Solving the Segmentation Puzzle with Secure Workload!

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Session Abstract

- In a world of application workloads deployed anywhere, at any time, and with multi-cloud solutions, applying network security controls is no longer a trivial task. The policy control toolset just keeps growing, with multiple enforcement points in the network to protect our application workloads using different approaches such as the host firewalls, network firewalls and SDN controllers, or cloud-based in the form of security groups.
- With different teams managing each policy control and usually working in organizational siloes, there is no wonder why it often leads to inconsistent islands of policy controls across the environment.
- Secure Workload has been solving this puzzle, by defining a common policy model across all of these enforcement points (host-based, network-based and cloud-based) harmonizing all policy controls into an effective Zero-Trust Segmentation policy.
- This session will navigate through the Network/NetSec team lenses on how you can leverage Secure Workload to define a common policy model using agent and agentless approaches to protect your application workloads regardless of their form factor (baremetal, VM or container) or location (on-prem or multi-cloud)



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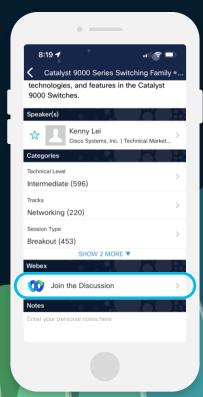
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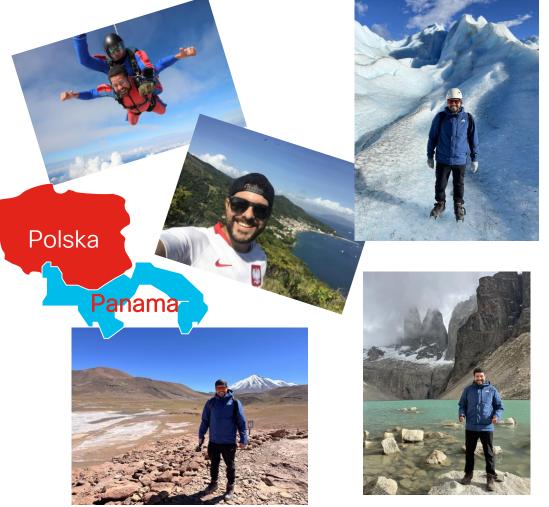
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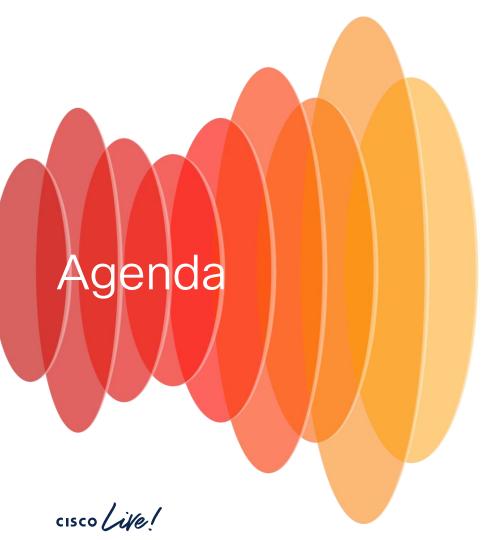


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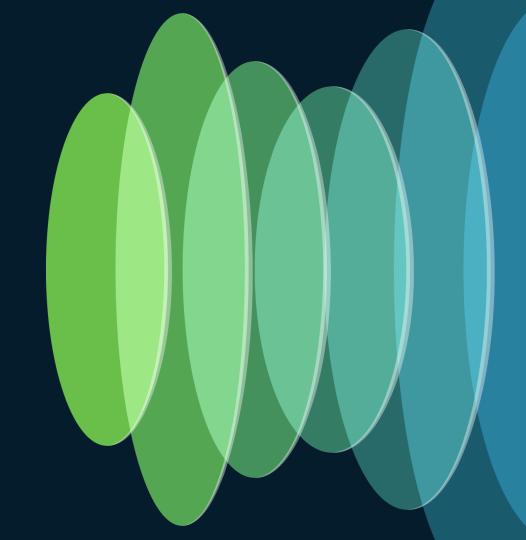




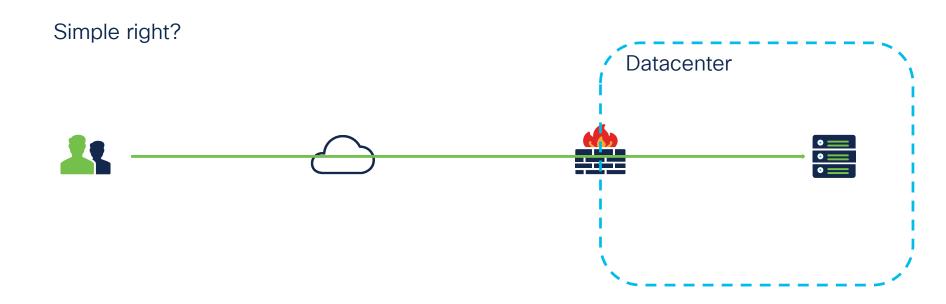


- Introduction
- What is Secure Workload?
- YAFI's Microsegmentation Journey
 - Approach Selection
 - Agent and Agentless Features
 - Microsegmentation
 - Workload Discovery and Inventory
 - Dynamic Policy Engine
 - Additional Controls
- Closing Summary

Introduction

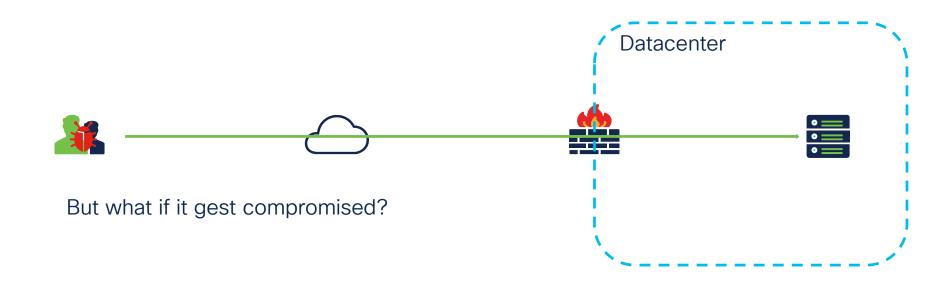


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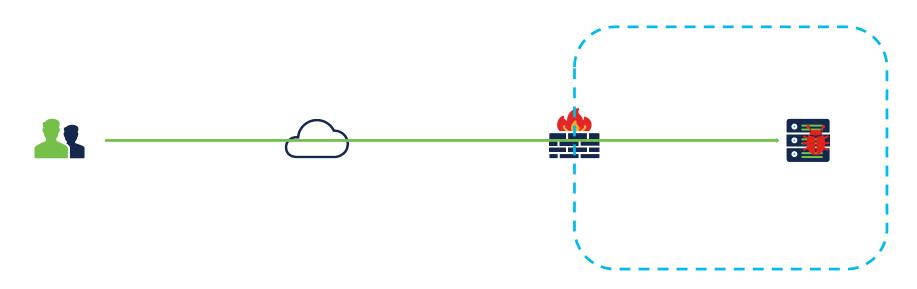


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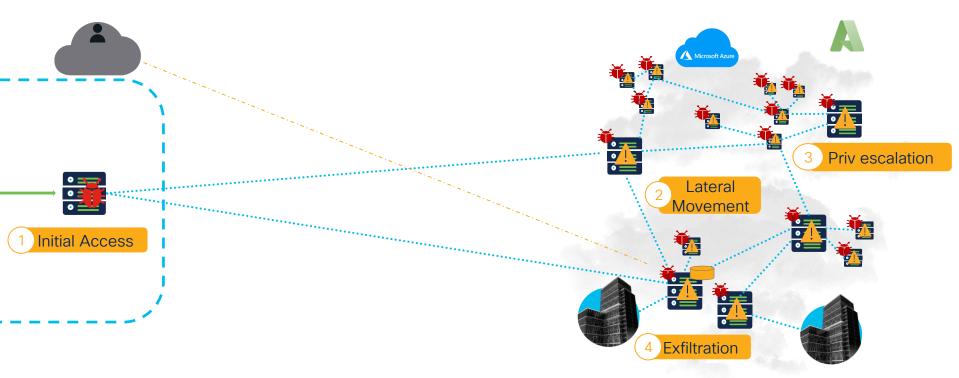


Using Network Security Controls



And this is only a part of the story......

Using Network Security Controls

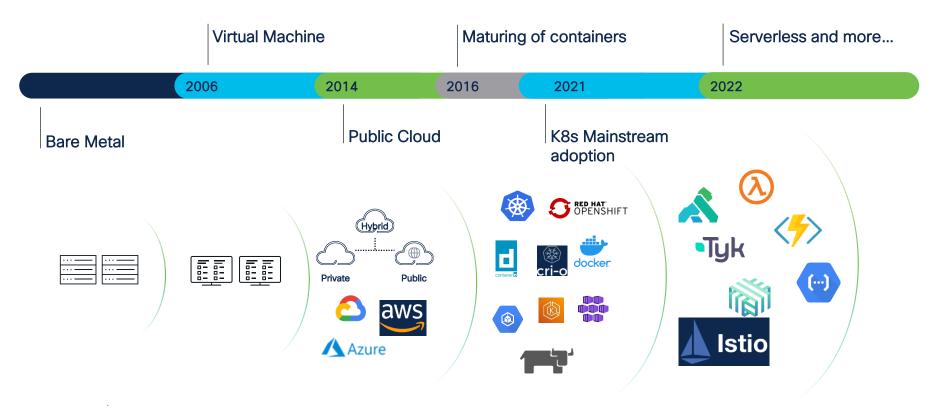




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Application Workloads Evolution

Workload Security is Getting More Complex





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But... what is an application workload?

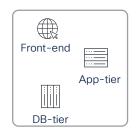
Network Engineer



Firewall Cloud Engineer Engineer



Application Owners



Cloud-Native Engineer



- Vlans/VRF
- Subnets
- Contracts

- 7ones
- Subnets
- ACLs

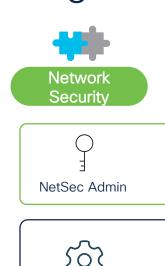
- VPC
- Subnets
- Security Groups

- Service
- Application
- Workload

- Namespace
- Service
- CNI



Segmentation and policy control challenges





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Cloud-Native Security

Organizational Challenges









Multiple teams, organizations and environments





















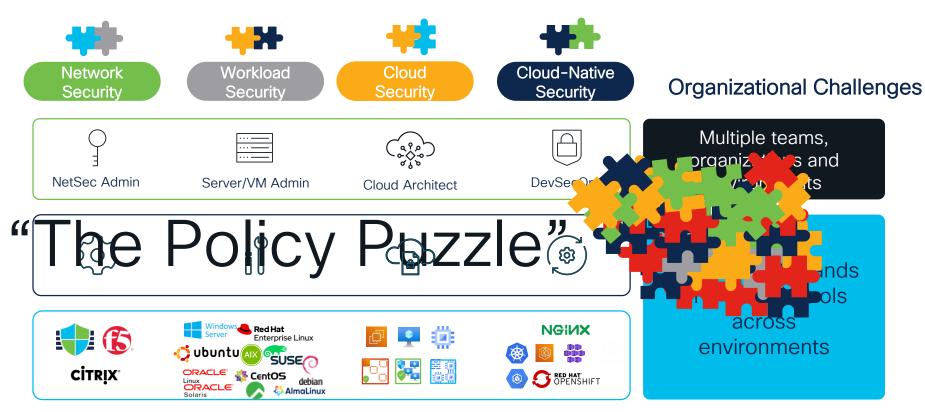




Inconsistent islands of policy controls across environments



Segmentation and policy control challenges

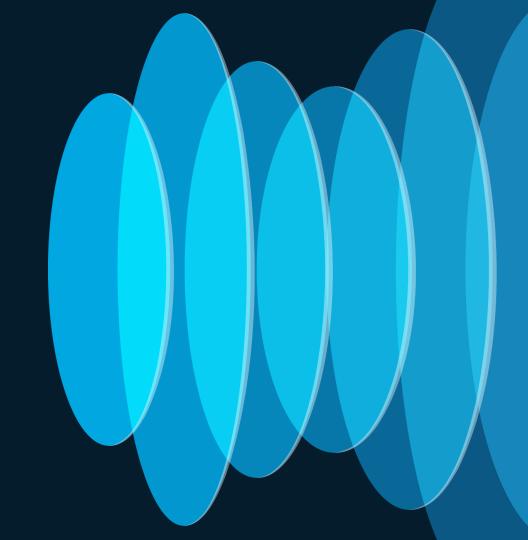




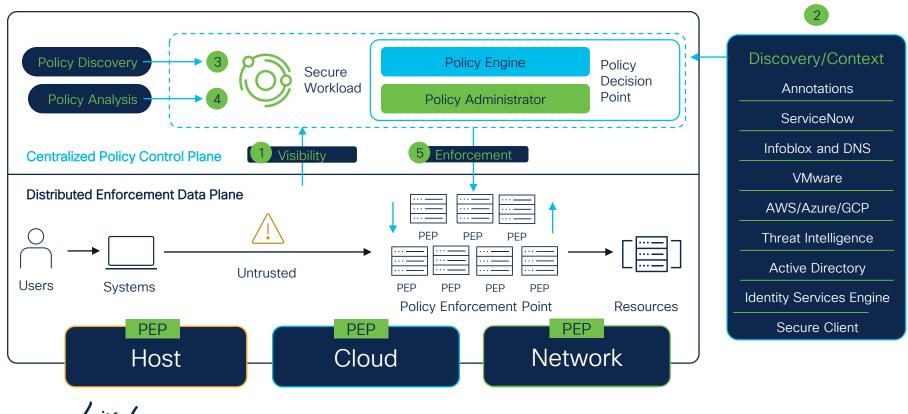
But Why it Matters?

- Regulations and mandates
 to meet are at risk
 (e.g. Government Exec Order, PCI,
 Zero-Trust/Cybersec Frameworks)
- 2. Elevated risk exposure
- 3. Unharmonized policy controls
- 4. Business slowdown

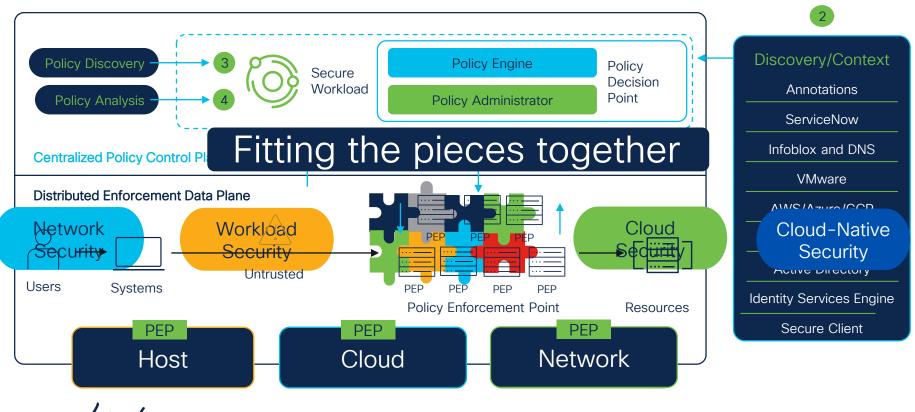
What is Secure Workload?



Secure Workload - Zero Trust Segmentation



Solving the puzzle with Secure Workload!



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Solving the puzzle with Secure Workload!

Fitting the pieces together

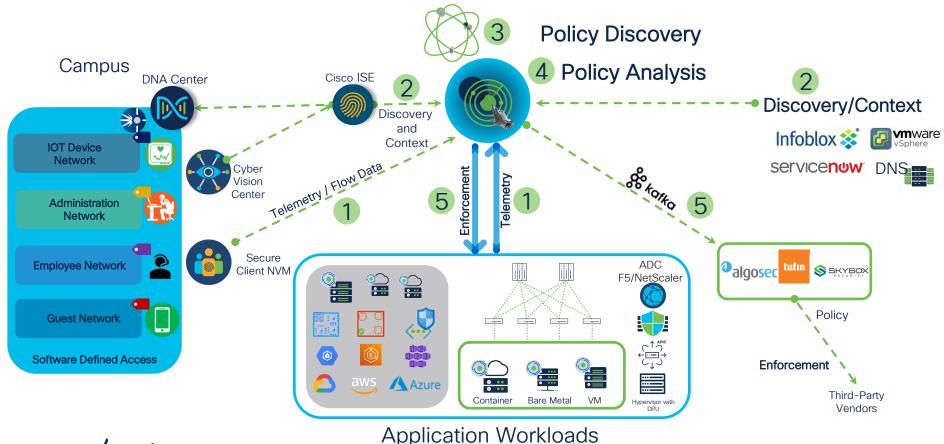
Network Security Workload Security



Cloud Security Cloud-Native Security



Harmonizing your Zero Trust Segmentation Policy



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Secure Workload Use-Cases

Microsegmentation



Behavioral detection and protection

Vulnerability detection and protection



YAFI's Microsegmentation Journey



Yet Another Financial Institution

- Huge financial institution looking to implement microsegmentation
- Drivers
 - · A recent Cybersecurity audit reveled high-risk exposure
 - Looking to reduce Cyber-Insurance rates
- Business Requirements
 - All application dependencies must be mapped to reduce risk
 - Critical application must have fine-grained allow-list policy
 - Production and Legacy OSes applications allow-list policy granularity depends on application
 - Non-Production workloads policy can have a reasonable level of flexibility
 - Policy Guardrails: Production cannot talk to Non-Production, PCI out-of-scope cannot talk to PCI cardholder data workloads, Datacenter workloads cannot talk to OT environment.



Proactive and Reactive Risk Management

Identify

Asset Management (AM)

ID.AM-1 - Inventory devices/systems

ID.AM-2 - Inventory software

ID.AM-3 – Map and maintain network flows

ID.AM-4 - Identify external systems

ID.AM-5 - Classify systems for criticality/value

Risk Assessment (RA)

ID.RA-1 - Identify vulnerabilities ID.RA-2 - Ingest Threat Intelligence

Protect

Technology Infrastructure Resilience (IR)

PR.IR-1 – Segment network to prevent lateral movement

Detect

Continuous Monitoring (CM)

network flows and services DE.CM-9 - Monitor workloads for adverse events

DE.CM-1 - Monitor

Respond

Incident Mitigation (MI)

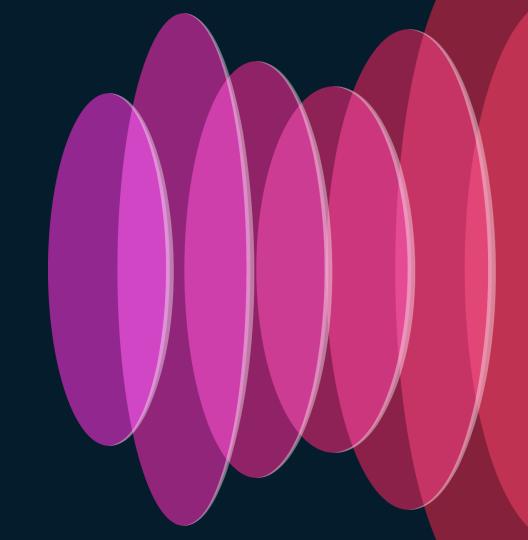
RS.MI-1 - Contain/Quarantine incidents RS.MI-2 - Implement Compensating controls

NIST CSF 2.0

NIST CSF 2.0 Examples



Approach Selection



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Workload Protection Level Definition

Defining workload protection level based on persona security/trusted boundary

Network/Firewall Engineer

Security Boundary

- Subnet Level
- VRF/Zones Level

Cloud Engineer

Security Boundary

- Subnet Level
- VPC Level

Application Owner

Security Boundary

- Application Level
- Service Level

Cloud-Native Engineer

Security Boundary

- Service/pod Level
- Namespace Level



Microsegmentation Approach Evaluation







Agentless

Pros

- Network Abstraction
- In-depth visibility and protection
- Flexible segmentation

- Less organizational dependencies
- Leverage existing infrastructure
- Faster time to deploy

Cons

- Organizational dependencies
- OS dependency (legacy)
- Agent fatigue

- Network/CSP infrastructure dependency
- Segmentation granularity/scalability
- Only network-flows visibility

Approach Selection

Mix-and-Match depending on requirements!

Segmentation Level

- Measurable level
 - Ideal (intra and Inter subnet)
 - Acceptable (intra and Inter subnet)
 - Reasonable (Inter subnet)

Operations and Maintenance

- Persona/Owner of policies
- Operationalization

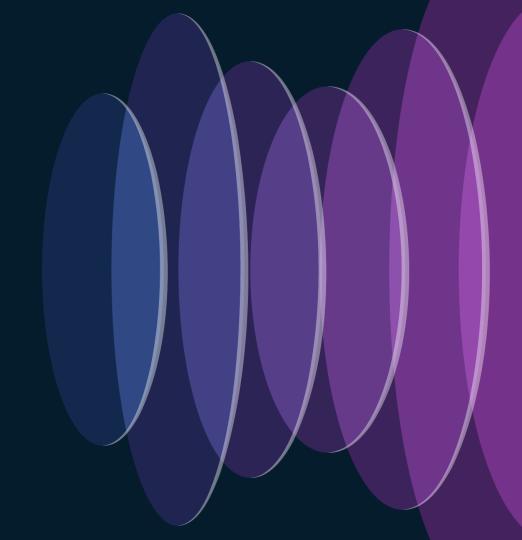
Limits and Caveats

- Granularity
- Scalability and Coverage
- Dependencies

Thought Process For Approach Selection



Agent and Agentless Features



Host-Based Agent - Features

Protect the workloads - at the workload level!

Lightweight

- Doesn't sit on Datapath
- Minimal resource footprint
- Easy to install

Configurable

- Flow Visibility
- Packages/Process visibility
- Forensics
- Enforcement

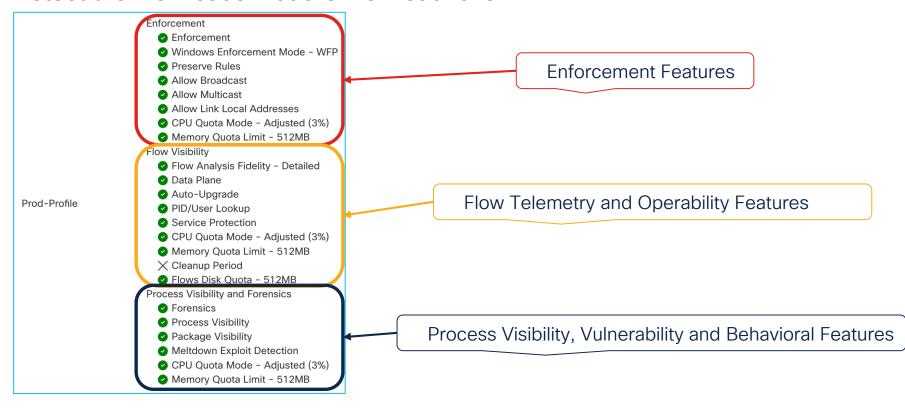
Resilient

- Centralized upgrade
- Easy migration
- Protected communications



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Host-Based Agent Architecture

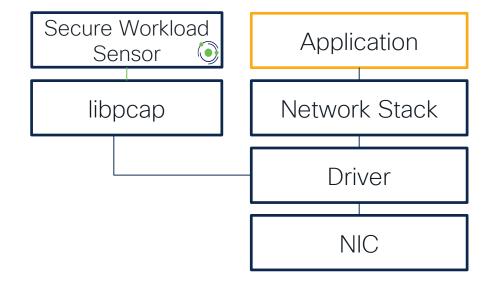
Detailed Mode (1x Scale)

- 5-tuple flows
- Per-flow visibility and detail
 - Flow duration
 - Flow counts
 - Higher overheads

Conversation Mode (2x Scale)

- 4-tuple conversations only
- Lower platform overheads
- Lower agent CPU
- Lower telemetry bandwidth
- Higher retention

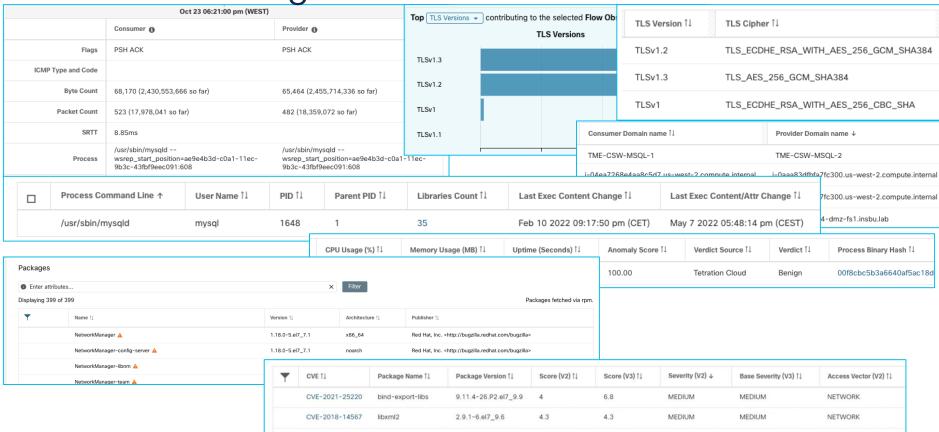
Transparent Agent to Applications





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Host-Based Agent - Features



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Host-Based DPU - Features

Protect the workloads - at the workload level!

Transparent

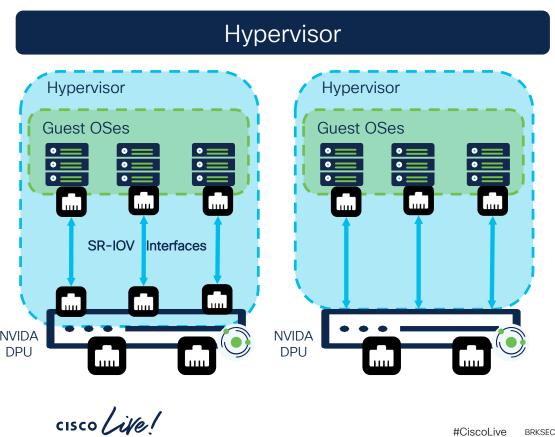
- No Guest OS agent install
- Minimal/Neglectable Performance Impact
- Minimal DPU config requirements
- Installer script for agent

Feature-Set

- Hypervisor agnostic
- Baremetal support
- Flow visibility
- Enforcement

Host-Based DPU

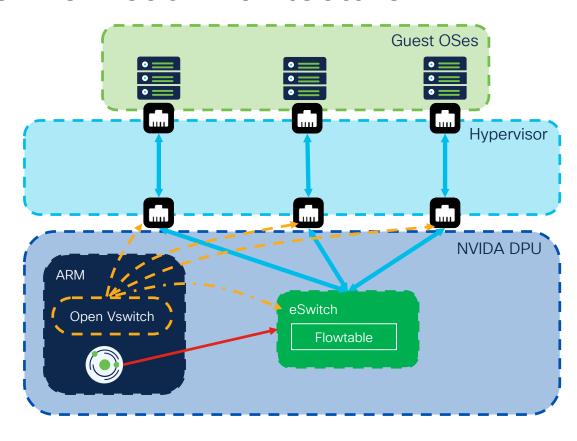
Deployment Modes



Baremetal **Operating System NVIDA** DPU

NVIDIA DPU Secure Workload Architecture

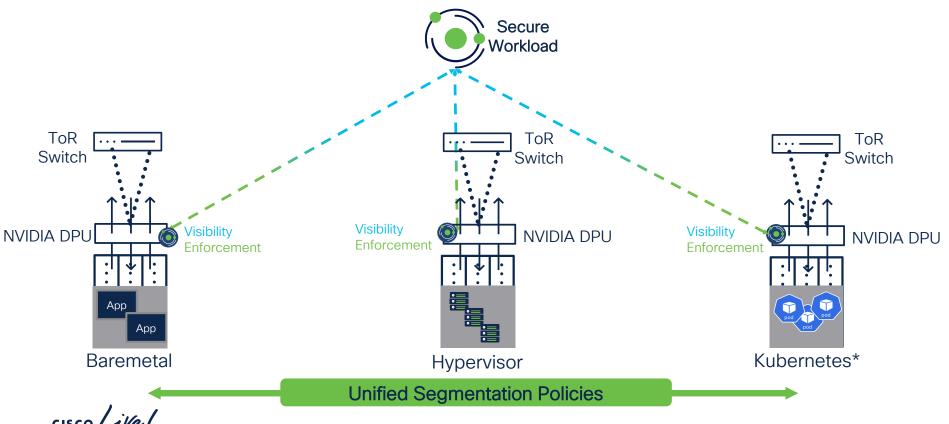
- SDK on DPU (DOCA)
 - Ubuntu 22.04 ARM64
- NIC virtualization based on PCle SR-IOV (direct access)
- OpenVSwitch based hardware accelerated eSwitch in DPU
- Possible network interfaces used by Secure Workload Agent
 - OOB ethernet
 - Inband
 - Virtual FIFO to hypervisor





Host-Based DPU

Agentless Segmentation at Scale!



Network-Based Agentless - Features

Protect the workloads - at the network level!

Visibility

- Common telemetry protocols
- ERSPAN
- Flow-Stitching

Enforcement

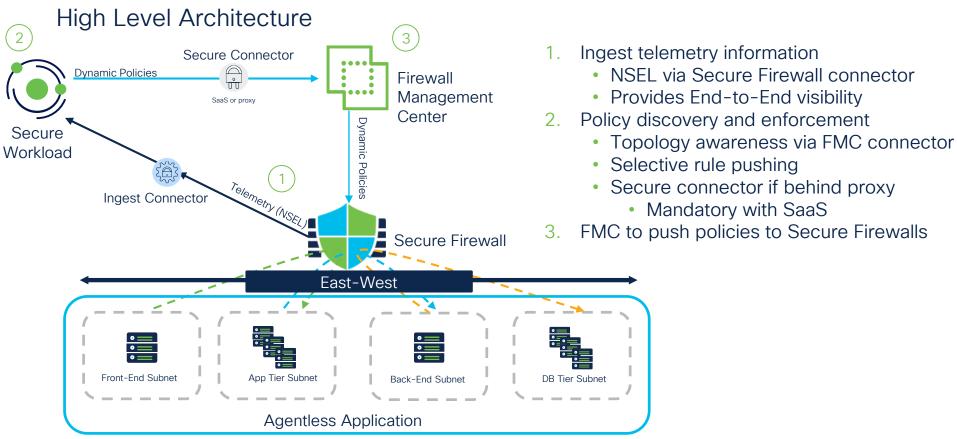
- Secure Firewall
- Load-Balancers

Scalability

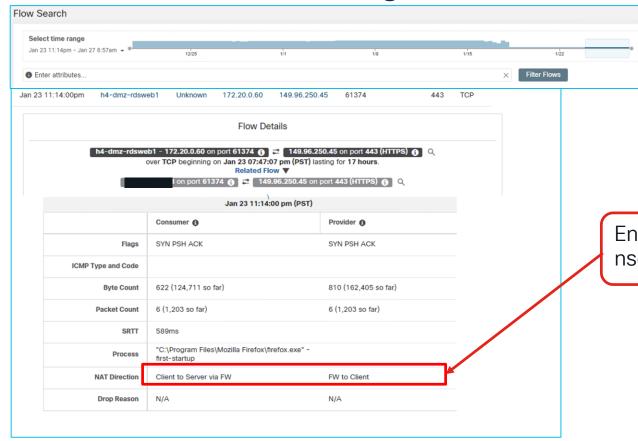
- Ingest Appliance
- Up to 135k fps per appliance



Secure Firewall



Traffic Flow Stitching - Secure Firewall



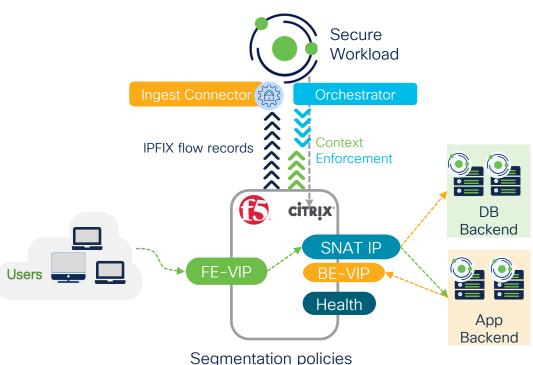
End-to-end visibility with nsel/netflow/ipfix stitching

1,982,092,950 total observations

Showing Flow Observations ▼

Load-Balancers

High Level Architecture



enforcement at load-balancer

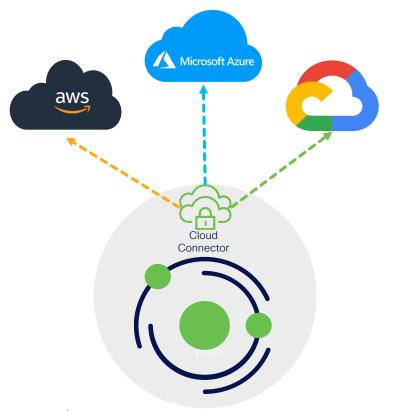
- Ingest telemetry information
 - IPFIX vial F5 connector
 - Provider End-to-End Visibility
- Context/Service Discovery
 - Services
 - SNAT
 - Health-check IPs
- Policy discovery and enforcement of services
 - F5 Orchestrator

Traffic Flow Stitching – F5

Flow Details h4-dmz-rdshost1 - 172.20.0.71 on port 15708 🐧 😅 192.168.3.5 on port 80 (HTTP) 🐧 🔾 1. First leg of flow (user over TCP beginning on Jan 24 02:50:44 am (PST) lasting for a minute Related Flow ▼ to front-end VIP) and 192.168.3.100 on port 51643 (1) 2 192.168.3.13 on port 8081 (1) Q Client to LB LB to Client SNAT to App-server Flow Details 192.168.3.100 on port 51643 (1) 22 192.168.3.13 on port 8081 (1) Q over TCP beginning on Jan 24 02:52:03 am (PST) lasting for a minute. Related Flow ▼ 172.20.0.71 on port 15708 () 2 192.168.3.5 on port 80 (HTTP) () Q Jan 24 02:53:00 am (PST) 2. Second leg of flow (App-server to Provider 6 Consumer 6 back-end VIP) and SNAT to DB-LB to Server Server to LB server Flow Details 192.168.3.13 on port 50036 (A) 2 192.168.3.50 on port 3306 (MySQL) (A) Q over TCP beginning on Jan 24 02:52:30 am (PST) lasting for 91 milliseconds. 92.168.3.100 on port 3578 (a) 2 192.168.3.15 on port 3306 (MySQL) (b) Q Jan 24 02:53:00 am (PST) Flow Details Consumer A Provider 6 NAT Direction Client to LB LB to Client 192.168.3.100 on port 3578 (1) (2) 192.168.3.15 on port 3306 (MySQL) (1) over TCP beginning on Jan 24 02:52:30 am (PST) lasting for 91 milliseconds. 192.168.3.13 on port 50036 (MySQL) (192.168.3.50 on port 3306 (MySQL) (192.168.3.50 on port 3406 (MySQL) (192.168.3.50 on Jan 24 02:53:00 am (PST) Consumer A Provider 6 NAT Direction LB to Server Server to LB

Cloud Service Provider Agentless - Features

Protect the workloads - at the workload level!



- Centralized cloud-onboarding experience
 - Cloud connectors
 - Single point of management
- Visibility
 - Near real-time discovery of workloads and labels
 - Flow telemetry via VPC/VNets flow-logs
- Enforcement
 - Security Groups (AWS)
 - Network Security Groups (Azure)
 - Firewall (GCP)

Cloud Service Providers

High Level Architecture

1.Connector

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authenticates using
service account keys

Cloud
Connector

Secure Workload

Connector makes API calls to ingest flow logs and discovers workloads/labels from VCPs



3. Programs

Connector makes API calls to ingest flow logs and discover workloads/ labels from VNets

3. Programs Network Security Groups (NIC)

2. Connector makes API calls to ingest flow logs and discover workloads/labels from VPCs

3. Programs GCP firewall rules

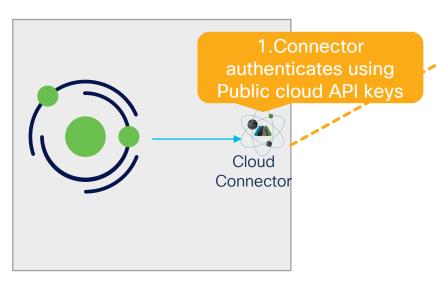




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Agentless - AWS

High Level Architecture



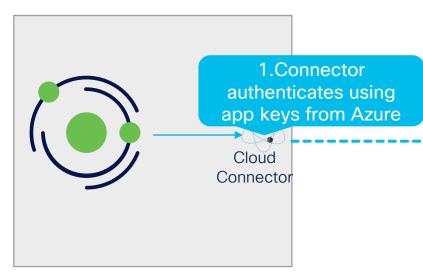
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2. Connector makes API calls το ingest flow logs and discovers workloads/labels from VCPs 3. Programs S3 Bucket Security Groups Microsoft Azure VNet VNet VCP Bucket

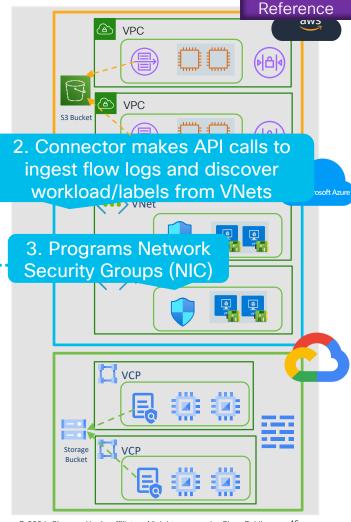
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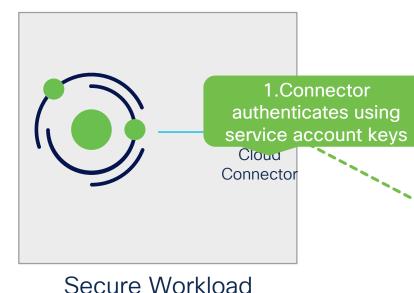
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Agentless - GCP

High Level Architecture



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VPC

VNet

VNet

S3 Bucket

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Microsoft Azure

Microsegmentation - Approaches

Compare and Contrast

Criteria	Agent	Agentless-Network	Agentless-Cloud	Comments
Form-Factor Coverage (baremetal, VM, container)		•	•	Agentless: Limited coverage for containers
OS Dependency		•	•	Agent: Dependencies on OS
Network Infrastructure Dependency		•	•	Agentless-Network: Dependencies on network
Visibility - Flow (baremetal, VM, container)	•	•	•	Agentless: Limited visibility for containers
Visibility - Runtime (vulnerability, processes, behavior)		•	•	Agentless: No visibility
Enforcement (Granularity)	•	•		Agentless-Network: Segmentation policies granularity depends on the insertion method and form-factor Agentless-Cloud: Limited granularity for container form-factor
Enforcement (Scalability)		•	•	Agentless-Cloud: Number of access control rules limited by Cloud Service Provider
Time to Deploy		•	•	Agent: Organizational dependencies





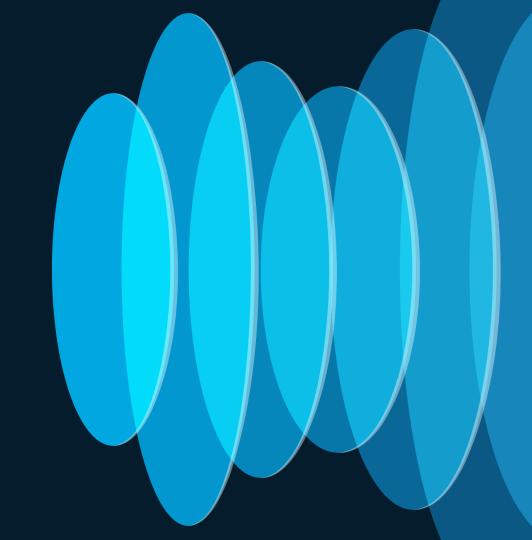


Use-Cases

- Host-Based Agent Microsegmentation
- Host-Based Agent Virtual Desktop Microsegmentation
- 3. Host-Based Agentless
 Microsegmentation with NVIDIA DPU
- 4. Network-Based Agentless Microsegmentation
 - L2 Firewall Insertion
 - L3 Firewall Insertion
 - ACI Firewall Insertion
 - Native ACI Integration (3.9 patch 2)
 - Load-Balancers Services

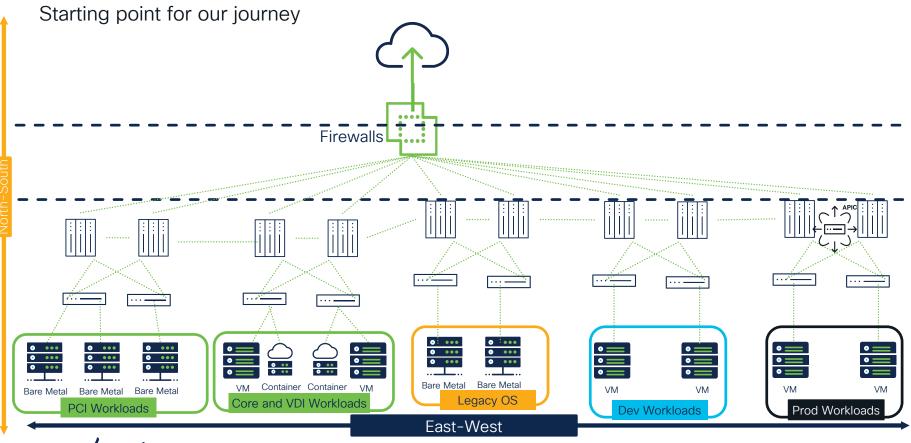


On-Prem (DC)



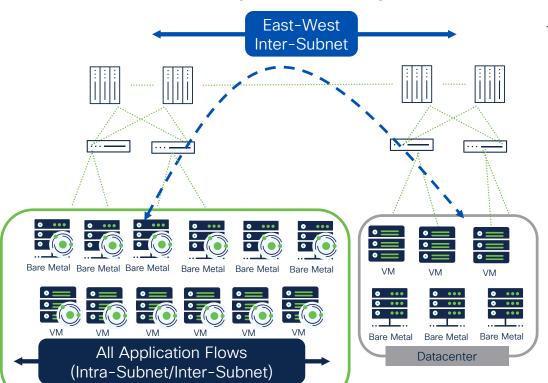
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On-Prem Datacenter



PCI, Core and VDI Workloads

Host-Based Microsegmentation - Agent-Based



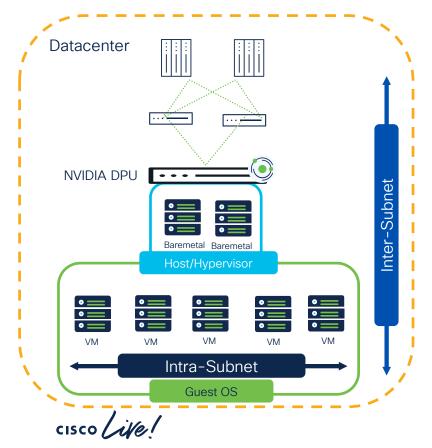
Host—Based Agent Workload Protection

- Ideal for fine-grained segmentation
 - In-depth workload visibility
 - Protection at the workload level
- Suitable for <u>all personas</u>
 - Enables delegation of policy controls to application owners

PCI Workloads and Core and VDI Workloads

PCI, Core and VDI Workloads

Host-Based Microsegmentation - DPU

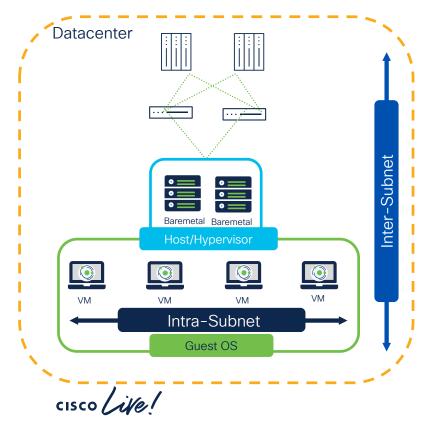


Host-Based Agentless DPU Microsegmentation

- Acceptable for fine-grained segmentation
- Visibility of workload flows
- Protection at the workload level (network)
- Suitable for <u>all personas</u>
 - Enables delegation of policy controls to application owners

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

Host-Based Microsegmentation - Virtual Desktops in DC

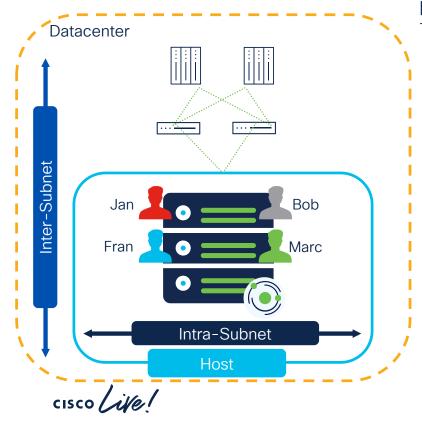


Host-Based Agent Virtual Desktop Protection

- Same agent as for workloads
- Ideal for fine-grained segmentation
 - In-depth endpoint visibility
 - Protection at the workload level
- Suitable for <u>all personas</u>

Terminal Services Infrastructure

Host-Based Microsegmentation - Terminal Servers in DC

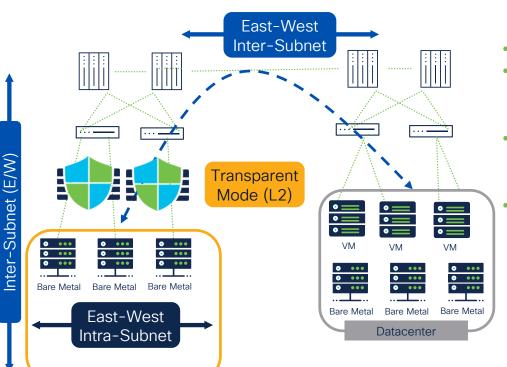


Host-Based Agent Terminal Servers Microsegmentation

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Legacy OS

Network-Based Agentless Microsegmentation - Layer 2 Firewall Insertion



Layer 2 Firewall Protection (Transparent Mode)

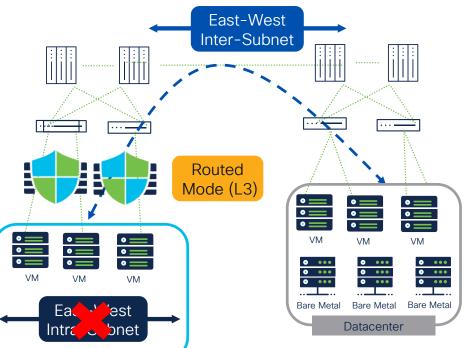
- Best fit for localized workloads
- **Acceptable** for fine-grained segmentation
 - Visibility with NSEL
 - Protection at the network level
- Allows policy dual-management
 - CSW owned-policies
 - FMC owned-policies
- Convenient for network and firewall engineers

Legacy OS

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Non-Production Workloads (Dev)

Network-Based Agentless Microsegmentation - Layer 3 Firewall Insertion



Layer 3 Firewall Protection (Routed Mode)

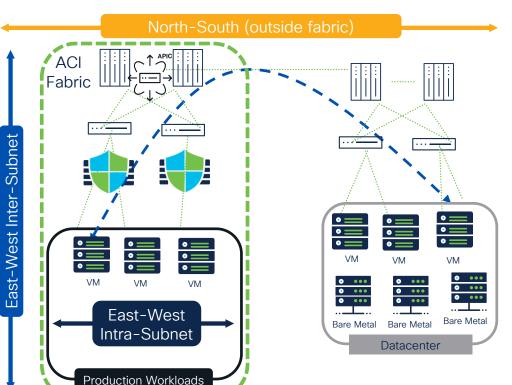
- Excellent fit for distributed workloads
- Reasonable segmentation for workloads
 - Partial flow visibility with NSEL (Inter-subnet)
 - Protection at the network level
- Allows policy dual-management
 - CSW owned-policies
 - FMC owned-policies
- Convenient for network and firewall engineers



Dev Workloads

Production Workloads

Network-Based Agentless Microsegmentation - SDN Insertion with Firewall



Service Graph With Policy Based Redirect

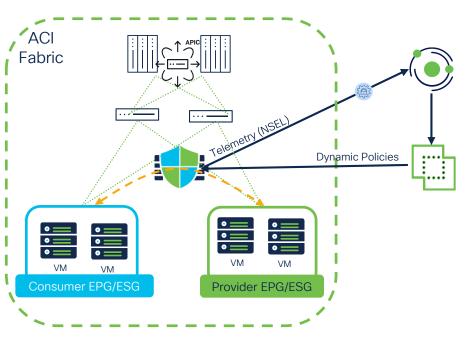
- No re-architecture
- Supports both L3 and L2 FW modes
- Can do intra-ESG redirection

Service Graph Go-To/Go-Through Mode

- FW is in-path (Security over Connectivity)
- Go-To
 - Inter-subnet visibility and protection
- Go-Through
 - Intra and Inter-subnet visibility protection

ACI (SDN) Firewall Insertion

Network-Based Agentless Microsegmentation - SDN Insertion with Firewall

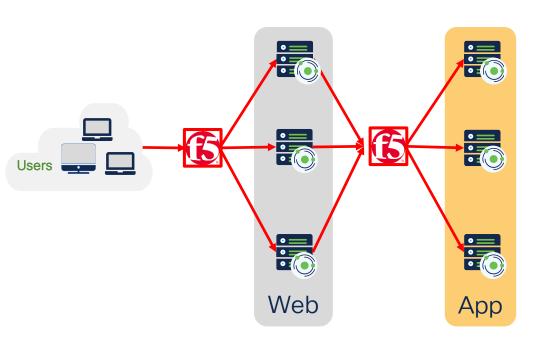


Service Graph PBR and Firewall Insertion Protection

- Flexible segmentation for workloads
 - Acceptable fine-grained
 - Reasonable
- Visibility of flows with NSEL
- Protection at network level
- Allows policy multi-management
 - CSW owned-policies
 - FMC owned-policies
 - ACI owned-policies
- Convenient for network (ACI) and firewall engineers

Load-Balancer Services

Network-Based Agentless Microsegmentation - Load-Balancers Services

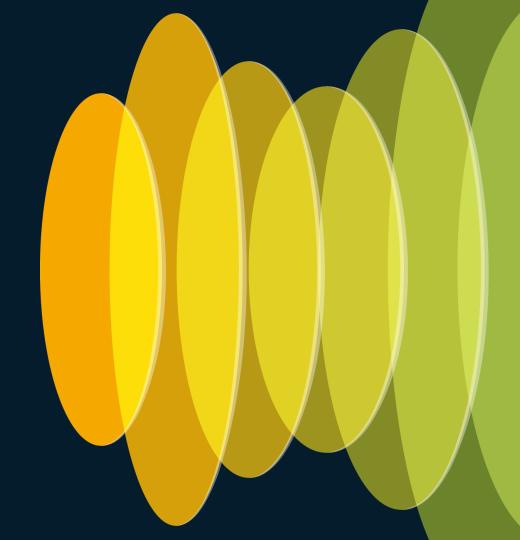


Load-Balancers Services Protection

- Provides end-to-end protection
 - Workloads with agents
 - Intra-App flows (network)
 - Inter-App flows (network)
 - User/Group/Processes
 - LB services with agentless integration
 - VIP/SNAT



Cloud



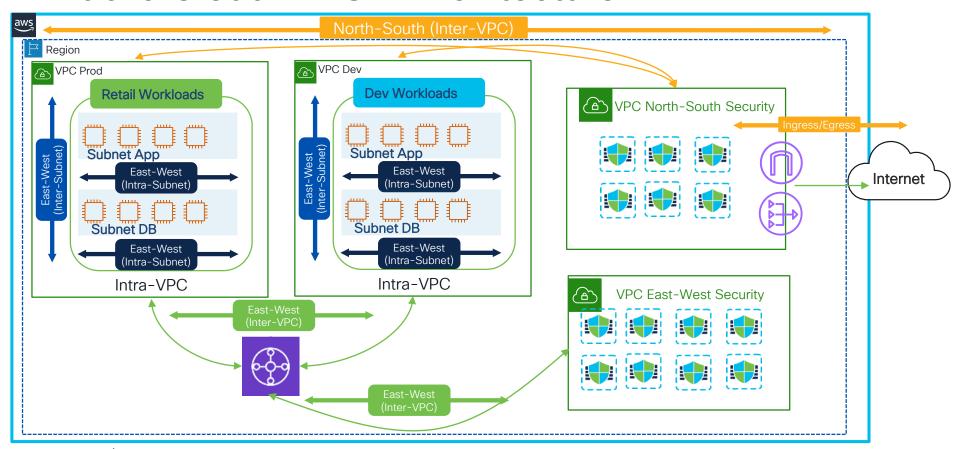
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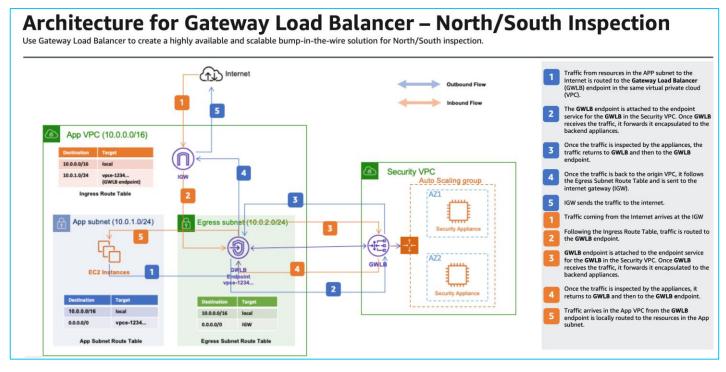
- Host-Based Agent Microsegmentation
- Cloud-Based Agentless Microsegmentation
 - Security Groups (AWS)
 - Network Security Groups (Azure)
 - Google Cloud VPC Firewall (GCP)
- 3. Network-Based Agentless Microsegmentation
 - Secure Firewall Insertion on Cloud



Public Cloud AWS - Architecture



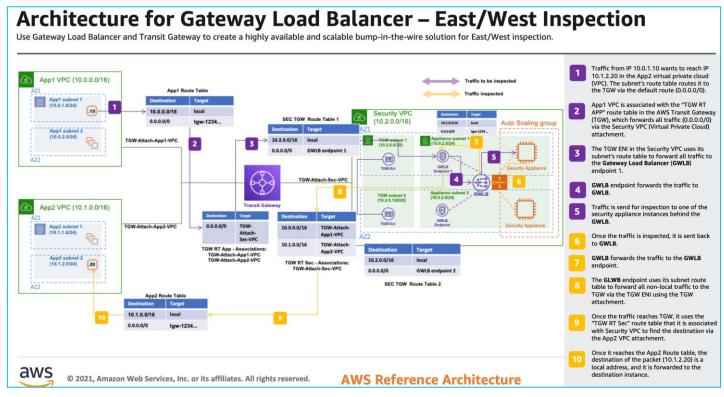
AWS - North-South GWLB



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AWS - East-West GWLB

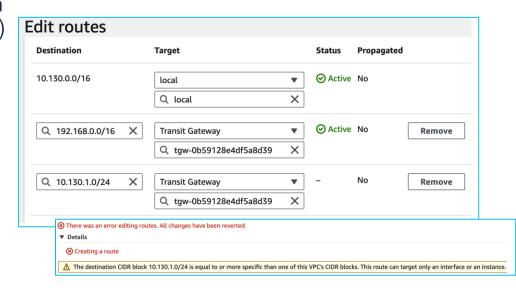


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AWS - Inspection Limitations

- Transit Gateways cannot be used as a destination for intra-subnet (intra-vpc) inspection user
 - Limits east-west intra-subnet inspection
- Only interfaces, instances, NAT GW, AWS Firewall or GWLBe can be used as destinations
- As an alternative, add east-west traffic flows in the distributed ingress/egress architecture (via GWLBe)



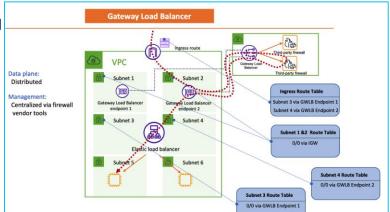
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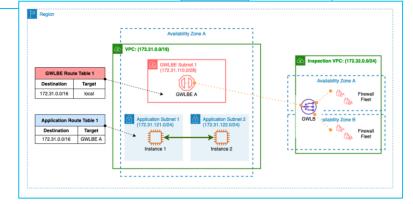
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AWS - Distributed Ingress/Egress with East-West

- Distributed Ingress/Egress rely on each VPC having its own path to/from the internet via dedicated Internet Gateways (IGW)
- Possible to add East-West traffic flow inspection due to AWS MRS (More Specific Routing)
- Pros
 - Easier Management
 - Simplified Troubleshooting
 - Egress traffic can follow separate path
 - Intra-VPC (Inter-subnet) inspection
- Cons
 - Scalability and limitation of using IGW per VPC level
 - Not possible to do intra-subnet inspection







AWS - Centralized for East-West

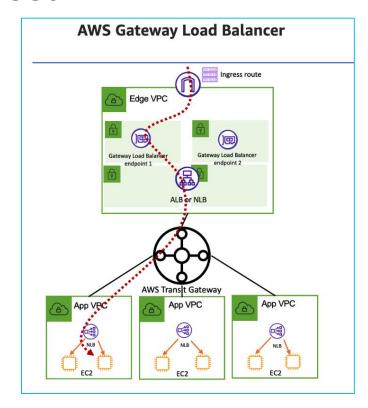
 Centralized architectures rely on having a dedicated/shared security VPC for traffic inspections with Transit Gateway

Pros

- Provides scalable and high-available designs for multi-VPC environments
- Allows for common "Hub-and-Spoke" topology in cloud environments
- Considers other AWS networking nuances (e.g transitive routing, DirectConnect/VPN routing)

Cons

- Complexity
- Intra-Subnet and Intra-VPC (Inter-Subnet) inspection not possible

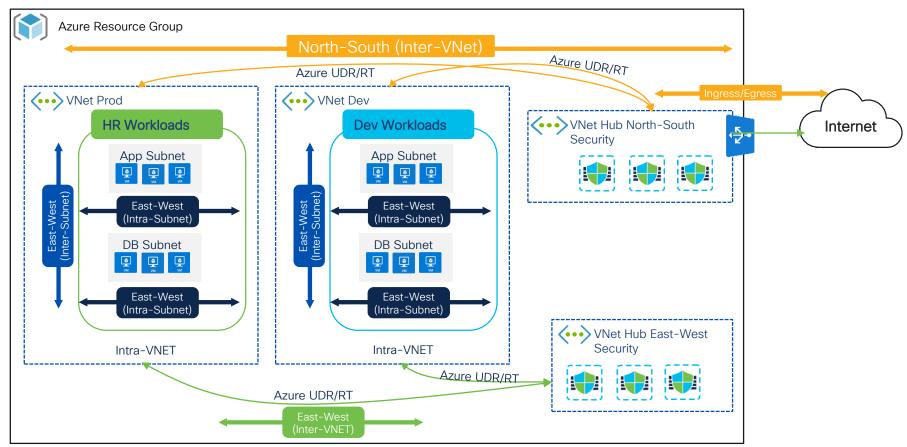


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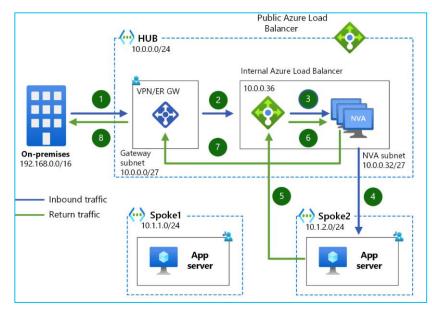


Public Cloud Azure - Architecture



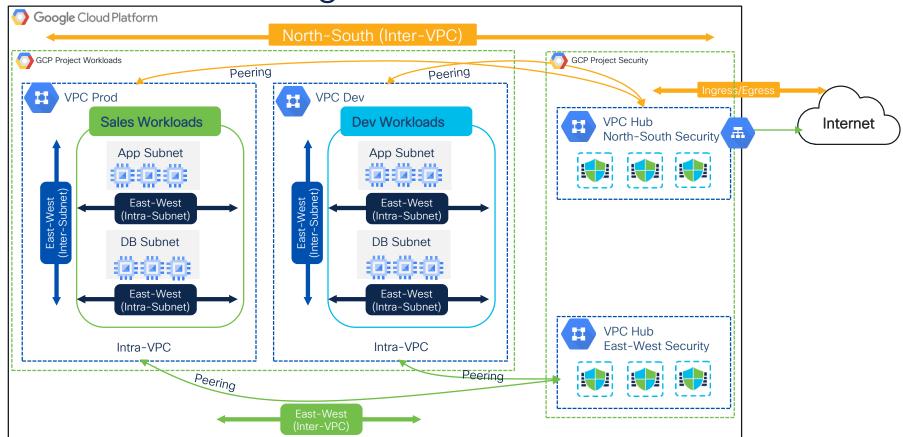
Azure - Centralized Architecture (Hub-Spoke)

- Azure relies on VNet peering to create "hub-andspoke" topologies (centralized architectures)
- Hub VNet third-party NVA (Network Virtual Appliances) peer with Azure Route Server
 - Decrease overhead of configuring implicit routing due to non-transitive routing with Azure UDR (User Define Route)
 - Provides scalable networking architecture
 - Can be used for North-South (Ingress/Egress) and East-West inspection
 - Note: GWLB can only be used for North-South (Ingress/Egress) traffic flows
- Azure recent introduction of "vWAN hub", bundling networking/routing/security functionalities to connect branches and endpoints to VNets.
 - Similarity with "AWS Transigt Gateway"
 - Caveats and re-architecture needs to be taken into consideration



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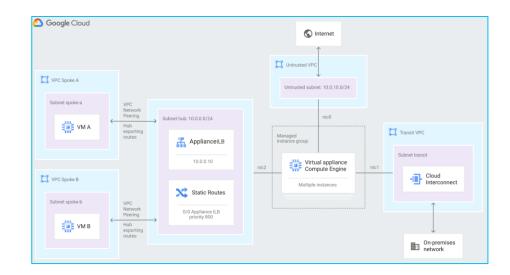
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GCP - Centralized Architecture (Hub-Spoke)

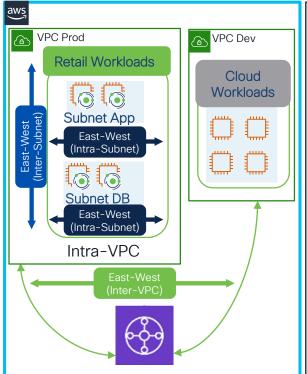
- GCP offers multiple options to create highly available hub-spoke network
 - Network Load Balancer
 - Routing (ECMP)
- Intra-VPC Routing (Intra/Inter Subnet)
 - Cannot be overridden
 - Workloads need to be placed in separate VPC networks for traffic steering. Options:
 - Multiple network interfaces via NVA (easiest)
 - VPC network peering (hub-spoke)
 - Combined (VPC network peering and multiple network interfaces via NVA)
- Quick points of differences:
 - VPCs are global (routing is done automatically)
 - Subnets are regional (routing is done automatically)
 - Routes are associated with VPC

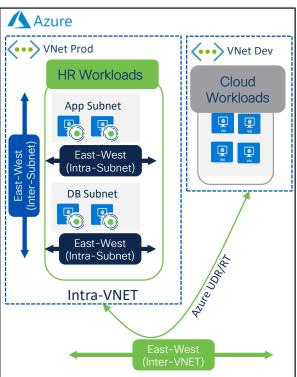


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Critical Workloads Any Cloud

Host-Based Agent Microsegmentation





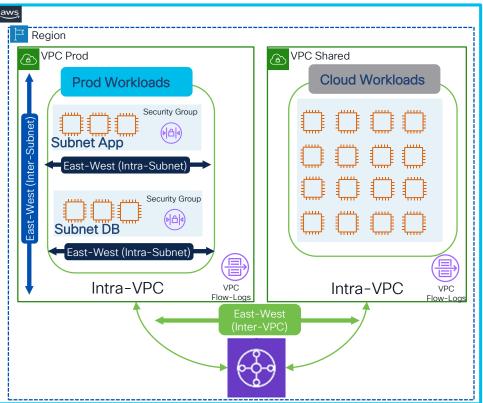
Host-Based Agent Microsegmentation

- Ideal for fine-grained segmentation
 - In-depth workload visibility
 - Protection at the workload level
- Suitable for all personas
 - Enables delegation of policy controls to <u>application owners</u> and <u>cloud engineers</u>



Prod and Shared Workloads

Cloud-Based Microsegmentation with AWS Security Groups



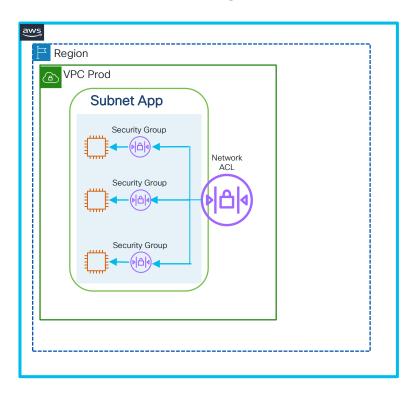
Agentless with Security Groups

- Segmentation level dependency on scale
- Allowlist Policy Model
- Flow visibility with VPC flow-logs
- Protection at the workload level
- Suitable for cloud engineers and network/firewall engineers



AWS Security Groups Policy Model

Cloud-Based Microsegmentation with AWS Security Groups



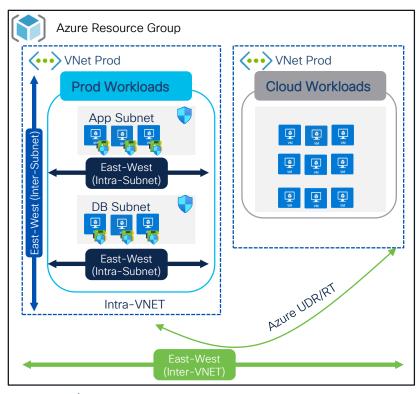
Policy Control with AWS native controls

- Security Groups (SG)
 - Allow-list policy model only (only allow rules)
 - Stateful
 - Operates at ENI (Elastic Network Interface) level
- Network ACL (NACL)
 - Allow and Deny rules
 - Stateless
 - Operates at subnet level
- Secure Workload automates Security Groups only



Prod and Shared Workloads

Cloud-Based Microsegmentation with Azure Network Security Groups



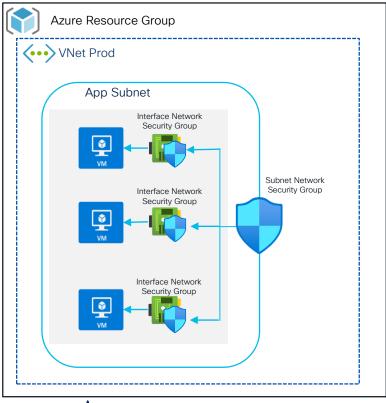
Agentless with Network Security Groups

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- Greylist Policy Model
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Azure Network Security Groups Policy Model

Cloud-Based Microsegmentation with Azure Network Security Groups

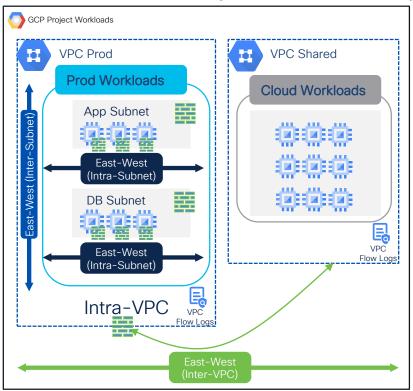


Policy Control with Azure native controls

- Network Security Groups (NSG)
 - Allow and Deny Policies
 - Stateful
 - Operates at interface (vNIC) or subnet level
- Secure Workload automates rules in the following order
 - Fine-grained rules at interface-level NSG
 - Visibility allow-rules in subnet-level NSG

Prod and Shared Workloads

Cloud-Based Microsegmentation with Google Cloud VPC Firewall



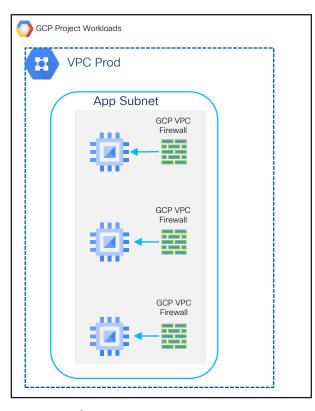
Agentless with GCP VPC Firewall

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GCP VPC Firewall Policy Model

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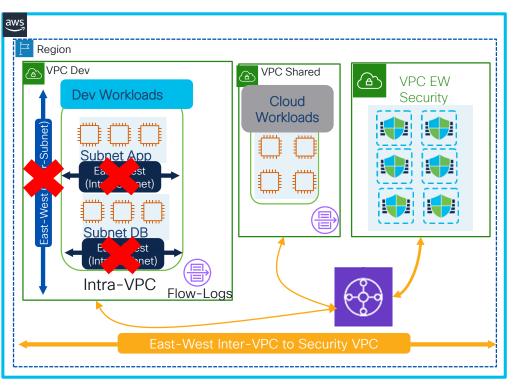
Policy Control with GCP native controls

- GCP VPC Firewall
 - Allow and Deny Policies
 - Stateful
 - Policies are defined at network level but enforcement happens at instance level (intra and inter subnet)
- Secure Workload automates rules GCP Firewall rules.



Dev/Non-Prod Workloads - AWS with FTD

Network-Based with Secure Firewall for East-West Inter-VPC Inspection

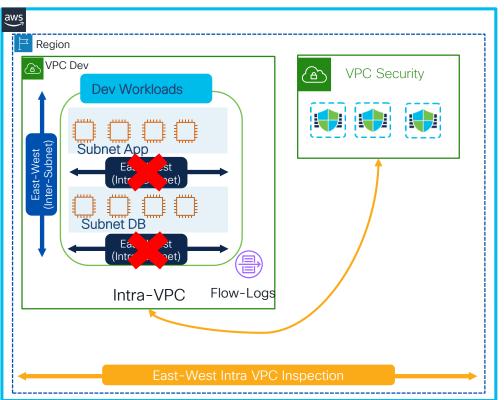


Agentless with Centralized VPC Inspection (EW)

- Reasonable segmentation
- Flow visibility with VPC flow logs and NSEL
- Protection at the network level
- FMC policy dual management
 - East-West (CSW+FMC)
 - North-South Ingress/Egress (FMC)
- Suitable for network/firewall engineers

Dev/Non-Prod Workloads - AWS with FTD

Network-Based with Secure Firewall for East-West Intra-VPC/Inter-Subnet Inspection



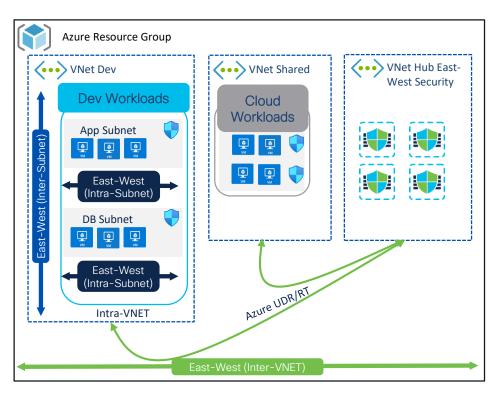
Agentless with Distributed VPC Inspection (EW)

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Dev/Non-Prod Workloads - Azure with FTD

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Agentless with Hub VNet Inspection (EW)

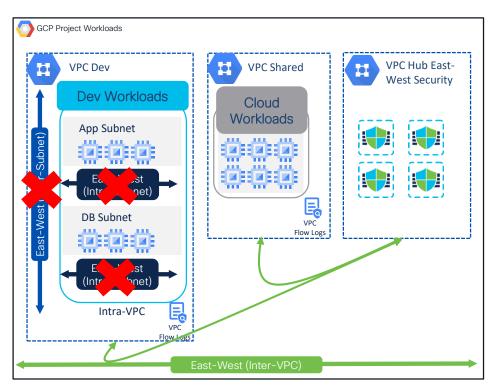
- Acceptable for fine-grained segmentation
 - Azure UDR
- Flow visibility with NSG flow logs and NSEL
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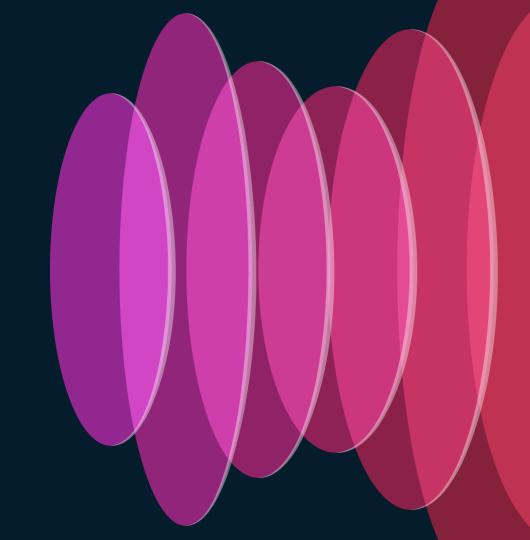


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Containers (Kubernetes)

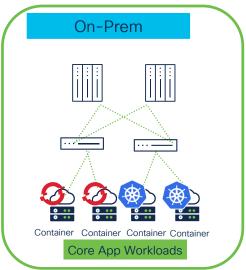


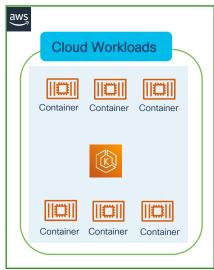
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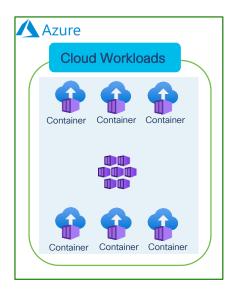
- Host-Based DaemonSet Microsegmentation
 - Self-Manage Kubernetes Cluster
 - Cloud-Managed Kubernetes Cluster

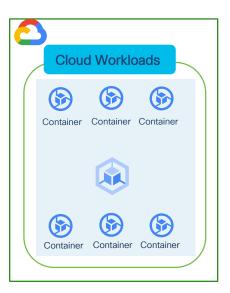


Kubernetes - Cloud-Native Landscape









Self-Managed

Cloud-Managed



Kubernetes DaemonSet - Features

Protect the workloads - at the container level!

Single Config-Set

- Same configuration as the normal agent
- Low resource consumption
 - One DaemonSet pod per node
- Same feature-set
- Easy to install script or package

End-to-End Visibility

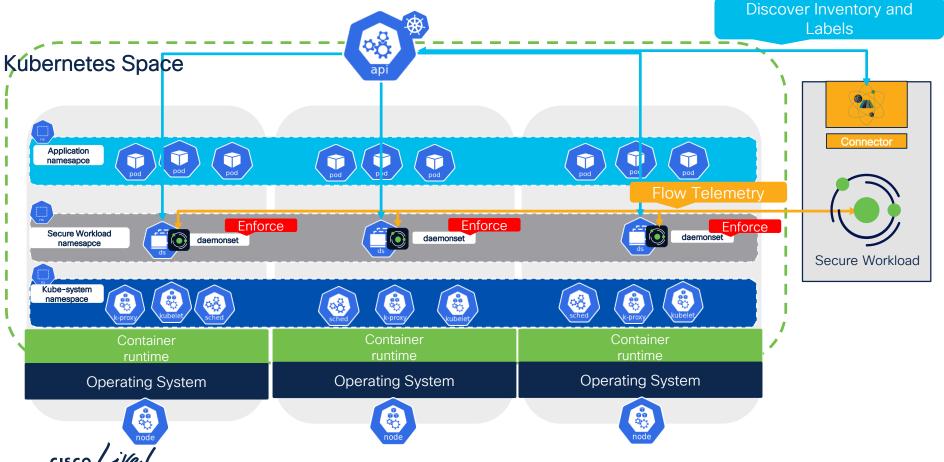
- Flow visibility/flow correlation
- Real-time pod/service and labels discovery
- Policy Discovery
 - pod, services, and namespaces
- Vulnerability image scanning for pods

Granular Enforcement

- Node Level
- Namespace Level
- Service Level
- Pod Level



Secure Workload DaemonSet Architecture





High Level Architecture - Labels Ingestion

1.Connector

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authenticates using service account keys

Cloud Connector

Secure Workload

2. Discover pods/services and labels from K8s cluster to build inventory

EKS Cluster

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AKS Cluster

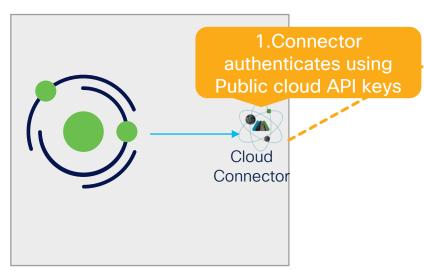
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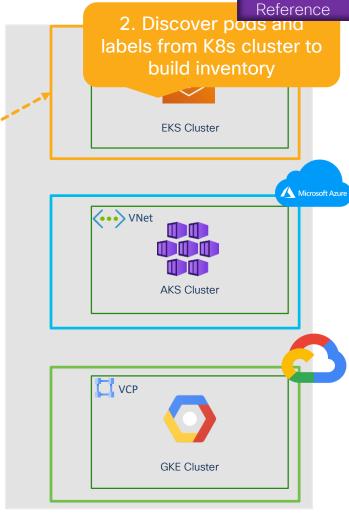
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Kubernetes - AWS Managed

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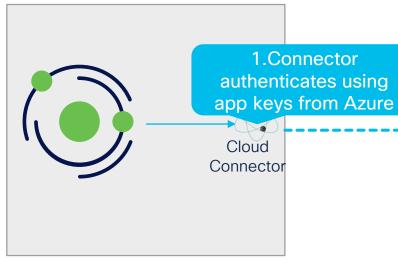
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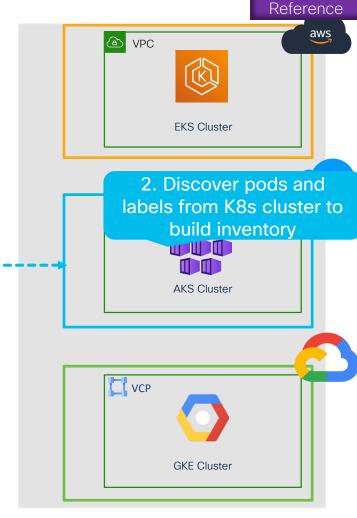


Kubernetes - Azure Managed

High Level Architecture - Labels Ingestion



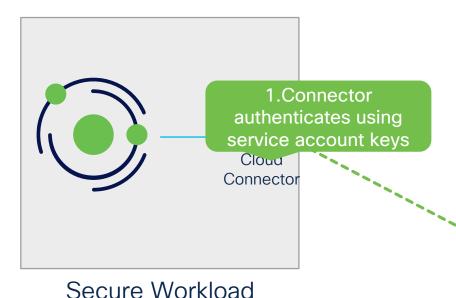
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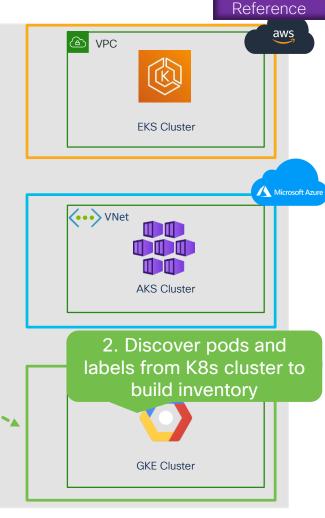


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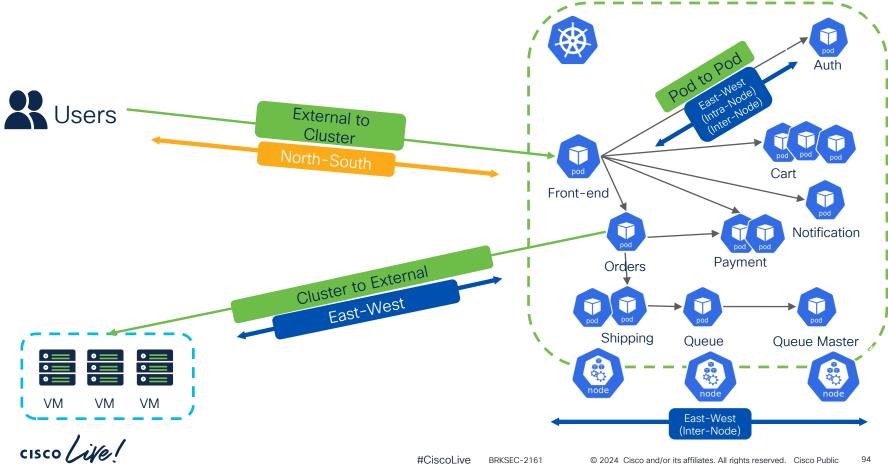
Kubernetes - GCP Managed

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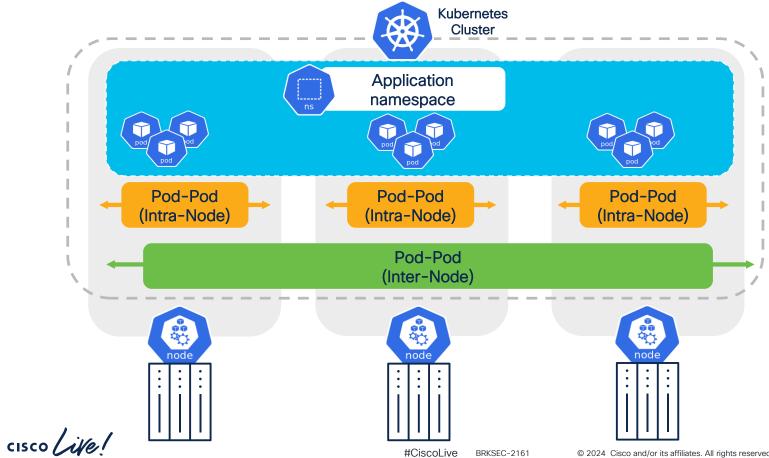




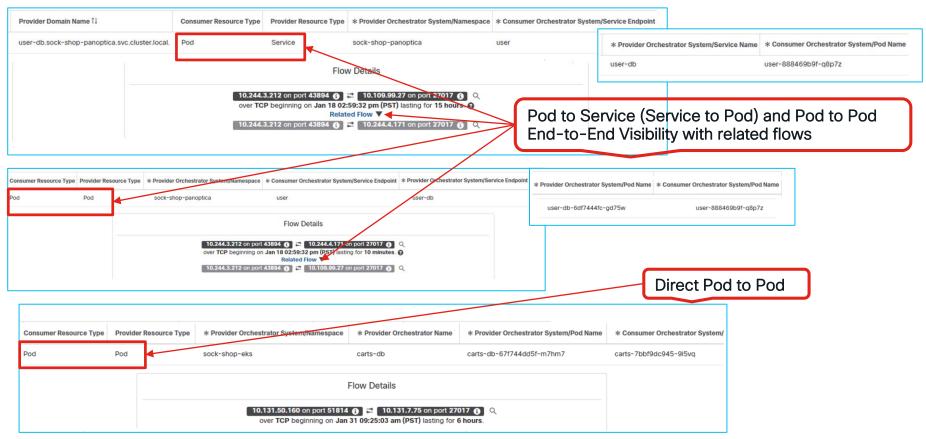
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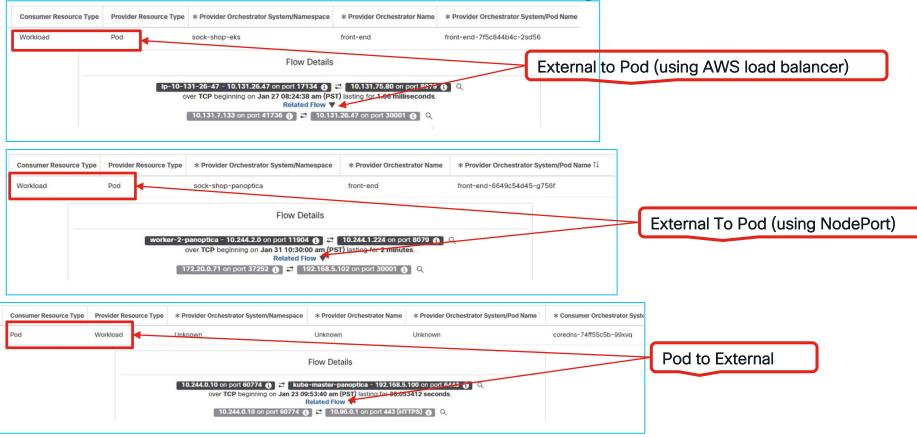
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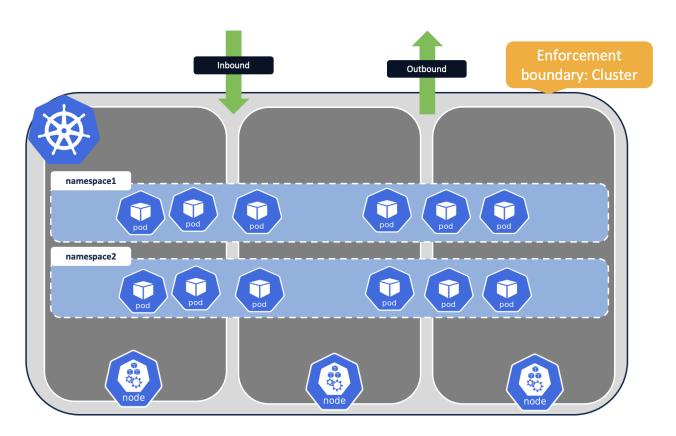
Kubernetes Cluster Flow Visibility - Internal Flows



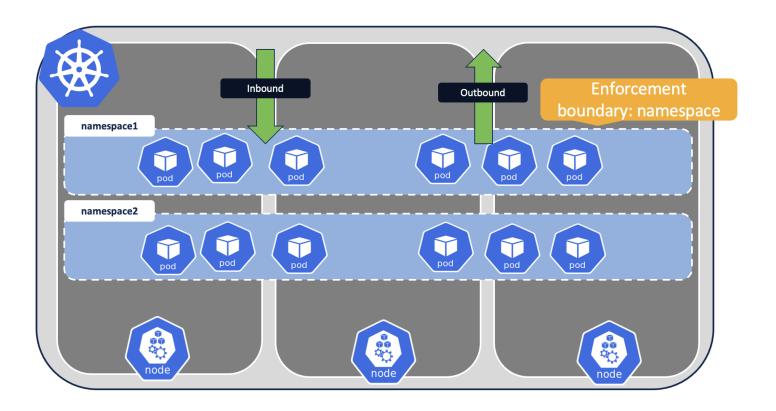
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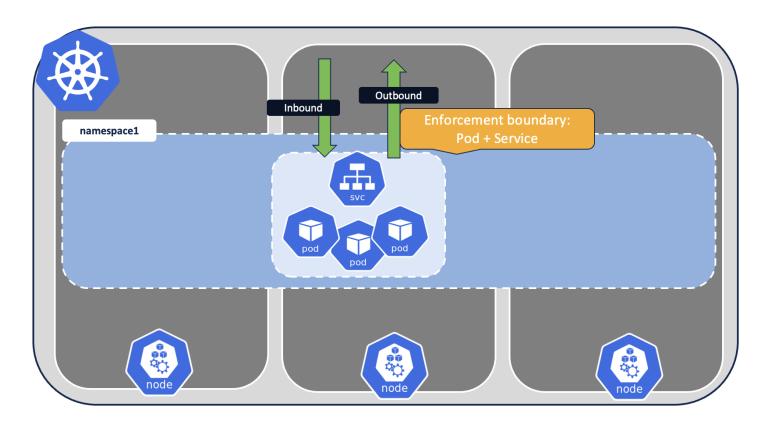
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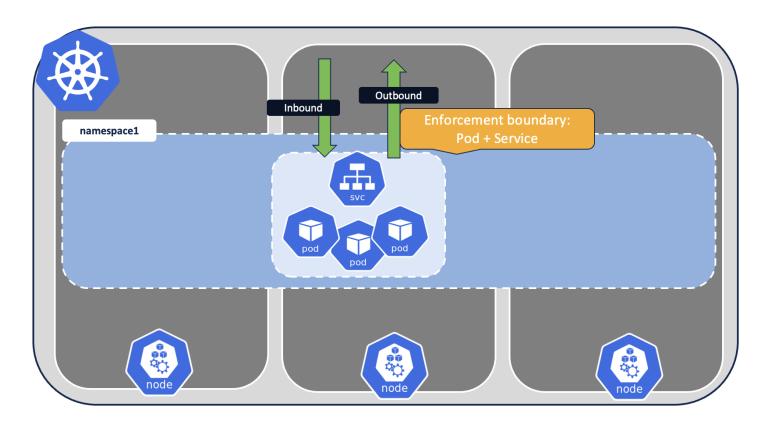




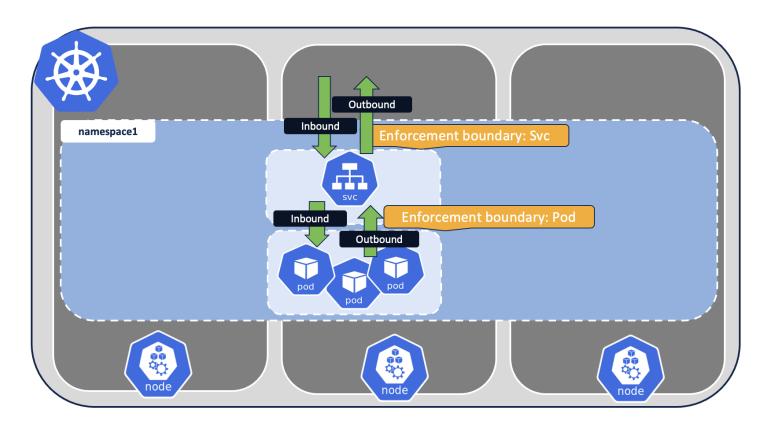






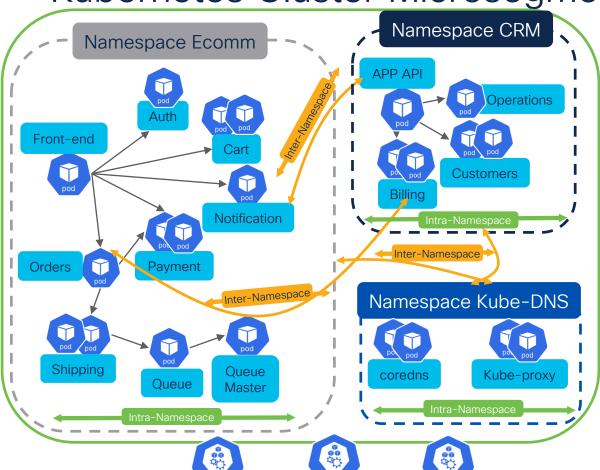








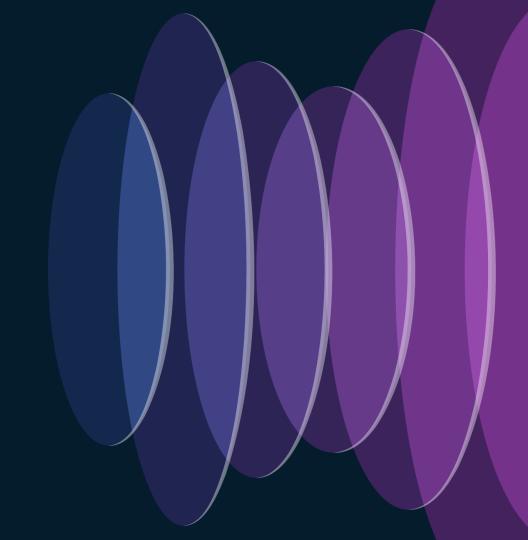
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Kubernetes DaemonSets

- Ideal for fine-grained segmentation
- In-depth container and node visibility
- Protection at multiple levels
 - Intra-Namespace
 - Inter-Namespace
 - Cluster Level
- Suitable for cloud-native engineers

Users/Endpoints



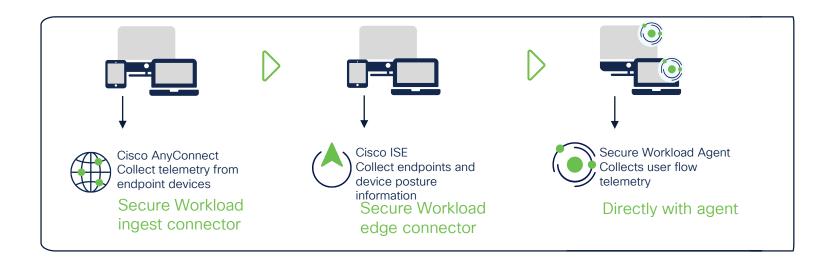
Use-Cases

- 1. User Identity Discovery
 - User Identity IP mapping and Labels
 - ISE and AnyConnect Telemetry
 - Agent-Based User Telemetry
 - User/User Group Inventory
- 2. User Identity Microsegmentation
 - Enforcement at Workload



User Identity IP Mapping and Labels

Discover User and Endpoint telemetry from multiple sources





Automated Identity/Labels and Telemetry Import

Identity Services Engine

- Endpoint and User attributes Details
 - Authenticated machine
 - SGTs: Name and ID
 - AD Username and Group
- Mobile Device Management (MDM)
 - Compliant, disk encrypted, jailbroken, PIN locked device
- **Endpoint Profile**
 - Workstation or mobile device, laptop, IoT device or print
 - Endpoint device names

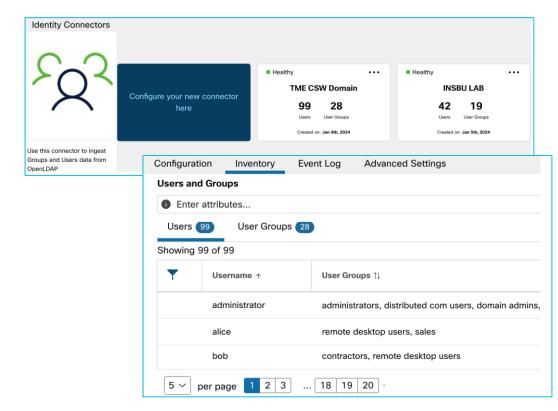
AnyConnect (Secure Client)

- **Endpoint Details**
 - Hostname
 - Unique Device Identifies
 - OS Name
 - OS version
- Interface records
- Flow records
 - Flow details (5-tuples), in/ou byte counts, start time, end time
 - User-ID
 - Process information
 - DNS suffix / Destination FQDN



User/User Group Inventory - Identity Connector

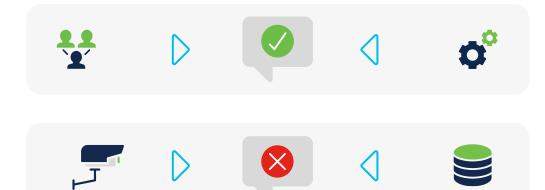
- Centralized user identity inventory to import user and user group data from multiple identity store sources
- Supported identity stores sources
 - OpenLDAP
 - AD
 - Azure AD (3.9 Patch 4)





User Identity Microsegmentation

Only finance group users can access the financial reporting system



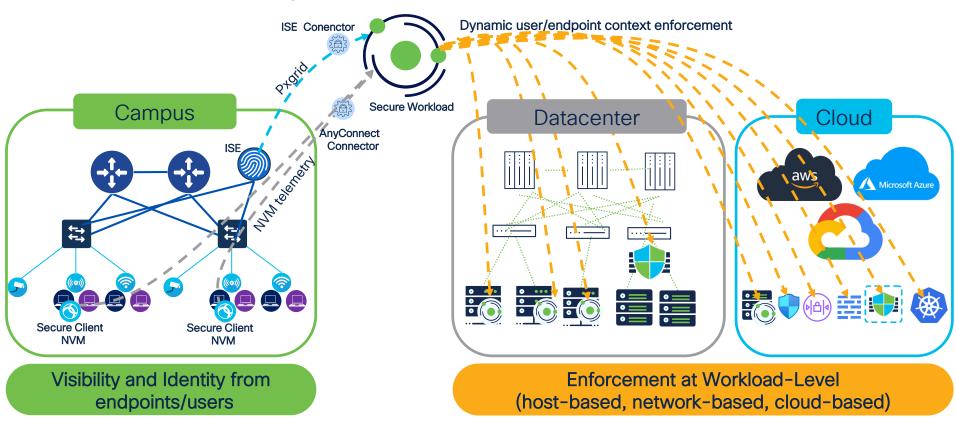
Printer devices cannot connect to any database servers

Secure Workload knows about the users and devices

Secure Workload knows the application servers and database services Policies are continuously updated as new servers are added, existing servers are moved, or IP addresses change

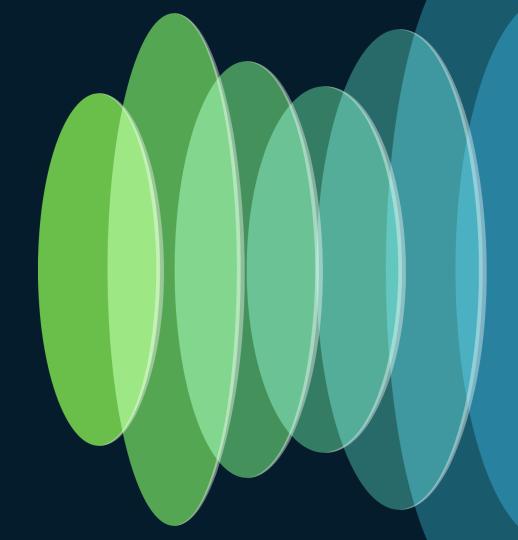


User Microsegmentation - Workload Enforcement





Workload Discovery and Inventory



Use-Cases

- 1. Workload Identity Discovery
 - Workload Identity Labeling
 - Label Management
- 2. Workload Inventory
 - Organizational Structure Definition
 - Delegation of Policies (RBAC)



Proactive and Reactive Risk Management

Identify

Asset Management (AM)

ID.AM-1 - Inventory devices/systems

ID.AM-2 - Inventory software

ID.AM-3 – Map and maintain network flows

ID.AM-4 - Identify external systems

ID.AM-5 - Classify systems for criticality/value

Risk Assessment (RA)

ID.RA-1 - Identify vulnerabilities ID.RA-2 - Ingest Threat Intelligence

Protect

Technology Infrastructure Resilience (IR)

PR.IR-1 - Segment network to prevent lateral movement

Detect

Continuous Monitoring (CM)

network flows and services DE.CM-9 - Monitor workloads for adverse events

DE.CM-1 - Monitor

Respond

Incident Mitigation (MI)

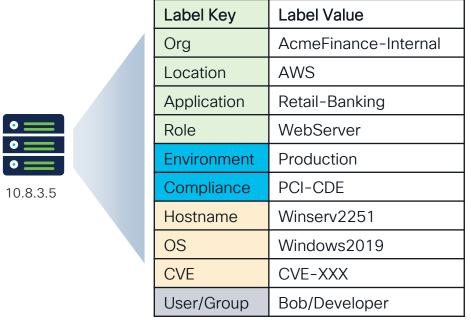
RS.MI-1 - Contain/Quarantine incidents RS.MI-2 - Implement Compensating controls

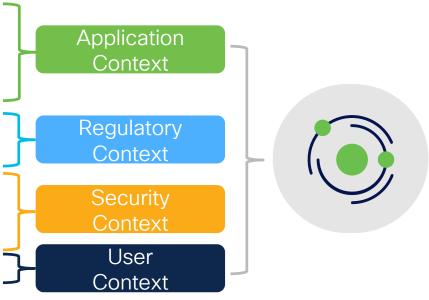
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NIST CSF 2.0 Examples



Identifying Workloads With Context







Workload Identity Discovery with Labels

Flexible Workload Identity Discovery and Inventory Definition



- Manual labels
 - Up to 32 custom labels
 - UI defined or CSV uploaded
 - Possible to automate via OpenAPI



- Automated import
 - Infrastructure
 - Public Cloud
 - Kubernetes
 - OpenShift



- Vulnerability labels
 - CVE / CVE score
 - CVE attributes
 - CVE Risk Attributes (CVM)
- Threat Intel labels
 - STIX/TAXII



- Host-based labels
 - Hostname
 - NIC information
 - MAC address
 - OS / OS version
 - IP Address Type
 - DNS/FQDN



Automated Labels Import and Workload Discovery

Infrastructure

- ServiceNOW (CMDB)
 - Hostname, asset labels
 - Up to 8 labels
 - Pre-created scripted REST API
- Infoblox (IPAM)

domain names in A/AAAA records

Network records

Extensible attributes

- DNS
 - domain names in A/AAAA records
- Vcenter (VMM)
 - hostname, uuid, custom VM labels

Public Cloud

- **AWS**
 - Workload/Interface
 - **AWS** Account/Subscription/Region/VPC
 - Auto-scale groups
- Azure
 - Workload/Interface
 - Azure Subscription/Resource Group/VNet
 - Scale-Sets
- GCP
 - Workload only

Kubernetes

- Self-Managed and Managed (K8s and OpenShift)
- System-defined and Manifest-defined labels
 - Pod cidr
 - **CRI**
 - Namespace
 - Service
 - **Images**
 - Pods



















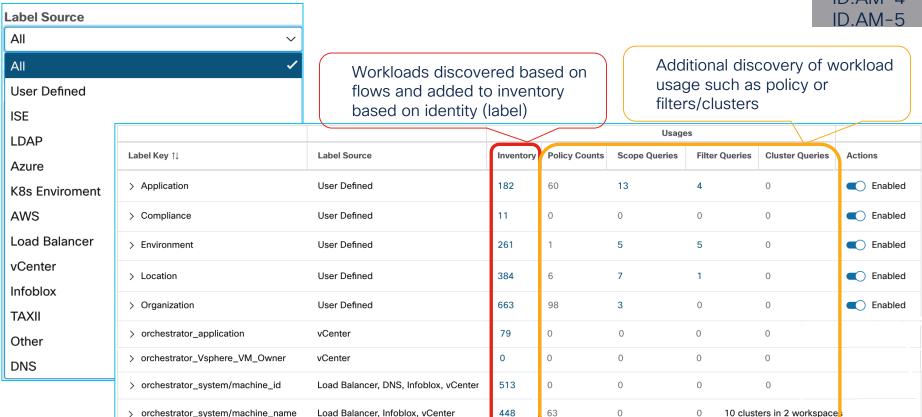






Label Management

ID.AM-1 ID.AM-4 ID.AM-5

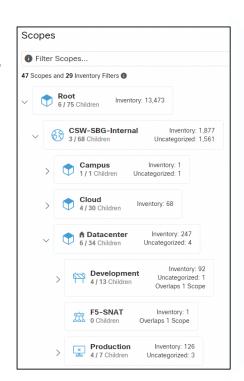


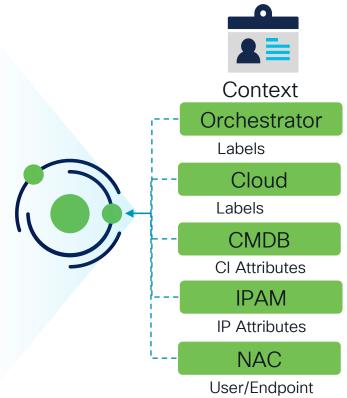
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Organizational Structure and Workload Inventory

Scope Tree

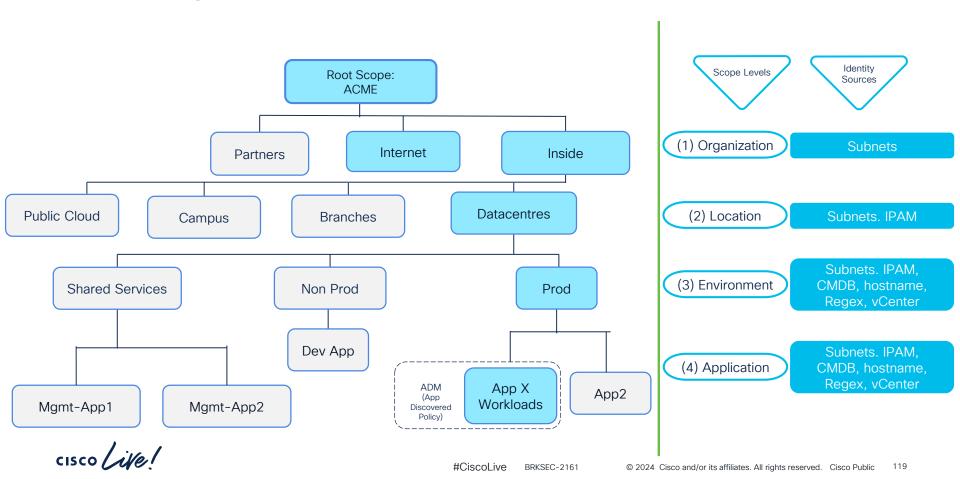
- Describes the organizational structure using attributes (labels)
- Provides workload identity visibility and inventory
- Foundational building blocks for RBAC and policies
- For first time users, use the scope creation UX wizard







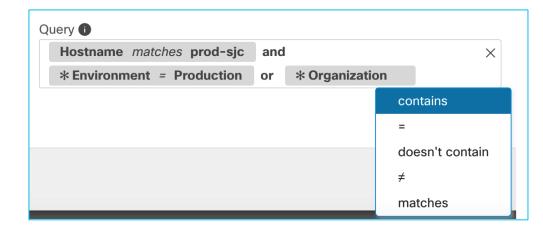
YAFI Organization Structure Definition



Query Operators

Flexible Query Options to Build Scopes!

- Multiple query operators:
 - Contains
 - Equals
 - Doesn't contain
 - Not Equal
 - Matches (RegEx)
- Ability to combine with and/or operators

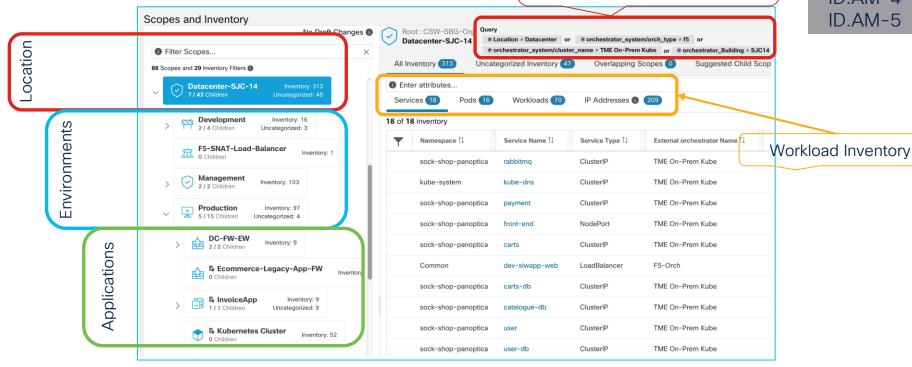




YAFI Scope Tree Structure

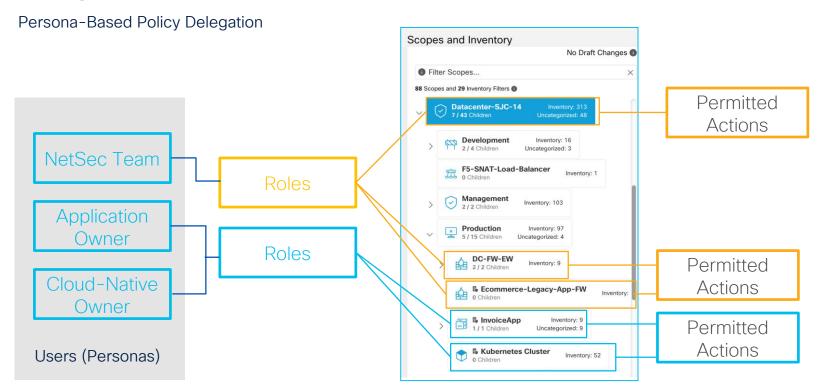
Hierarchical Organizational Structure (Scopes)

Labels used as queries to group workloads (manual, IPAM, Load balancers, K8s) at location level ID.AM-1 ID.AM-2 ID.AM-4 ID.AM-5





Delegation of Policies (RBAC)





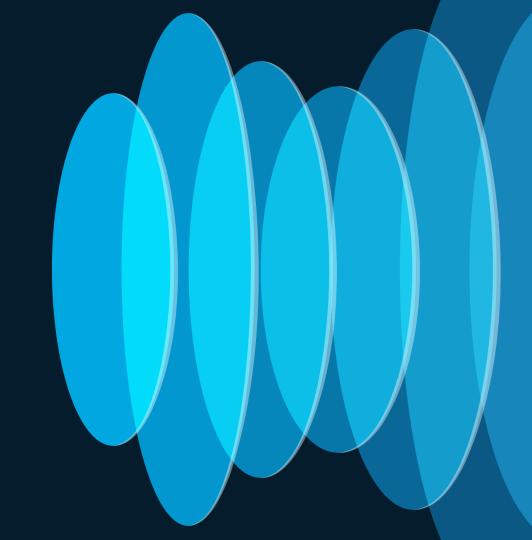
Delegation of Policies (RBAC)

- A user can have any number of roles. Roles can have any number of capabilities.
- Roles contain sets of capabilities.
- Custom roles can be defined for different personas in customer organizations.
- Roles can be mapped to a scopes based on organizational structures:
 - Infosec team role may have root scope level access,
 - Cloud team role may have cloud scope access
 - NetSec team role may have datacenter scope level access
 - Application owner role can have application scope level access.



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Dynamic Policy Engine



Use-Cases

- 1. Policy Definition and Validation
- 2. Policy Enforcement
- 3. Policy Compliance and Decommission



Proactive and Reactive Risk Management

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Fully Automate Your Policy Lifecycle!

Comprehensive and Dynamic Policy Engine

Policy Decommission

Automatic Removal of policies

Policy Compliance

Real-time policy compliance

Policy deviation alerting/rectification

Policy Discovery/Definition

- Define Guardrail policies
- Discover Application policies
- Deploy "Policy as Code"

Policy Enforcement

- Consistent policy continuously updated
- End-to-end policy enforcement

Policy Simulation/Validation

- Policy analysis/simulation
- Investigate what-if scenarios



Policy Definition and Validation



Policy Definition - Types

Guardrail Policies

- Intent-based
 - Security/Mandates policy boundaries
- Definition
 - Manually
 - Policy Templates

Application Granular Policies

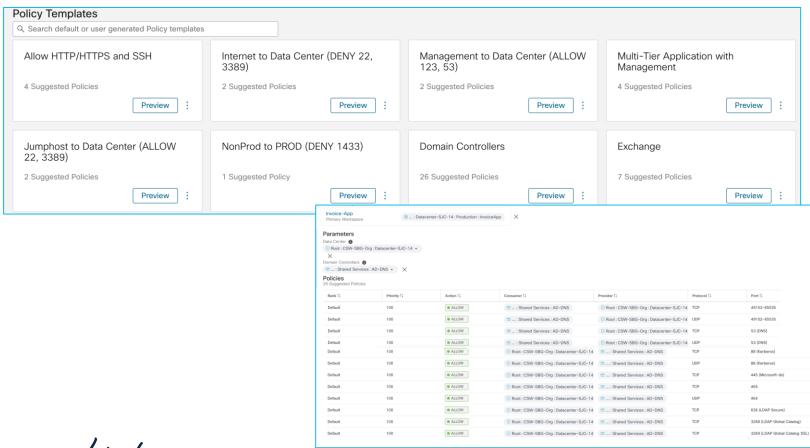
- Intent-based
 - Ringfencing application workloads policy
 - Microsegmentation of application workloads
- Definition
 - Manually (Ringfencing)
 - Automatically using Policy discovery

Policy as Code

- Intent-based
 - Programmable policy automation
 - AppSec/DevSecOps focus
- Definition
 - OpenAPI
 - Terraform
 - Ansible
 - CI/CD pipeline



Policy Templates



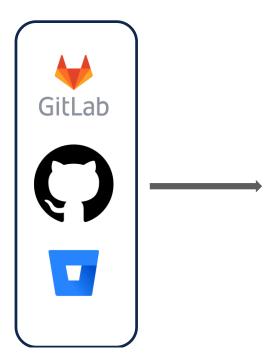
Policy as Code

https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/terraform-provider-secureworkload Terraform Plan Policy Enforcement **Apply** SCM - Git Repository Secure Workload Ansible playbooks or Playbook Terraform Scripts

Host **OPEN**SHIFT Cloud Network

https://galaxy.ansible.com/ui/repo/published/cisco/secureworkload/

CI/CD Pipeline



Policy update triggers the CI/CD pipeline action



Ansible playbooks or Terraform scripts can be run at appropriate CI/CD pipeline stages



Secure Workload takes the appropriate action

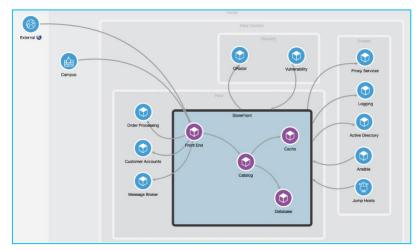
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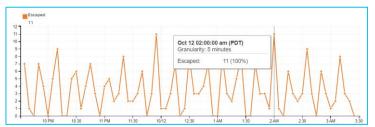
Automatically generated policy based on application behavior

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- A key challenge with the microsegmentation journey is managing the policy lifecycle
- ADM (Application Dependency Mapping) is fundamental in the journey
- Using an application dependency map as a blueprint, Secure Workload automatically generates the microsegmentation policy
- Policy Deviations can be easily identified and corrected before enforcement with Policy Analysis





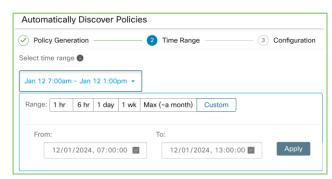


Policy Discovery and Policy Analysis

Automatically generated policy based on application behavior

- Discover policies for up to 1 year worth of traffic flows
 - Discover clusters for app-specific (child) scopes
 - Discover policies for scope-to-scope communications at higher (parent) scope
 - Policy discovery algorithm is flexible! Tune it as required or leverage the default config!
- Verify your current policy against past traffic (beyond traffic flow search retention) with "Run Experiment"
 - Useful to verify seasonal flows or suspect attacks in the past

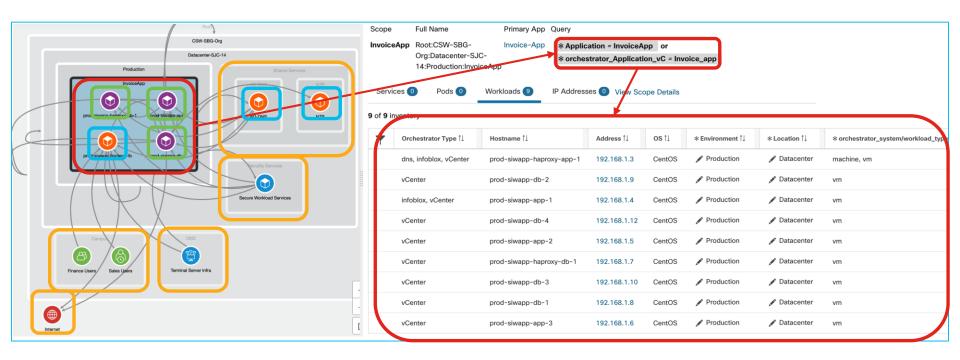






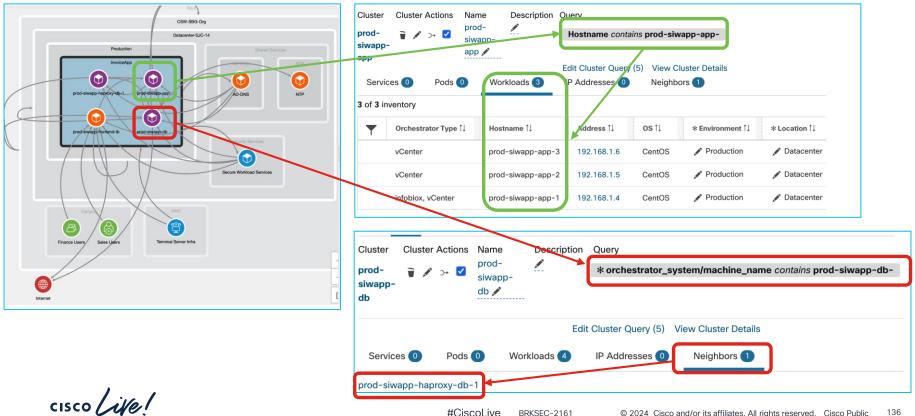
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Application Workloads Classification and Policy Discovery





Policy Discovery of Clusters - Behavior-Based and ML Grouping

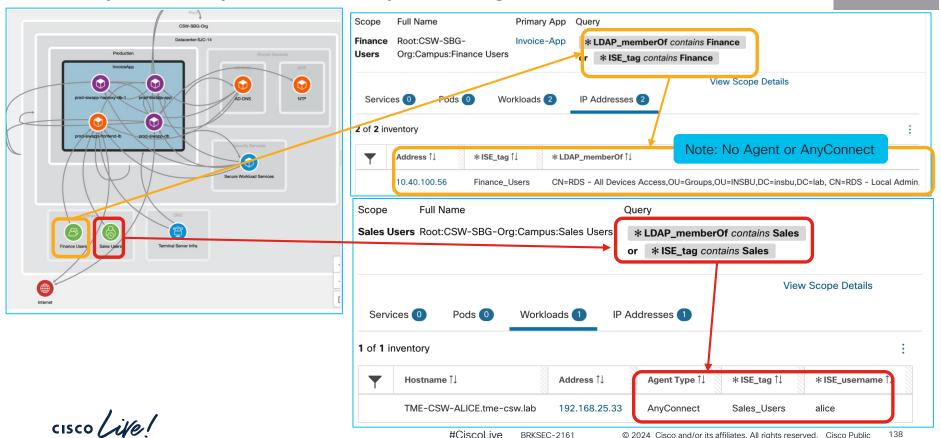


Policy Discovery of Inventory Filters - Expose Only What is Required!





Policy Discovery - User Identity Microsegmentation on Workloads!



Policy Analysis

Policy Validation, Versioning and Compliance







Policy Analysis

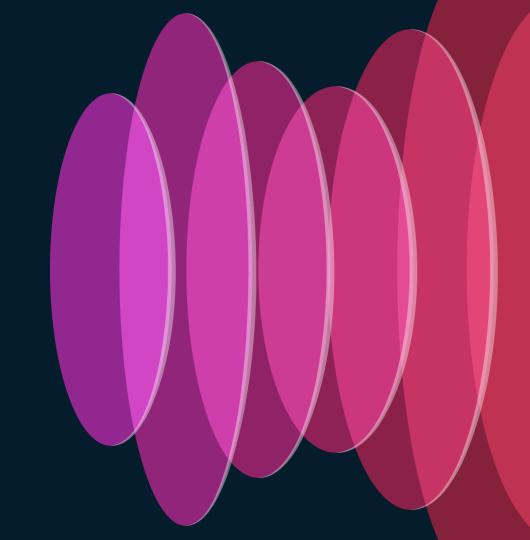
What-If Scenarios and Traffic Violations

ID.AM-3 DE.CM-1

Traffic would have been dropped (testing real traffic with policies without enforcing!) Timestamp ↑↓ Consumer Name 11 Policy Categories 11 Provider Name 11 Consumer Address 11 Provider Address 11 Consumer Port 1 Provider Port 1 Protocol 1 **ESCAPED** Sep 29 4:58:00am Unknown Unknown 192.168.29.10 192.168.2.101 50675 22 TCP What-If Scenarios with Quick Flow Analysis Quick Hypothetical Flow Analysis @ Match this Hypothetical Flow against Analyzed Policies **Enforced Policies** Consumer Address Provider Address 192.168.29.10 192,168,2,101 Protocol Provider Port TCP 22 Policy Decision: X DENY Find matching policies Consumer Outbound Policies 6 Provider Inbound Policies 0 If applied, the default-deny Root No Match policy would reject this flow Any : Any Catch All Please make sure policy analysis is enabled on external applications that need to be taken dev ecommerce app [p1] 😽 ... : Datacenter : Development : eCommerce-Dev into account.



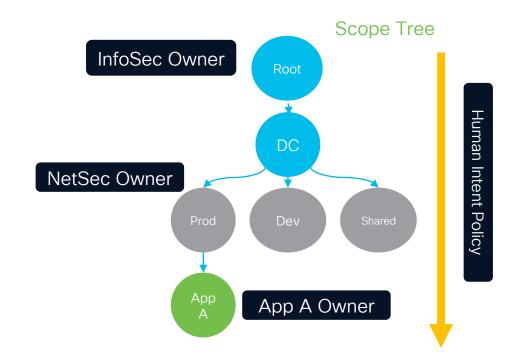
Policy Enforcement



Dynamic Policy Enforcement

Unified policy enforcement for host, network, and cloud workloads!

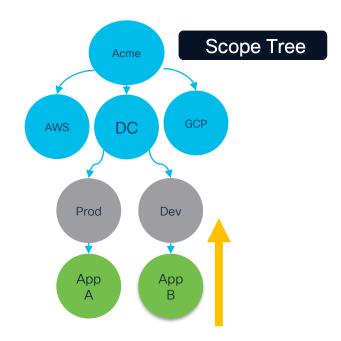
- Secure Workload leverage the scope structure (organizational hierarchy) for RBACs
- This allows AppSec/DevSecOps to secure their applications, while InfoSec/NetOps/SecOps ensure that guardrails controls are present
- Result: Consistent Allow-List Policies!





Policy Enforcement Approach - Bottom up

- Works well at smaller scale with small set of applications
- Complex approving process
- Dependency on existing inventory
- Continuous app owner engagement for changes

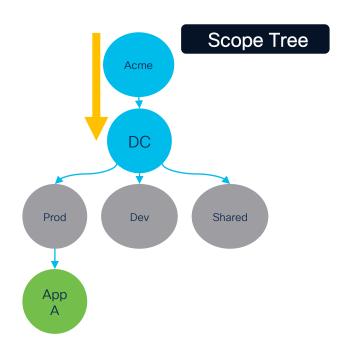


Pick an App and do reverse-discovery



Policy Enforcement Approach - Top-down

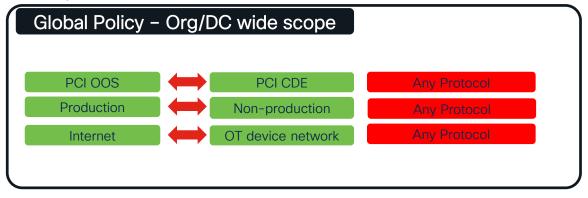
- Aligns with Zero-Trust Architecture to define and segment trust zones first
- Value realization starts faster paired with a phased approach
- Has less dependencies on customer data set maturity
- Provides a pathway to granular application policy

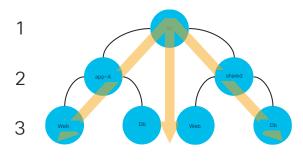




Top-Down: Phase 1

Examples:



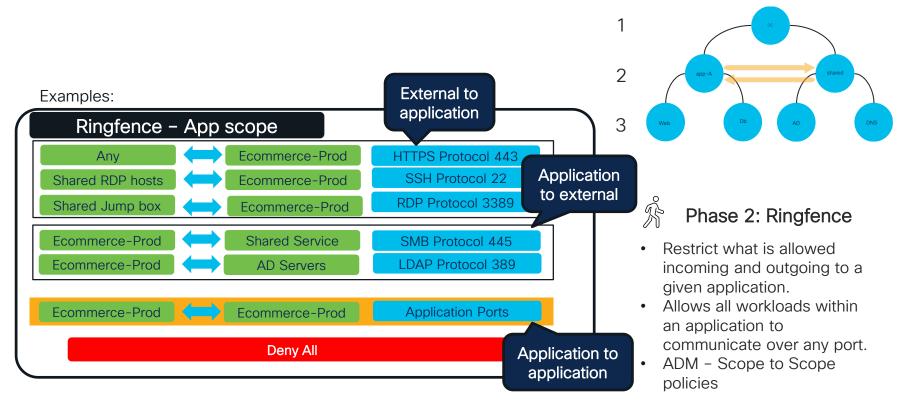




- Define global policies to achieve larger security intent for an organization.
- This policy will trickle down to every single application hosted in the Data Center



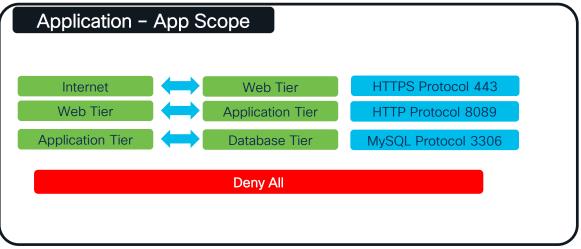
Top-Down: Phase 2

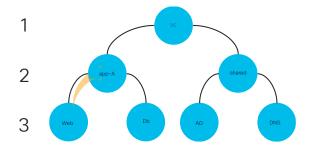




Top-Down: Phase 3

Examples:







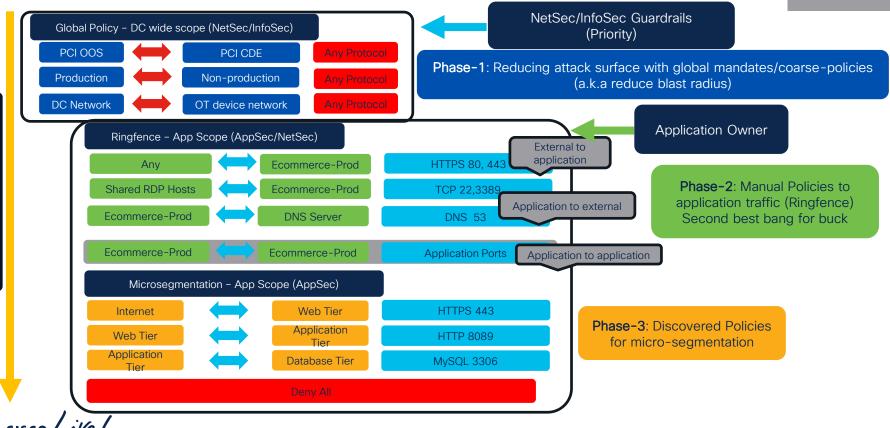
Phase 3: Microsegmentaton

 Refine the coarse application policies to microsegment down to each workload.



Human Intent-Based Policy

PR.IR-1



Human Intent-Based Policy PR.IR-1 Workspaces Datacenter-SJC14 ∨ PRIMARY • • • Version 0 View Version History Matching Inventories (315) Conversations Provided Services Policy Analysis Enforcement Status Enforcement Filter Policies ... Absolute and Default Policies 3 Catch All DENY Grouped 1 Ungrouped Datacenter Level Action 1 Consumer ↑ Provider 1 Protocols and Ports 1 DENY TCP: Anv * PCI OOS Workloads * PCI CDE Workloads DENY * Production-Scope TCP: Any Development Ecommerce-Prod ∨ Version 0 View Version History Ringfence Policies 6 Filters 7 Conversations Provided Services Policy Analysis **Enforcement Status** Enforcement Filter Policies .. ault Policies 6 Catch All DENY Grouped 1 Ungrouped Microsegmentation Priority ↑↓ Action ↑↓ Consumer ↑↓ Provider ↑ Protocol 1 Port ↑↓ 100 ALLOW 3 ... : Datacenter-SJC-14 : Production : eCommerce * AD-DNS UDP 53 (DNS) 100 ALLOW 3 ... : Datacenter-SJC-14 : Production : eCommerce 3 ... : Datacenter-SJC-14 : Production : eCommerce TCP Any 100 ALLOW 😇 ... : Shared Services : Jumphosts 3 ... : Datacenter-SJC-14 : Production : eCommerce TCP 22 (SSH) 100 ALLOW 😇 ... : Shared Services : Jumphosts Action ↑↓ Consumer ↑ Provider ↑↓ Protocols and Ports 1 ALLOW Any ...: Datacenter-SJC-14: Production: eCommerce TCP: 80 (HTTP) ...1 more 100 ALLOW Any ALLOW to ecomm-app-tier @ Root : Internet TCP: 25 (SMTP) ...1 more ALLOW Any 100 ALLOW to ecomm-app-tier n ecomm-redis-nfs TCP: 2049 (NFS) ...1 more ALLOW tier ecomm-app-tier to ecomm-belb01 TCP: 3306 (MySQL) ALLOW TCP: 3306 (MvSQL) r ecomm-belb01 r ecomm-sql ALLOW r ecomm-sql r ecomm-sql TCP: 4567 ...1 more ALLOW 3 ... : Datacenter-SJC-14 : Production : eCommerce UDP: 53 (DNS) * AD-DNS ALLOW * ... : Shared Services : Jumphosts 3 ... : Datacenter-SJC-14 : Production : eCommerce TCP: 22 (SSH) ...1 more

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Additional Controls

- 1. Workload Quarantine
- 2. Virtual Patch



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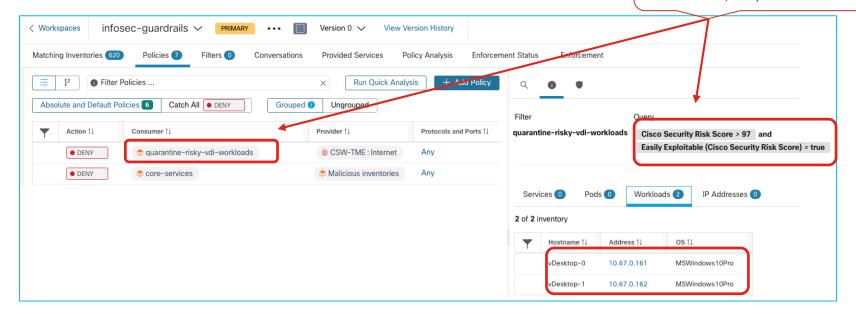


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Quarantine/Contain Blast-Radius

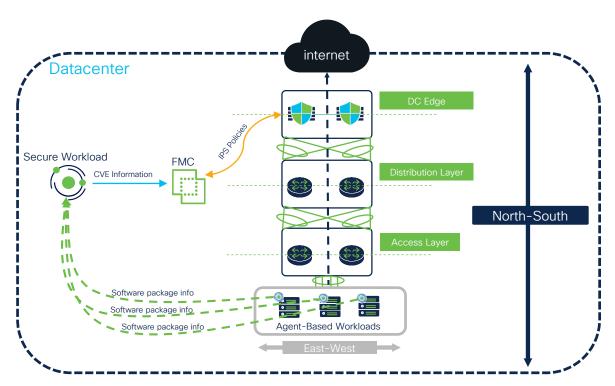
RS.MI-1

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RS.MI-2



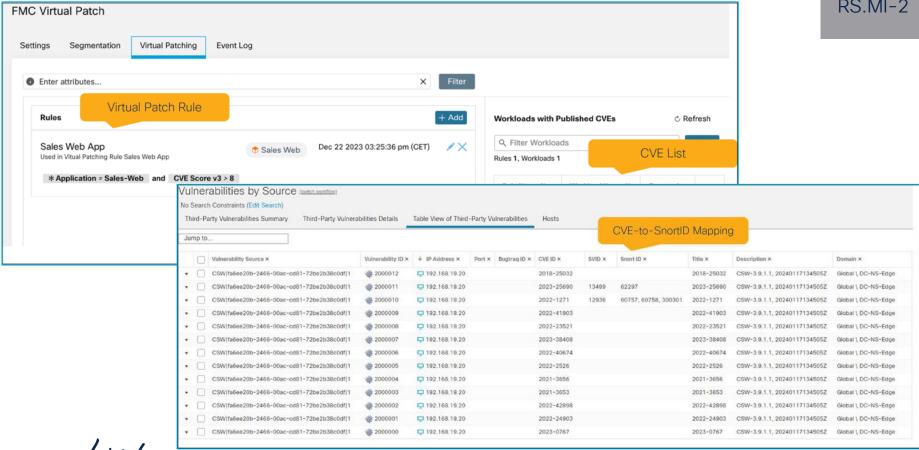
L7 Virtual Patch Inspection

- Quickly identify vulnerable workloads
- Vulnerability information export done by Secure Workload to FMC
- Run Firepower Recommendations to get IPS signature
- Apply IPS policy to interested traffic flows
- Configure the compensating control to mitigate risk while patching schedule is done

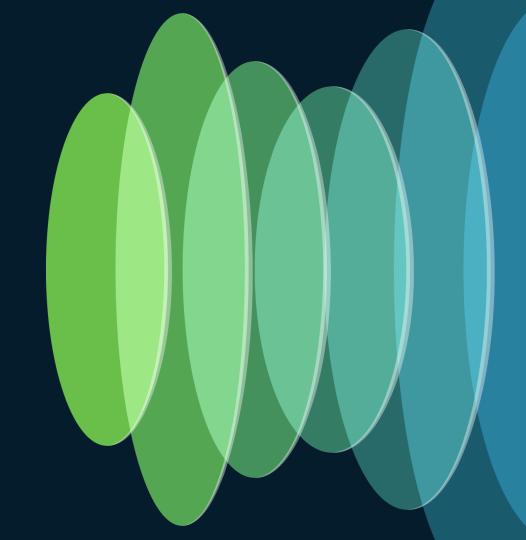


Compensating Controls with Virtual Patch

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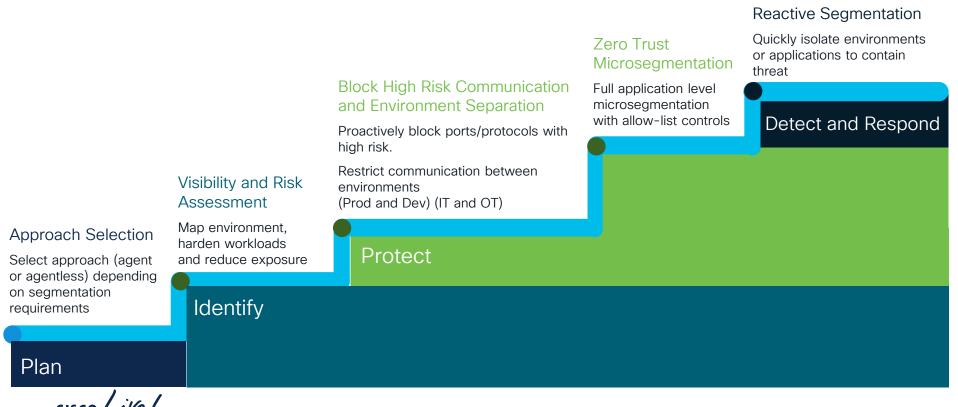


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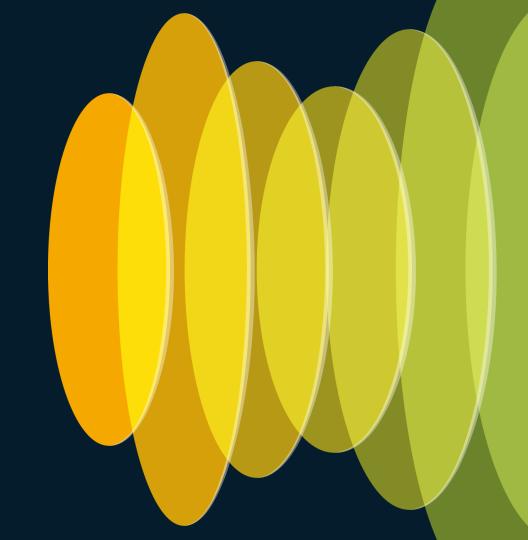


Steps to Zero Trust

Harmonize and operationalize your segmentation strategy!



Almost Done...



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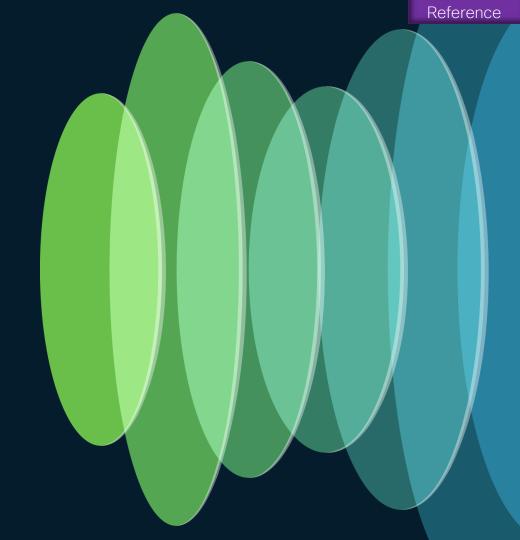
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Thank you



Appendix





Cisco Secure Workload

Any Infrastructure, Any Iocation, Any Application, Anywhere

Agent

Consistent microsegmentation from on-premises to the cloud

Anywhere

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Windows Server

IBM AIX

Oracle Solaris/Linux

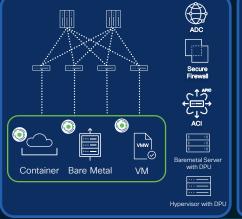
Centos, Rocky, Alma Linux

Ubuntu, Debian

SUSE, RedHat

Amazon Linux

OpenShift/K8s











VPC/VCN Sec

Cloud

Security Group (AWS)

Agentless

On-Prem

Loadbalancer

(ADC)
Secure Firewall

ACI-SecureFirewall

NVIDIA DPU

Network Security Group (Azure)

GCP Firewall (GCP)

Secure Firewall

On Premise

Public Cloud



Bare Metal Servers



Virtual Machines

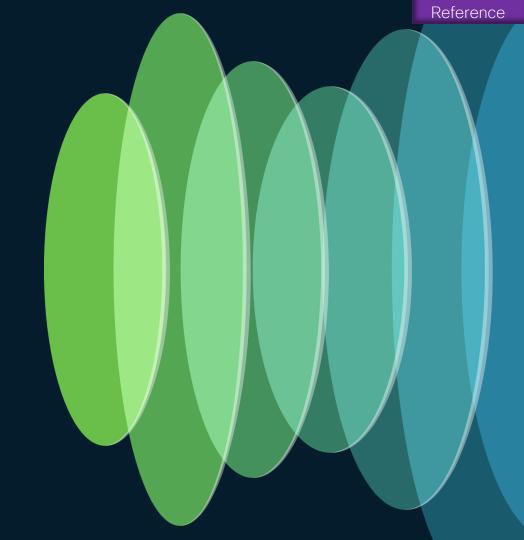
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Containers



Agent Features



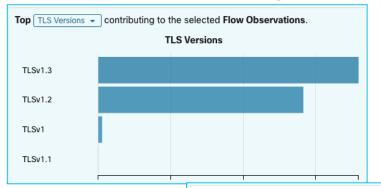
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Host-Based Agent - Flow Visibility

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	Consumer 6	Provider 6				
Flags	PSH ACK	PSH ACK				
ICMP Type and Code						
Byte Count	68,170 (2,430,553,666 so far)	65,464 (2,455,714,336 so far)				
Packet Count	523 (17,978,041 so far)	482 (18,359,072 so far)				
SRTT	8.85ms					
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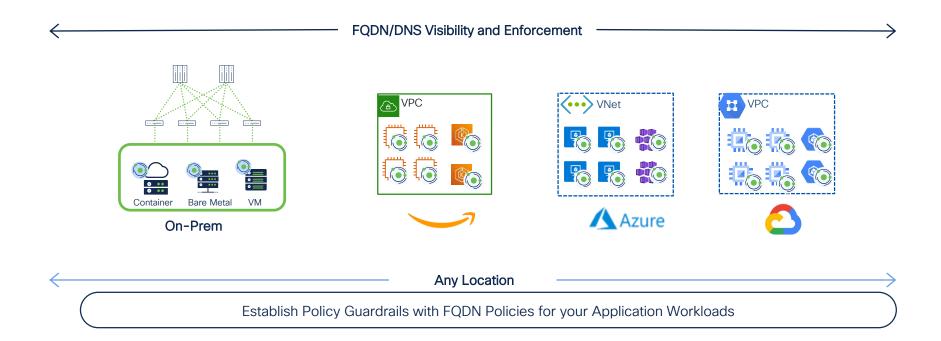




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i-085a1fbed9cb1fdb9.us-west-2.compute.internal	i-0aaa83dfbfa7fc300.us-west-2.compute.internal
H4-DMZ-RDSHOST1, h4-dmz-rdshost1	h4-dmz-fs1, h4-dmz-fs1.insbu.lab



Host-Based Agent - FQDN/DNS Policies



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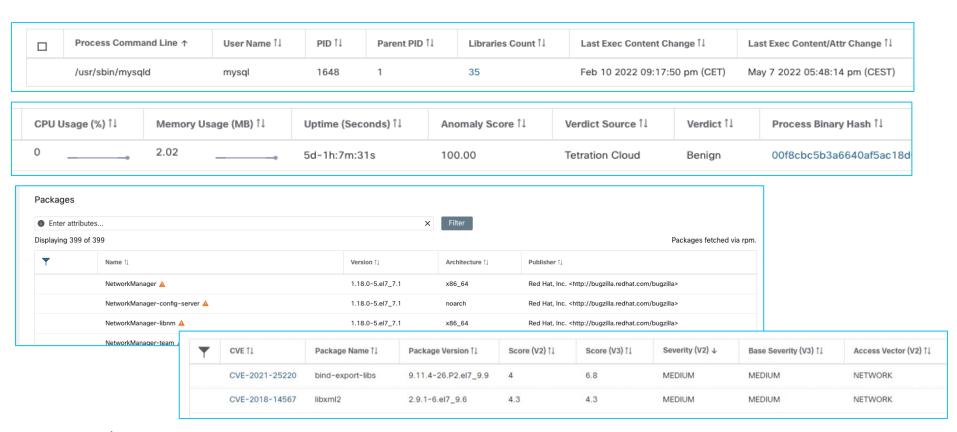
Host-Based Agent - Proxied Flows and Users

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~	Nov 27 4:56:00pm	bilhuang-centos03	172.29.202.191	172.29.202.174	Unknown	33716	3128	TCP	bilhuang-centos03, bill
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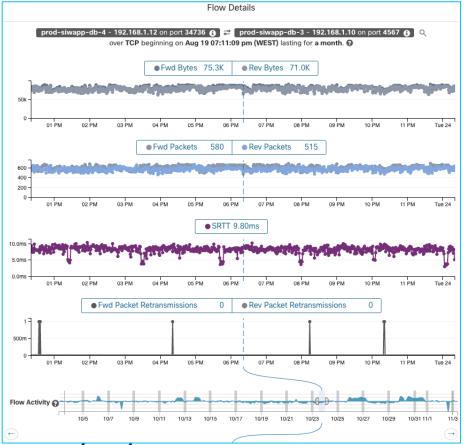
Host-Based Agent - Packages/Process/CVE



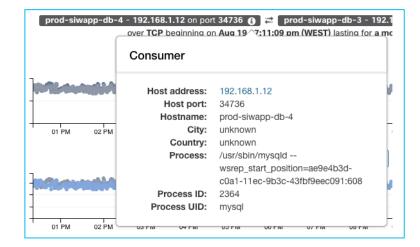


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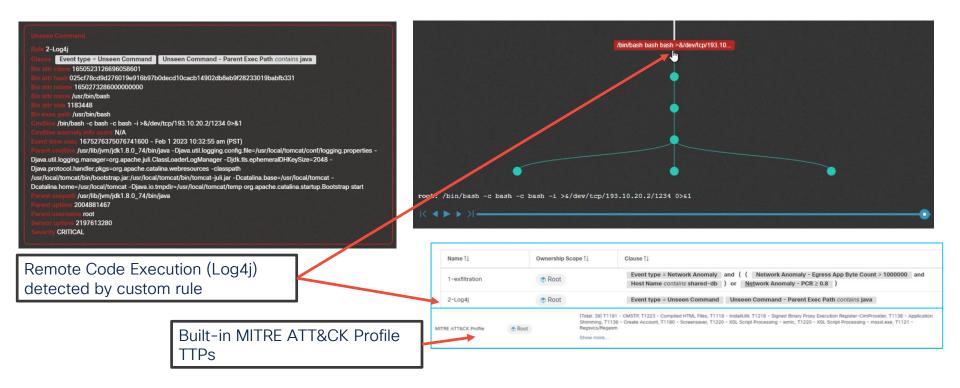


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Host-Based Agent - Behavior Anomalies





Host-Based Agent Architecture

Detailed Mode - 4 TUPLE

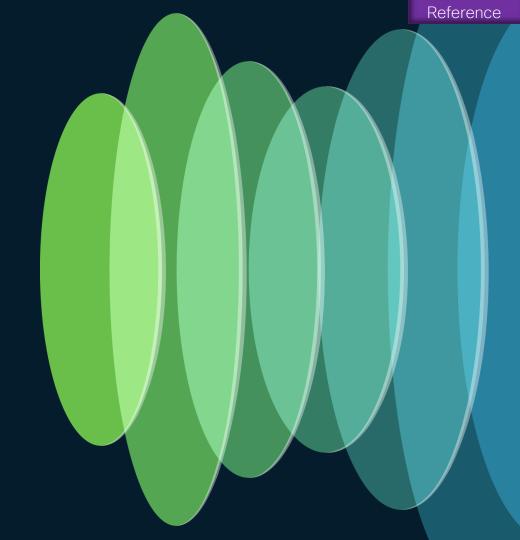
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Conversation Mode - 4 TUPLE

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Workload Discovery and Inventory



Vmware vCenter Integration

vCenter integration allows user to fetch bare metal and VM attributes from configured vCenter.

- vCenter admins create and assign metadata to virtual machines through a custom set of tags and categories (Tags and Custom Attributes option on UI.
- Following attributes are ingested for a given Virtual machine.
 - orchestrator_system/workload_type
 - orchestrator_system/machine_id
 - orchestrator_system/machine_name
 - orchestrator_<Category Name>
- For example:

Category Tag

Application eCommerce Environment Production Environment Staging





Labels Gathered by Cloud Connectors

List of cloud VM workload labels:

Key	Value	
orchestrator_system/workload_type	vm	
orchestrator_system/machine_id	<pre></pre>	
orchestrator_system/machine_name	<publicdns(fqdn) aws="" by="" given="" node="" this="" to=""> -or- <instancename azure="" in=""></instancename></publicdns(fqdn)>	
orchestrator_system/segmentation_enabled	<flag determine="" enabled="" if="" inventory="" is="" on="" segmentation="" the="" to=""></flag>	
orchestrator_system/virtual_network_id	<id belongs="" inventory="" network="" of="" the="" to="" virtual=""></id>	
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orchestrator_system/interface_id	<ld><ld><ld>to this inventory></ld></ld></ld>	
orchestrator_system/region	<region belongs="" inventory="" the="" to=""></region>	
orchestrator_system/resource_group	(This tag applies to Azure inventory only)	
orchestrator_' <tag key="">'</tag>	<tag value=""> Key-value pair for any number of custom tags assigned to inventory in the cloud portal.</tag>	









Managed or Unmanaged Kubernetes

Integration with Kubernetes Services - Self-Managed or OpenShift or cloud managed Kubernetes (EKS/AKS/GKE)



Secure Workload requires read-only access to the Kubernetes environment

The following information is collected for automatic inventory and annotations:

- Kubernetes service and pod inventory
- Labels and annotations defined for Kubernetes objects

Generated labels for all resources		
Secure Workload adds the following labels to all	the nodes, pods and services retrieved from the Kubernetes/OpenShift/EKS/AKS/Gl	KE API serve
Кеу	Value	
orchestrator_system/orch_type	kubernetes	
orchestrator_system/cluster_id	<uuid cluster's="" configuration="" in="" of="" the="" product =""></uuid>	
orchestrator_system/cluster_name	<name cluster's="" configuration="" given="" this="" to=""></name>	
orchestrator_system/namespace	<the aks="" eks="" gke="" item="" kubernetes="" namespace="" of="" openshift="" this=""></the>	







Cloud Managed Kubernetes - Labels

Pod-specific labels

The following labels are generated for pods only.

Key	Value
orchestrator_system/workload_type	pod
orchestrator_system/pod_id	<uuid assigned="" by="" kubernetes="" openshift=""></uuid>
orchestrator_system/pod_name	<name given="" pod="" this="" to=""></name>
orchestrator_system/hostnetwork	<true false> reflecting whether the pod is running in the host network</true false>
orchestrator_system/machine_name	<name is="" node="" of="" on="" pod="" running="" the=""></name>
orchestrator_system/service_endpoint	[List of service names this pod is providing]

Node-specific labels

The following labels are generated for nodes only.

Value
machine
<uuid assigned="" by="" kubernetes="" openshift=""></uuid>
<name given="" node="" this="" to=""></name>
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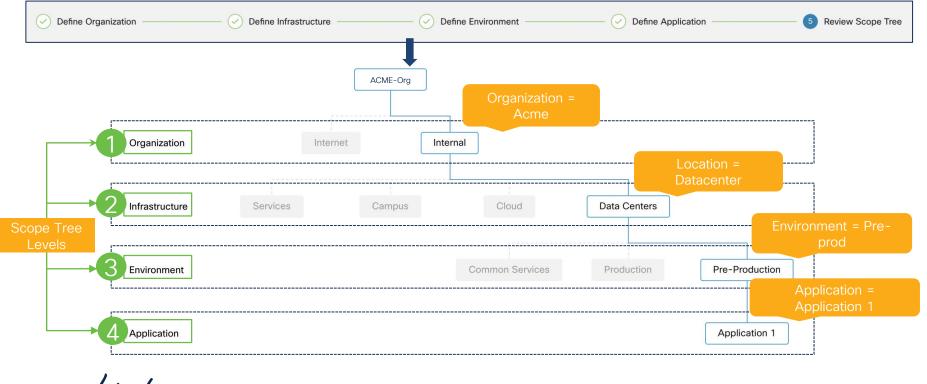




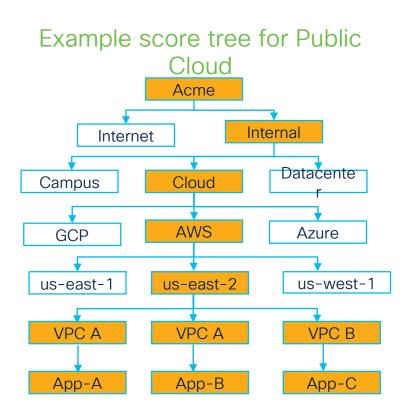


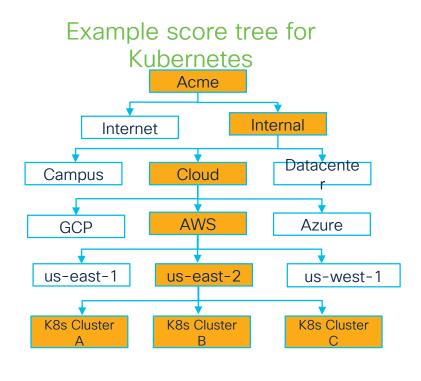
First-Time User Experience

A wizard guides first-time users through the scope creation process based on organizational structure.



Public Cloud and Kubernetes Scope Trees







RBAC- User Abilities

Ability	Description
Read	Read all data including flows, application and inventory filters.
Write	Make changes to applications and inventory filters.
Execute	Perform ADM runs and publish policies for analysis.
Developer	Access to Data Platform features such as creating and running User Apps, scheduling Jobs, and uploading data to the Data Lake.
Enforce	Enforce policies defined in application workspaces associated with the given scope.
Owner	Required to toggle an application workspace from secondary to primary. Access to Data Platform Admin abilities such as managing User App sessions, adding Data Taps, and creating Visualization Data Sources

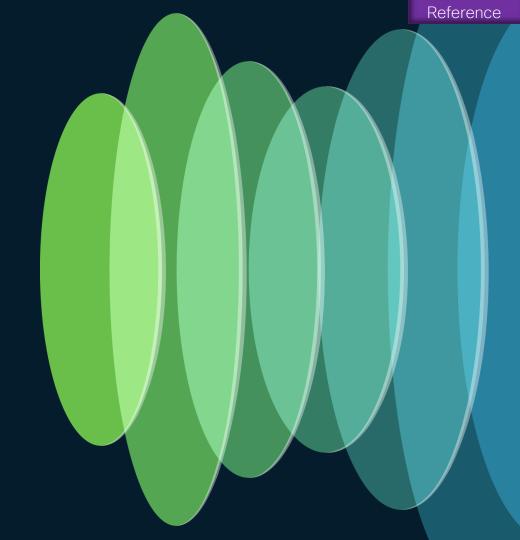


RBAC- Pre-Built User Roles

Role	Description
Agent Installer	Can Install, Monitor and Upgrade Agents
Customer Support	For Technical Support or Advanced Services. Provides access to cluster maintenance features. Allows the same access as Site Admin but cannot modify users.
Site Admin	Provides the ability to manage users, agents, etc. Can view and edit all features and data. There must be at least one site admin.
Global Application Enforcement	Provides the Enforce ability on every scope.
Global Application Management	Provides the Execute ability on every scope.
Global Read Only	Provides the Read ability on every scope.



Policy Enforcement



Microsoft Windows Firewall

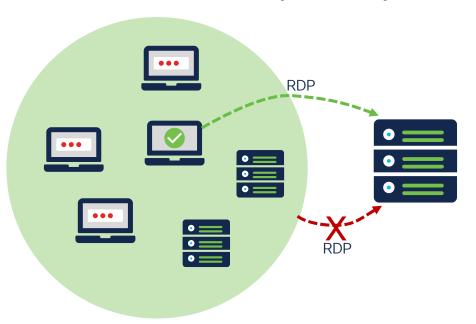
Windows supports programming of firewall policies using two approaches

- Windows Advanced Firewall (WAF)
 - Allow-list policy model supports only allow rules, cannot mix with block rules
 - · Creates conflict with existing GPO policy
- Windows Filtering Platform (WFP) {Default & Recommended}
- Supports block-first policy order with a mix of allow and block rules
- · Sits on top of GPO policy
- Lightweight, with less CPU overhead on policy updates



WFP: Selective Allow Policy

- Full policy ordering control with Allow and Block rule combinations
- Selective Allow Policy correctly rendered in WFP



Two simple rules

Allow RDP from Secure Management Desktop

Block RDP from All Machines

Not possible with Allow-List

ONLY implementation supported by
Windows Advance Firewall



Application Layer Enforcement (ALE)

- Offers granular Windows workload protection i.e. more than IP, protocols, ports
- ALE allows Windows workload traffic filtering using OS supported filters:
 - Application Name
 - Full path, e.g. C:\program files\acme\acme\acme
 - Service Name
 - short service name, e.g. sshd
 - Username
 - Local or domain-username, e.g. acmeuser, user@acme.com, user\acme
- Supports both WFP and WAF modes



Linux Firewall

Linux uses ip[6]tables utility to configure ip packet filter rules to allow or block a packet

- Works for both ipv4 and ipv6 packets
- Leverages ipset to store multiple IP addresses or port numbers
 - Uses match-set to combine complex IP address and ports-based rulesets with one single iptables rule
- Enforcement Agent monitors the firewall for any rule/policy deviation and if so, re-programs the firewall



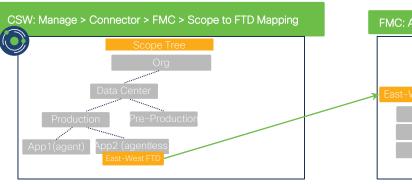
AIX Firewall

- AIX uses IPFilter to program the IPv4 filter table which contains rules to allow or drop IPv4 packets
- Agent leverages ipfilter and ippool rules

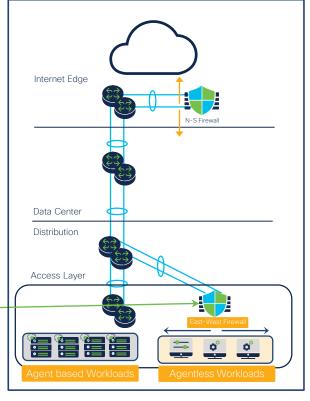


Secure Firewall - Topology Awareness

- FMC connector now allows the ability to map specific FTDs to scopes.
- For a given leaf scope, all the policies (including inherited policies) are pushed only to FTDs mapped to the scope.
- For non leaf scope, all the inherited policies from parent scope and all the immediate child scope policies are pushed.
- FTD high availability and clustering deployments are supported.







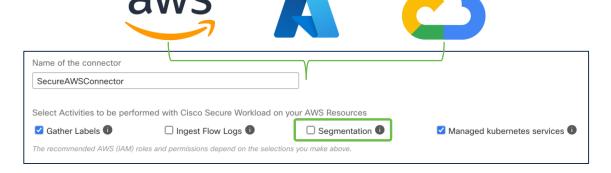


Cloud Connectors - Agentless Enforcement

- Automatically discover workload clusters or build inventory filters based on labels ingested from cloud.
- Agentless workload policy enforcement through cloud built-in policy controls:
 - AWS Security Groups
 - Azure Network Security Groups
 - GCP Network Firewall

Analyze policies against ingested flow log information to eliminate any unexpected

allows/blocks.

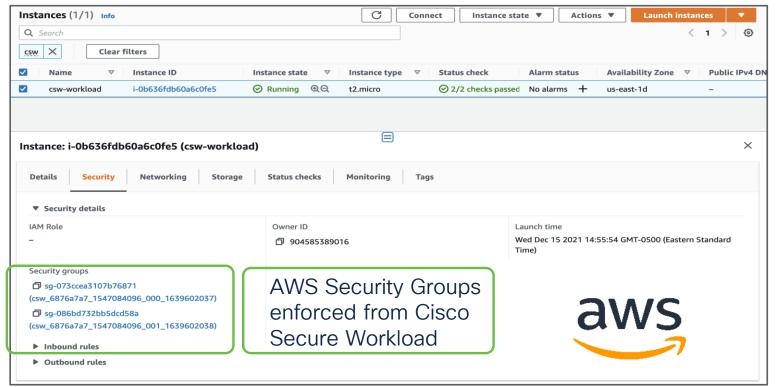




Note: Cloud policy count limits apply

Example AWS - Agentless Security Groups

Security Groups/Policies enforced on AWS workload matching the inventory filter





Policy Enforcement on Kubernetes

- Secure workload agent is deployed as Kubernetes daemonset.
 - Agent supports Docker, Containerd and CRI-O (for OpenShift) is supported
 - Supported Node OS for agent Amazon Linux, CentOS, Oracle Server, Red Hat Enterprise CoreOS, Red Hat Enterprise Server, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, Ubuntu
- Policies can be discovered automatically. Kubernetes clusters are identified in consideration with Kubernetes inventory like services, pods, deployments, replica sets, cronjobs, jobs etc.
 - Policy granularity can be controlled by fine tuning cluster granularity configuration of policy discovery tool.
- NOTE: Secure Workload agent or daemonset has no dependency on CNI (Calico, Cilium, Weave, Cloud CNIs etc.) or Service Mesh(like Istio, Linkerd etc.)

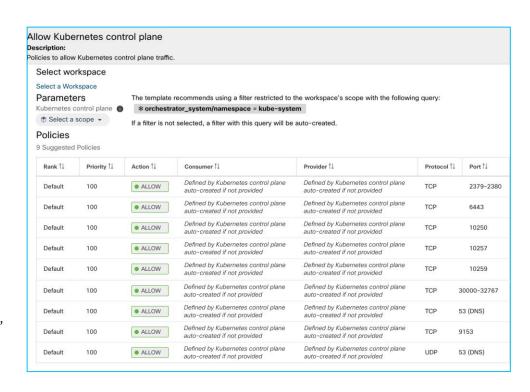


Policy Enforcement on Kubernetes

- Policies are by container pod and programmed within the container host OS pod namespace
- Enforcement engine identifies the namespace of the pods and program policies accordingly
- Policy enforcement uses IP sets and IP tables available within container host OS

Policy Template available for Kubernetes cluster control plane communications:

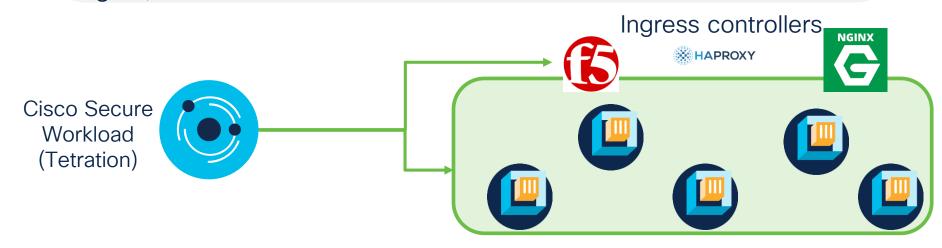
- Always allow access to Kubernetes, Kube API, Kube DNS, etc.
- Always allow connection to Cisco Secure Workload cluster





End-to-End Container Security

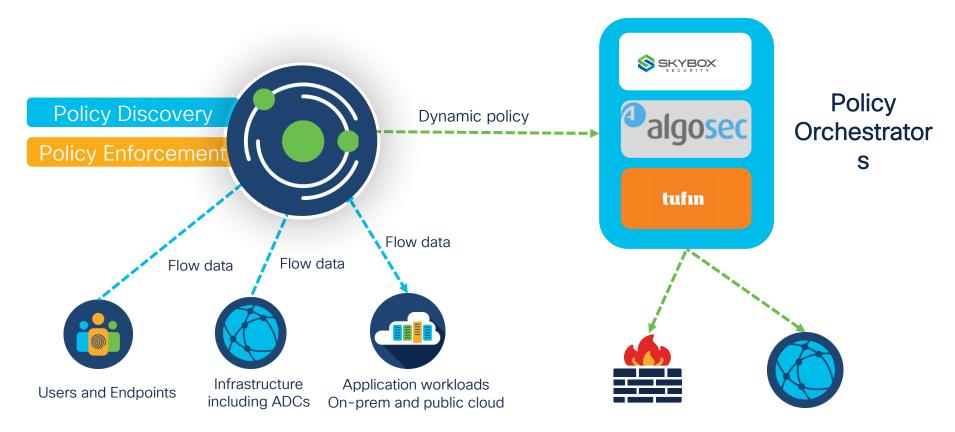
In addition to enforcing segmentation policies in container host OS, enforce the policies on ingress controllers like HAProxy, Nginx, and F5



Container hosts

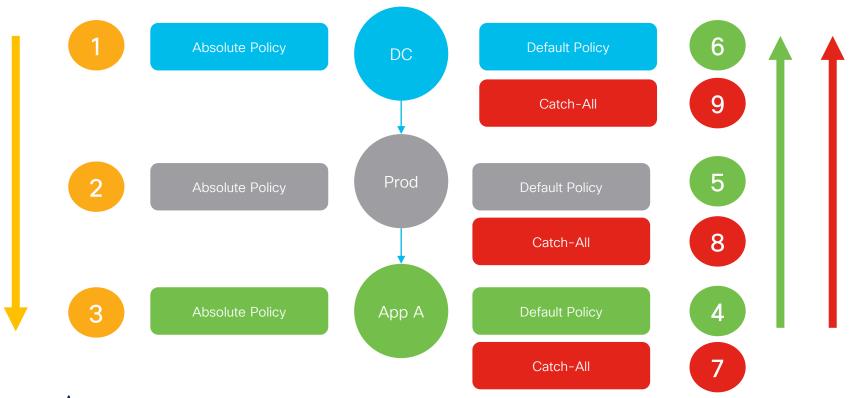


Third-Party and Network Enforcement



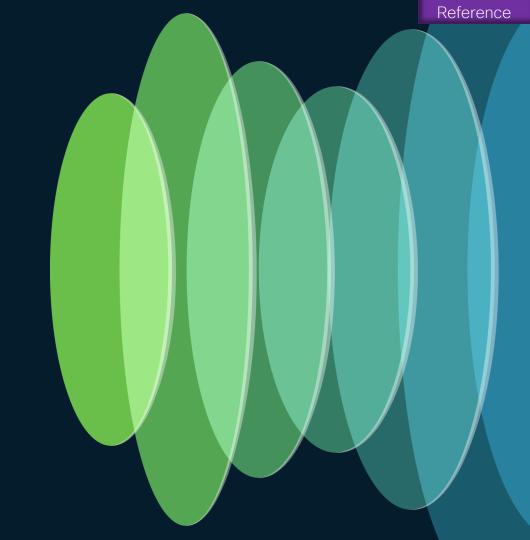


Policy Enforcement - Policy Priorities





Policy Compliance and Decomission

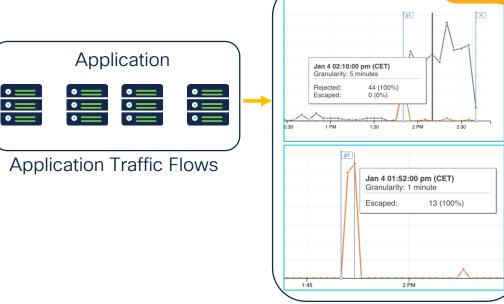


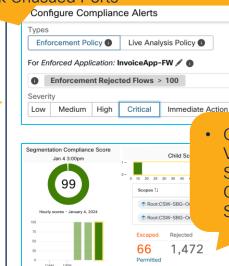
Policy Compliance

Push near-real time alert events for noncompliance policy events to external systems

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- Review and update segmentation policy
 - Reduce Escaped Events
 - Block Unusued Ports





Quick
 Visualization via
 Segmentation
 Compliance
 Score

X

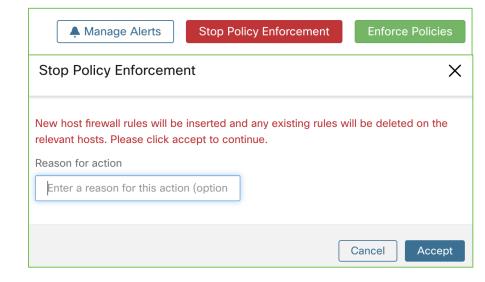
Actionable Items

15,716

Real-Time Policy Analysis

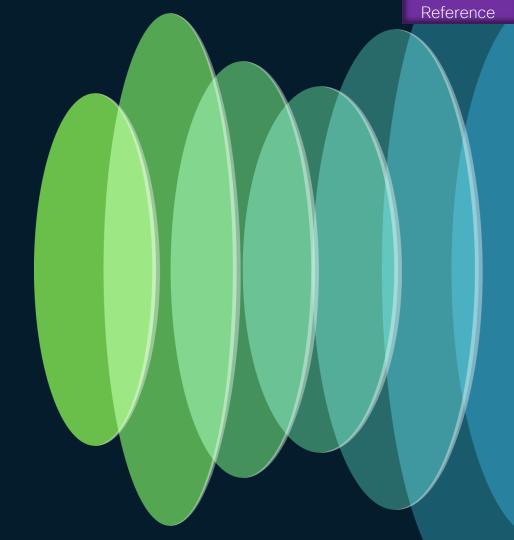
Policy Decommission

- One-Click Policy Decommission
 - Fully automated policy decommissioning
 - Segmentation policies from any policy enforcement point will be removed from the environment
 - Host-Based Firewall
 - NVIDIA DPU
 - Network-Based (e.g Secure Firewall, ACI, Load-Balancers)
 - Cloud Enforcement (SGs, NSGs, GCP Firewall)





Vulnerability
Detection and
Protection



Use-Cases

- . Vulnerable Package/Image Detection
 - Agent-Based Workloads
 - Kubernetes Image Scanning
- 2. Threat-Reputation Feeds
- 3. STIX/TAXI Intelligence Feeds
- Vulnerability Dashboard
 - CVSS version 3.0 and 2.0
 - Vulnerability Manager (Kenna) Intelligence
- 5. Vulnerability Reporting
 - Application Workloads Vulnerability Reporting
- 6. Vulnerable Package Protection
 - CVE/Process Workload Quarantine
 - Virtual Patch via Secure Firewall



NIST Cyber Security Framework

Proactive and Reactive Risk Management

Identify

Asset Management (AM)

ID.AM-2 - Inventory software

Risk Assessment (RA)

ID.RA-1 - Identify vulnerabilities ID.RA-2 - Ingest Threat Intelligence

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NIST CSF 2.0 Examples

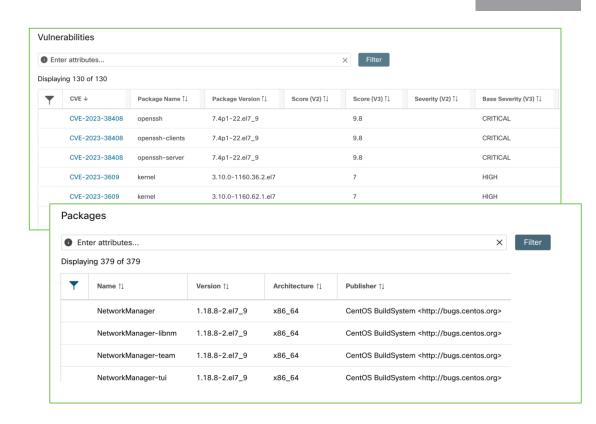


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Workload Software Packages/CVEs Visibility

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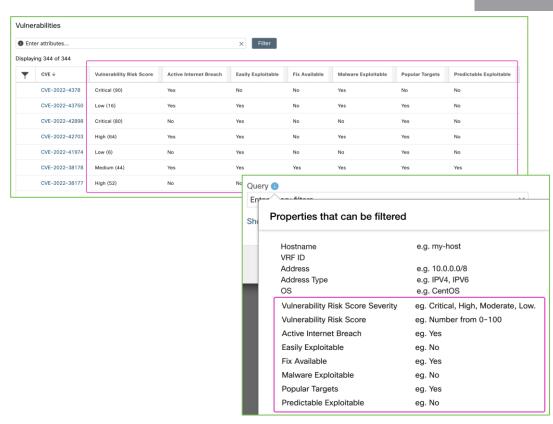
- Inventory of all installed software packages on the workloads
- Inventory of Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs)
- CVE details and attributes can be leverage for:
 - Dashboard and Reporting
 - Quarantine/Segmentation of Workloads
 - Virtual Patch with Secure Firewall



Cisco Vulnerability Management Intelligence

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- Prioritize vulnerability patching by leveraging Cisco Vulnerability Intelligence (VI) attributes
- VI attributes can be leverage for:
 - Dashboard (Visualization)
 - Quarantine/Segmentation of Workloads
 - Virtual Patch with Secure Firewall

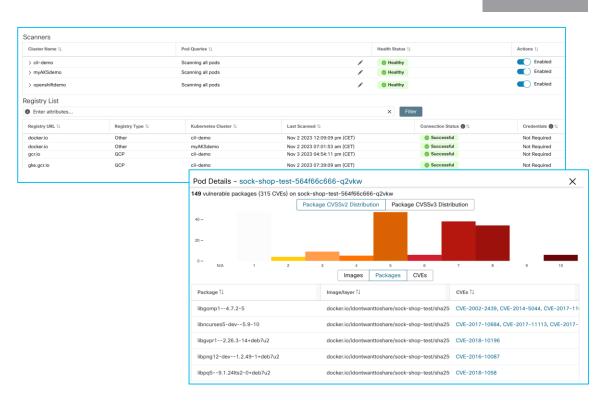




Kubernetes Image Scanning

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- One node is selected to install the scanner pod
- Inventory of pods images and their vulnerabilities (CVEs)
- Self-managed and Cloudmanage clusters supported
- Attributes can be used for:
 - Dashboard and Reporting
 - Quarantine/Segmentation of pods
 - Virtual Patch with Secure Firewall



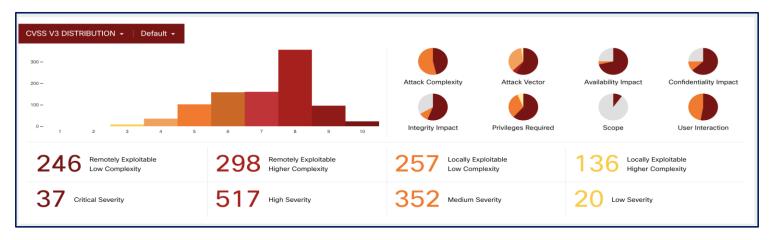


Vulnerability Dashboard

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Vulnerability dashboard with detailed insight into:

- Vulnerability scores or criticality, attack vectors or attack complexity.
- Ease of exploitation from remote location or locally.
- Impact on confidentiality, availability, or integrity





Threat-Intelligence - IP Reputation

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Visualize malicious threats and take action on them!



- Detect and block well-known malicious threat
- Segmentation controls based on IP intelligence feed can be applied on
 - Host-OS Firewall (agent)
 - VMs, Cloud Instances
 - **Kubernetes Clusters**
 - Secure Firewall (agentless)
 - Hybrid and Multi-Cloud
 - Cloud-Based Firewalls (agentless)
 - AWS, Azure, GCP











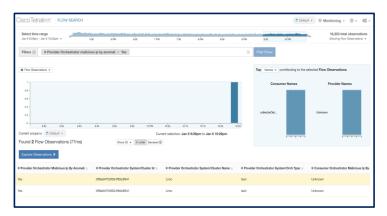






Threat Intelligence - STIX/TAXII Integration

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Ingest external threat intelligence information using industry standard protocol - STIX/TAXII

Network flows with provider or consumer addresses that matches the imported malicious IP is tagged as malicious flow (orchestrator_malicious_ip_by_

Binary hash indicators are used to annotate workload process hashes

Note: On-Prem only



Vulnerability Dashboard

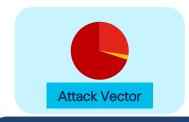
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Vulnerabilities that can be exploited with low, medium, or high complexity



Vulnerabilities that can cause serious impact to the availability of a system



Vulnerabilities that can be exploited over network, local, etc.



Vulnerabilities that can cause serious impact to confidentiality of data



Vulnerabilities that can be exploited if authenticated into the system

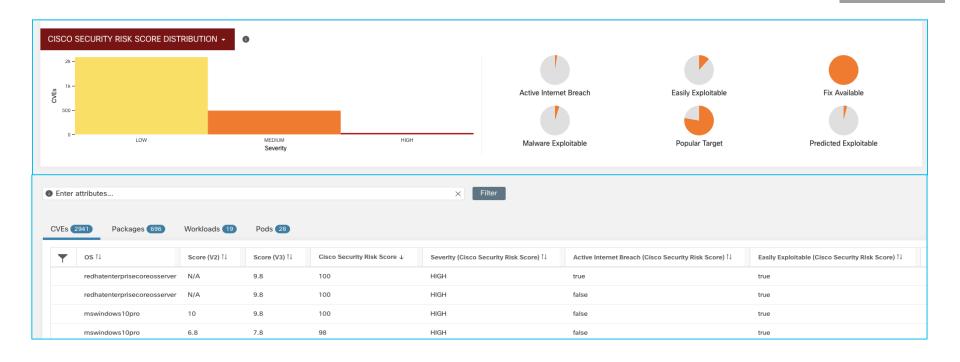


Vulnerabilities that can cause serious impact to the integrity of a system



Cisco Security Risk Score

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Vulnerability Dashboard - Exploit Detection

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CVEs Packages Workloads								
CVE ↑↓	Score (V2) ↑↓	Score (V3) ↑↓	Severity (V2) ↑↓	Base Severity (V3) ↑↓	Access Vector (V2) ↑↓	Access Complexity (V2) ↑↓	Exploit Count ↓	Last Exploited ↑↓
CVE-2021-27065	6.8	7.8	MEDIUM	HIGH	NETWORK	MEDIUM	1813 🐧	Mar 9 2021 05:30:00 am (IST)
CVE-2021-26855	7.5	9.8	HIGH	CRITICAL	NETWORK	LOW	654 🕦	Mar 7 2021 05:30:00 am (IST)
CVE-2021-26411	5.1	7.5	MEDIUM	HIGH	NETWORK	HIGH	51 🕦	Apr 12 2021 05:30:00 am (IST
CVE-2021-33909	7.2	7.8	HIGH	HIGH	LOCAL	LOW	4 🚯	Aug 13 2021 05:30:00 am (IST

Weaponized CVE information

Provides critical information to help prioritize vulnerability patching

For each CVE, provide information about any known exploits in the wild

Number of times CVE was seen exploited in the wild in last year

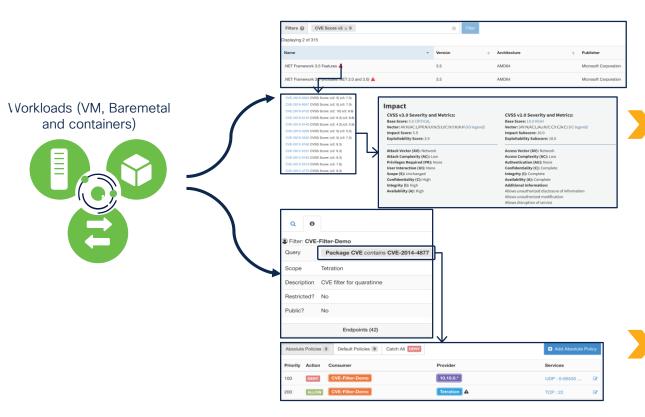
Last time the CVE was seen in in the wild based on the threat intelligence source

cisco live!

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Quarantine Workloads Based on CVE/Process

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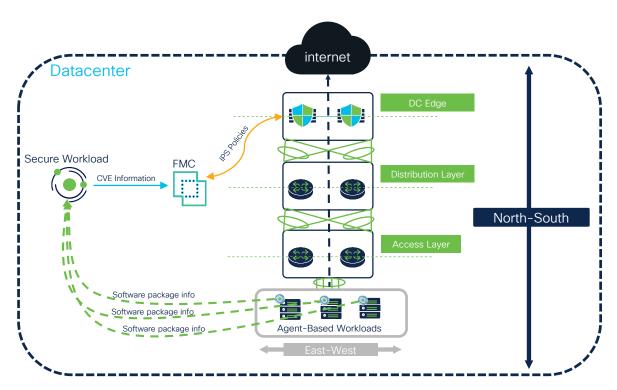
- Visibility into the vulnerability details
- Vulnerability details include:
 - Severity
 - Impact sub-score
 - · Exploitability sub-score
- Quickly identify all servers that are running specific vulnerable software package version

- Inventory filter Identity workloads using specific CVEs attributes.
- Policy creation and enforcement to isolate or quarantine the affected workloads (OpenAPI support for XDR integrations)



Virtual Patch with Secure Firewall

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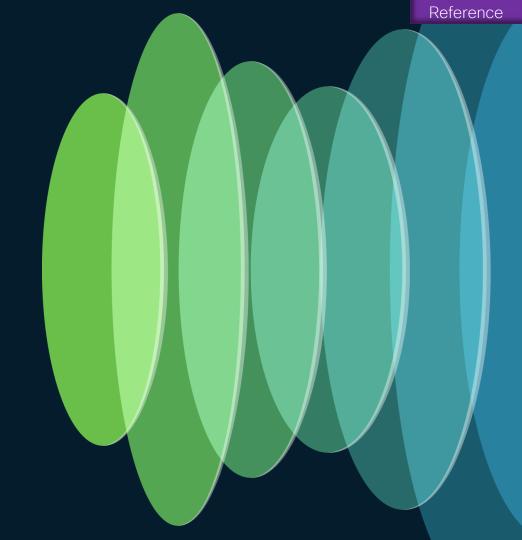


L7 Virtual Patch Inspection

- Quickly identify vulnerable workloads
- Vulnerability information export done by Secure Workload to FMC
- Run Firepower Recommendations to get IPS signature
- Apply IPS policy to interested traffic flows
- Configure the compensating control to mitigate risk while patching schedule is done



Behavior Anomalies Detection and Protection



Use-Cases

- 1. Process Monitoring
 - Malicious processes
 - Process Tree and Snapshots
- 2. Behavioral Anomalies Detection
 - MITRE ATT&CK TTPs
 - **Custom Forensic Rules**
- 3. Behavioral Anomalies Reporting
 - MITRE ATTC&K Matrix
- 4. Behavioral Anomalies Protection
 - Rapid Threat Containment



NIST Cyber Security Framework

Proactive and Reactive Risk Management

Detect

Continuous Monitoring (CM)

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Respond

Incident Mitigation (MI)

RS.MI-1 - Contain/Quarantine incidents

NIST CSF 2.0

NIST CSF 2.0 Examples



Process Hash and Hash Verdict



Allow-listed or known: The hash is allow-listed by a user, or is a known hash from a legitimate software vendor



Blocked: The hash is block-listed by a user or administrator



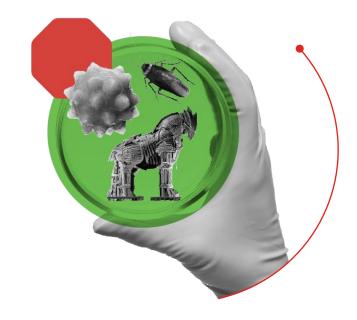
Malicious: The hash is known to be malicious, such as known malware



Anomalous: The hash is detected as an anomaly, such as a mismatch across workloads



Unknown: The hash is seen but is not in one of the above statuses





Malicious Process Hash Indicator on a Workload

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- The process hash score of that workload will be 0 if it is flagged malicious by the feed.
- Process hash scoring:
 - If hash is flagged by thread feed: score = 0
 - Else, if hash is in a Benign list: score = 100
 - Else, if hash is an anomaly: score is in the range of [1, 99], the higher the better

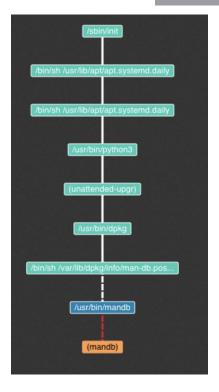
Workload profile > File Hashes tab:									
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Software Agents - Process and Forensics

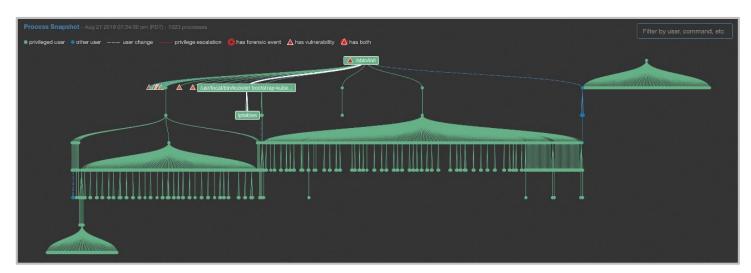
- Agent reports on lifecycle of processes running on workload:
 - What is the process lineage? (Process ID and parent process ID)
 - Who ran the process (User ID owner of process)
 - When & what command was used? (Command to launch the process)
 - Did it make any network connections? (Socket information)
- Agent reports information on forensic signals as below:
 - Privilege escalation
 - User logon, User logon failed, adding or removing user accounts
 - shellcode
 - sensitive file access, raw socket creation, binary or library changed
 - Side channel attacks
 - Follow user logon or process,
 - Unseen command or library, network traffic anomaly







CVE Correlated with Workload Process Snapshot



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Process details are collected in near real time, and process snapshot is updated with this information

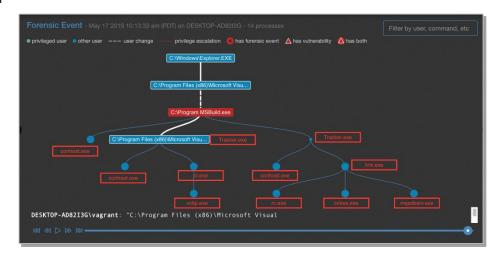
Full time-series view to go back and visualize process hierarchy and behavior information Correlated with vulnerability information to indicate if a process is started by a software package with a known vulnerability Indicates process behavior history such as a past forensic event or privilege escalation



Forensics Rules (Anomalous Process Behaviour)

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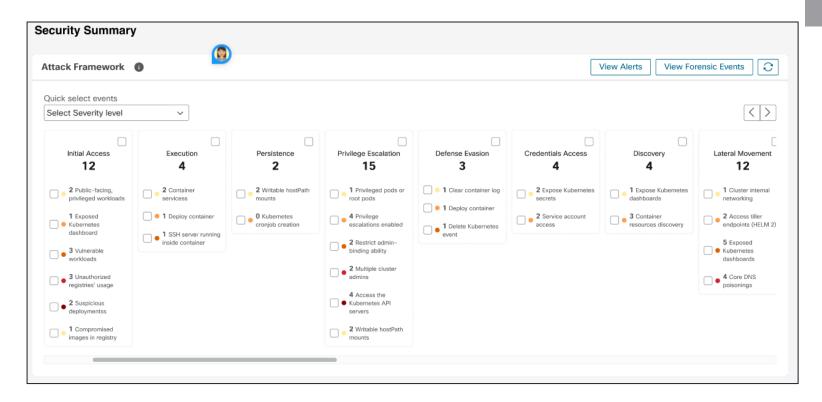
- Built-in rules/signatures to track and detect detect suspicious behaviour and MITRE ATT&CK TTPs {tactics, techniques, and procedures}
 - Current support for 39 MITRE ATT&CK TTPs
- Framework also supports creation of custom signatures to detect specific process or forensic activity on workloads.
- "Follow Process" capability: Track process tree up to 4 levels of hierarchy.





Reporting - MITRE ATT&CK Matrix

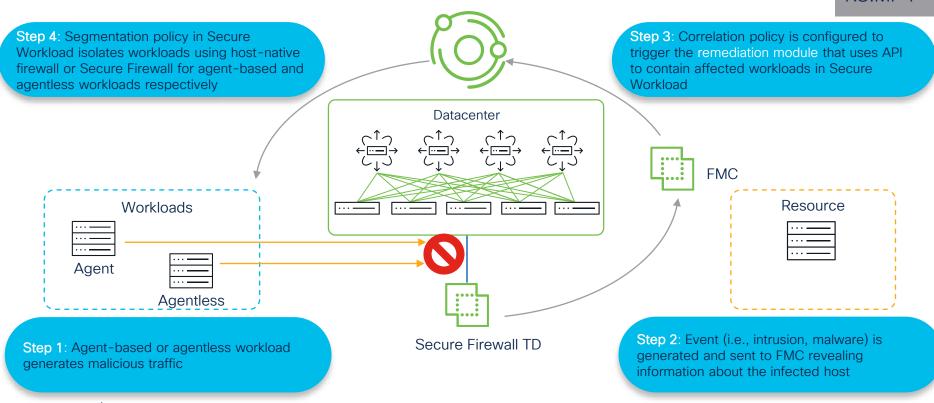
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Rapid Threat Containment

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Secure Workload