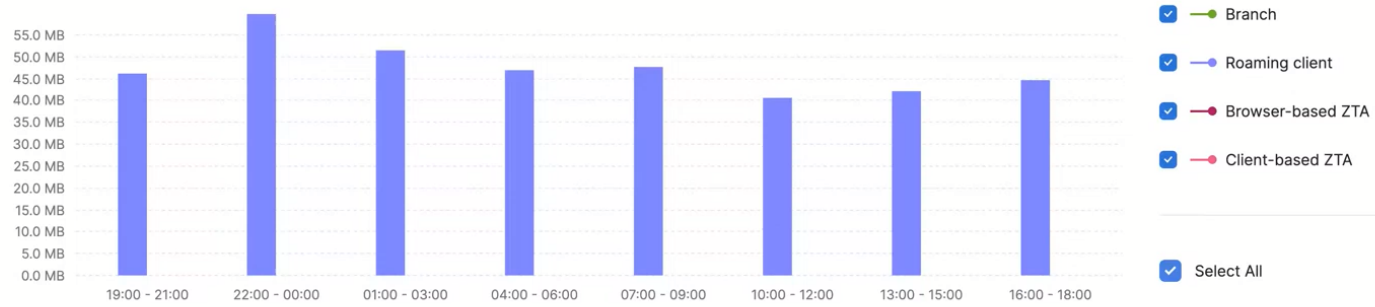
- Home
- Experience Insights
- Connect
- Resources
- Secure**
  - Policy
    - Access Policy
    - Data Loss Prevention Policy
  - Profiles
    - Endpoint Posture Profiles
    - IPS Profiles
    - Security Profiles
  - Settings
    - Threat Categories
    - Notification Pages
    - Do Not Decrypt Lists
    - Certificates
    - Data Classification
- Monitor
- Admin
- Workflows

usage, and health metrics for your organization. Use this information to address security threats and monitor system usage. [Help](#)

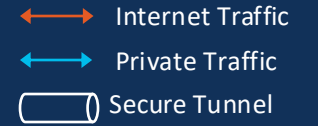
with no associated private resources. To assign resources, navigate to [Connector Groups](#)

Resource connector groups 2 total

2 Connected



# User based Traffic Acquisition Methods



Managed Endpoint

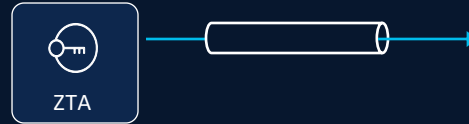


Unmanaged Endpoint



## VPNaaS

- Authentication & Posture @ Connect time
- DTLS Tunnel
- Carry Internet & Private Traffic (All ports & protocols)
- SAML, (+) Cert, & (+) Multi-Cert Authentication



## ZTA Module

- Authentication & Posture per session
- QUIC tunnel (MASQUE proxy)
- Carry **Private Traffic** (All ports & protocols)
- SAML Auth + Auto re-new



## Web Roaming Module

- Device Enrollment (profile)
- Carry Internet Web Traffic (80/443)



## Clientless ZTA

- Accessible from any browser that supports SAML/Cookies
- Request based posture (browser version, OS)
- Web Apps Only

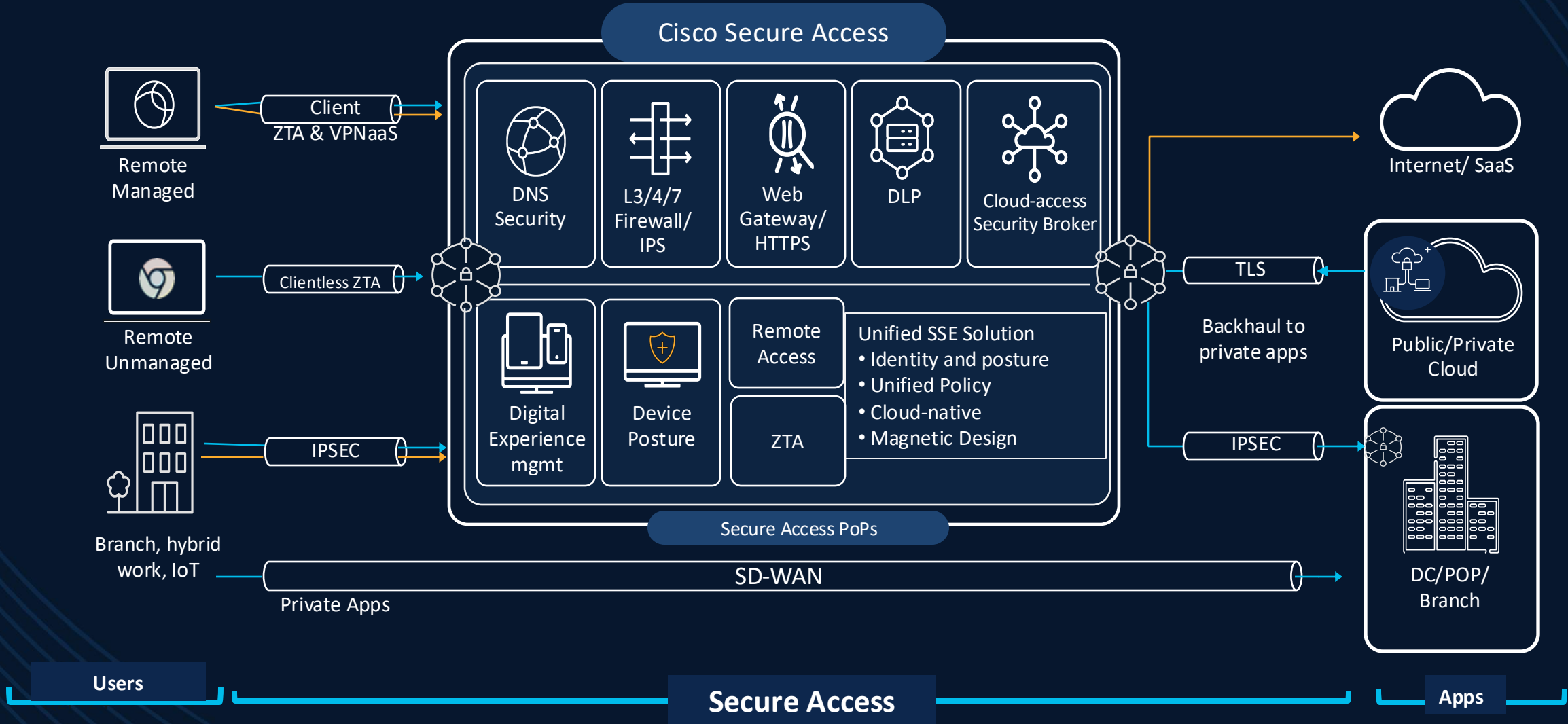
# Secure Internet Access





# Cisco Secure Access

## Capabilities view

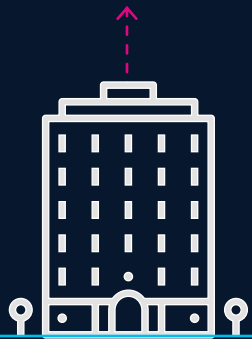




# Flexible SIG connection methods



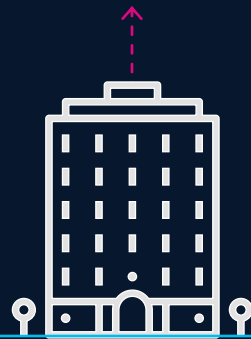
IPsec  
tunnel\*  
FW & Web



HQ & Branch



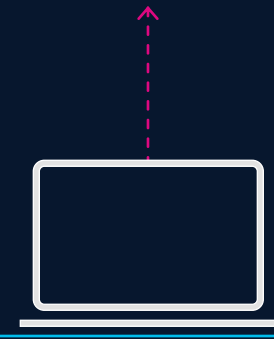
Proxy chain or  
Cloud PAC File  
Web only



HQ & Branch

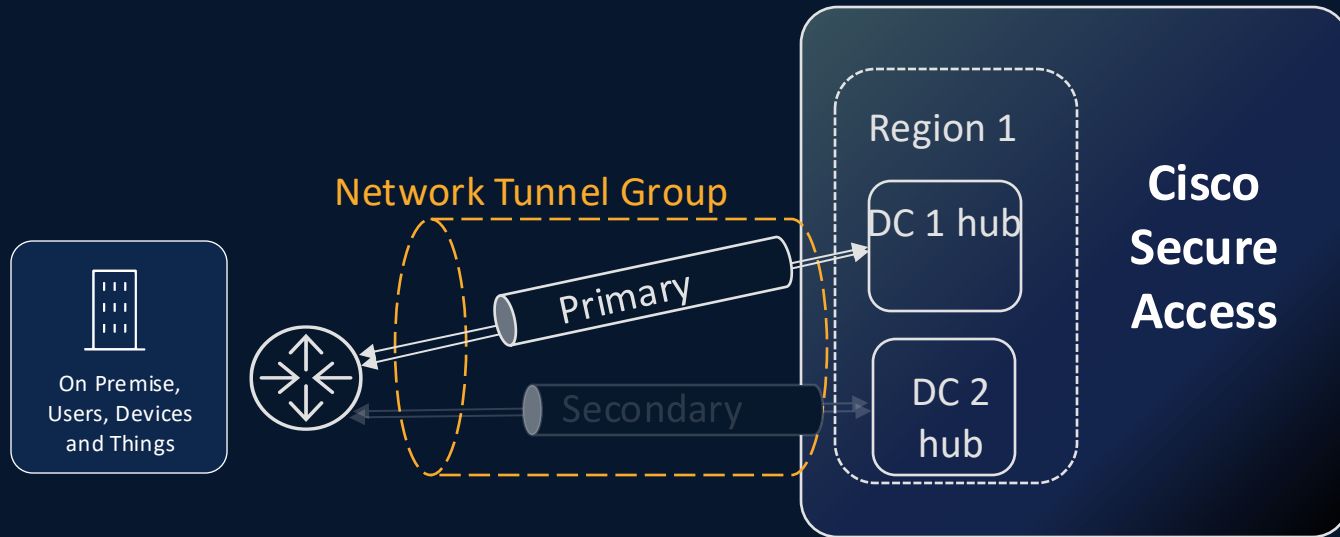


Cisco Secure Client  
Web & DNS



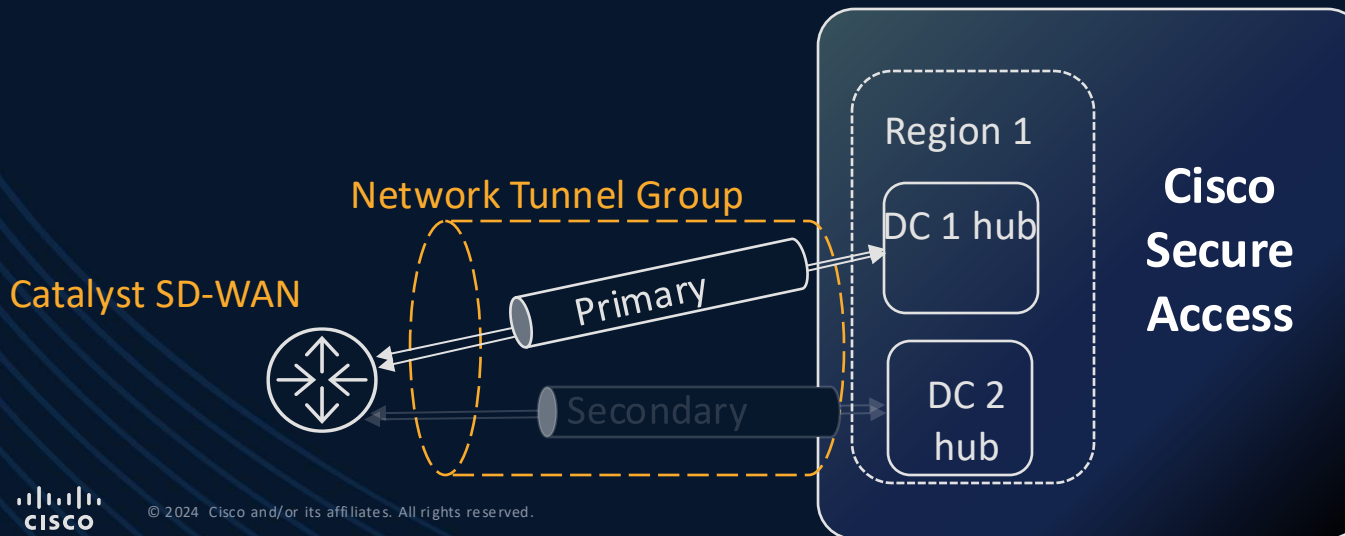
Roaming

# Branch



## Site-to-site Tunnels with IPsec

- Standards-based IPsec connection
- Single tunnel for Internet and private application access
- Static or BGP routing support
- Auto failover for redundancy + ECMP for scale
- Regional redundancy
- Outbound NAT support for internet only tunnels

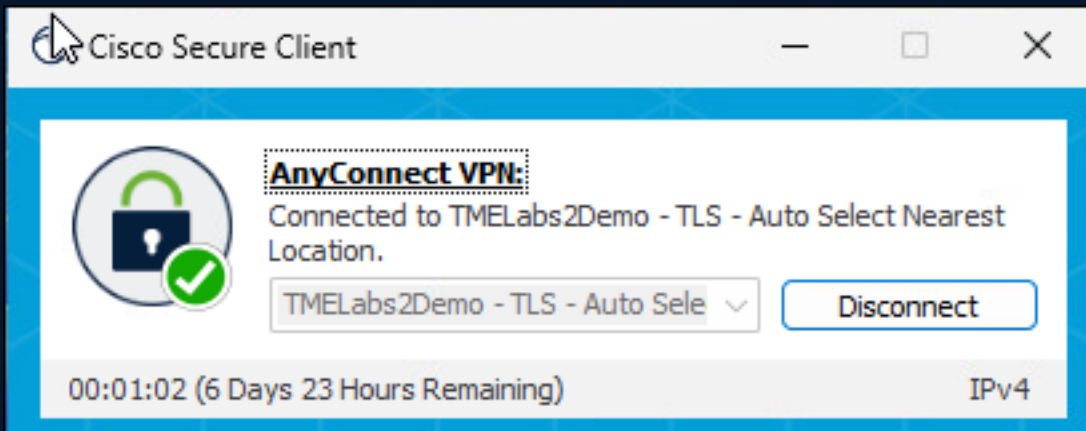


## Catalyst SD-WAN

- Auto tunnel creation from Catalyst SD-WAN manager (version 20.13/17.13)
- 1GB per tunnel
- Up to 8 active, 8 backup per tunnel group
- Tunnels for **Internet** access only
- Outbound NAT
- SD-WAN tracker support for regional redundancy

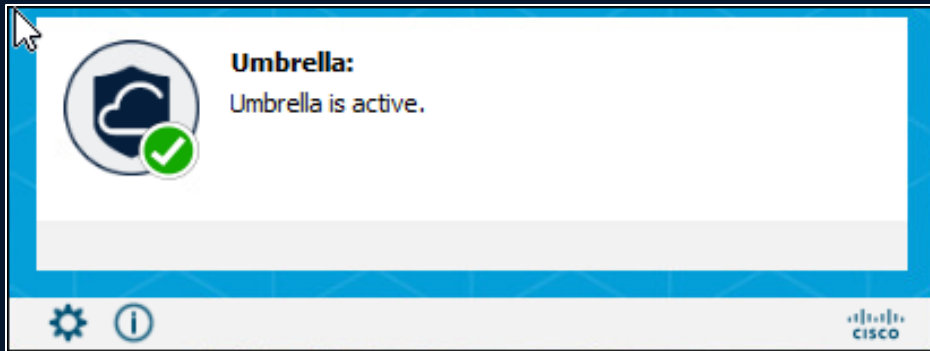
# Remote Access VPN

- Full or split-tunnel options are available
- Same deployment as the private access use-case
- Web traffic is evaluated by Cloud Firewall and Secure Web Gateway
  - Snort IDP/IPS
  - Layer 3-7 firewall rules
  - Data Loss Prevention
  - Anti-malware
  - Tenant controls
  - CASB
- Non-web traffic is evaluated by Cloud Firewall
  - Snort IDP/IPS
  - Layer 3-7 firewall rules



Cisco Secure Client 5.1 (formerly AnyConnect)

# Roaming Security Module



Cisco Secure Client 5.1 (formerly AnyConnect)

- Redirects DNS and HTTP(s)
  - DNS is sent over DNSCrypt
  - HTTP/s is converted to explicit proxy requests
  - HTTP only redirected on TCP 80/443
- Exceptions for destinations added in dashboard
  - Local domain suffix is excluded
  - Same exemptions apply to PAC file deployment
  - Download and deploy OrgInfo file from dashboard
- Dual stack is supported but not native IPv6
- Authentication occurs using UPN of the logged-in user

<https://docs.sse.cisco.com/sse-user-guide/docs/roaming-security-module-requirements>

<https://docs.sse.cisco.com/sse-user-guide/docs/download-the-orginfo-json>



Search Google or type a URL

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- Add shortcut

# Tenant Controls



Select the instance(s) of core SaaS applications that can be accessed by all users or by specific groups/individuals

- ✓ Cisco.com  
Corporate instance
- ✗ Deb Smith  
Personal instance
- ✗ Bob Jones  
Personal instance

## Key use cases

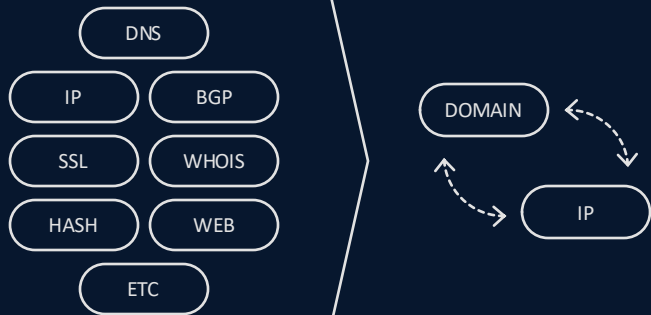
### Security





Ensure, sensitive data is created and stored in approved instances of cloud apps








### Productivity

Only provide access to corporate instances of core SaaS apps

# Multi-faceted threat intel



-  1. Lexical  
Live DGA prediction
-  2. Anomaly detection  
Newly seen domains
-  3. DNS tunnelling
-  4. Graph-based  
Co-occurrence model

-  **Botnet** 1 | 2 | 4
-  **Crimeware** 3 | 4
-  **Exploit Kit** 2 | 4
-  **Phishing** 1 | 2 | 4
-  **Ransomware** 2 | 4
-  **Spam** 2 | 4
-  **Trojan** 2 | 3 | 4

Secure Access  
DNS



Investigate



# Secure Access: protecting the usage of AI

Protect intellectual property as it flows in and out of AI systems

## Threat Visibility

Discover and  
Assess Activities

## Leakage Prevention

DLP Inspection of  
Prompts/Uploads

## Threat Prevention

Block Apps and  
Control Downloads

Discovers and controls over **70** Gen AI apps (including APIs)



# Cisco Talos Threat Intelligence

Unmatched visibility  
across the threat  
landscape  
powered by experts,  
data, and Gen AI



715B security events/**day**



~9M emails blocked/**hour**



~2,000 new samples/**minute**



~2,000 domains blocked/**second**

# Multimode DLP: Inbound and Outbound for ChatGPT

Empowers our customers to monitor and, if necessary, block content generated by ChatGPT

- Scan ChatGPT responses (i.e., inbound traffic) for any type of generated content.
- Stop users from using AI-generated source code to prevent the usage of copyrighted or unsafe code

The screenshot shows the 'Destinations' configuration page. At the top, there's a title 'Destinations' and a subtitle 'Manage destination lists and vetted applications for this rule.' Below this are two radio button options: 'All Destinations' (unselected) and 'Select Destinations Lists and Applications for Inclusion' (selected). A search bar contains 'OpenAI'. Below the search bar is a breadcrumb trail: '< Destinations / Application Categories / Generative AI'. To the right of the breadcrumb is a 'Direction' dropdown menu with a blue information icon. The dropdown is open, showing options: 'Inbound', 'Outbound & Inbound' (highlighted), 'Outbound', 'Inbound', and 'Outbound & Inbound'. To the right of the main table is a '2 Selected for Inclusion' section with a 'REMOVE ALL' link. This section contains two entries: 'OpenAI API / Generative AI, Inbound' and 'OpenAI ChatGPT / Generative AI, Outbound & Inbound', each with a blue 'X' icon for removal.

Application	Direction
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OpenAI ChatGPT ( <i>Vetted</i> )	Outbound & Inbound

2 Selected for Inclusion		REMOVE ALL
OpenAI API / Generative AI, Inbound		X
OpenAI ChatGPT / Generative AI, Outbound & Inbound		X

# Multimode DLP: Email End User Notification

End-users are promptly notified when they send out sensitive data or when their cloud-hosted files violate the organization's data security policy

- Available for both Real Time and SaaS API rules
- Default and custom email template, including 'variables' templates
- Aggregated email every 5 minutes

## User Notifications

When enabled, the system sends an email to recipients notifying them that this rule has been triggered.

User Notifications enabled

### Email Message

Select the design of the email notification that will be sent to recipients.

Default Email

[Preview Default Email »](#)

Custom Email

Select template





Search Google or type a URL

- Login
- Acura.com
- phoenixise1...
- Index of /
- Splunk
- Pastebin.com
- Redirecting L...
- Device Securi...
- Error 516
- Add shortcut

# CASB: Application Risk Override

- Enabling customers to modify an application's risk score seamlessly and instantly for their organization
- Reverting to Weighted Risk is always available
- Community Risk Score:  
This score is calculated as the median of all customized risk scores for each application among our customers

## Change Risk Score for Google Drive

Change the default risk score to manage risk of exposure to third-party applications according to your organization's risk appetite.

When changing the default risk score, consider Cisco's business risk, usage risk, and vendor compliance data, as well as the community risk average.

### Risk Summary for Google Drive

Weighted risk	Low
Usage risk	High
Business risk	Low
Vendor compliance	6 Certificates

### Change Risk Score

● Low

CANCEL

SAVE

# Our integrated RBI capability illustrates the single dashboard experience

## Add RBI Policy read-only

Create a rule to control and secure access to specified internet destinations from within your network and from managed devices. For an end-to-end guide to completing prerequisites and configuring a rule, see [Help](#)

Rule is enabled Logging is enabled [Edit](#)

### Summary

Sources  
Any AD Users

Isolate

Security Controls

Threat Categories  
Malware  
Command and Control  
Phishing Attacks  
Potentially Harmful Domains

**Rule name**  **Rule order**

**1 Specify Access**  
Specify which users and endpoints can access which resources. [Help](#)

**Action**

**Allow**  
Allow specified traffic if security requirements are met.

**Block**  
Block specified traffic.

**Warn**  
Allow access but display a warning.

**Isolate**  
Allow access to specified destinations, but isolate the traffic.

**From**  
Specify one or more **sources**.

Information about sources, including selecting multiple sources. [Help](#)

**To**  
Specify **destinations** or threat categories

**Destinations**  
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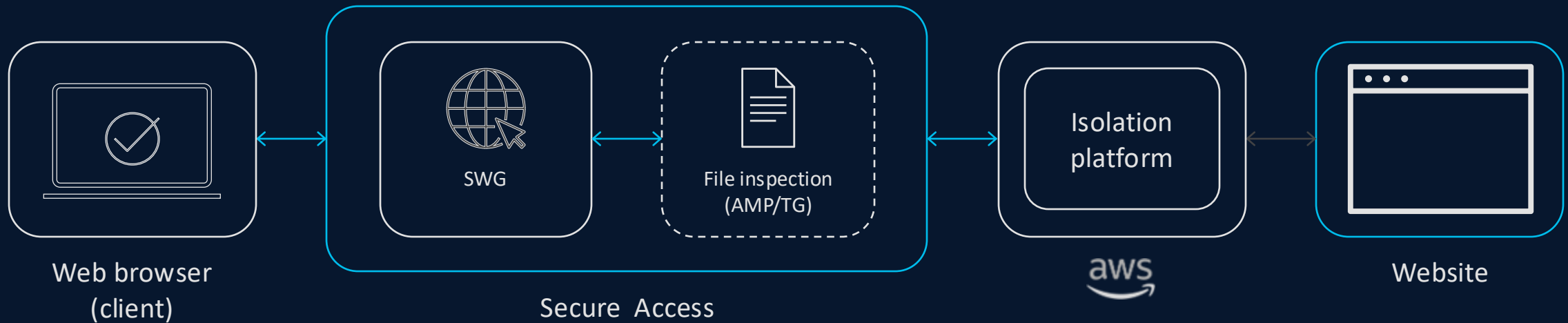
**Threat Categories**  
Isolate web traffic based on the threat category of the destination.  
 [+3 More](#)

**2 Configure Security**  
Configure security requirements that must be met before traffic is allowed. [Help](#)

[Cancel](#) [Back](#) [Next](#)

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# RBI traffic flow overview







# Cisco Secure Malware Analytics (Threat Grid) sandboxing

- Ability to detect hidden threats in files that are being downloaded
- A set of new or higher risk files are placed in a sandbox environment and checked for malicious activity/content
  - Alerts posted on files that show bad activity
  - Secure Access threat intelligence is updated for that file

File Analysis

Inspect files for malicious behaviors using a combination of static and dynamic analysis methods, in addition to file reputation and advanced heuristics.

File Inspection  
Inspect files for malware using signatures, heuristics and file reputation (powered by Cisco Advanced Malware Protection).

Threat Grid Malware Analysis  
Analyze files for malicious behavior using advanced sandboxing with static and dynamic threat intelligence

Sandbox Region: Europe

CANCEL SET & RETURN

Set Your Sandbox Region

Please select a location where files will be sent to for behavior analysis by Threat Grid. While files will be flagged as private so they cannot be viewed as public samples, they will be stored for analysis until a verdict has been reached. You must select a sandbox region before you can enable Threat Grid in a policy, and once a sandbox region has been selected this option cannot be changed. Choose your region:

Sandbox Region

North America

By ticking this box, you acknowledge that you will not be able to change the sandbox region

CANCEL SAVE

Regions:  
Europe or North  
America

# Private Application Access



# Zero trust is required in today's workplace

Addressing all kinds of:



**Users**  
(and devices)



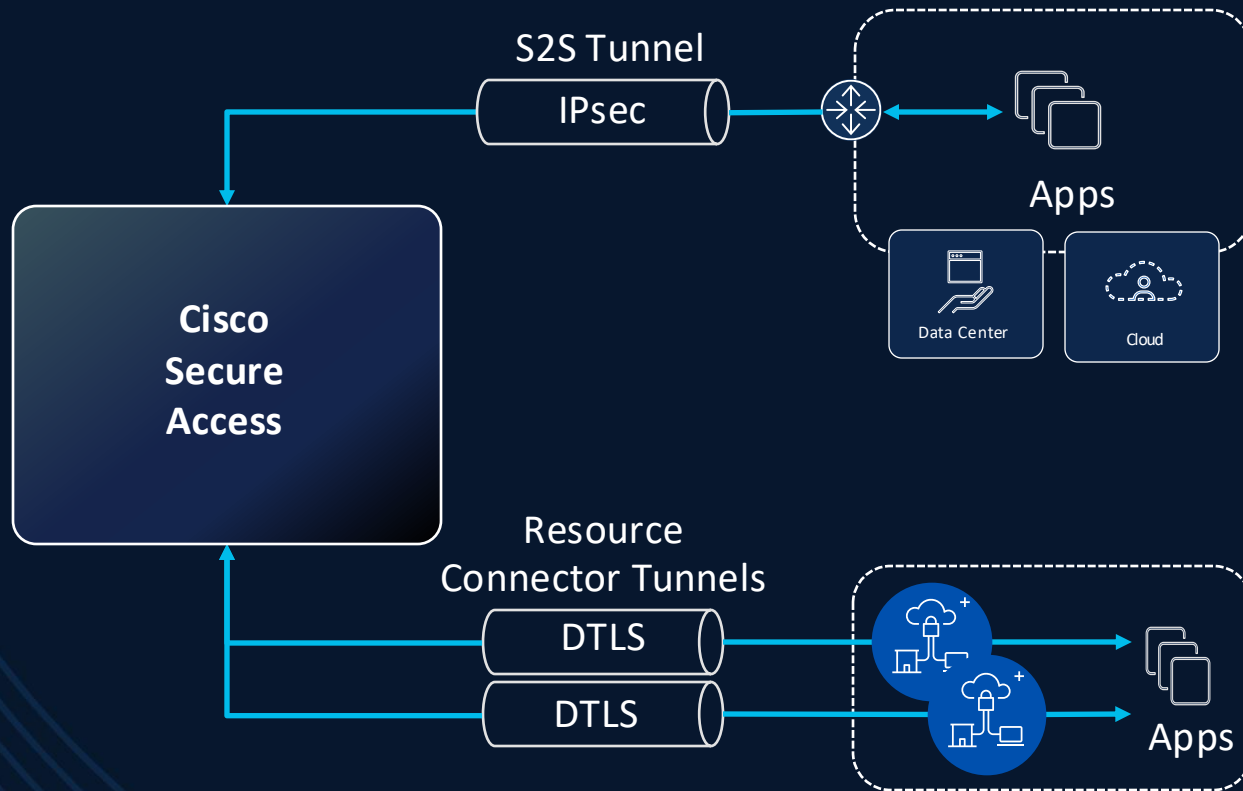
**Places**  
(and networks)



**Apps**  
(and data)

... yet most zero trust projects are failing to deliver.

# Apps: Private Applications



## Site-to-site Tunnels with IPsec

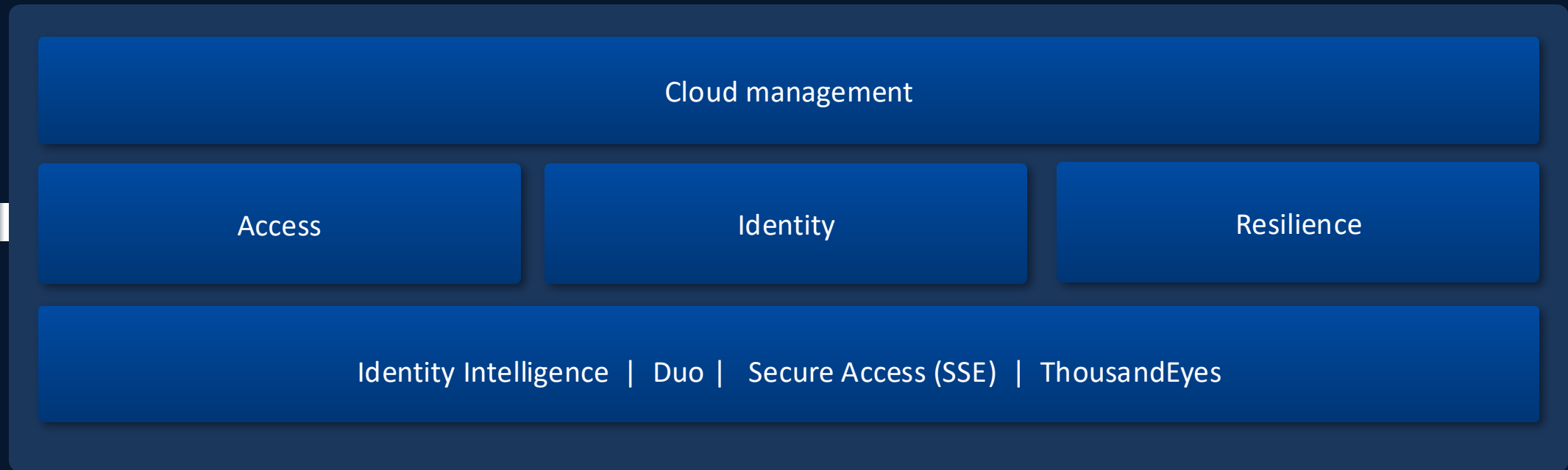
- Standards-based IPsec connection
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- Static or BGP routing support
- Auto failover for redundancy + ECMP for scale
- Fallback for resource connectors

## Resource Connectors

- Lightweight VM for AWS and ESXi
- All traffic egresses from Resource Connector IP
- Access applications with overlapping IPs
- Outbound connection / no firewall holes required
- No routing configuration required
- Auto failover / load balancing

# Cisco Zero Trust Access

The first SSE with Identity Intelligence



# Identity is foundation of zero trust, and is under attack

## ATTACK TECHNIQUES

MFA Interception

Device Registration

MFA Flood

Web Session Hijacking

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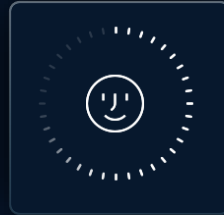
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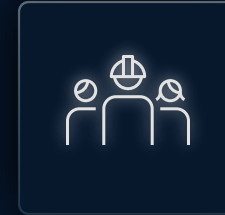
## STOPPED BY MODERN AUTHENTICATION



Passwordless



Biometric  
Login



Non-domain  
Employee



Legacy  
Apps



Crypto  
Secure



Extended  
Workforce



Device-based  
Trust

# Cisco Identity Intelligence



USERS



MACHINES



SERVICES



HRIS



DATA



APPS



PLATFORMS



SailPoint

Dragos

CrowdStrike

Salesforce

Cisco ISE

Okta

PingIdentity

Auth0

Microsoft

Google

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Amazon





Smart authentication for users

Smart authentication for things

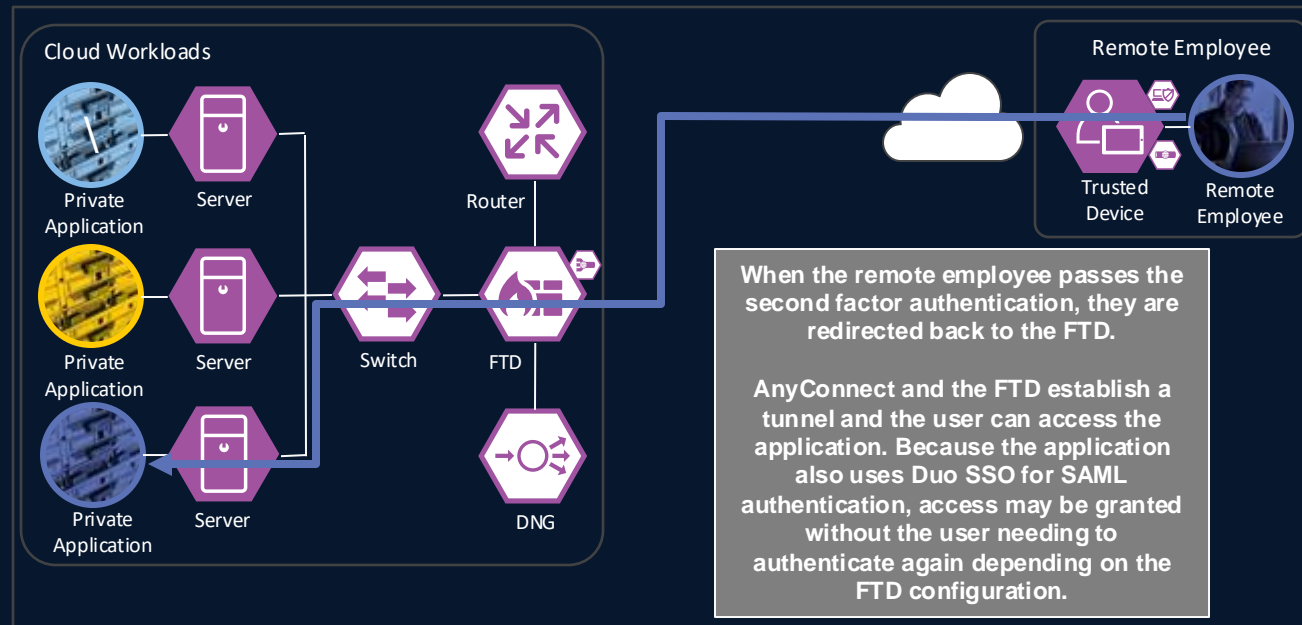


# Cisco Identity Intelligence



# Remote Employee with Trusted Device:

Remote Access - Accessing Private App (any tcp/udp) (Private IaaS)



# Zero Trust Business Flows

Remote Employee with Trusted Device: Clientless Remote Access to Private Application (web/ssh/rdp) (DC/IaaS)



Remote Employee with Trusted Device: Remote Access to Private Application (tcp/udp) (DC/IaaS)



Remote Employee with Trusted Device: Accessing Public Application (SaaS)



Remote Employee with Trusted Device: Accessing public Internet website



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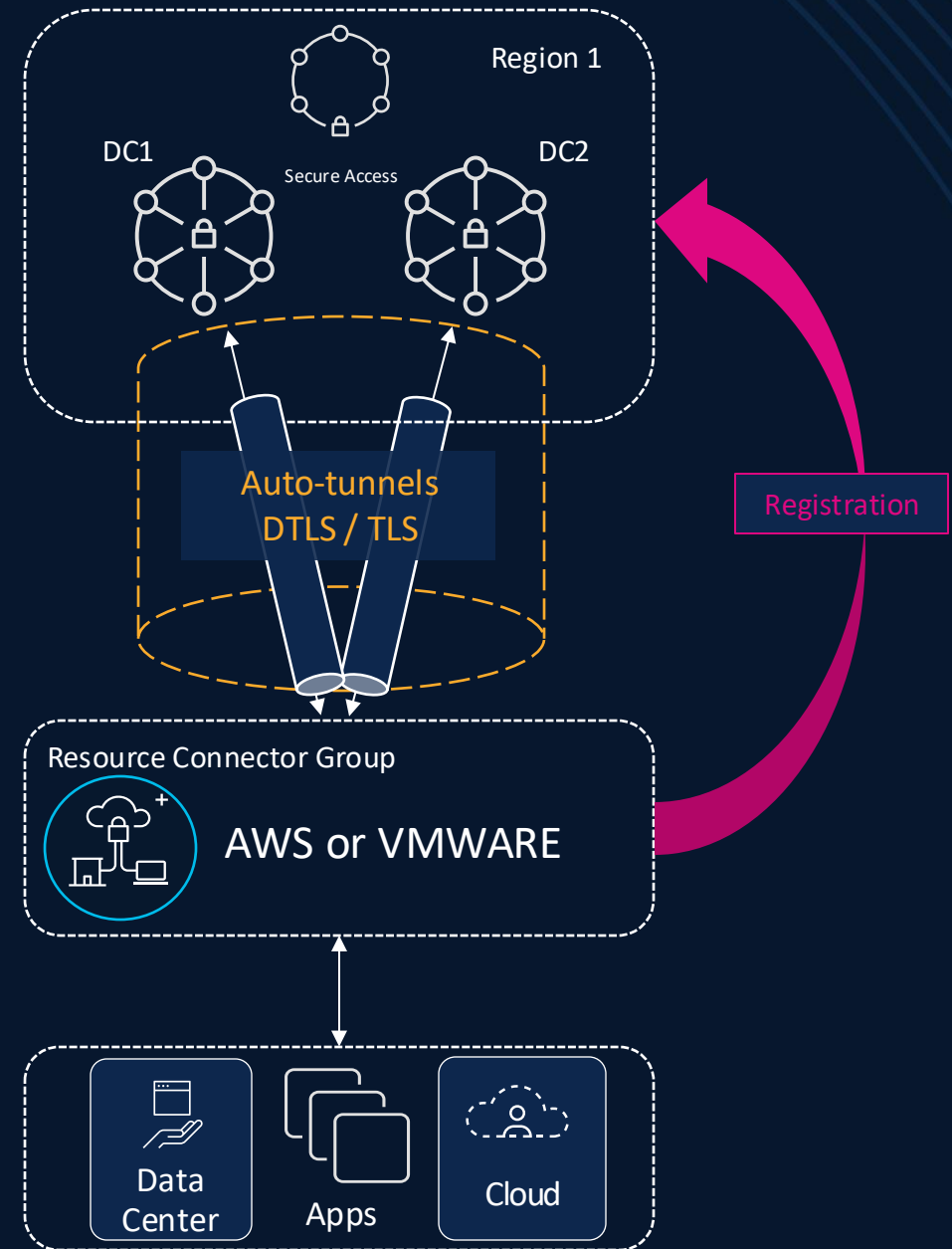
**Common Flow Capabilities**

- Flow Analytics
- Anomaly Detection
- Threat Intelligence
- SOAR



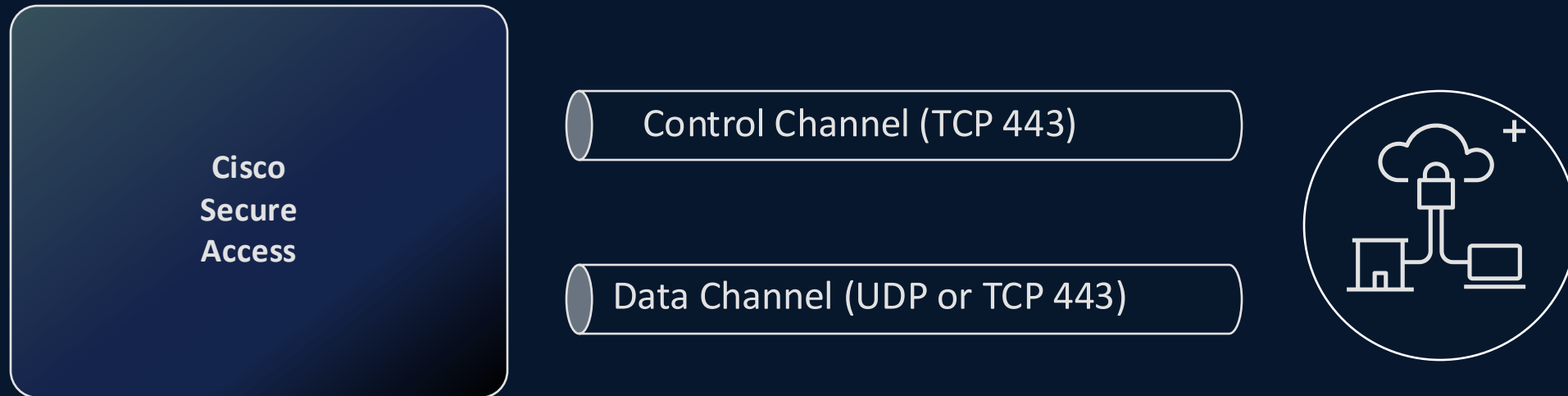
# Resource Connector

- Deployed in a group
  - Can be deployed with one member
- Virtual machines
  - AWS Marketplace (c5.xlarge only)
  - VMWare image (OVA)
  - Intel x86\_64/AMD64 only
  - IPv4 only
- Registers with dashboard
  - Provisioning key
  - Manual confirmation
- Load balancing
  - Automatic across all in a group
  - Must be same instance type
  - Must be in same region



<https://docs.sse.cisco.com/sse-user-guide/docs/allow-resource-connector-traffic-to-secure-access>

# Resource Connector Communication Channels



Inside-out, Always On

Data: D(TLS) tunnels for application traffic

Control: MQTT over TLS

on-demand messages from controller to agent: upgrade, revoke, troubleshooting

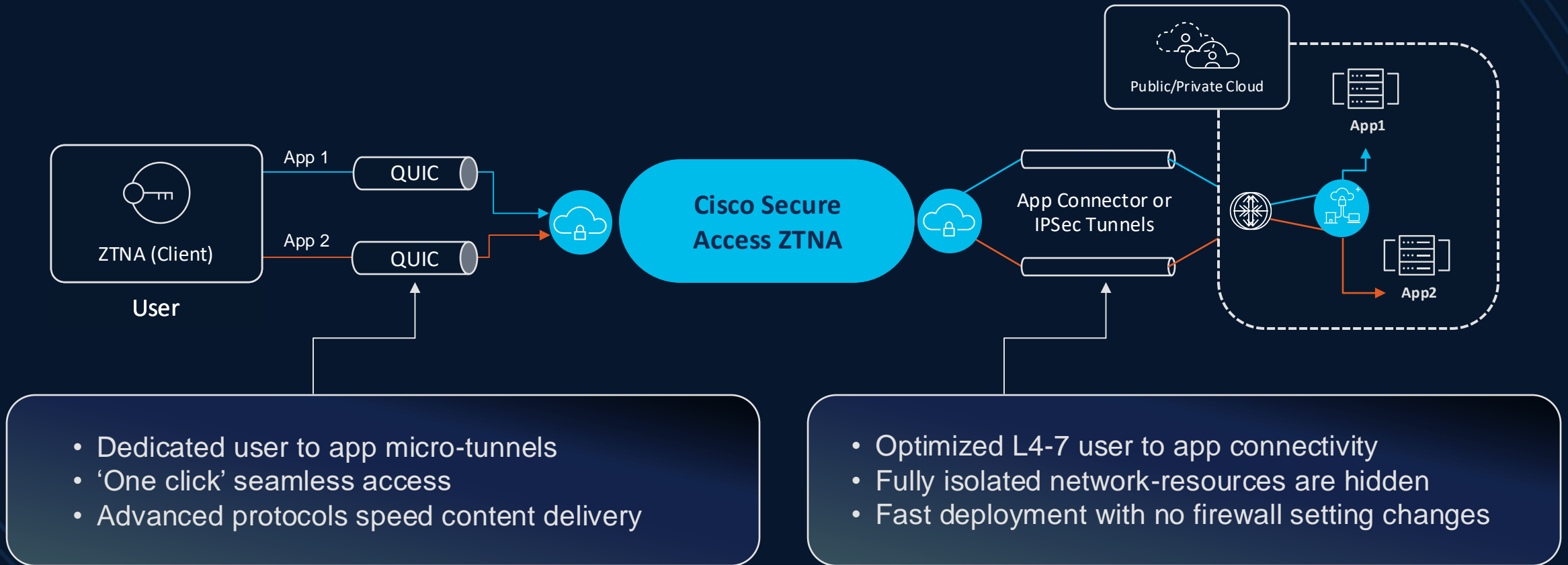
Metrics: basic system and networks statistics, monitor status

# Resource Connector Benefits

- Resource connectors can be quickly deployed in AWS and VMWare without any additional infrastructure.
- Resource connectors typically do not require any additional route configuration on the network, nor do they require any changes to firewall rules in most environments.
- Resource connectors can provide connectivity to applications on overlapping IP space. This is very beneficial for mergers and acquisitions where applications in the acquired DC may be on overlapping IP space.
- They are deployed in groups for load balancing and redundancy purposes. Providing the necessary bandwidth and high availability for mission critical applications.

# Secure Private Access with Cisco

Industry-first HTTP3-based proxy for secure, segmented zero trust access control





# If you're not ready for ZTNA



# Cisco's flexible approach simplifies migration

Accelerate your SSE and SASE journey with zero trust

- ✓ You set the pace of ZTNA adoption
- ✓ Same client
- ✓ Common policy



## Traditional VPN

Network level access – cannot control at app level



## VPN as-a-Service

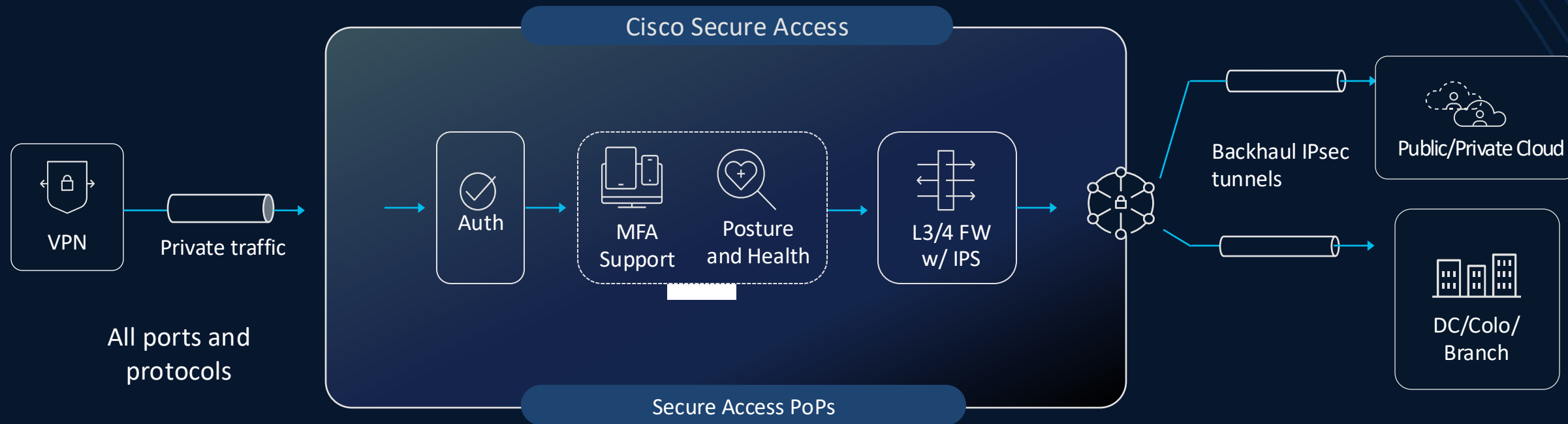
Lift your VPN to the cloud – more control and easier to manage



## Unified ZTNA

Granular controls at the application level + VPNaaS and Digital Experience Monitoring

# VPN-as-a-Service



- Authentication Methods: SAML 2.0, SAML+ certificate, Certificate, RADIUS
- Identity based access
- Region specific IP pool for client addressing

- Posture Verification: (optional) Secure Firewall (formerly hostscan) or ISE with RADIUS
- IPS (optional)
- Connection profiles

# Posture

## Hostscan

- Packaged with the client installer
- Supports the following attributes:
  - Operating system
  - Firewall
  - Endpoint security agent
  - System password
  - Disk encryption
  - Browser
  - Files
  - Processes
  - Certificates

## ISE

- Packaged with the client installer
- [ISE Posture Prescriptive Deployment Guide](#)

**1 Operating System**  
Any

**2 Endpoint security agent**  
Not required

**3 Windows registry entries**  
Not required

**4 Firewall**  
Not required

**5 Disk encryption**  
Not required

**6 File**  
Not required

**7 Processes**  
Not required

**8 Certificate**  
Not required

**Operating System**  
Require specific operating systems

Operating system

Windows ×

Windows

Mac OS X

Linux

# Authentication Methods: SAML & Certificates

- SAML
  - Any SAML 2.0 Identity provider (IdP)
  - Users must be imported into Secure Access
- Certificate
  - Can be used alone or with SAML
  - PKI is client-managed and must be pre-deployed

### Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting

Choose a configuration method to complete the SAML authentication process for this VPN profile. [Help](#)

Authentication Authorization Accounting


**Protocols**


SAML


**Authenticate with CA certificates**  
Select to use CA certificates to authenticate this VPN profile.


**SAML Configuration**

**SAML Metadata XML Configuration**

 **1. Download Service Provider XML file**  
This XML file contains metadata required to configure your IdP.  
[Download service provider XML file](#)

 **2. Generate IdP Security Metadata XML File**  
a. Upload the Service Provider XML file to your IdP.  
b. From your IdP, create and download an IdP Security Metadata XML file.

 **3. Upload IdP security metadata XML file**

  
**Drag and drop file here or click to select it**  
(Security Metadata XML file)

**Manual Configuration**

[Cancel](#) [Back](#) [Next](#)

# Authentication Methods: RADIUS

- Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) or 3<sup>rd</sup> Party RADIUS supported
- AAA or authorize only
- Up to 8 servers within a single server group
- Dynamic ACLs supported
- CoA support with Cisco ISE
- ISE posture supported (optional)

**RADIUS**

**General**

Default Domain: tmelabs.com

DNS Server: Internal DNS (172.16.128.64)

Protocol: TLS / DTLS

Connect time posture: None

**Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting**

**Authentication**

**RADIUS CONFIGURATION**

Region	IP Pools	AAA Group
Region-1	172.17.0.0/21	RADIUSServers

**Traffic Steering**

Tunnel Mode: Connect to Secure Access

Add Exceptions: 1

DNS Mode: Default DNS

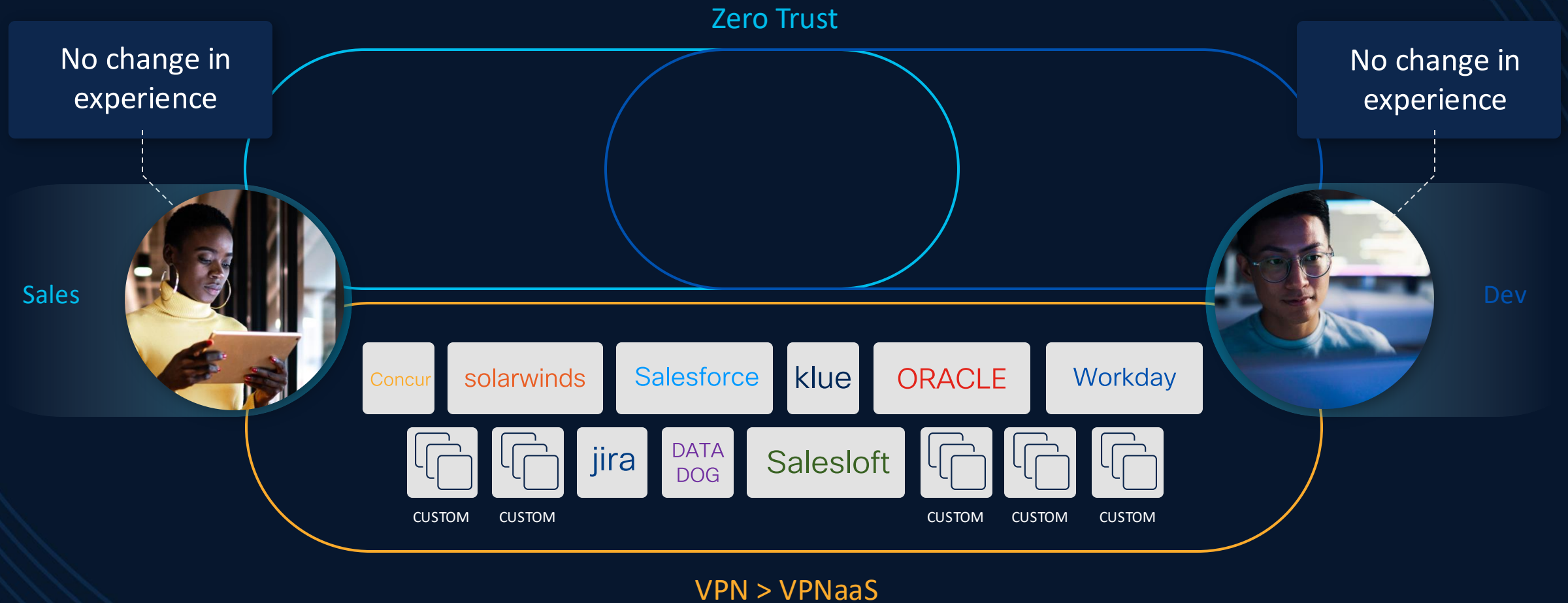
**Cisco Secure Client Configuration**

Session Settings: 3

Client Settings: 13

Client Certificate Settings: 4

# Simplifying the journey to zero trust





# Segmentation with ISE and Trustsec

## Security Group Tags

Security Group Tags (SGT) specify the privileges of a traffic source within a trusted network. When you enable an Identity Services Engine integration, SGTs become available for use in access rules. [Help](#)

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Name	Tag
PCI_Servers	14
Point_of_Sale_Systems	10
Production_Servers	11
Production_Users	7
Quarantined_Systems	255
SDWAN_INT	16
SGT_10000	10000
SGT_10001	10001
SGT_10002	10002
SGT_10003	10003

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### 1 Specify Access

Specify which users and endpoints can access which resources. [Help](#)

**Action**

**Allow**  
Allow specified traffic if security requirements are met.

**Block**  
Block specified traffic.

**Warn**  
Allow access but display a warning.

**Isolate**  
Allow access to specified destinations, but isolate the traffic.

**From**  
Specify one or more sources.

**To**  
Specify one or more destinations.

+ AND

Select sources Add a source

Source > Security Group Tags

- Any Security Group Tag  
Includes all existing and future Security Group Tags
- ANY ( 65535 )
- Auditors ( 9 )
- BYOD ( 15 )
- Contractors ( 5 )
- Developers\_Contractor ( 8 )
- Development\_Servers ( 12 )
- Employees ( 4 )
- Guests ( 6 )

Select All

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# End User Connectivity

[Cisco Secure Client](#) [Manage DNS Servers \(3\)](#)

End user connectivity lets you define how your organization's traffic is steered from endpoints to Secure Access or to the internet. [Help](#)

Zero Trust **Virtual Private Network** Internet Security

### Global FQDN

2997.vpn.sse.cisco.com [Copy](#)

### Manage IP Pools

2 Regions mapped [Manage](#)

### VPN Profiles

A VPN profile allows for configuration of remote user connections through a VPN. [Help](#)

[+ Add](#)

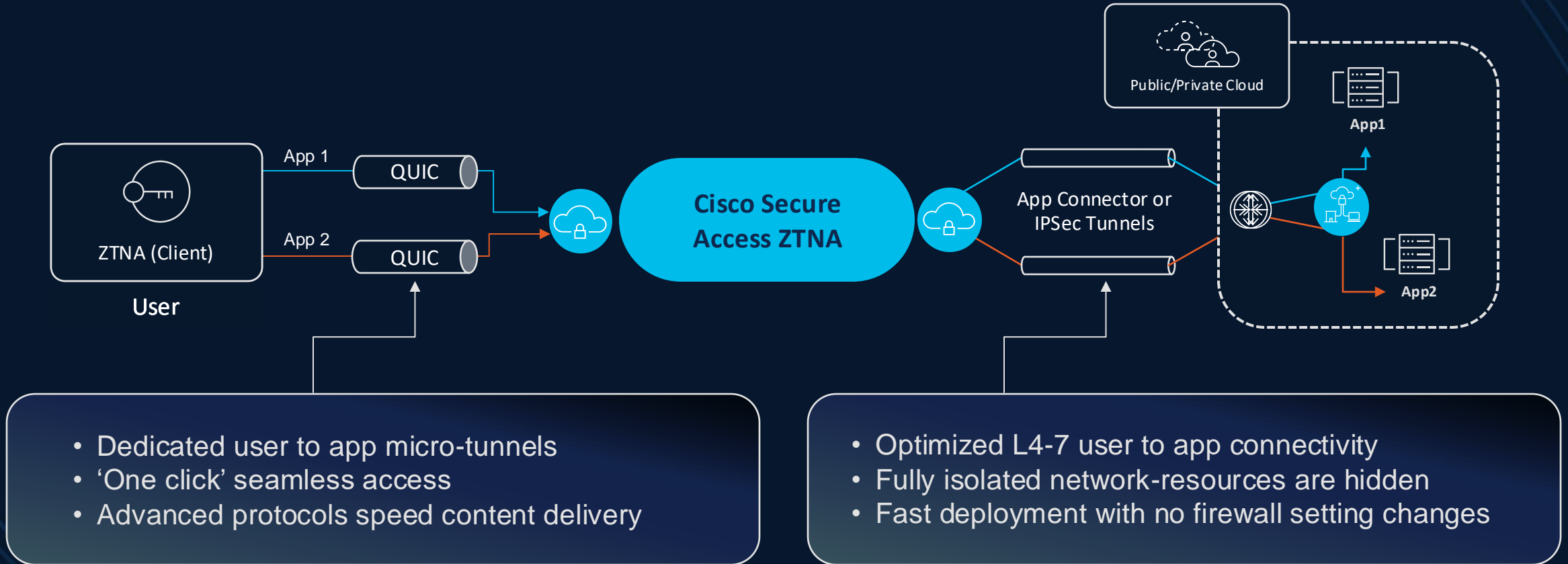
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# Client-based access



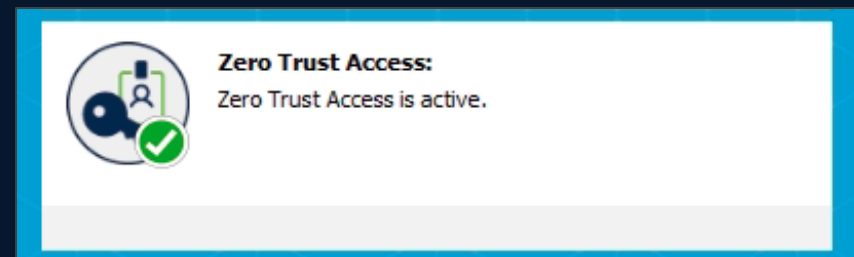
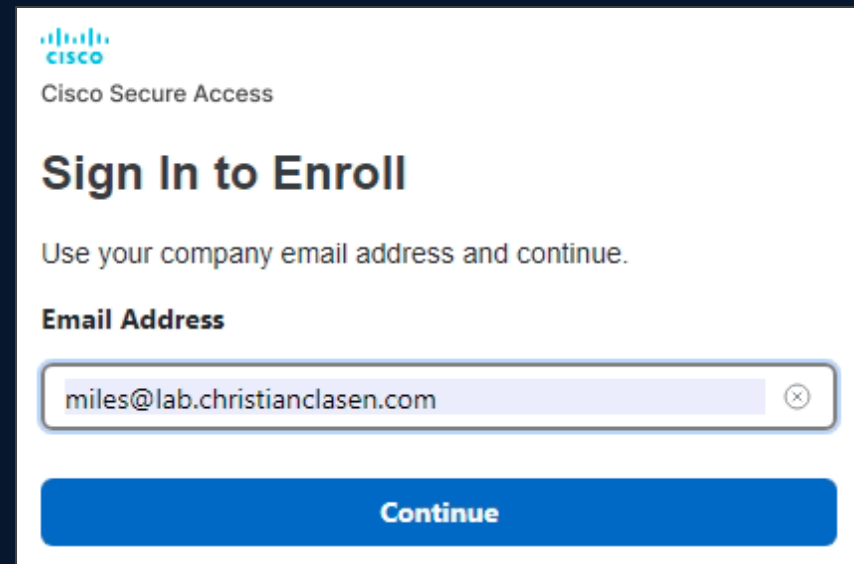
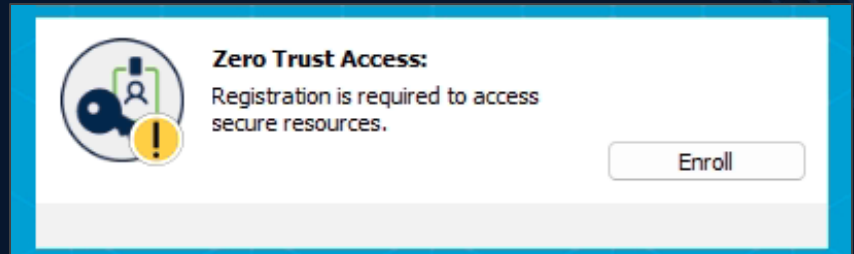
# Client-based Zero Trust Access

Industry-first HTTP3-based proxy for secure, segmented zero trust access control



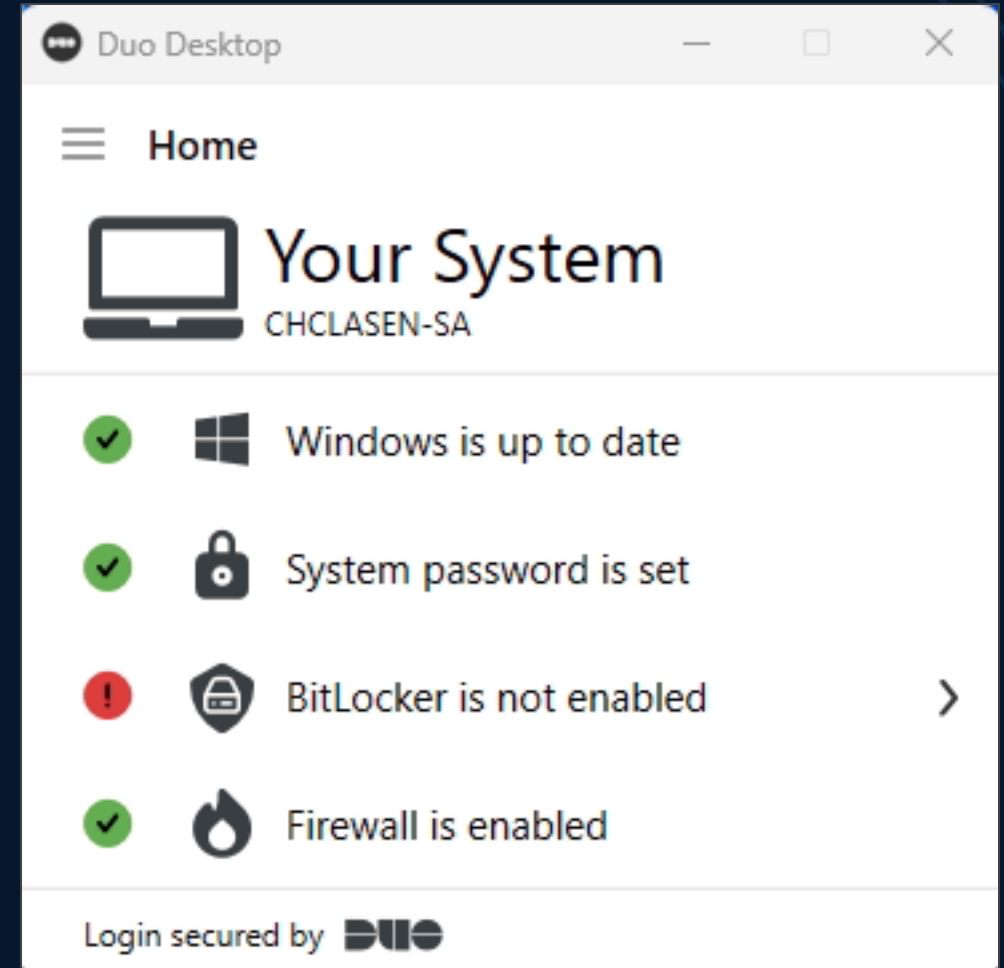
# Client-based ZTA: Enrollment

- New users are prompted to enroll by the Secure Client
  - User input email address as username
  - IdP must be pre-configured in Secure Access
  - User must be in the list of imported users
- User is presented with a list of their tenants
  - One IdP per tenant is supported
  - One enrollment per local user is supported
  - SAML redirection to configured IdP
- Once enrolled, a certificate is pushed to the client
  - Saved in the TPM (required)
  - Auto-renewal occurs within two weeks of expiration
  - Re-enrollment is required if the device is offline during renewal period

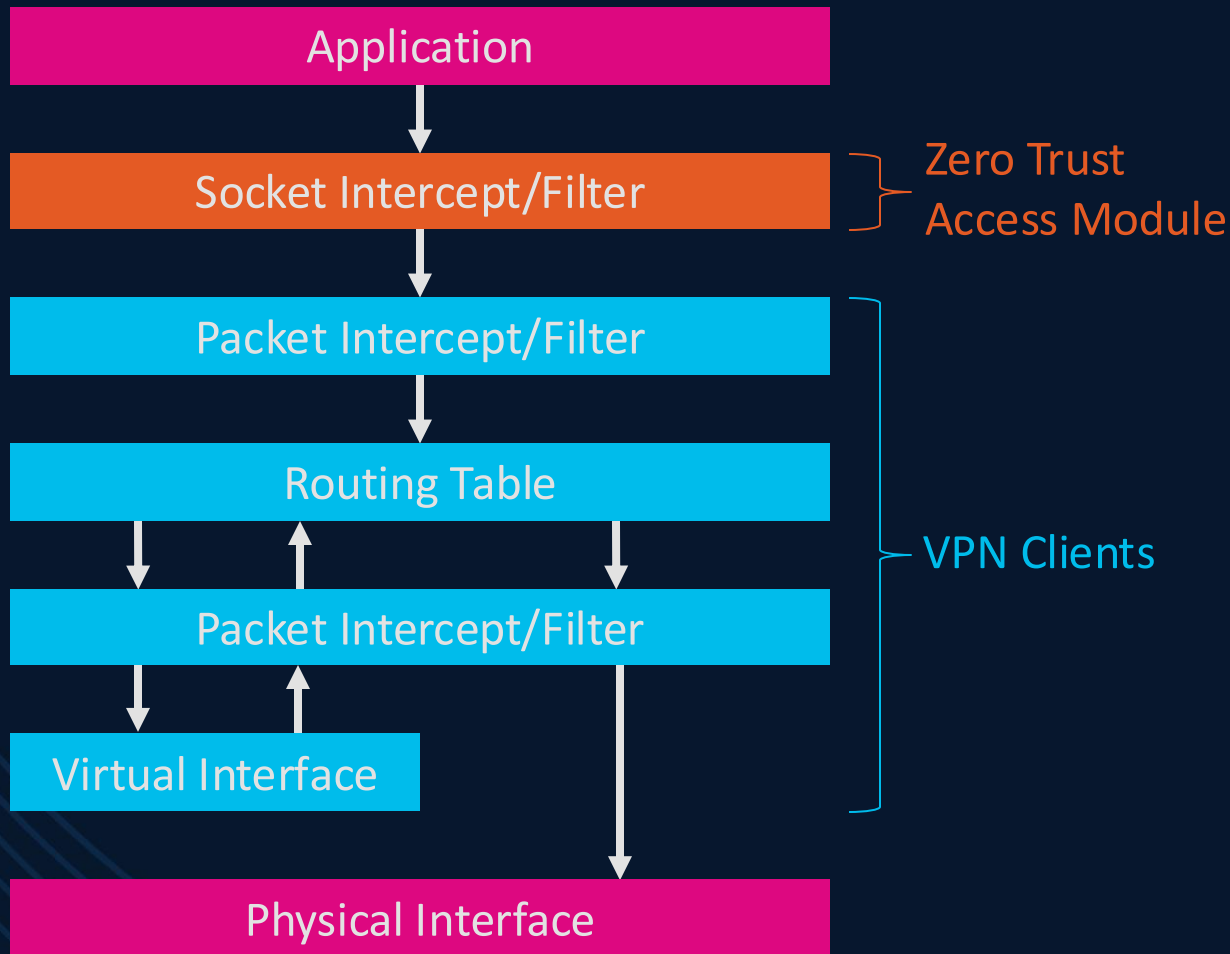


# Client-based ZTA: Posture

- Posture checks provided by Duo Health Agent
  - Packaged with the client installer
  - Updated every 30 minutes
- Supports the following attributes:
  - Operating system
  - Firewall
  - Endpoint security agent
  - System password
  - Disk encryption
  - Browser



# Secure Client ZTA Module: Socket Intercept



## Why Socket Intercept?

- Control of DNS and application traffic *before* VPN clients
- No route table manipulation
- Ability to capture traffic by IP, IP subnet, FQDN and FQDN wildcard
- Interoperability with Cisco and non-Cisco VPNs



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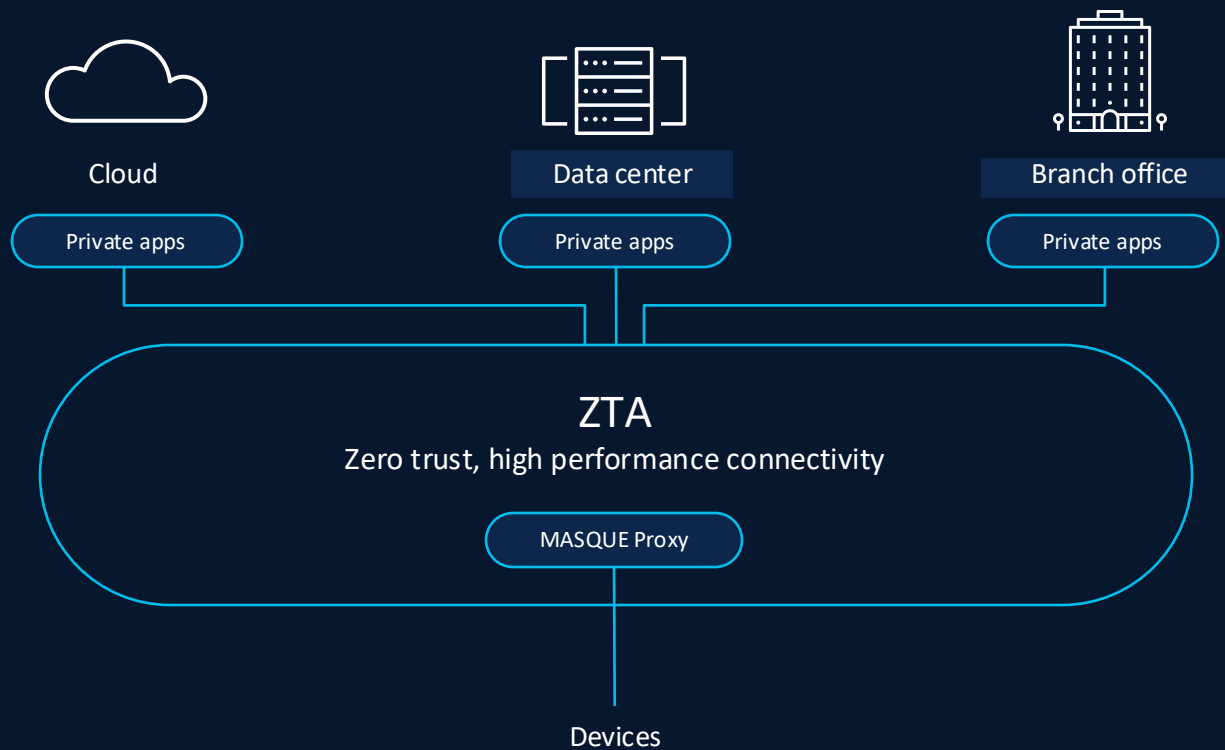
- Login
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- Splunk
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- Error 516
- Add shortcut

# Mobile





# OS Native ZTA: Apple iOS and Samsung Knox



- New OS native ZTA functionality built into Apple iOS 17 and Samsung Knox 3.10
- Transparent user experience for users – no need to start or wait for VPN
- Delivers low latency and high throughput connectivity by directly intercepting traffic within the application (iOS)
- Preserves battery life by eliminating the need for device-wide, continuously running VPN connections
- iCloud Private Relay compatible (iOS)
- Built on industry leading technologies: MASQUE and QUIC
- Supports all applications, ports and protocols - not just web applications

# Cisco Secure Access traffic optimization with Apple IOS

## OS Native ZTA with Apple Enterprise Relay



**Single layer of encryption for lightning-fast, secure access  
and compatible with iCloud Private Relay**

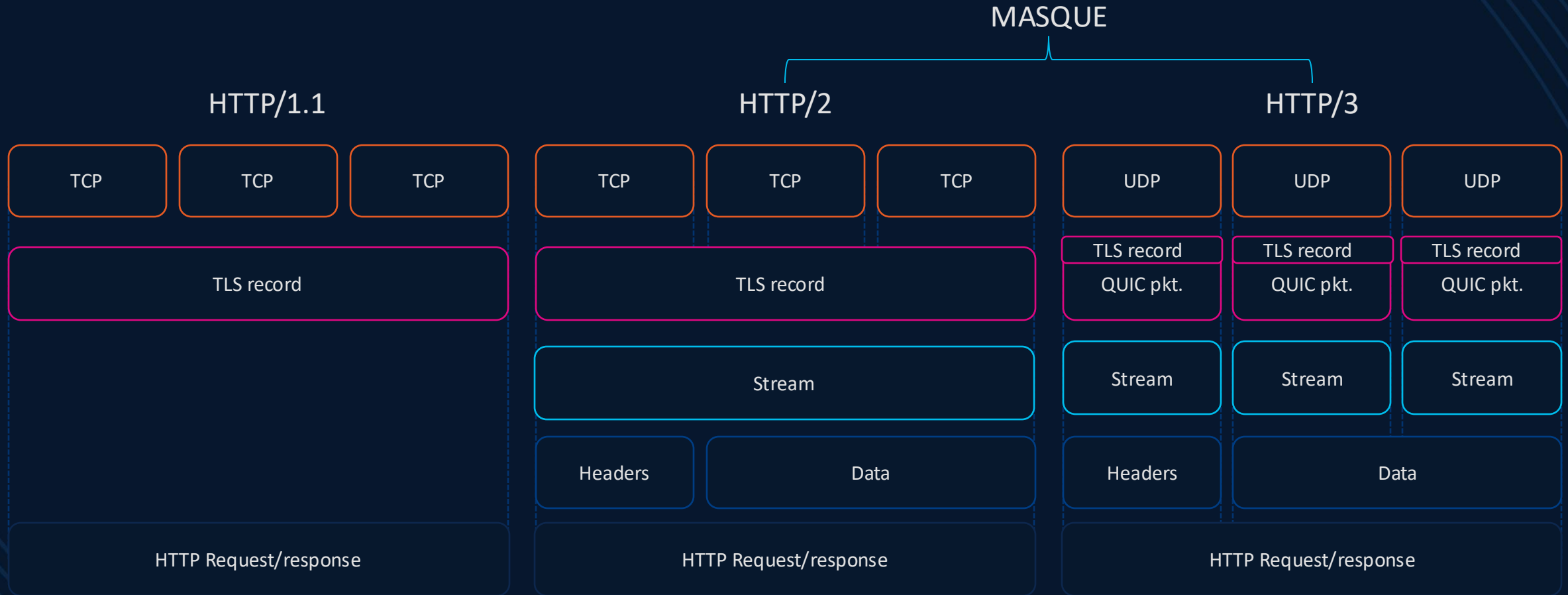
**Traffic Flow w/o Enterprise Relay Enabled:**  
Device → Secure Access → Application

**Traffic Flow w/ Enterprise Relay Enabled:**  
Device → Enterprise Relay → Secure Access → Application

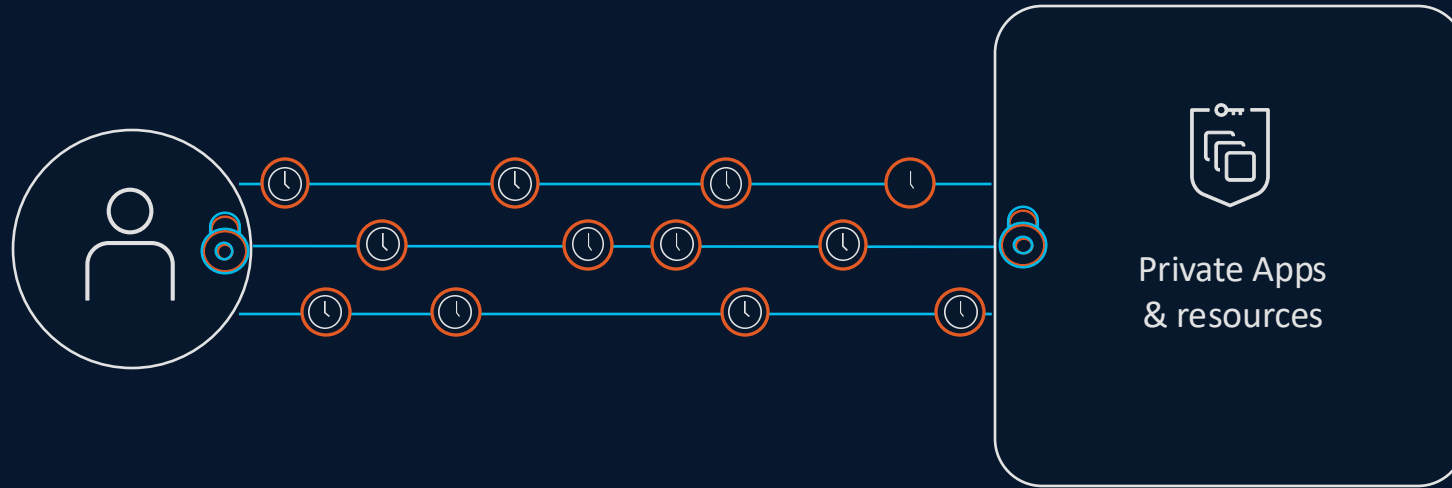
# Why MASQUE?



# HTTP formats for forward proxying



# MASQUE protocol micro-segmentation



## Value achieved

- Unified policy makes creating / managing user based zero trust policies easy
- Trust state is evaluated for every flow
- Least privileged access enforced for every resource
- Users only see the resources policy says they should
- Micro-segmentation directly from inside the OS at a process level

# Why QUIC?



# Benefits of the QUIC protocol



**Fast**

Better user experience than TCP/TLS for HTTP/2



**Secure**

Always-encrypted end-to-end security



**Evolvable**

Not set in stone, new versions deployed quickly

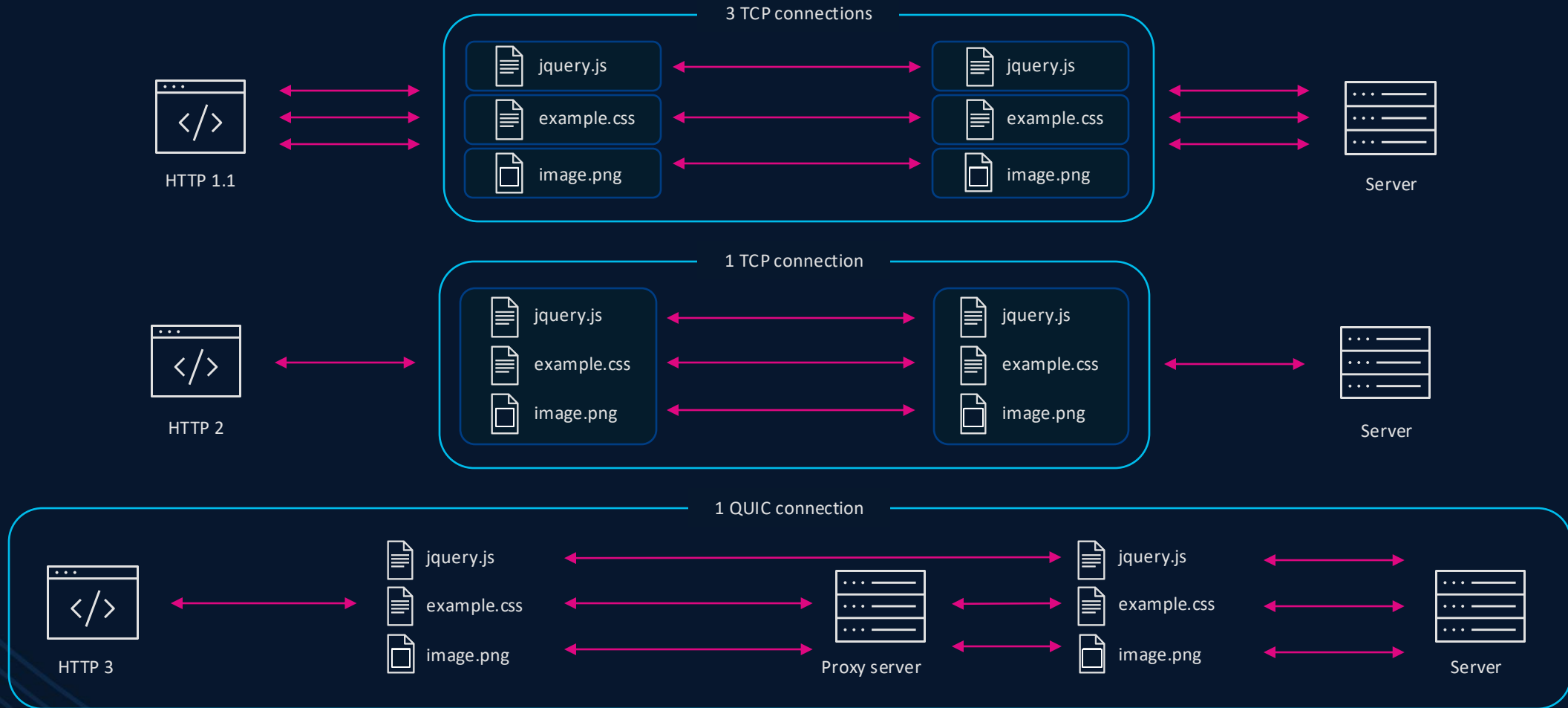


**Compatible**

Supports all TCP content while avoiding known TCP issues



# Connection evolution from TCP to QUIC connections





# Zero Trust Access Benefits of QUIC?

- Ability to change IPs without renegotiation
- No waiting for partially delivered packets
- Not vulnerable to TCP meltdown
- No head-of-line blocking
- Can simultaneously use multiple interfaces
- Faster speeds means faster access



# Vendors embracing QUIC and other next generation protocols



Enterprise Relay (MASQUE) Zero Trust  
Access clients and proxies, QUIC  
capable firewalls



OS native Enterprise Relay (MASQUE)  
Zero Trust  
Access Framework



Private Relay, OS native Enterprise  
Relay (MASQUE)  
Zero Trust Access client, kernel QUIC  
implementation



SMB over QUIC, Kernel QUIC  
implementation, edge browser



Chrome browser, Chromium open-  
source, Envoy & Quiche MASQUE  
Proxies (50% of traffic  
is QUIC)



h2o open-source MASQUE  
proxy used for Private Relay  
and Enterprise Relay  
ecosystems worldwide



Quiche open-source MASQUE proxy  
used for Private  
Relay worldwide. Zero Trust Access  
client



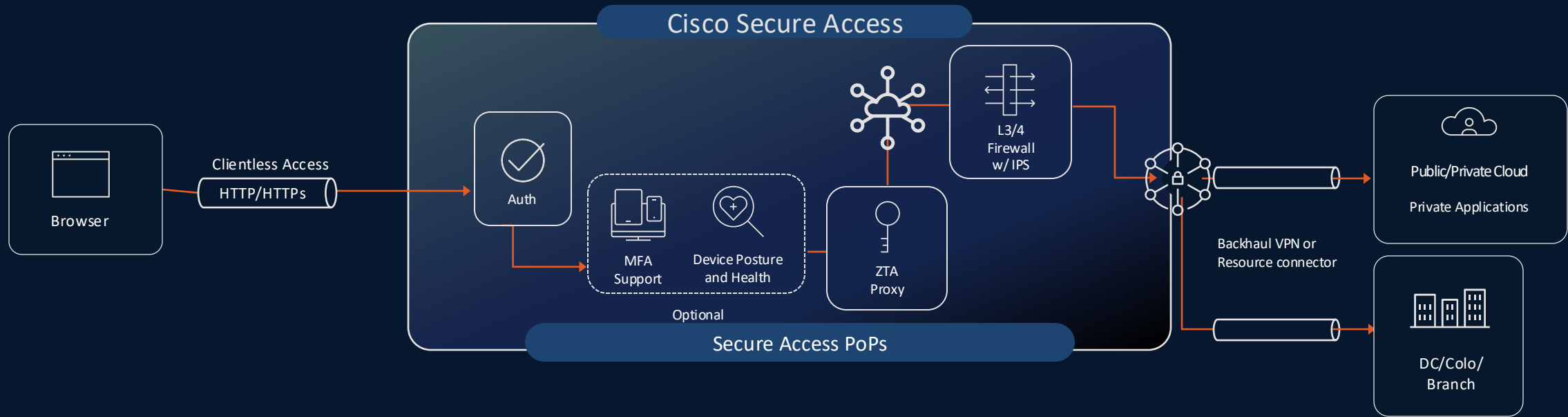
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# Clientless access



# Clientless Zero Trust Access

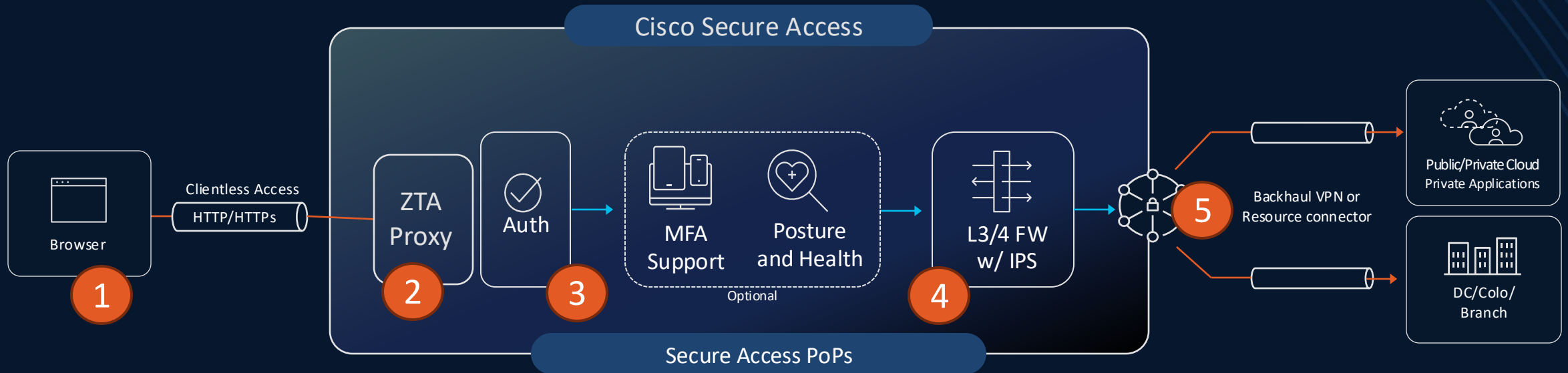


- Ideal for unmanaged devices and BYOD use-cases
- Automatically generated publicly resolvable FQDN for per app access

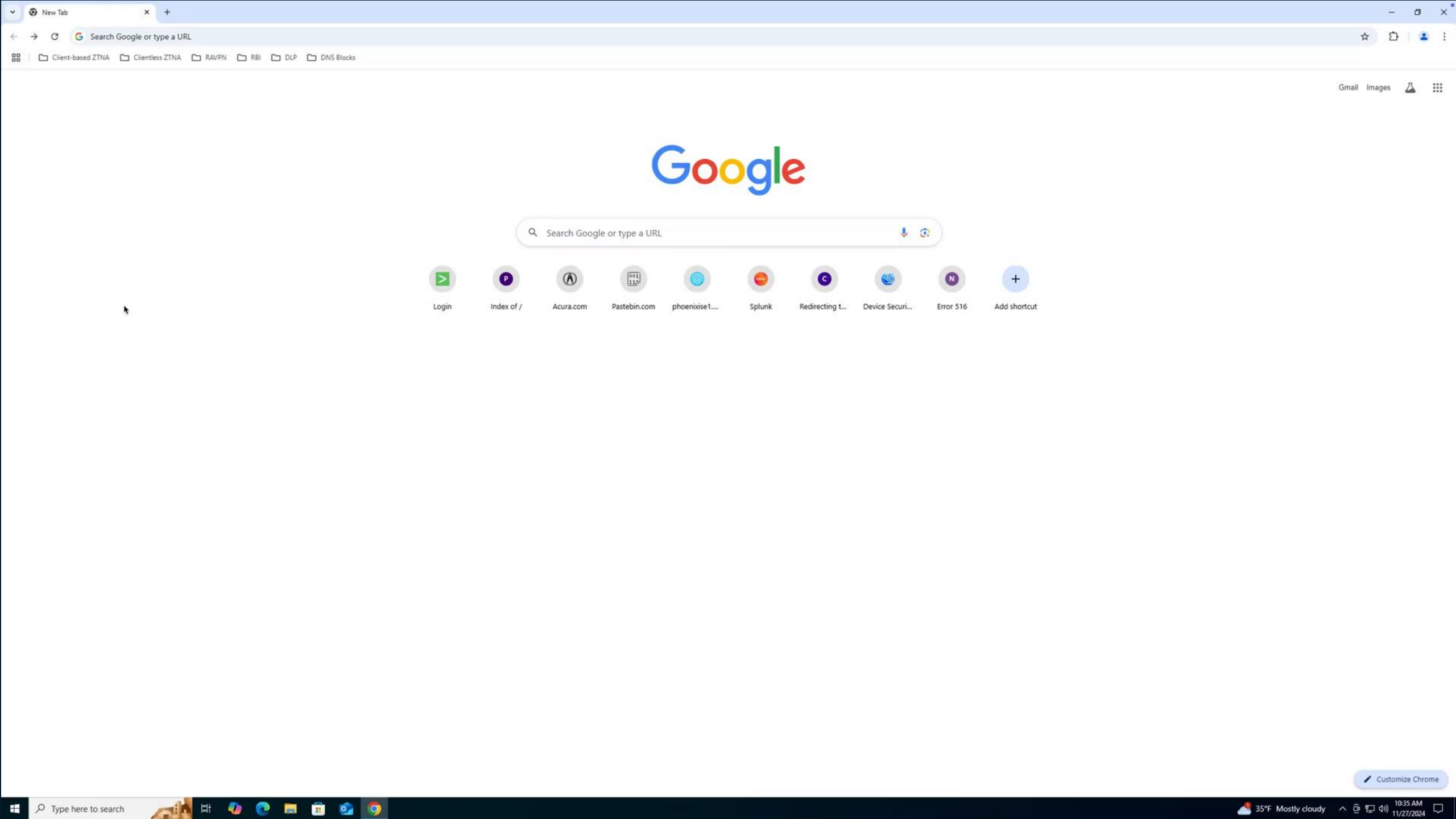
- Posture (optional) verification based on HTTP headers
- SAML authentication



# Clientless/Browser based Access



1. Client initiates a browser connection to the application specific URL. The request gets resolved and redirected to the nearest Datacenter based upon Anycast DNS.
2. The ZTA Proxy changes the traffic source to an address within 100.64.0.0/16.
3. The request is sent for authentication and posture check
4. Once authenticated and authorized, it will redirect the request to the policy engine, where the decision is made to let the request in or not based on your set policies
5. Once decided, it will be sent to our routing engine to deliver traffic to the application correctly



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- phoenixise1...
- Splunk
- Redirecting T...
- Device Securi...
- Error 516
- Add shortcut

Customize Chrome

# Streamlining Operations






# Posture

Authorization check prior to application access

Authorization and access check per session

Supported AV vendors:  
[Client-based ZTA](#)

[VPN-as-a-service](#)

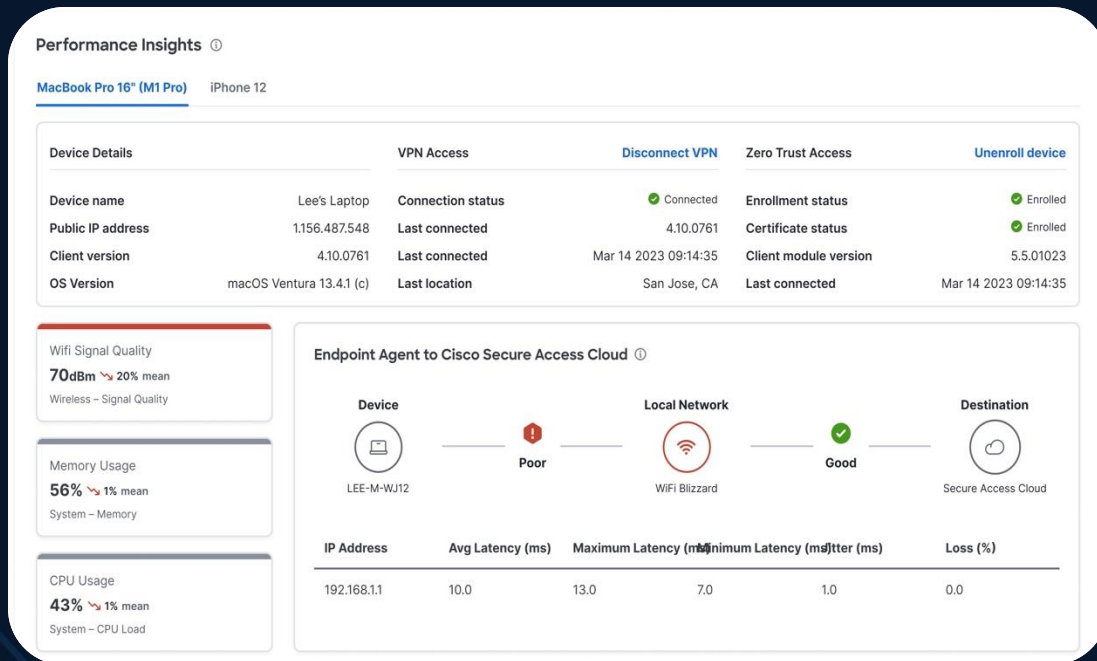
	 VPNaaS	 ZTA Client-based	 ZTA Browser
Operating System	✓	✓	✓
Anti-Malware	✓	✓	
Firewall	✓	✓	
Disk Encryption	✓	✓	
Certificate Check	✓		
Browser Check	✓		✓
System Password		✓	
File Check	✓		
Registry Check (windows only)	✓		
Process Check	✓		



# Introducing Experience Insights

User experience monitoring for applications and users

Monitor health and performance as users access applications and resources



Optimize user productivity by automatically, providing details on the user's experience, enabling faster issue detection and resolution

## Monitoring examples:

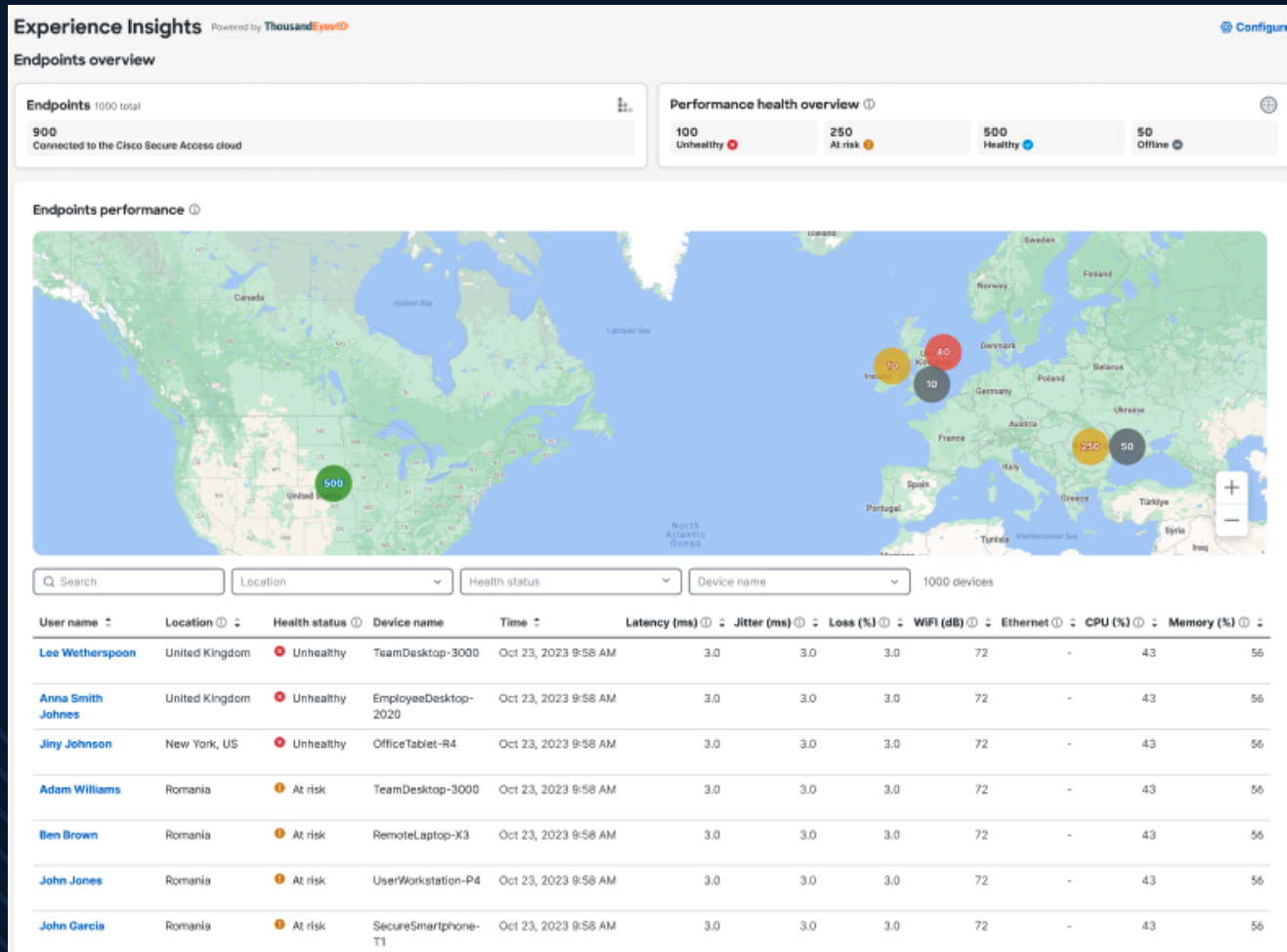
- Endpoint performance – CPU, memory, Wi-Fi
- Network performance – endpoint to Secure Access
- Top SaaS applications performance
- Collaboration performance monitoring
- User specific events

# Decrease mean time to resolution using experience insights



# Single dashboard experience

Monitor user digital experience *without separate agents or management portals*



## Experience Insights...

- Can identify disruptions in numerous third-party applications
- Is part of the Cisco Secure Access dashboard
- Includes ThousandEyes Embedded Endpoint Agent as a module in Cisco Secure Client

# See every endpoint, regardless of location

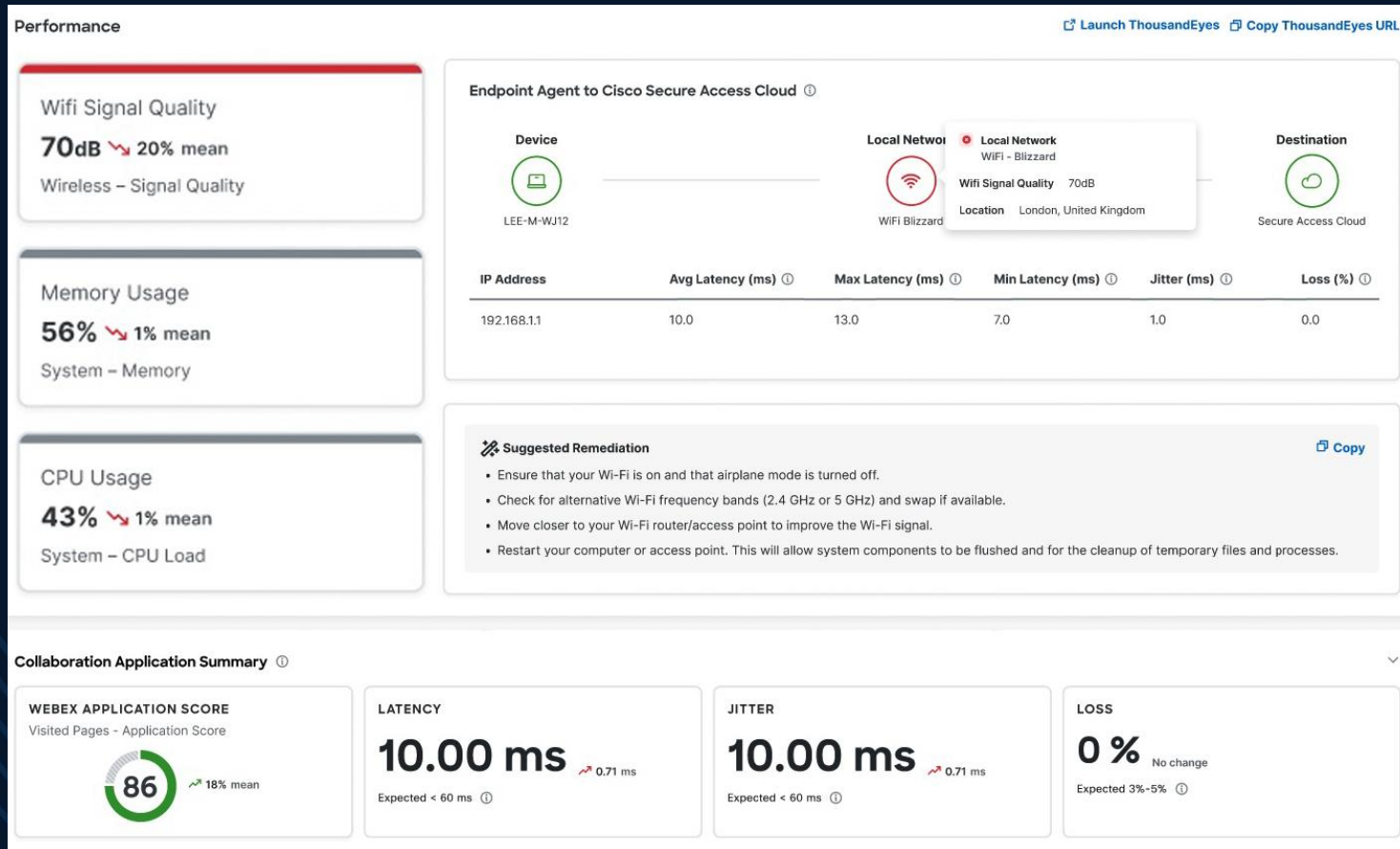
Gain a complete view of the user experience, **even for remote and hybrid workers**

User name	Location	Health status	Device name	Latency (ms)	Jitter (ms)	Loss (%)	WiFi (dB)
Lee Wetherspoon	United Kingdom	Unhealthy	TeamDesktop-3000	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
Anna Smith Johnes	United Kingdom	Unhealthy	EmployeeDesktop-2020	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
Jiny Johnson	New York, US	Unhealthy	OfficeTablet-R4	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
Adam Williams	Romania	At risk	TeamDesktop-3000	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
Ben Brown	Romania	At risk	RemoteLaptop-X3	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
John Jones	Romania	At risk	UserWorkstation-P4	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
John Garcia	Romania	At risk	SecureSmartphone-T1	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
Nick Anderson West	United Kingdom	Healthy	AdminTablet-360	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
Jen Rodriguez	United Kingdom	Healthy	Mac Laptop12	3.0	3.0	3.0	72
Ed Colin	United Kingdom	Offline	Mac Laptop_324	3.0	3.0	3.0	72

- Pervasive visibility into every endpoint
- Identify disruptions quicker
- Diagnose root cause faster

# Simplify troubleshooting

Consolidated view of network and security events to make troubleshooting easier



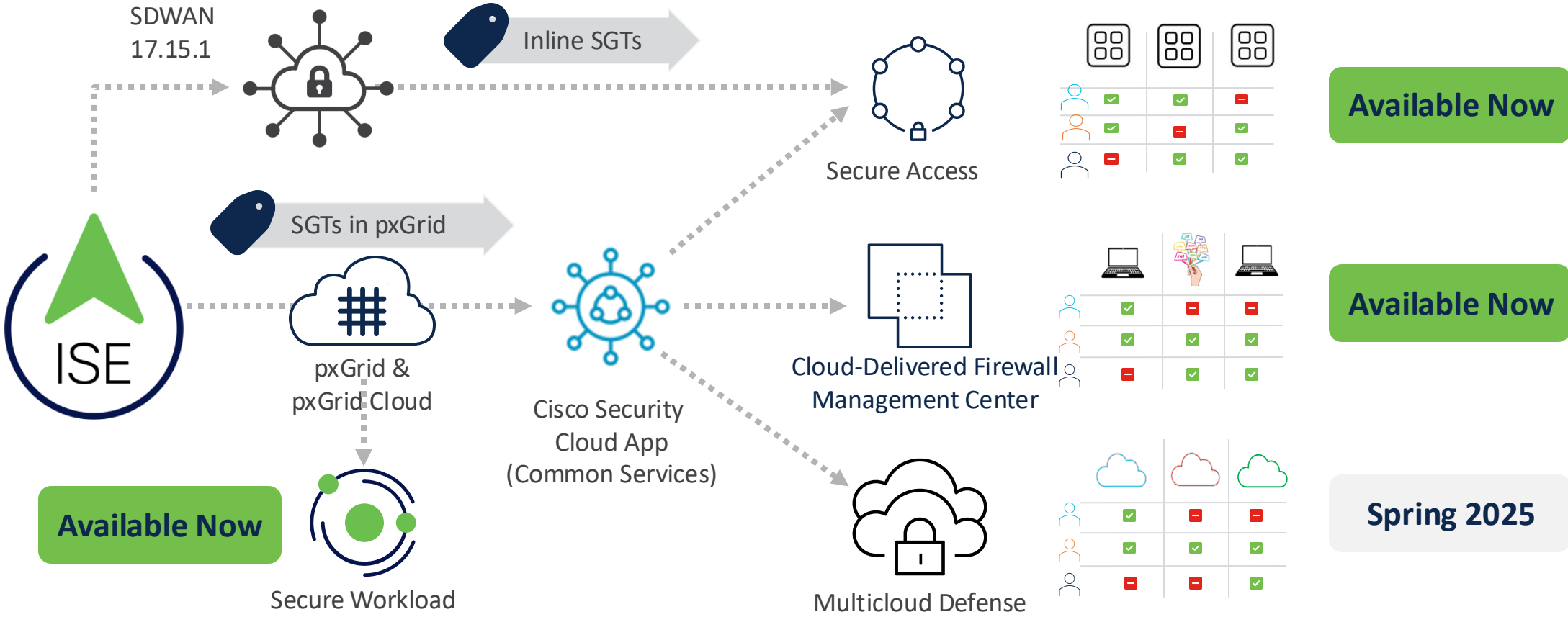
## Reduce Mean Time to Resolution

- Understand global workforce experience
- Pinpoint issues from user to application
- Share insights across multiple domains (IT, security, help desk)

# Putting it all together



# ISE and Cisco Security Cloud Services



Security Group Tags (SGTs) are the common language used across campus, remote, cloud, and firewall policies



# Modernize your defense with Cisco Secure Access

Converged cloud-native security grounded in zero trust





# Cisco Secure Access: Simple, frictionless user experience

1 Connect to a network

2 Get to work





