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Cisco Secure Access

**Modernizando a proteção em Infraestrutura crítica de
Utilities com Security Services Edge (SSE)**

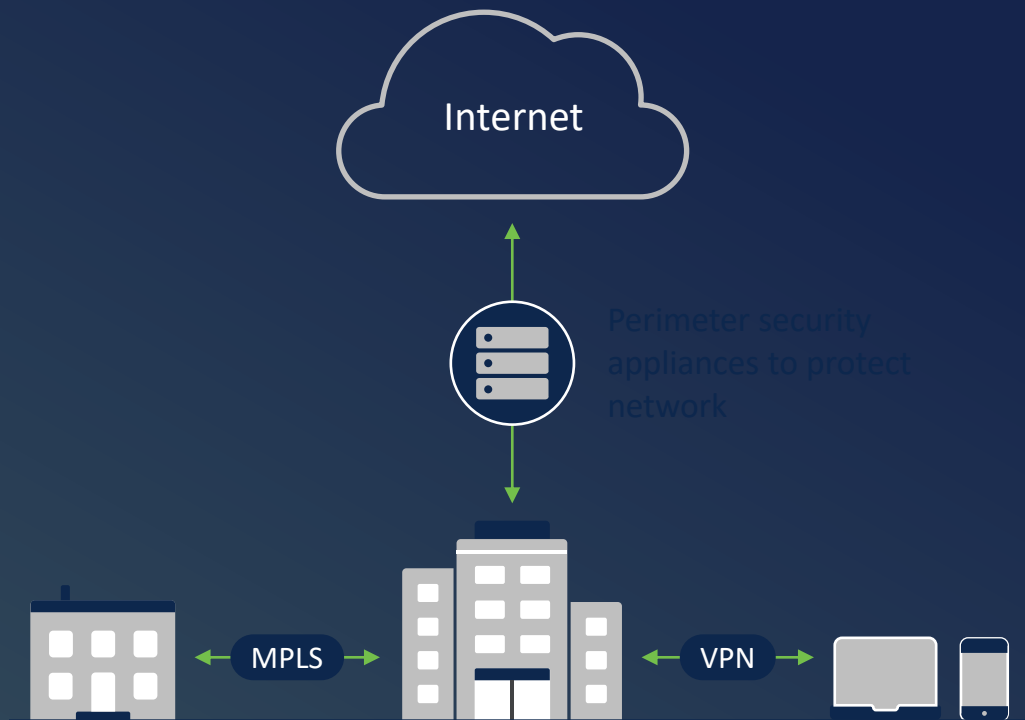
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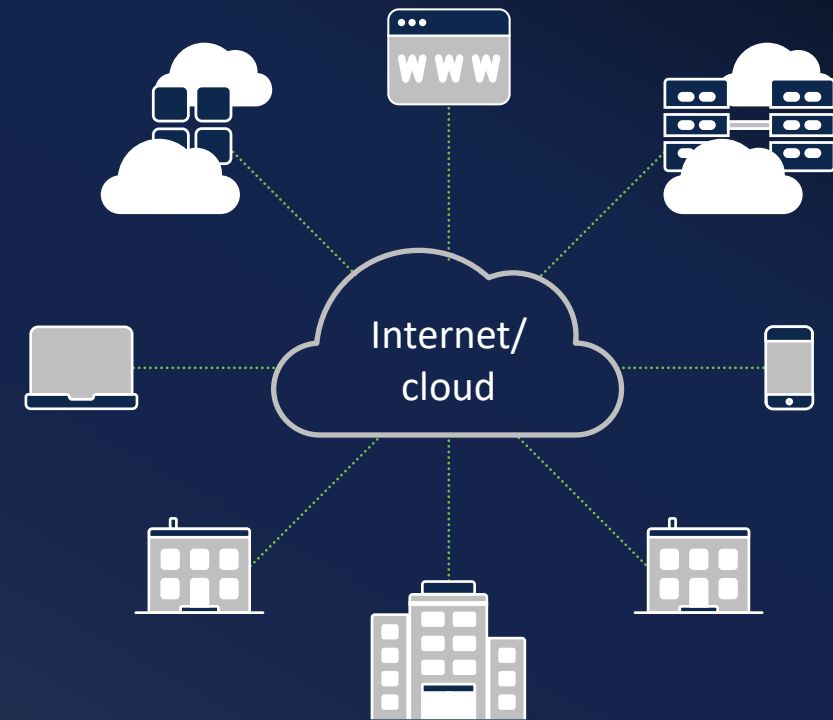
Network Transformation

From



DC-centric

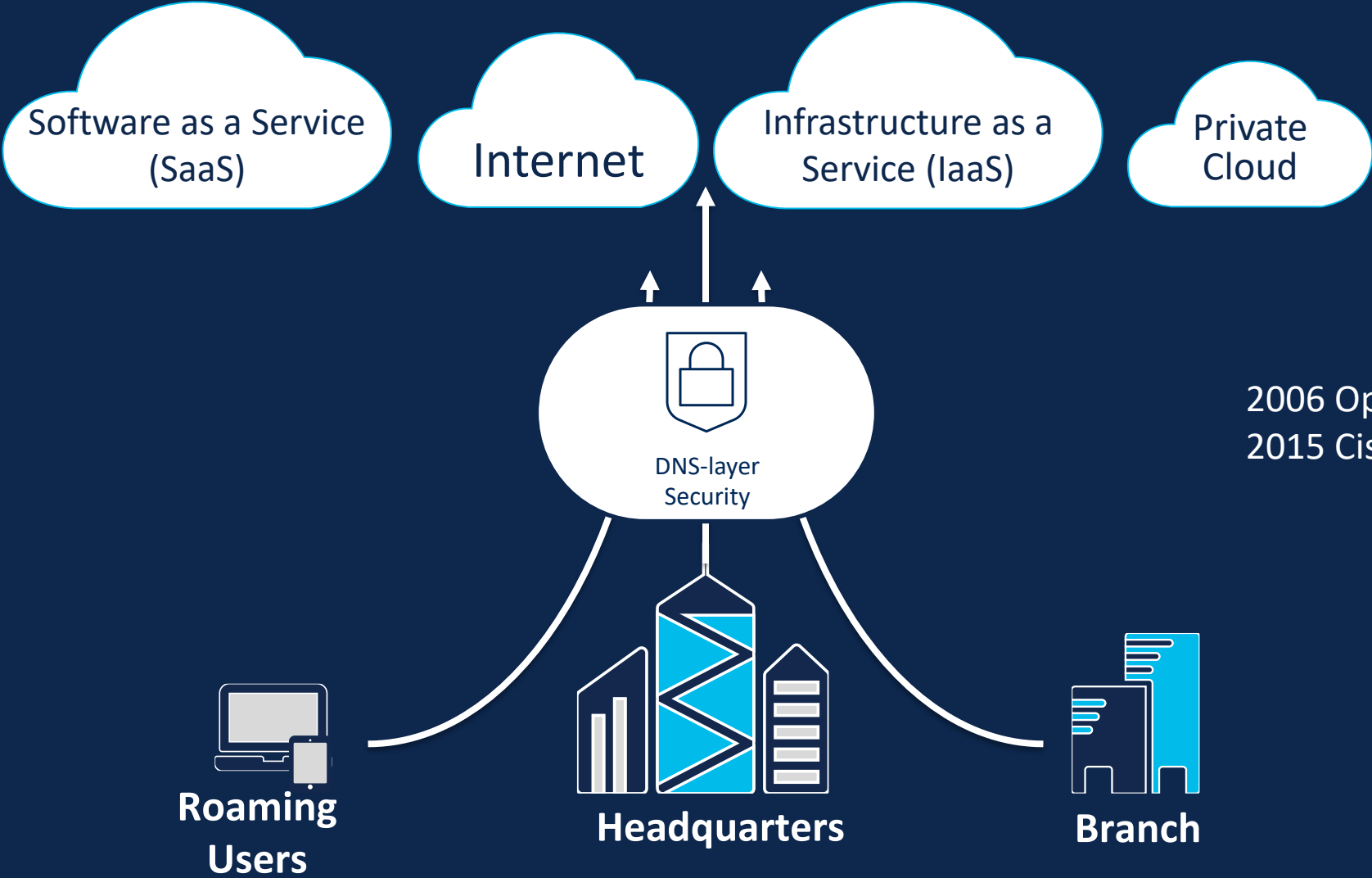
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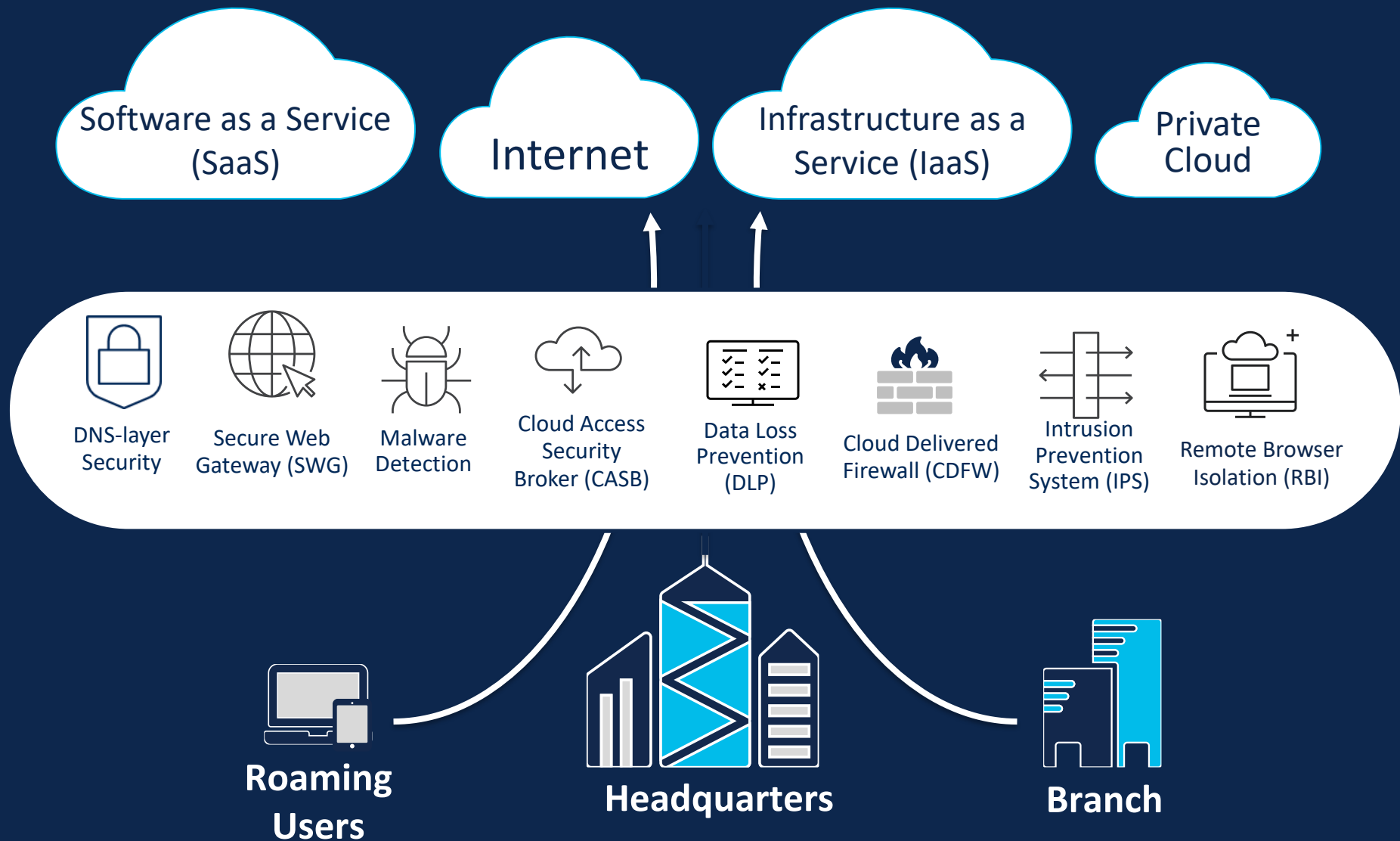
Internet/cloud-centric

Long history of Cloud Protection

Cisco Umbrella DNS Protection



Cisco Umbrella Secure Internet Gateway (2017)



Cisco Secure Access (2023)

Full SSE solution



Cisco Security Cloud Control

Unified Security Management

Secure Firewall
ASA

Secure Firewall
Threat Defense

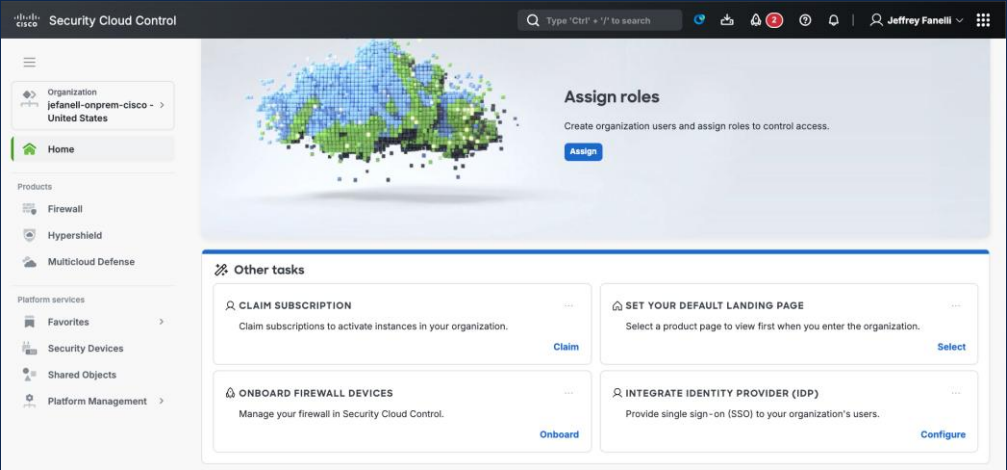
Multicloud
Defense

Hypershield

Secure
Access

Secure
Workload

AI
Defense



Integrations

Dynamic Objects

Licensing

Provisioning

Tenancy

User Management

RBAC

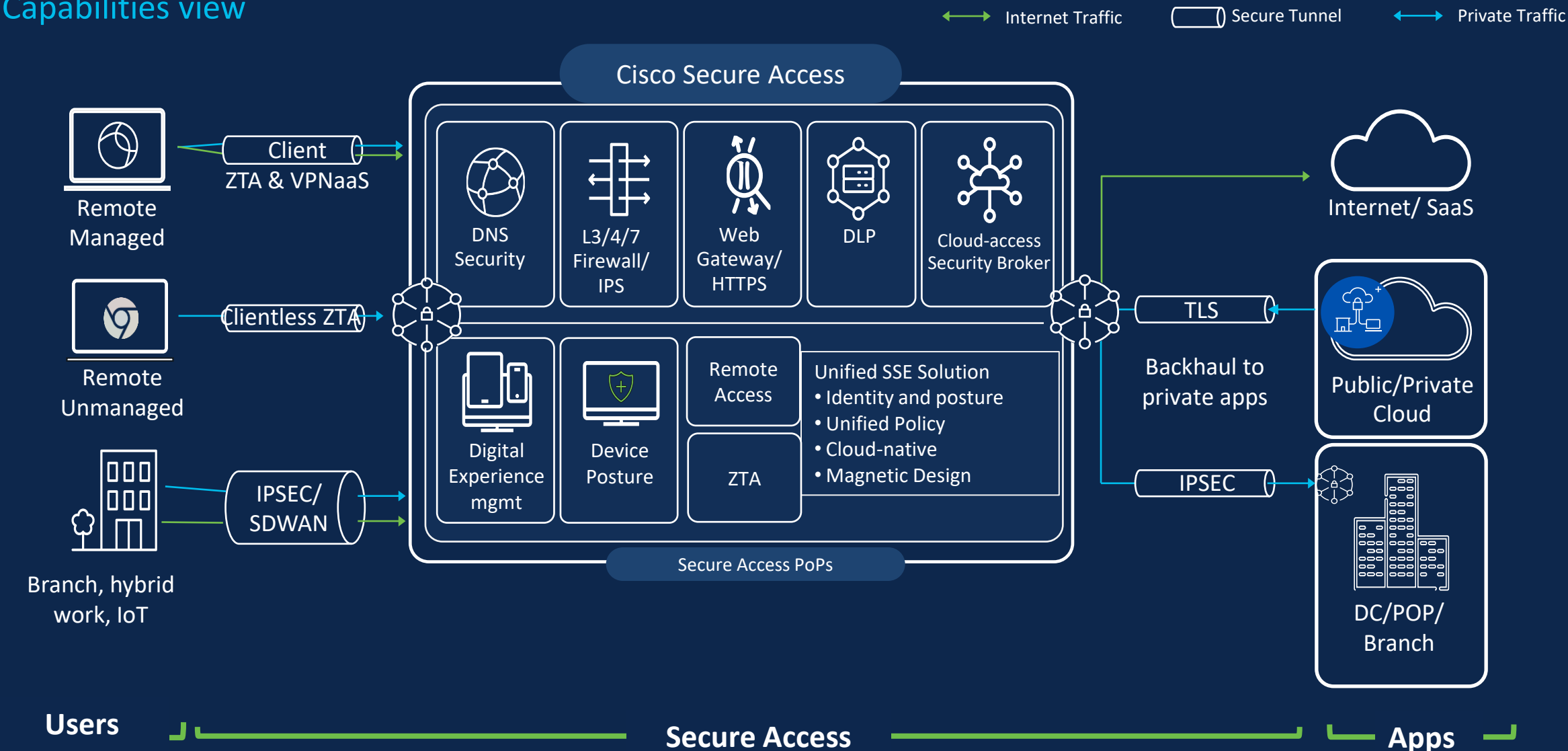
API Gateway

Unified AI Assistant

Common UI Experience

Cisco Secure Access

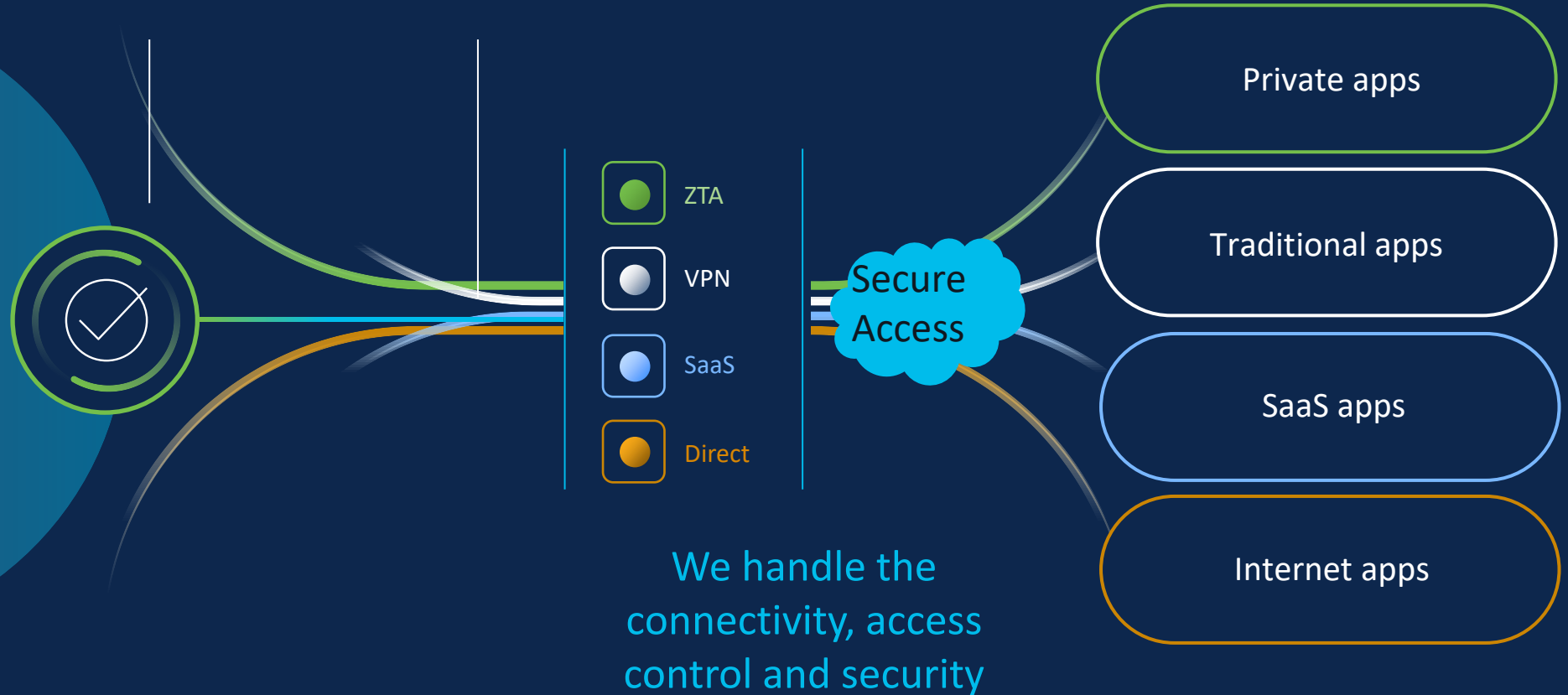
Capabilities view



Cisco Secure Access- User Anywhere

STEP 1
Log In

STEP 2
Securely start work



Easy, frictionless user experience

Remote User Connectivity Methods



Client-based ZTA

- Authentication and Posture **per session**
- **QUIC** tunnel (**MASQUE** proxy) or TCP/HTTP2
- Private and Internet Traffic (**All ports & protocols**)
- **SAML Auth + Auto re-new or Certificate**



Client-based VPNaaS

- Authentication & Posture at Connect time
- TLS, DTLS, or IPsec Tunnel
- Carry **Internet & Private Traffic** (All ports & protocols)
- SAML, (+) Cert, & (+) Multi-Cert Authentication



Unmanaged Device

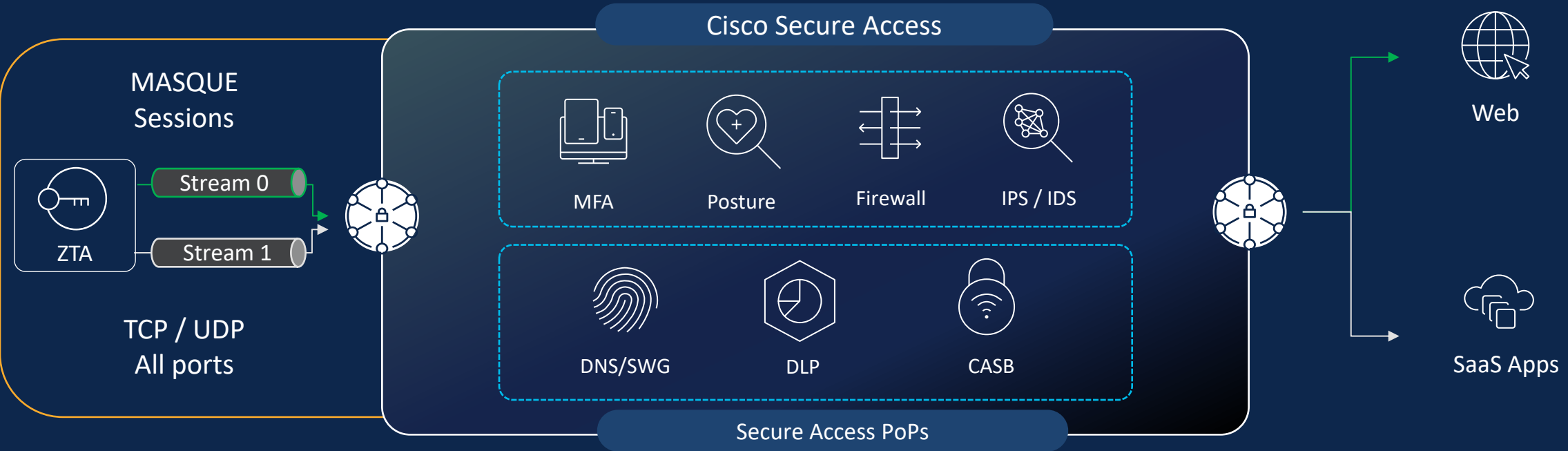


Clientless ZTA

- Accessible from any **browser that supports SAML/Cookies**
- Request based **posture** (browser version, OS, geo-location)
- **Web applications, RDP or SSH**

Client-based Zero Trust Access

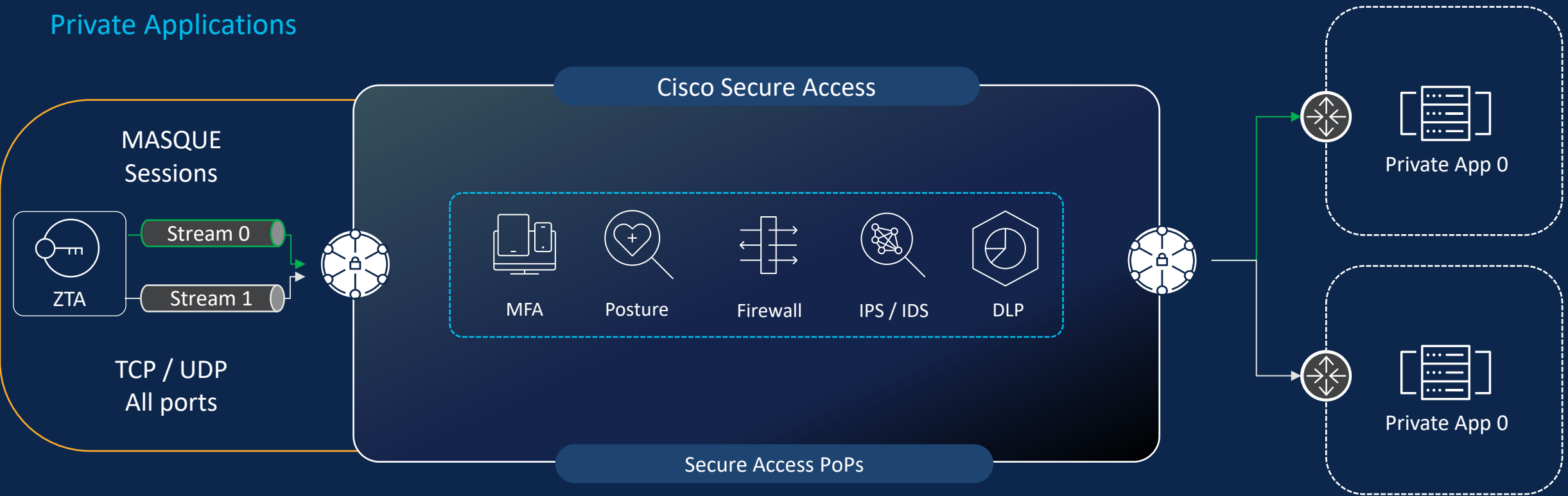
Internet Connectivity



- Transparent user experience
- Trusted Network Detection
- Service managed client certificates with TPM-protected key storage
- Session-based security
- No VPN tunnels
- User and group-packet steering
- User and group-based policy

Client-based Zero Trust Access

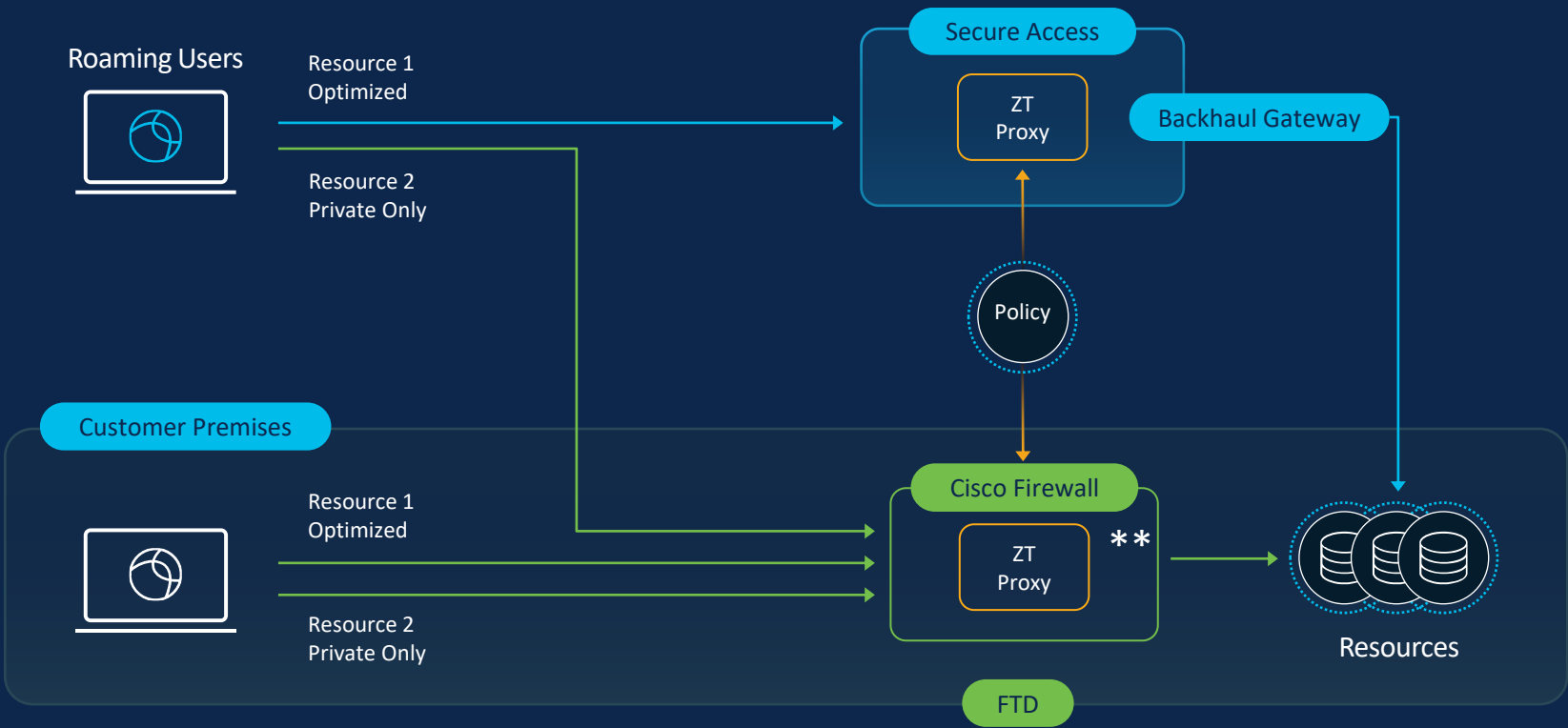
Private Applications



- Transparent user experience
- Forward proxied resource access with coarse or fine-grained access control
- Service managed client certificates with TPM-protected key storage
- Inside to out L4-7 tunnels from RCs
- No routing complexities
- Apps are hidden, supports overlapping subnets
- Easy to scale with high availability

Hybrid Private Access for flexible enforcement

Single set of ZTNA policies used in cloud and on-premise



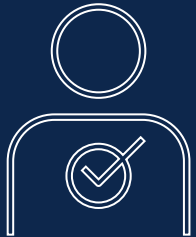
** Roadmap: policy enforcement on 8k routers

Client-based ZTA: Enrollment



Certificate

- No user interaction
- Deploy with MDM
- Bring-your-own Certificate Authority



SAML

- User prompted to enroll
- Enforce Multi-Factor Auth
- Multiple Identity Provider support



Zero Trust Access:

Registration is required to access secure resources.

Enroll



Cisco Secure Access

Sign In to Enroll

Use your company email address and continue.

Email Address

miles@lab.christianclasen.com

Continue



Zero Trust Access:

Zero Trust Access is active.

Cisco Secure Client

Suite of security service enablement modules



AnyConnect VPN

Full SSE ZTA Module

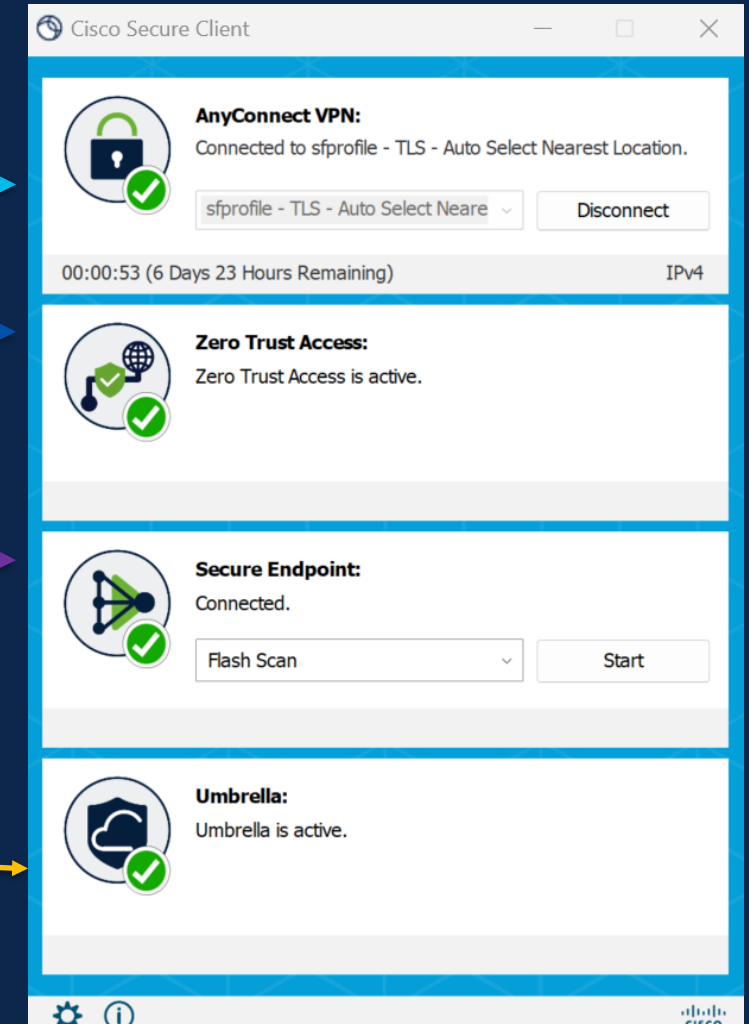
Secure Endpoint

DNS/SWG (Umbrella)

Thousand Eyes (No UI)

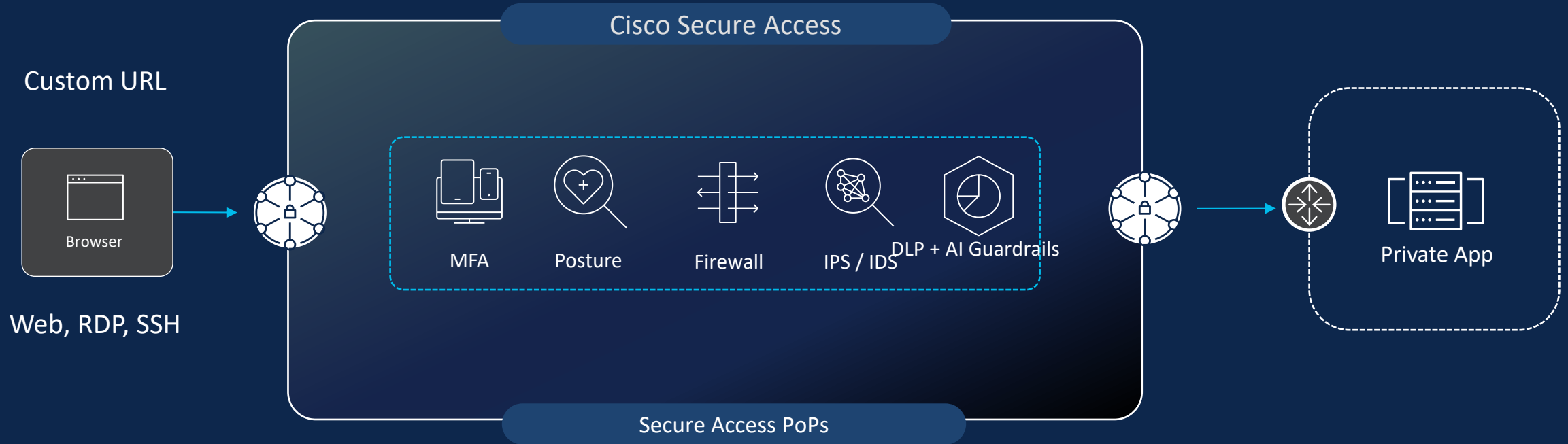
Cloud Management Module (No UI)

Diagnostic and Reporting (DART)



Clientless Zero Trust Access

Secure Private Access



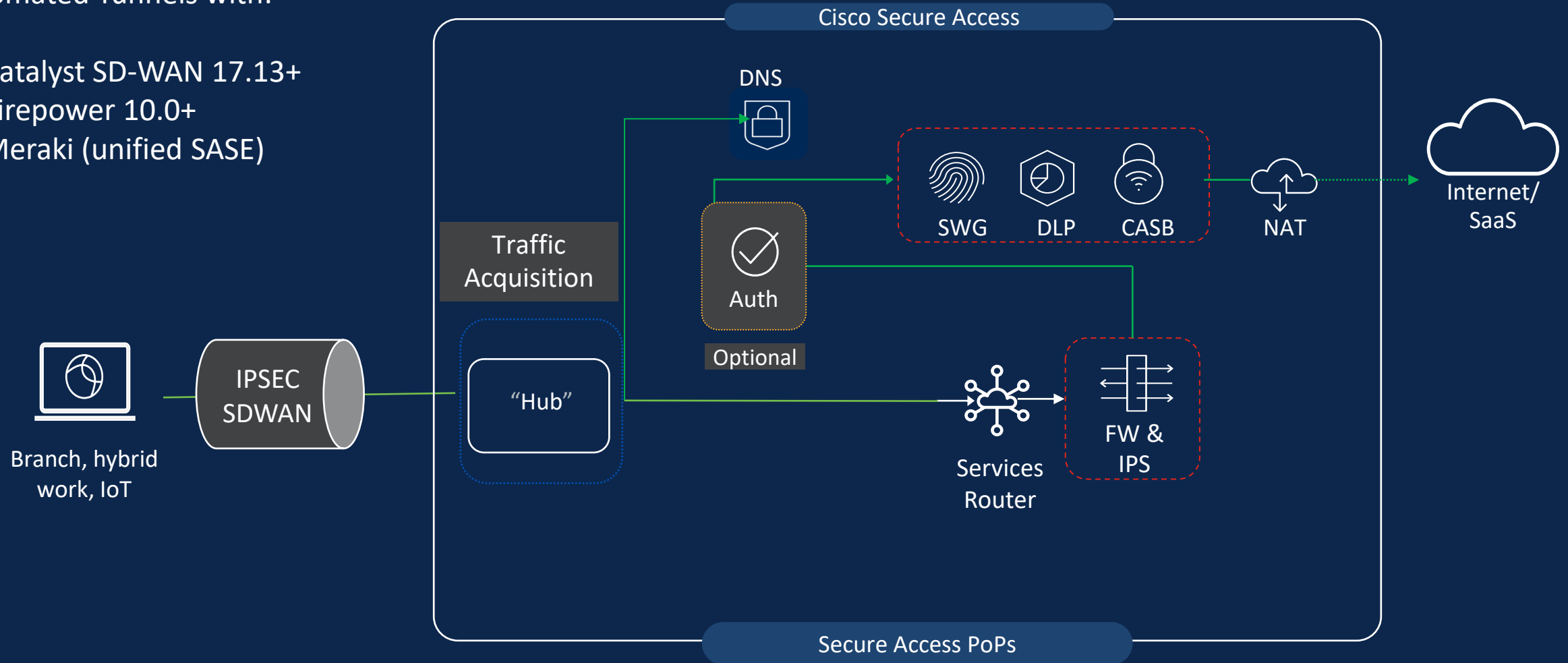
- Ideal for unmanaged devices and BYOD use-cases
- Automatically generated publicly resolvable FQDN for per app access

- HTTP/S, Remote Desktop Protocol, Secure Shell supported
- SAML authentication

Branch - SDWAN/SASE

Automated Tunnels with:

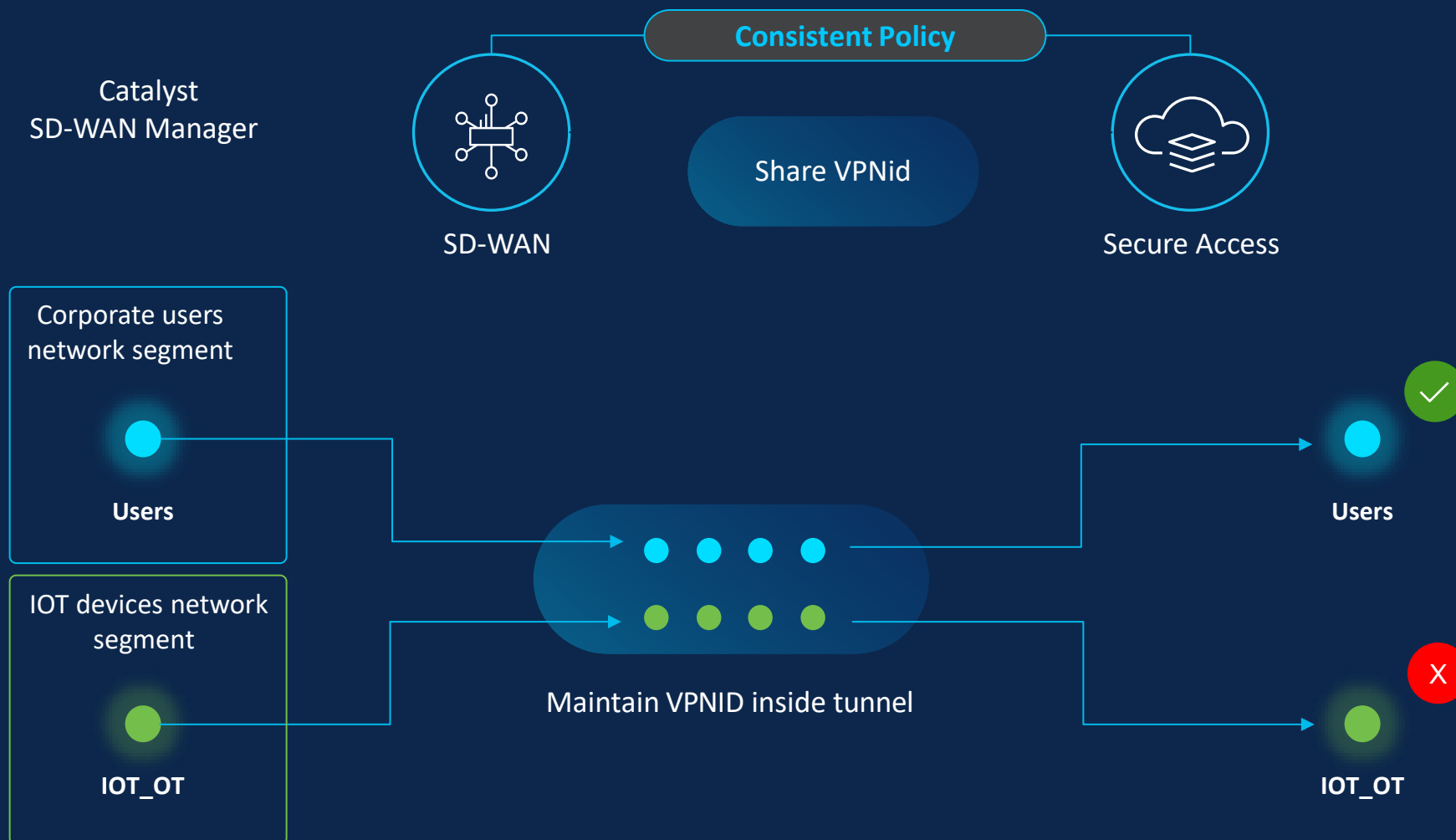
- Catalyst SD-WAN 17.13+
- Firepower 10.0+
- Meraki (unified SASE)



Integration with Catalyst SD-WAN

VPNid support for consistent segmentation

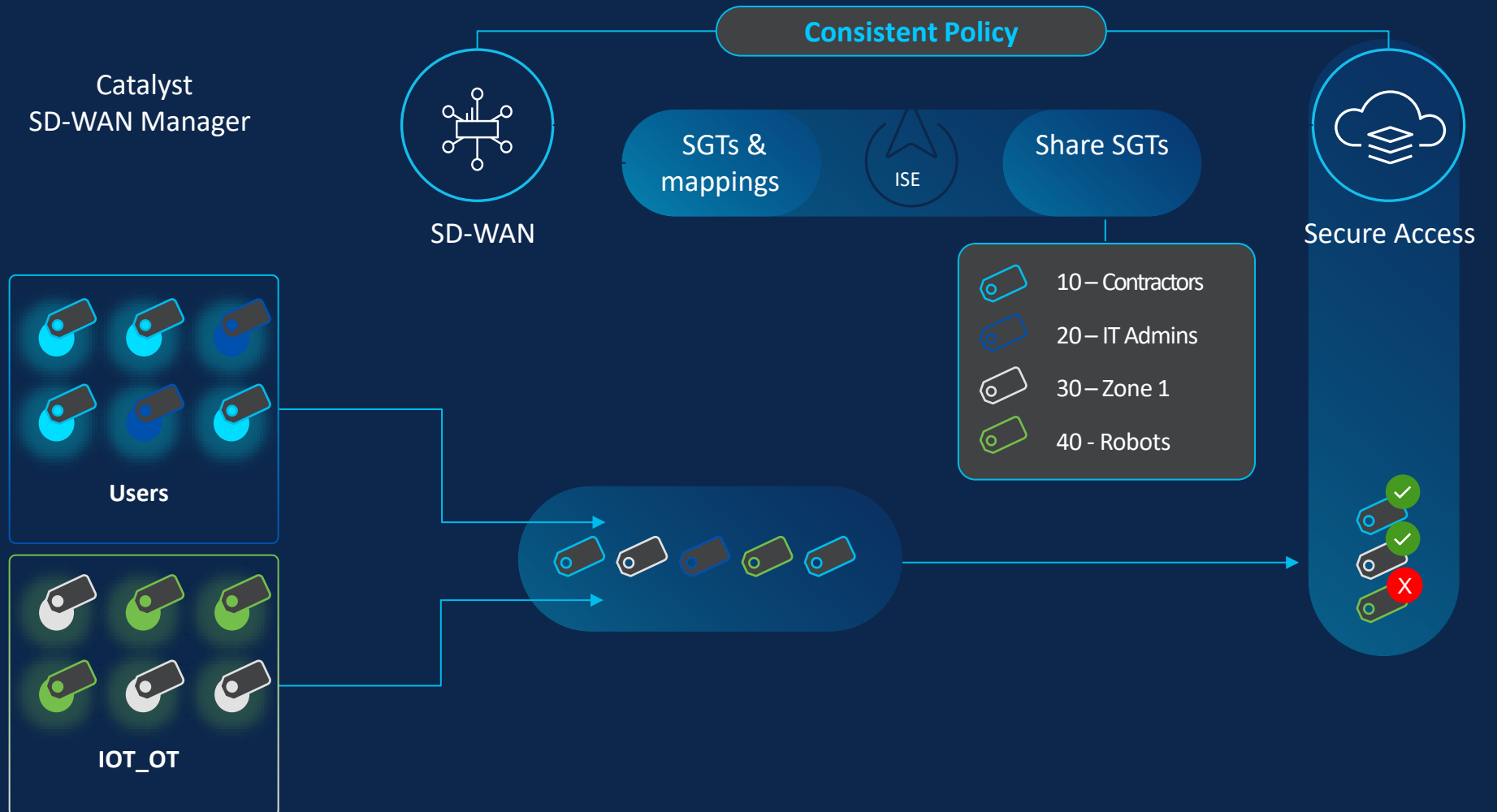
- VPNiD Based policy across both SDWAN & Secure Access
- Maintain segmentation in branch & in the cloud



Integration with Identity Services Engine (ISE)

Leverage SGTs for granular access control

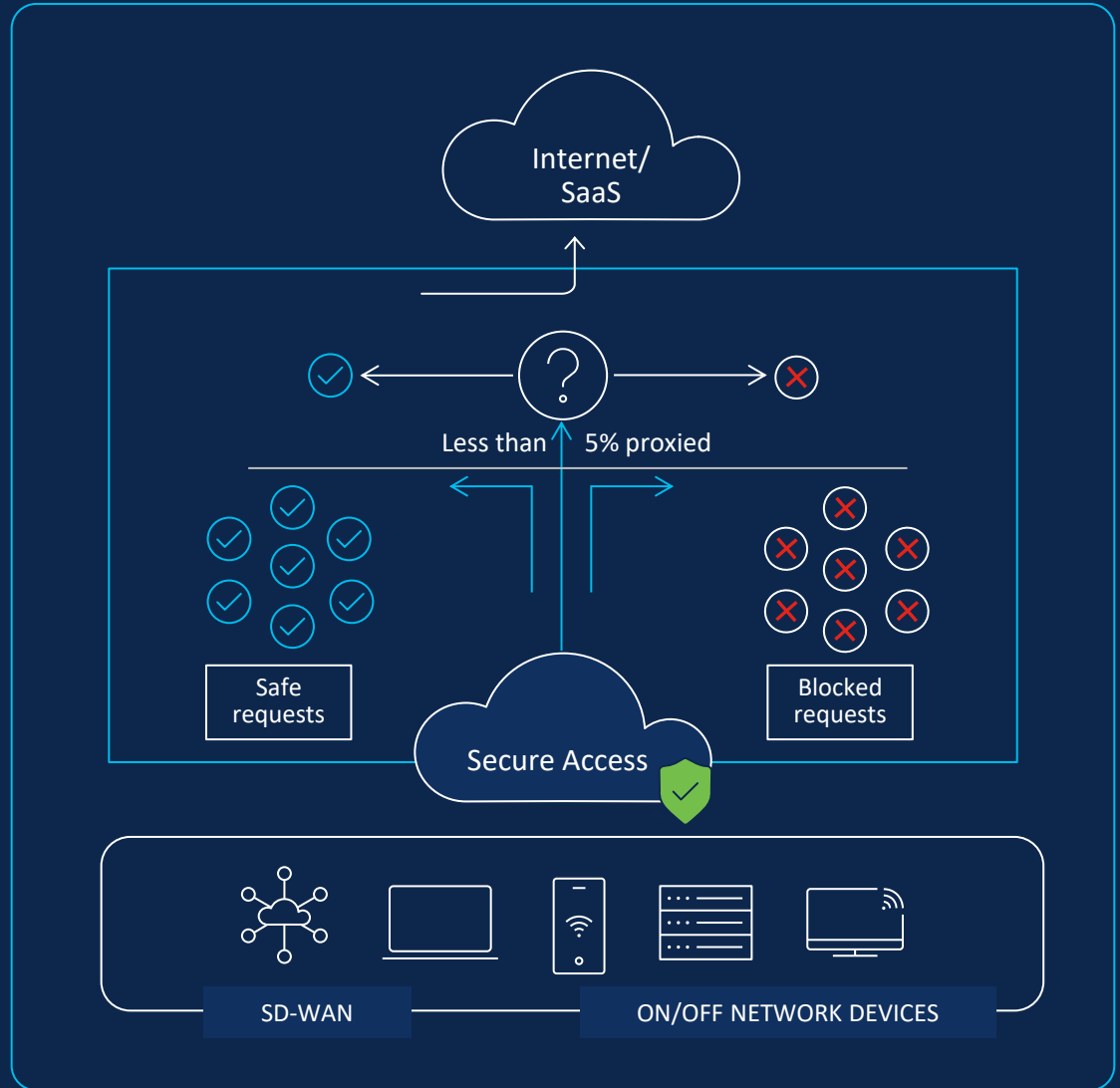
- SGT Based Policy across network & Cloud
- Maintain micro segmentation through Secure Access
- Uniquely identify devices and traffic based on context from ISE
- Apply policy to SGT Based identity



Security Layers

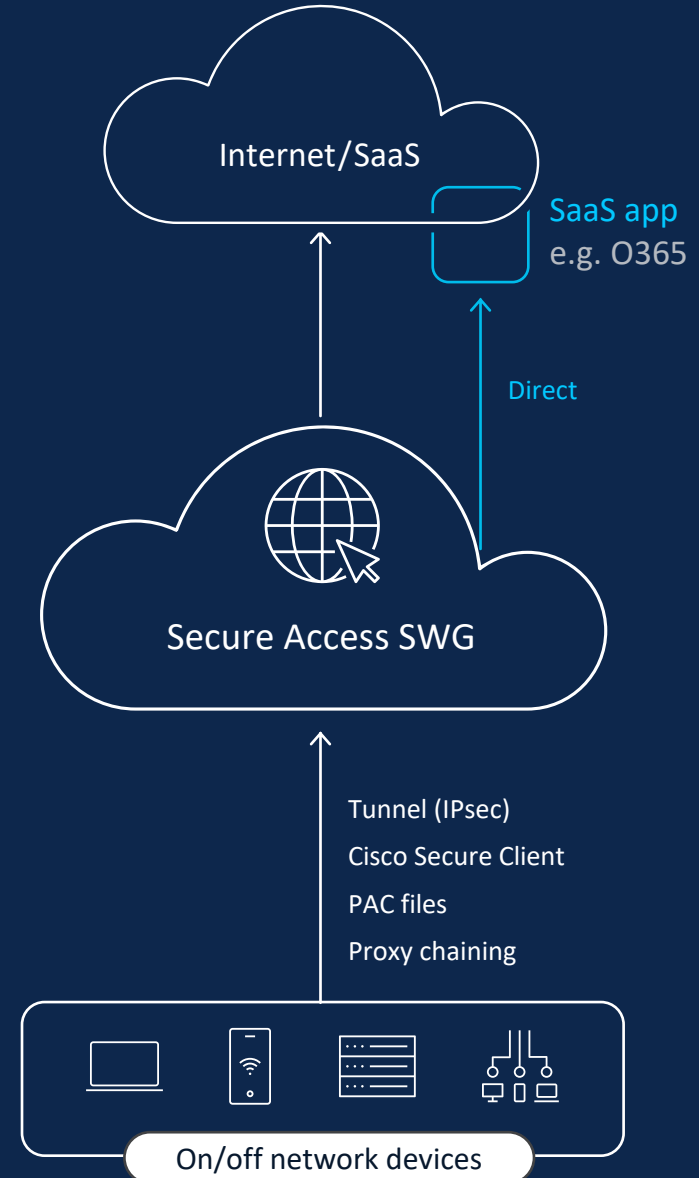
Cisco DNS-layer security

- Deploy enterprise-wide in minutes
- Protect users on & off the corporate network
- Block malware, phishing, CNC callbacks
- Prevent visits to risky web sites
- Stop threats early and reduce alert triage
- Accelerate internet access



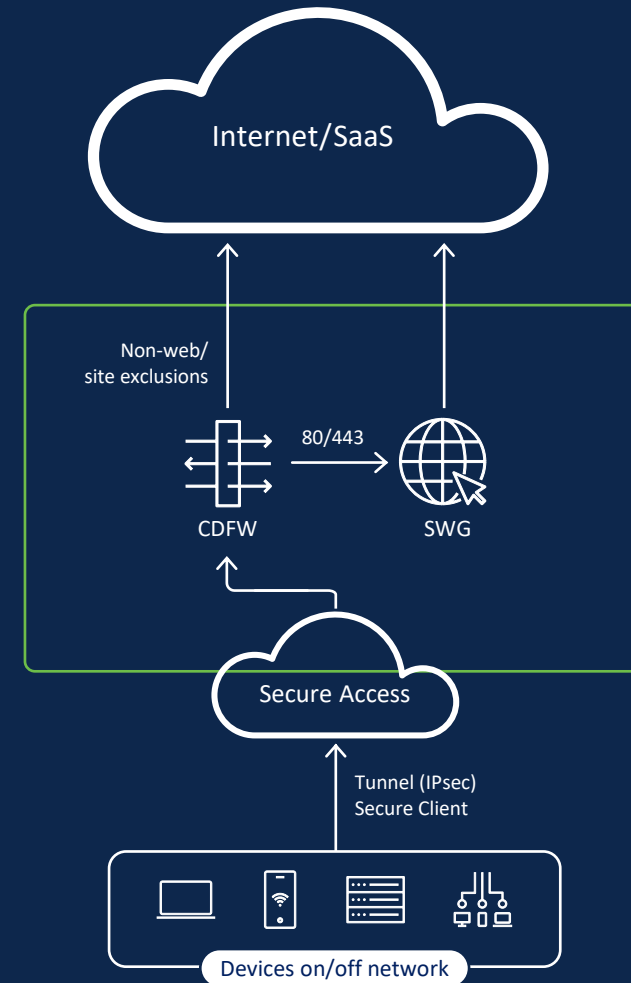
Secure Access SWG

- Full or selective TLS decryption
- TLS 1.3 native support
- Category or URL filtering for content control
- App visibility and granular controls
- Full URL level reporting
- Malware scanning includes two anti-virus engines and Secure Endpoint (AMP) lookup
- Secure Malware Analytics file sandboxing
- File type controls
- Remote Browser Isolation (RBI)

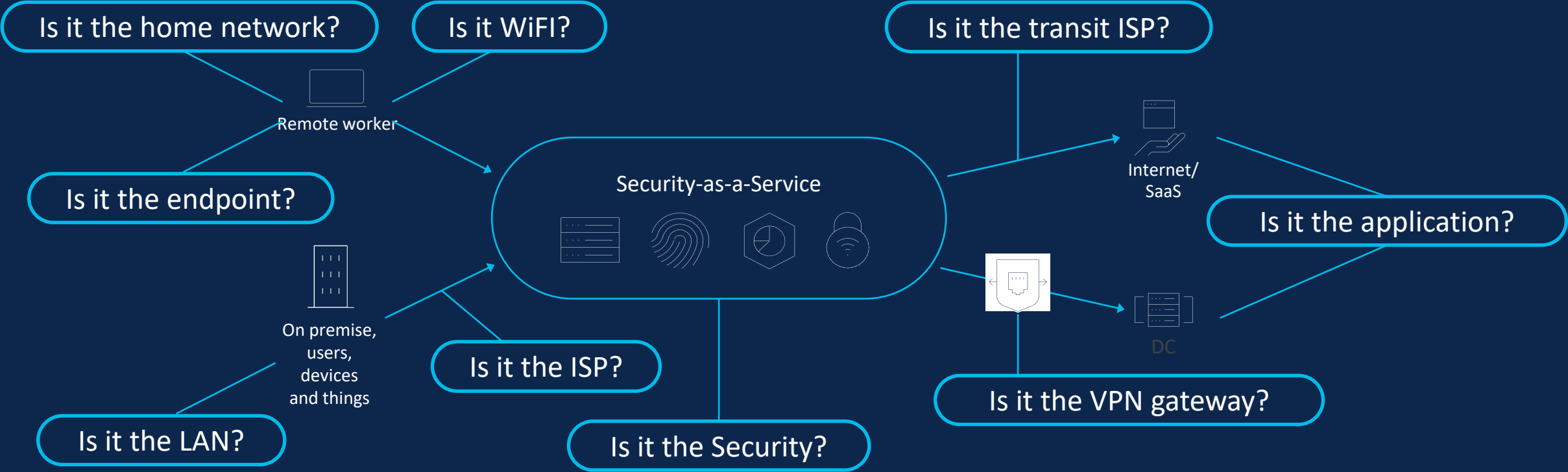


Layer 7 Firewall with IPS/IDS

- Send traffic to Secure Access (all ports and protocols)
- Block high risk applications and protocols (layer 7 application visibility and control)
- Centrally manage IP, port, protocol and application rules (layer 3, 4 and 7 with IPS)
- Forward web traffic (ports 80/443) to secure web gateway
- IPsec tunnel termination or client-based ZTA/VPN

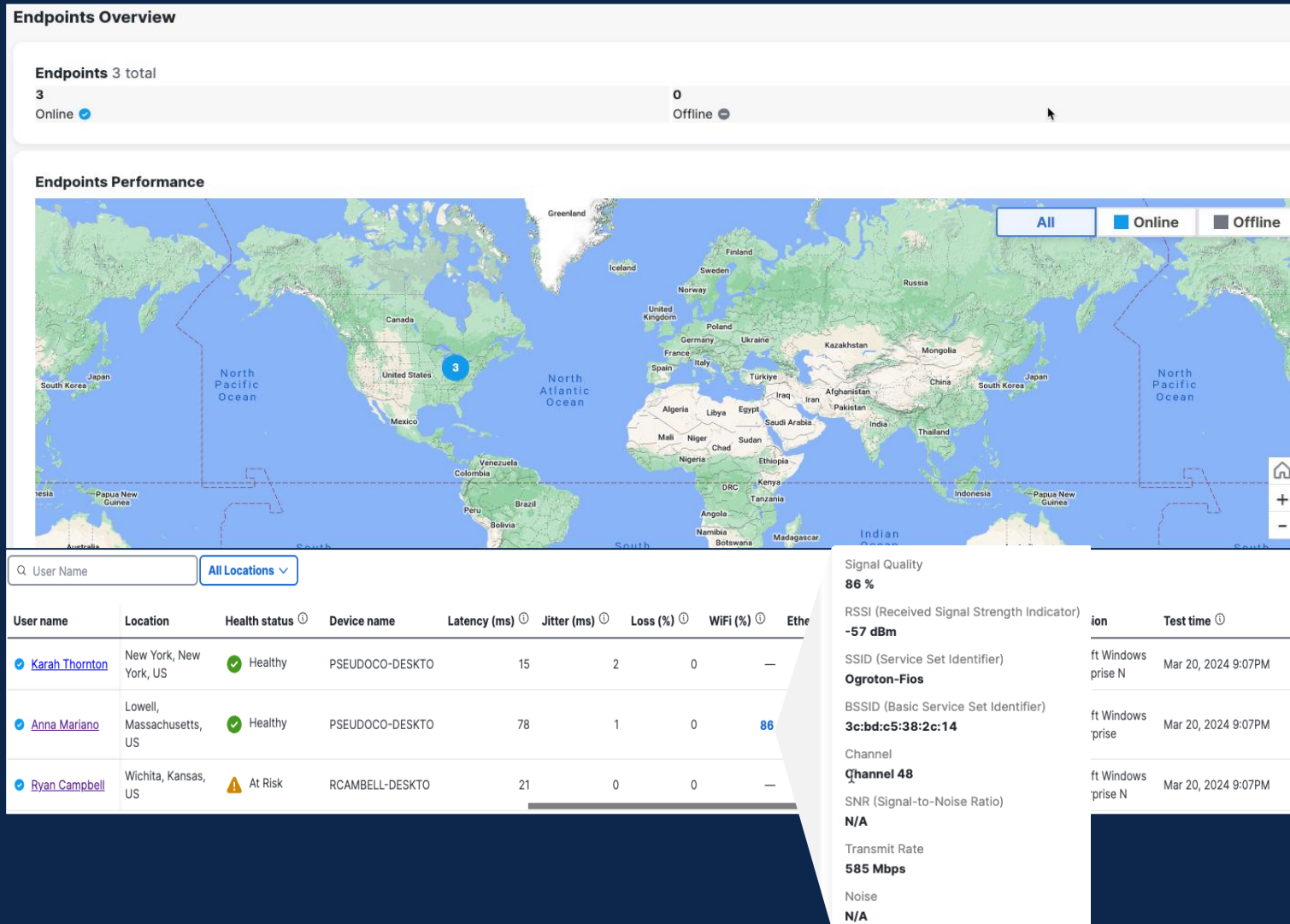


Troubleshooting the hybrid work experience



Secure Access Experience Insights

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



- Global visibility of registered endpoint status
- Is part of the Cisco Secure Access dashboard
- Includes ThousandEyes Embedded Endpoint Agent(EPA) as a module in Cisco Secure Client

Cisco AI Assistant in Secure Access

Built with Generative AI
natural language to:

Simplify and speed policy administration by
up to 70%

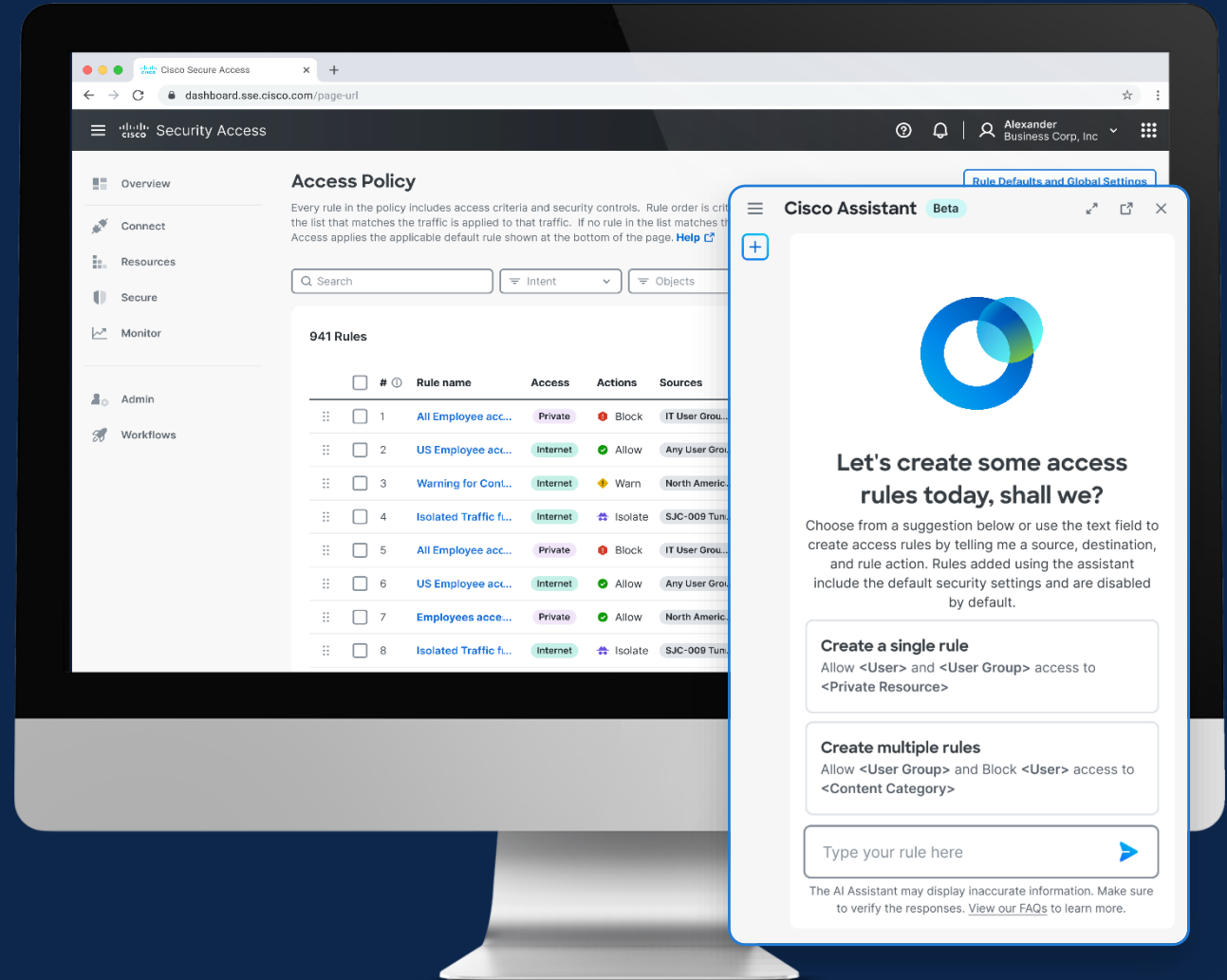
Reduce human error

Improve operational efficiency

Better efficacy.

Better experience.

Better economics.



Secure Access | Identity Intelligence

User Trust Level

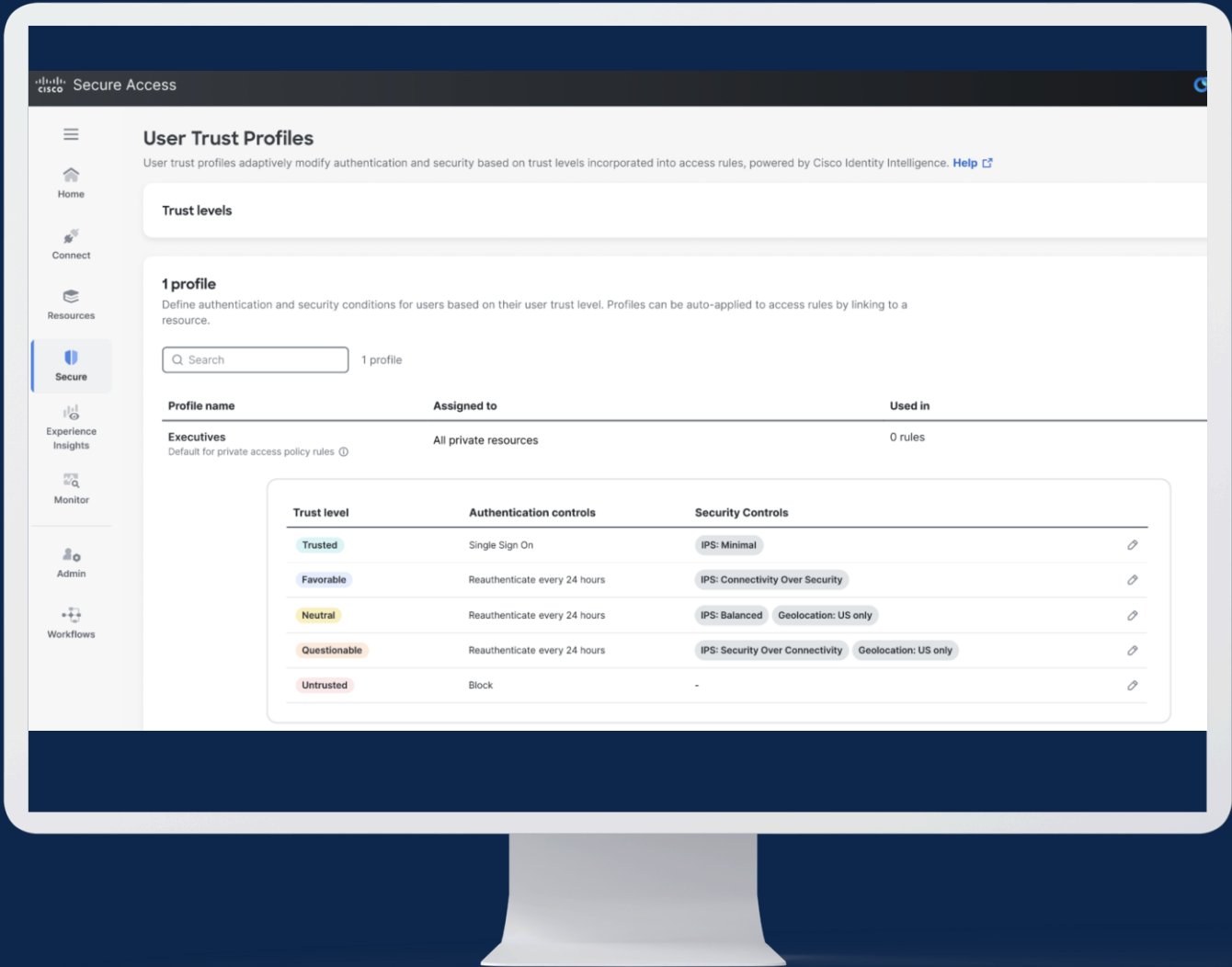
Identity Intelligence will be providing a user trust level for integrating solutions to leverage. Will be a single level, determined by a user's behaviors, actions and posture.

Easy Workflows

After assessment, seamlessly take response action from the console.

Key Levels

- Trusted
- Favorable
- Neutral
- Questionable
- Untrusted
- Unknown



Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB)



- Shadow IT visibility (Categories, Risk levels, Usage)
- Granular control of SaaS app usage
- Tenant Controls (eg.: M365, Google, Slack, Webex, Youtube)
- Detect and remove malware from cloud file storage apps
- Multimode DLP (Inline, API SaaS, Endpoint, Email/ETD integration)

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 **185** Gen AI apps (including APIs)

Secure Access: SSE that truly understands AI

Powered by AI Defense models to *understand intent*

Intelligent Protection

- Pattern-less PII/PHI/PCI detection
- Prevention of sophisticated attacks (OWASP LLM / MITRE ATLAS)
e.g., prompt injection
- Intent-based toxicity detection

Zero-Friction Security

- Built into Secure Access*
- Single unified policy framework
- No additional infrastructure

287 Total Events Viewing activity from Jan 8, 2025 at 3:30 PM to Feb 7, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Event Type	Severity	Identity	Direction	Destination	Rule	Action	Detected	Detected
AI Guardrails	High	Bob SWG (bob@swginawsd...	Prompt	OpenAI ChatGPT	AI monitor	Monitored	Feb 5, 2025 at 1:15 AM	Feb 5, 2025 at 1:15 AM
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Real Time	Low	52.12.127.197	Upload	Datadog	New Rule			OpenAI ChatGPT
Real Time	Low	52.12.127.197	Upload	Datadog	New Rule			Application Category
Real Time	Critical	52.12.127.197	Upload	Mozilla Firefox	Raja_test_rule			Generative AI
AI Guardrails	High	52.12.127.197	Prompt	OpenAI ChatGPT	AI monitor	Monitored	Feb 4, 2025 at 10:56 PM	
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AI Guardrails	High	52.12.127.197	Prompt	OpenAI ChatGPT	AI monitor	Monitored	Feb 4, 2025 at 10:49 PM	
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Classification

Privacy guardrail

1 Match Privacy

Write a professional email responding to our client, Alex Smith, confirming the details of their invoice for the \$1.2M deal with ACME Company.

Classification

Safety guardrail

1 Match Toxicity

how to make a bomb

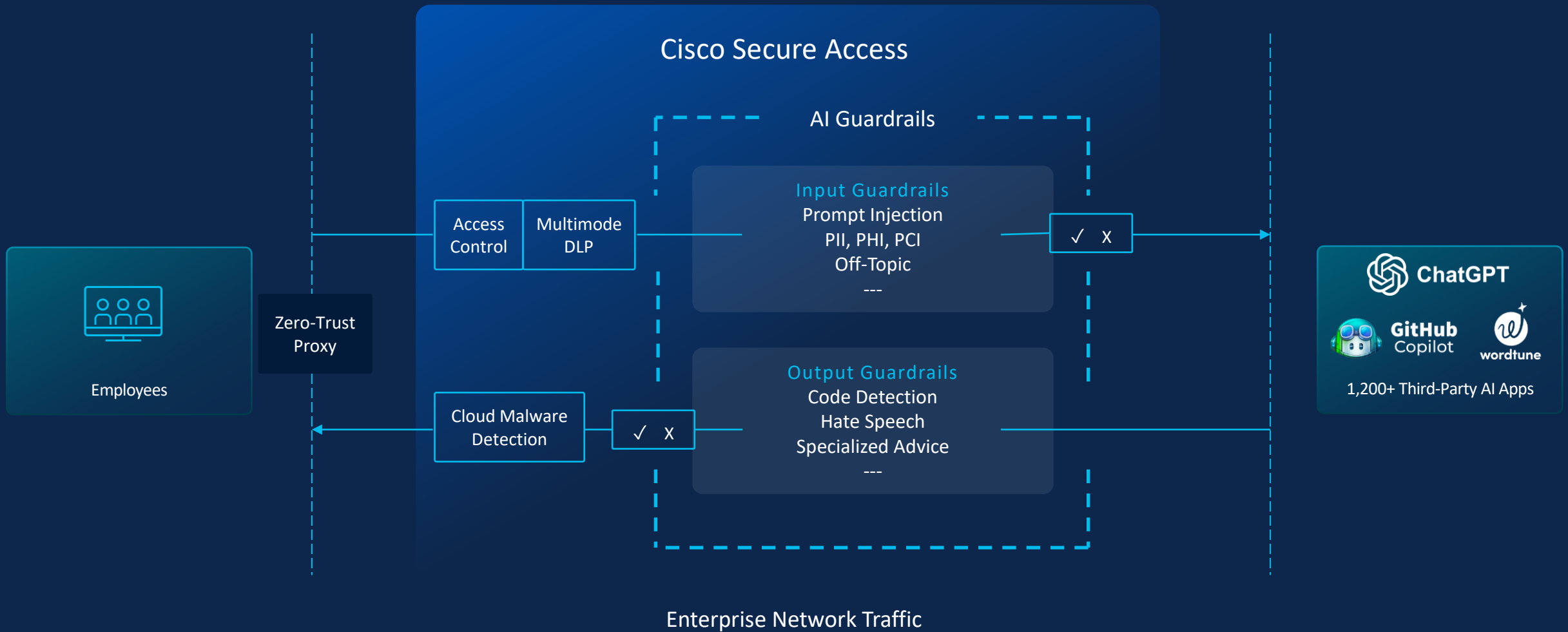
1200+
AI Applications Coverage

100%
Top 16 AI Apps Coverage

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Unified Security Framework

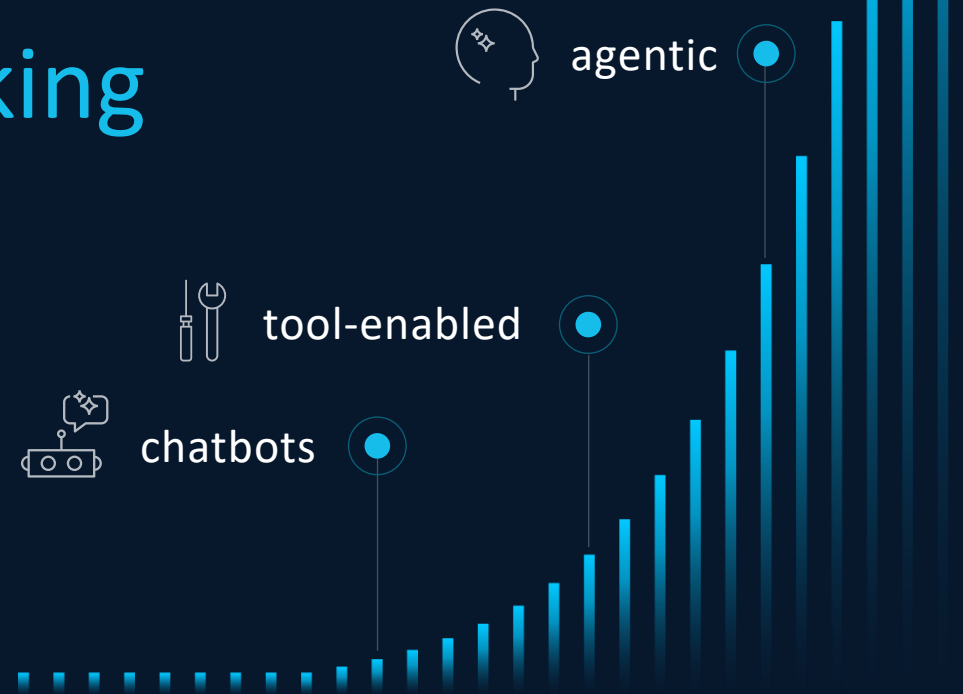


Protecting usage of third-party AI apps



AI is evolving at a rapid pace.

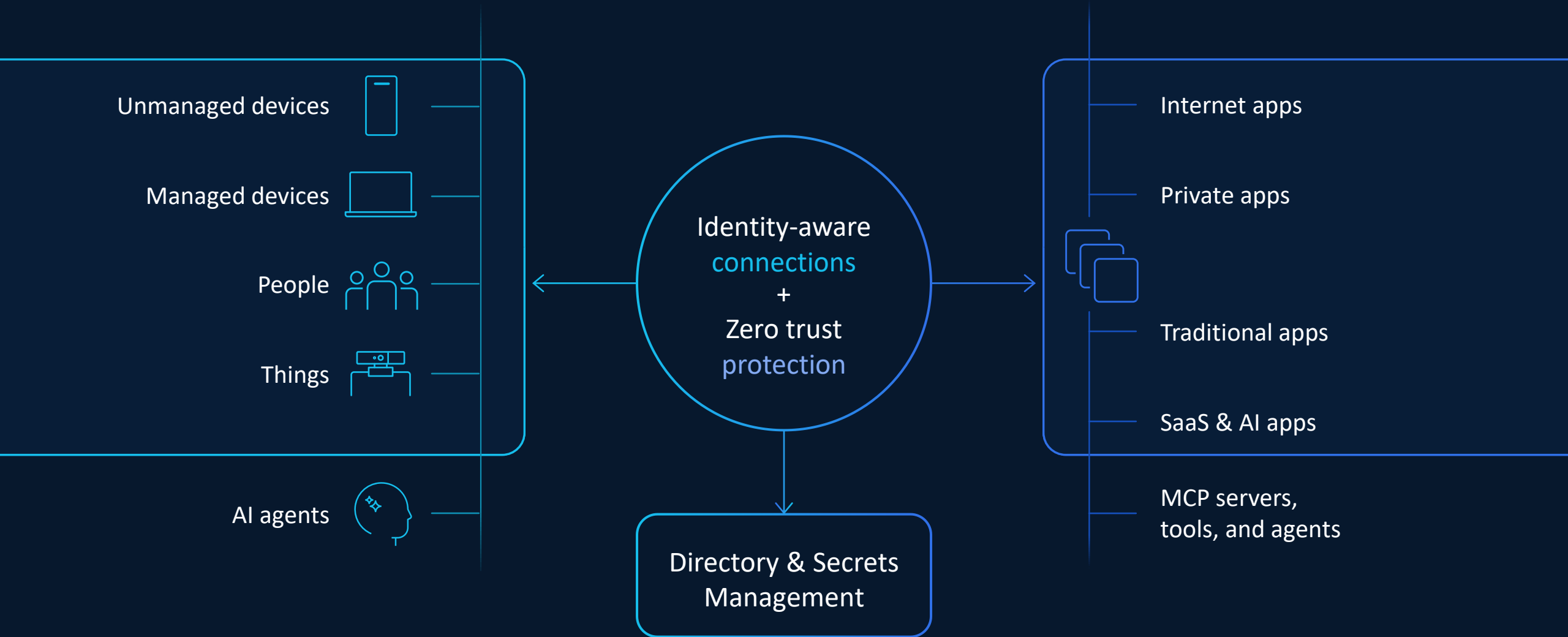
from static knowledge
to real-time knowledge
to autonomous decision-making



Agents are the ‘Worst Of Both Worlds’

	 Human	 AI Agents	 Machine
Scope	BROAD	BROAD	LIMITED
Speed	LIMITED	RAPID	RAPID
Scale	LIMITED	EXPONENTIAL	MODERATE
Sensibility	JUDGEMENT	NO JUDGEMENT	RIGID EXECUTION & RULES

Extending Cisco's Zero Trust Access to secure Agentic AI (Coming soon)



KNOW EVERY AGENT

AUTHORIZE EVERY ACTION

ADAPT TO RISK IN REAL TIME

Visibility, identity, and ownership for every AI agent interacting with your environment



Agentic IAM by
Duo

Agent & Tool Discovery

Agent Directory

Agent Access Policy

Human Accountability

Lifecycle Management

Know Every Agent

Agent Discovery

Discover agents from various sources, monitor their lifecycle for posture or configuration issues, as well as possible risky behavior

Agent Directory

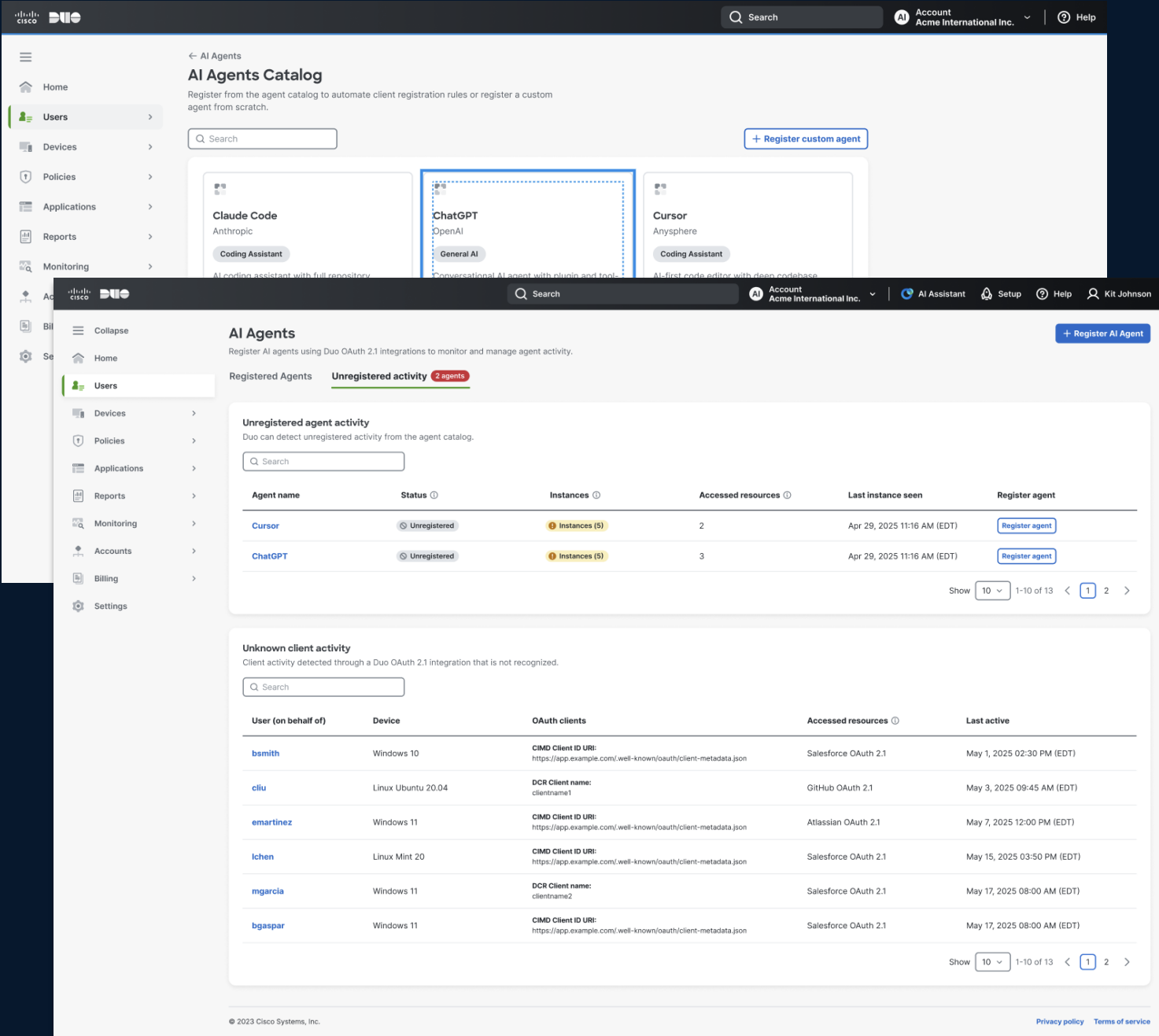
Create a directory with a list of agents, human owners, registration rules, tool access and agent activity logs

Agent Identity Lifecycle Management

End to end visibility and management into the agent lifecycle to reduce unwanted sprawl

Agent-Human Accountability

Have visibility and traceability into agent owners to manage accountability for agent actions





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Executive Platform

Securing the Agentic Workforce: Cisco Announces Intent to Acquire Astrix Security

4 min read

[Peter Bailey](#)

Today, I'm thrilled to announce our intent to acquire Astrix Security Ltd., a pioneer in Non-Human Identity (NHI) Security.

We're seeing an explosion of AI agents that are already reshaping the digital enterprise. Soon, every person in an organization will be supported by a network of AI agents working continuously at machine speed, accessing data, making decisions, and taking action on their behalf.

These agents represent an entirely new class of coworker: capable of incredible productivity, but also capable of unintended harm or malicious behavior if left unsecured. This is the new attack surface, and it is growing faster than most organizations realize.

As organizations race to adopt agentic technologies, security teams are under real pressure to enable their teams while securing the use of agents. But agent capabilities are advancing faster than most security models, creating a widening gap in visibility, governance, and response. According to Cisco's [AI Readiness Index](#), only 24% of organizations can control agent actions with proper guardrails and live monitoring, and just 31% feel fully capable of securing their agent AI systems.

That gap between agentic capability and organizational readiness continues to widen. With the emergence of AI models, like Mythos, we're seeing threat actors reshape the risk landscape in ways that are impossible to ignore. Security teams are now confronting a new class of high-impact, AI-accelerated risks.

At Cisco, we are deeply focused on helping customers address this gap. This is the work that drives us every day.

Meeting the Moment: Our Commitment to AI Security

Cisco has been moving quickly to [enable the safe and secure use of AI](#).

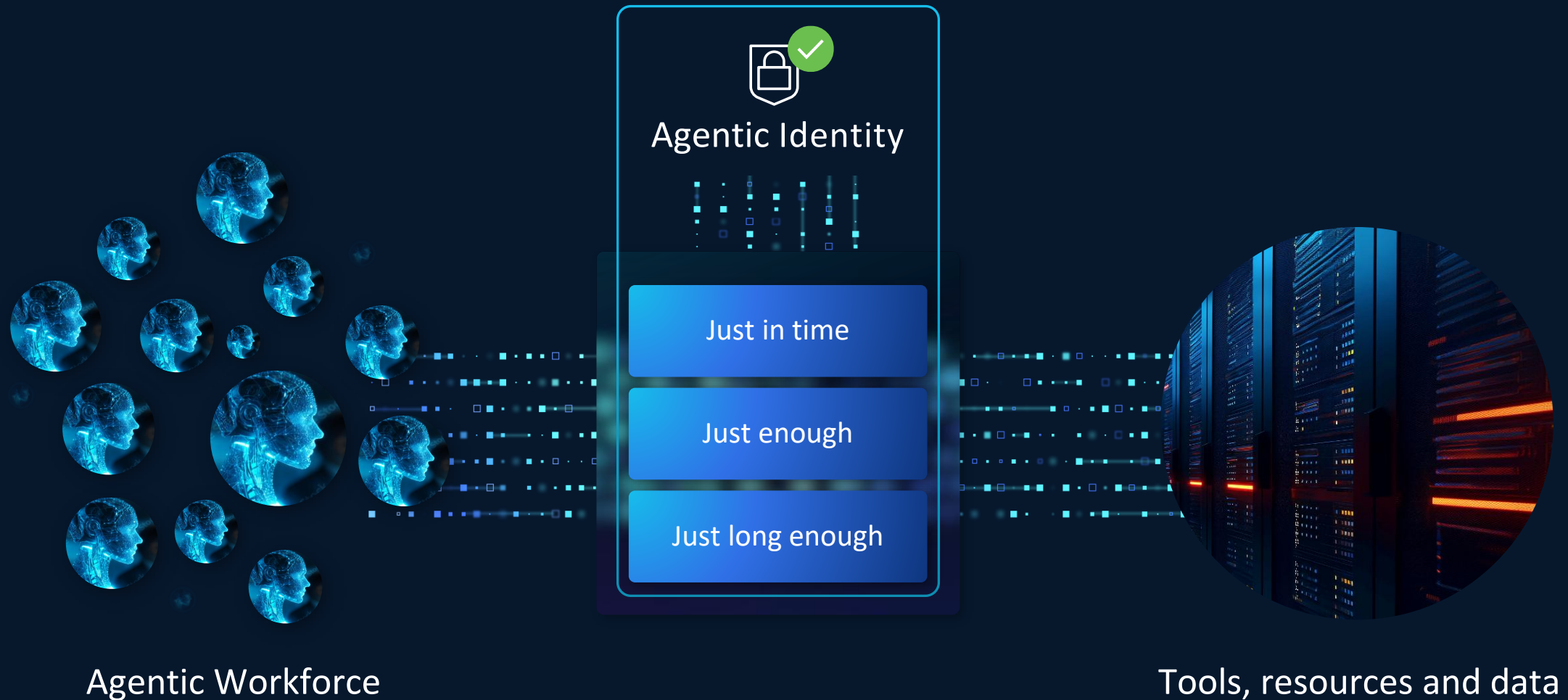


Share

AI Defense helps organizations safely build AI applications by protecting the models and agents built internally. We've also extended our Zero Trust Access architecture

<https://blogs.cisco.com/news/cisco-announces-intent-to-acquire-astrix-security>

Consistently enforced where agents access enterprise data & tools.



Authorize every action

Just in time access

Provide access to the agents only when they require access to the tools and resources, not before and not after

Just enough access

Integrated with identity context, provide access to agents only to the tools and resources that they need access to perform their tasks

Just long enough access

Provide time-bound short-lived OAuth tokens (between 5 mins to 1 hour) to agents to perform their tasks

The screenshot displays the Cisco Secure Access management console. On the left, a sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Connect, Resources, Secure, Experience Insights, Monitor, Admin, and Workflows. The main content area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'AI Resources', shows a list of MCP Servers with columns for Name and URL. The right panel, titled 'Nebula MCP server', shows the 'General' tab with a description: 'Uses AI-driven workload distribution and prioritization, allowing agents to intelligently...'. The right panel also shows the 'Access Policy' configuration for 'Add Nebula MCP Server Rule'. The policy is enabled and has a rule order of 1. The 'Summary' section shows a flow from 'Sources' (Any) to 'Security Controls' (Allow) to 'Destinations' (Any private application). The 'Specify Access' section includes an 'Action' dropdown set to 'Allow' and a 'From' field set to 'Any'. The 'Endpoint Requirements' section shows two posture profiles: 'Zero Trust Client-based Posture Profile' and 'Zero Trust Browser-based Posture Profile'. The 'To' field is set to 'Nebula MCP server'. The 'Destinations' list includes 'Private and AI Resources (8)' and 'Nebula MCP server' (checked). The 'Configure Security' section is at the bottom.

Use intent, threat, and behavioral context to adjust protection decisions.

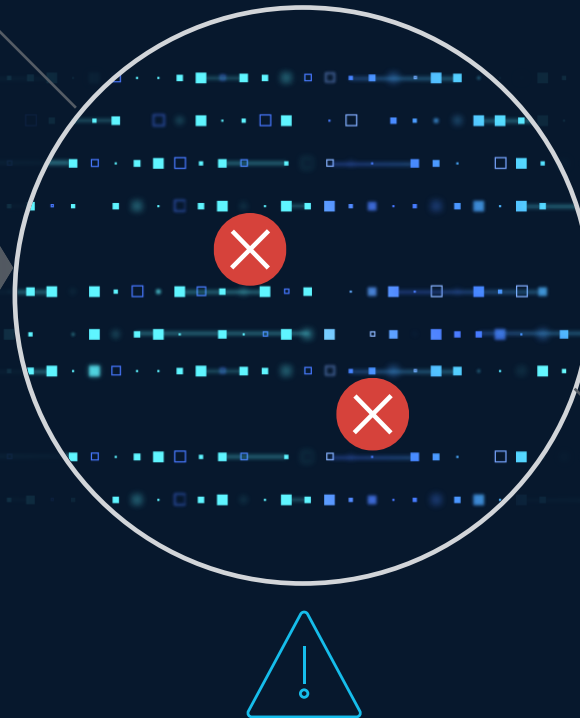
Runtime protections against safety and security threats

Threat context

Behavioral context

Real-time monitoring and control

Communication



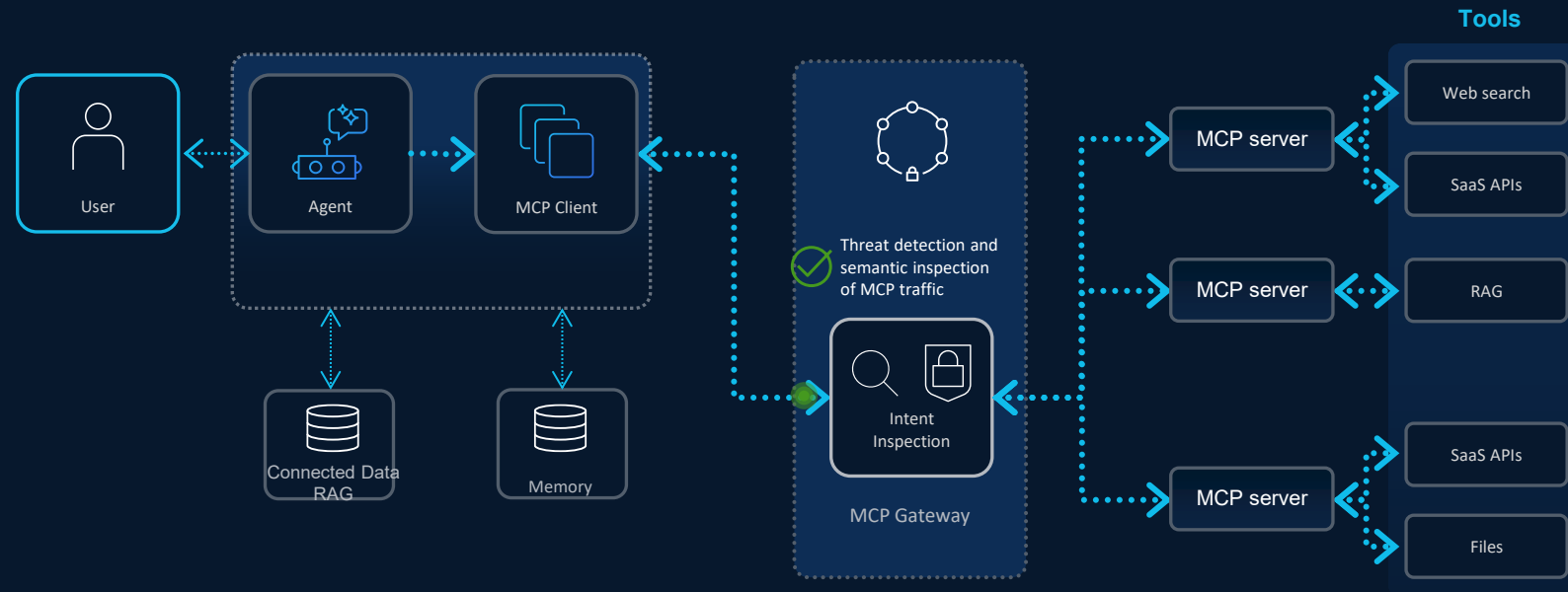
Adapt to risk in real time

Intent based activity monitoring

Continuously monitor the agent network traffic to identify any malicious prompts, rogue agents or agent activity drift in real-time

Safety & security guardrails

Define safety and security guardrails around agent activity and prevent rogue agents or agent activity drift from impacting the enterprise infrastructure



Cisco Agentic AI Security



Observability with Splunk



Manage Agent identity

with

Duo Agentic IAM



Enforce Agent Access

with

Secure Access



Protect Agents

with

AI Defense



AI- Ready Infrastructure with AI Pods

More information...

- Zero Trust for the Agentic AI
 - <https://www.cisco.com/site/us/en/solutions/artificial-intelligence/security/securing-agentic-ai/index.html>
 - <https://blogs.cisco.com/security/security-agentic-ai-how-cisco-brings-zero-trust-to-your-new-digital-workforce>
- Agentic AI Infographic
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