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# Zero Trust Architecture: How to Contract and Procure Zero Trust Products and Services

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# Agenda

- Session Learning Objectives
- Advancing Cyber-Resilience Through Zero Trust
- The Role of Zero Trust in Modernizing Cybersecurity
- Questions and Answers
- Conclusion

# Session Learning Outcomes

1. Identify the core principles of the zero trust security model.
2. Recognize the benefits of implementing zero trust to reduce organizational risks.
3. Identify key components required to apply least privilege and verification controls.
4. Determine a plan for zero trust integration in procurement processes.



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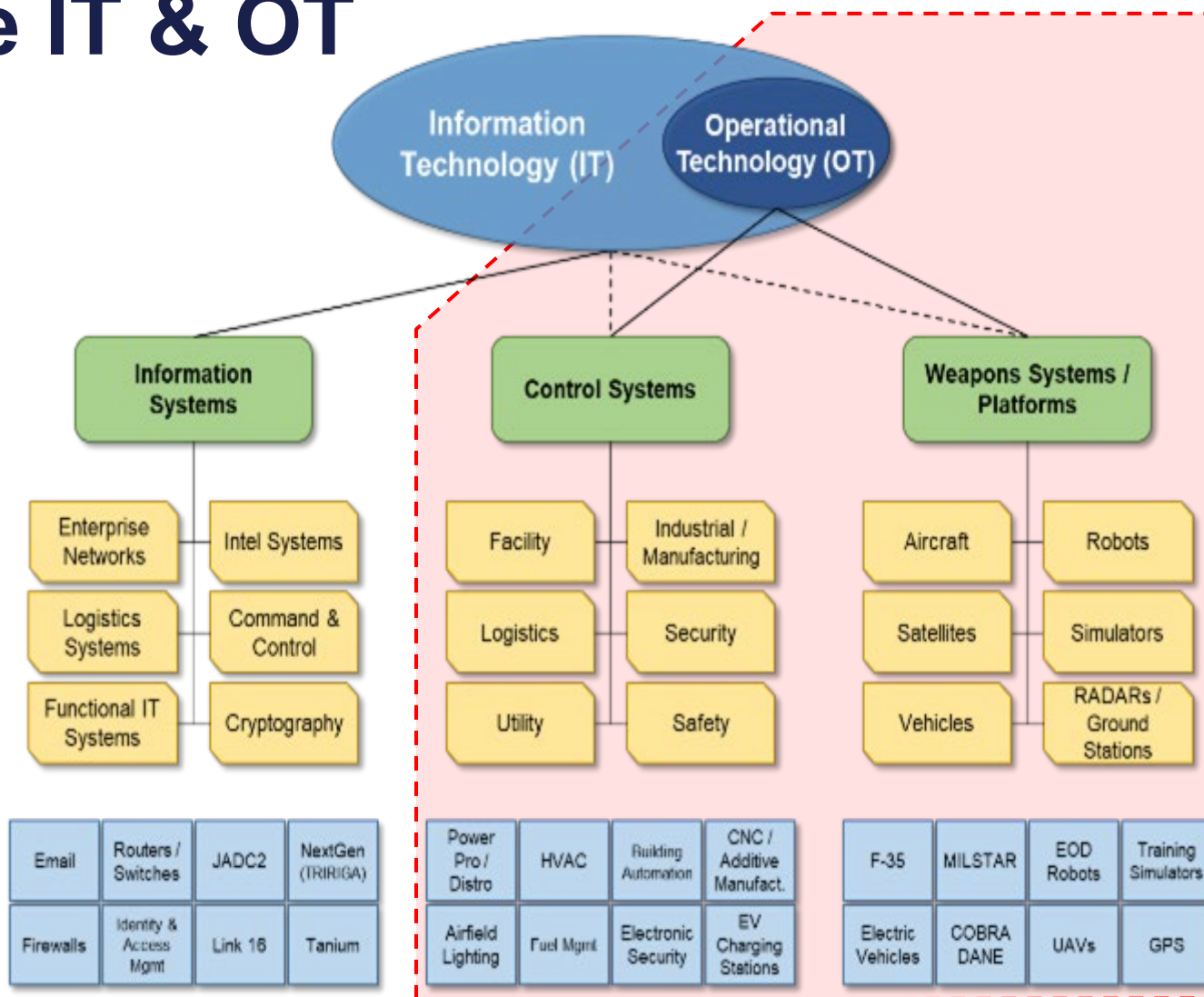


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# Missions Require IT & OT

*“The art of war teaches us to rely not on the likelihood of the enemy's not coming, but on our own readiness to receive him; not on the chance of his not attacking, but rather on the fact that we have made our position unassailable.” Sun Tzu*





# Missions Require IT & OT

## DoD missions



## • DoD weapon systems / platforms

FY16 NDAA Section 1647



## • DoD critical infrastructure

FY17 NDAA Section 1650

FY18 NDAA Section 1643



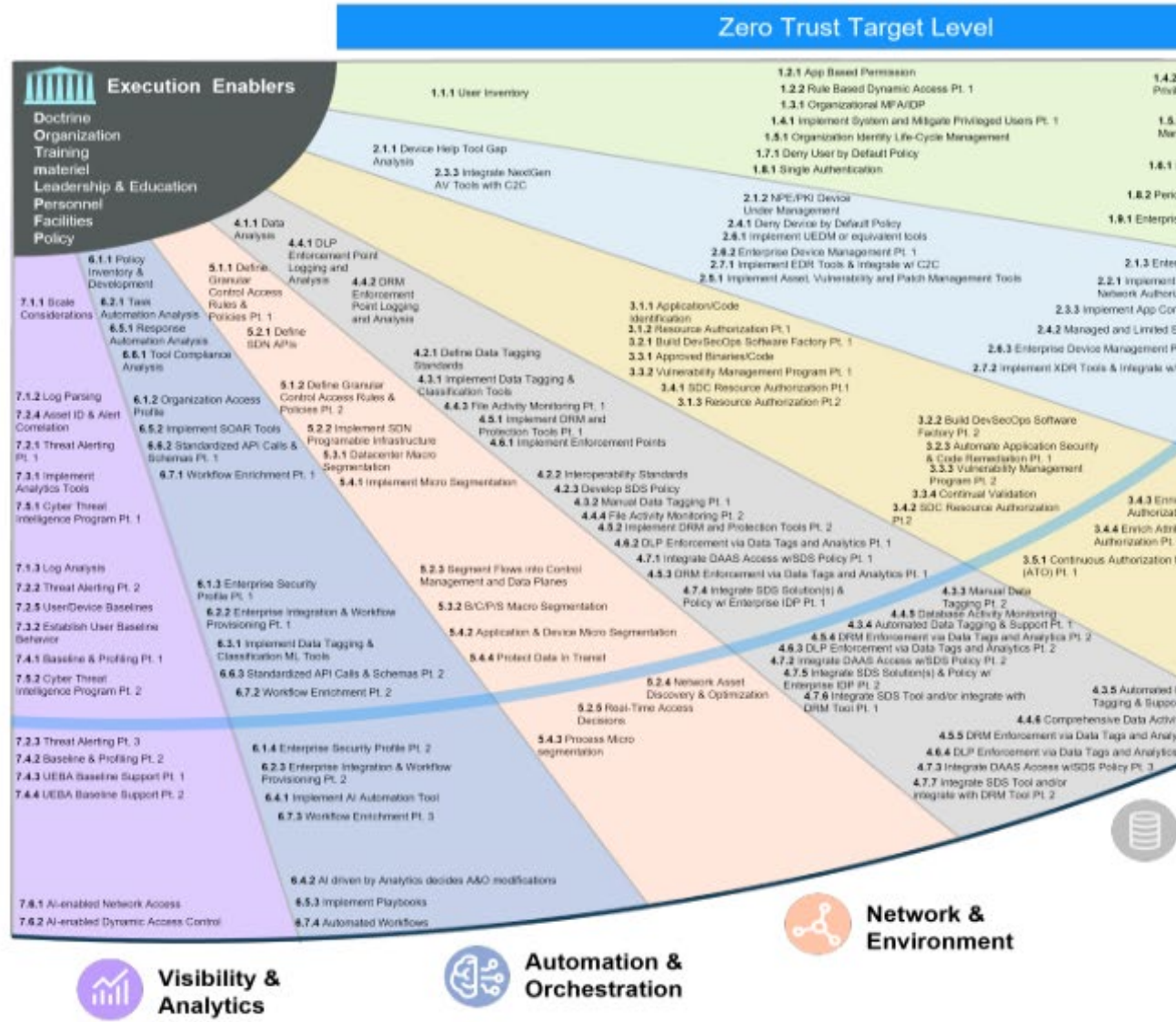
## • Commercial critical infrastructure



*100% of missions depend  
on power, water, or  
cooling*



# ZT ACTIVITIES APPLY = IT (152)



W. Edwards Deming

A bad system will beat a good person every time.

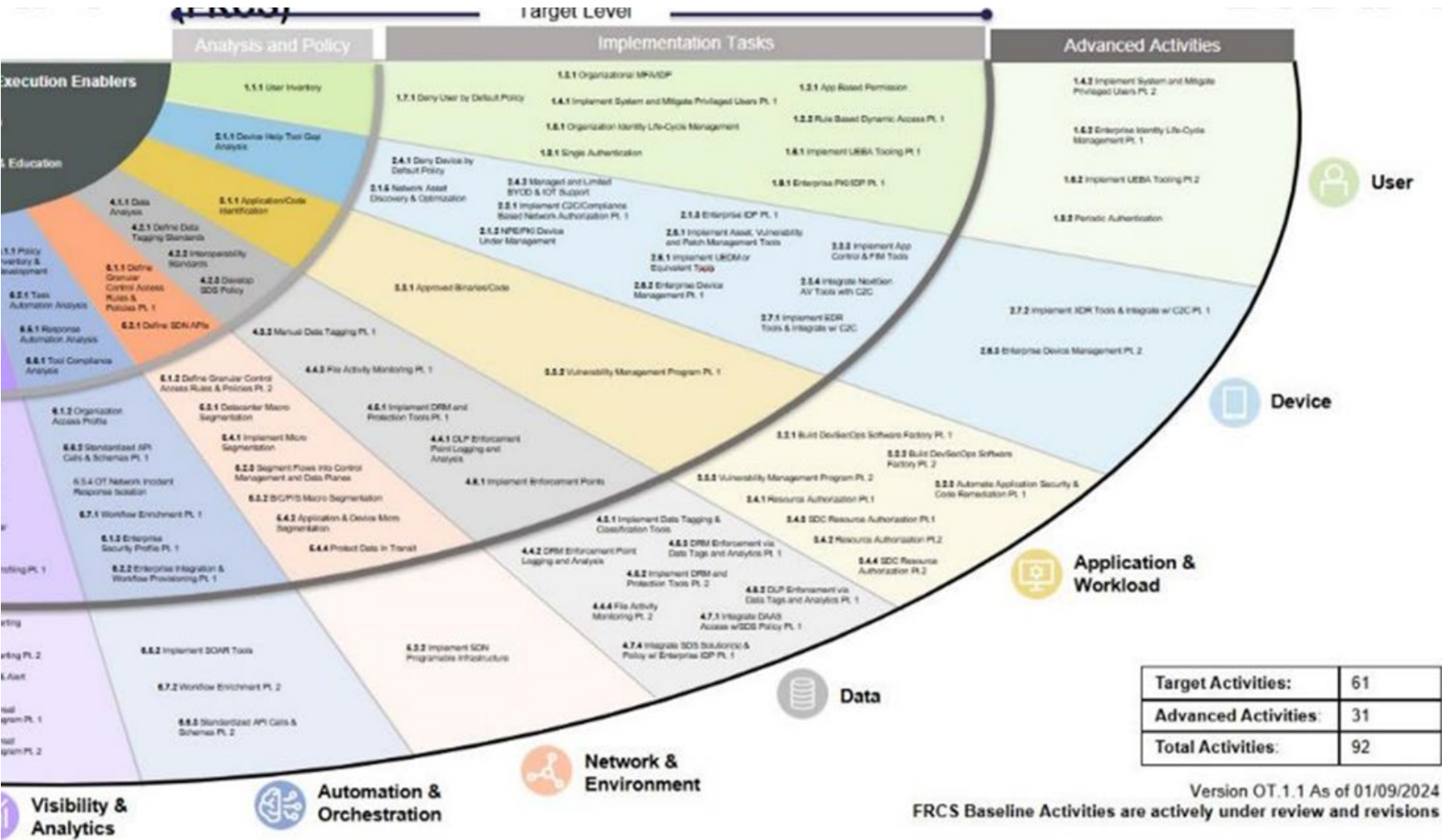
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Target Activities:	91
Advanced Activities:	61
Total Activities:	152

Note: ZT Activities are grouped as either Target or Advanced.

Version 1.0 As of 10/04/2022

# DRAFT = ZT ACTIVITIES APPLY = OT (91)



# ZT Implementation = TAKE CREDIT!

- NIST control selection shows alignment of ZT and current Civ Engr OT security controls
- Developed to review initial 42 controls as they expanded to 203 controls (720?)
- ZT Controls coverage by CE environment:
  - Original CE Approved Controls: ~09%
  - AFGM Controls: ~12%
  - COIN Controls: ~27%
  - IROC Controls: ~17%
  - CE Approved Controls v2: ~30%

Security Control	Original CE Controls	AFGM Controls	COIN Controls	IROC Controls	ZT Controls	CE Approved Controls (v2)
AC-1		X	X		X	X
AC-12			X	X	X	
AC-14			X		X	X

**DAF *already* implementing security controls listed in ZT Strategy Implementation Plan**



# 3 & 3: Advancing Cyber Resilience

## 3 Actions to Take:

1. **Implement Risk-Based Segmentation**  
Segmentation prevents attackers from moving laterally through network once they've gained a foothold; Confines impact making it harder for adversaries to compromise critical functions.
2. **Establish Robust Vulnerability Management Program Tailored for OT**  
Well-designed vulnerability management program identifies & mitigate weaknesses before exploitation
3. **Foster Collaboration Between IT & OT Teams**  
Isolating IT & OT can lead to gaps in security coverage, collaboration leverages strengths of both

## 3 Pitfalls to Avoid:

1. **Ignoring Legacy Systems**  
Legacy systems are often weakest link in security chain. Adversaries often target these systems to gain initial access
2. **Prioritizing Availability Over Security:**  
Availability is critical in OT environments, neglecting security can lead to catastrophic consequences, including safety incidents, environmental damage, and production downtime.
3. **Treating OT Security as a One-Time Project:**  
Incessant threat landscape is constantly evolving; new vulnerabilities discovered regularly; Static security postures quickly become outdated / ineffective



# Changing the Game

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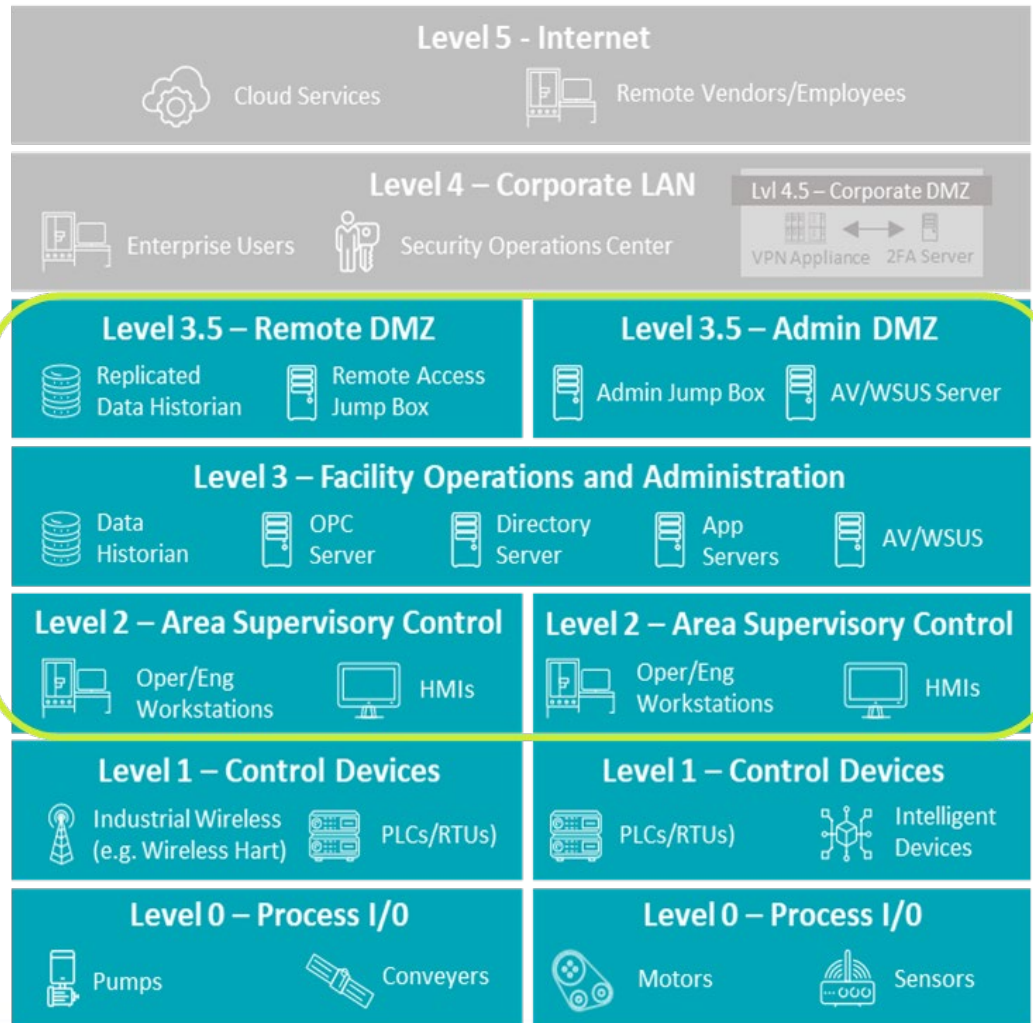
The Role of Zero Trust in Modernizing OT  
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# Demystifying Zero Trust for OT

## ZT Applicability

## ZT for OT Funnel of Opportunity



- Focus on ***The Funnel of Opportunity*** for ZT implementation (Purdue L3-L1)
- Successful OT cybersecurity programs do the basics well
- ZT & OT Cybersecurity are fundamentally both engineering disciplines
- OT data isn't always sensitive Novel solutions don't scale
- Endpoints can't always be hardened, but can always be secured
- Connectivity and bandwidth are often constrained
- Detection/response dwell time directly correlates to risk of impact



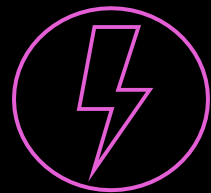
# Benefits of Implementing Zero Trust



**Stronger Protection**

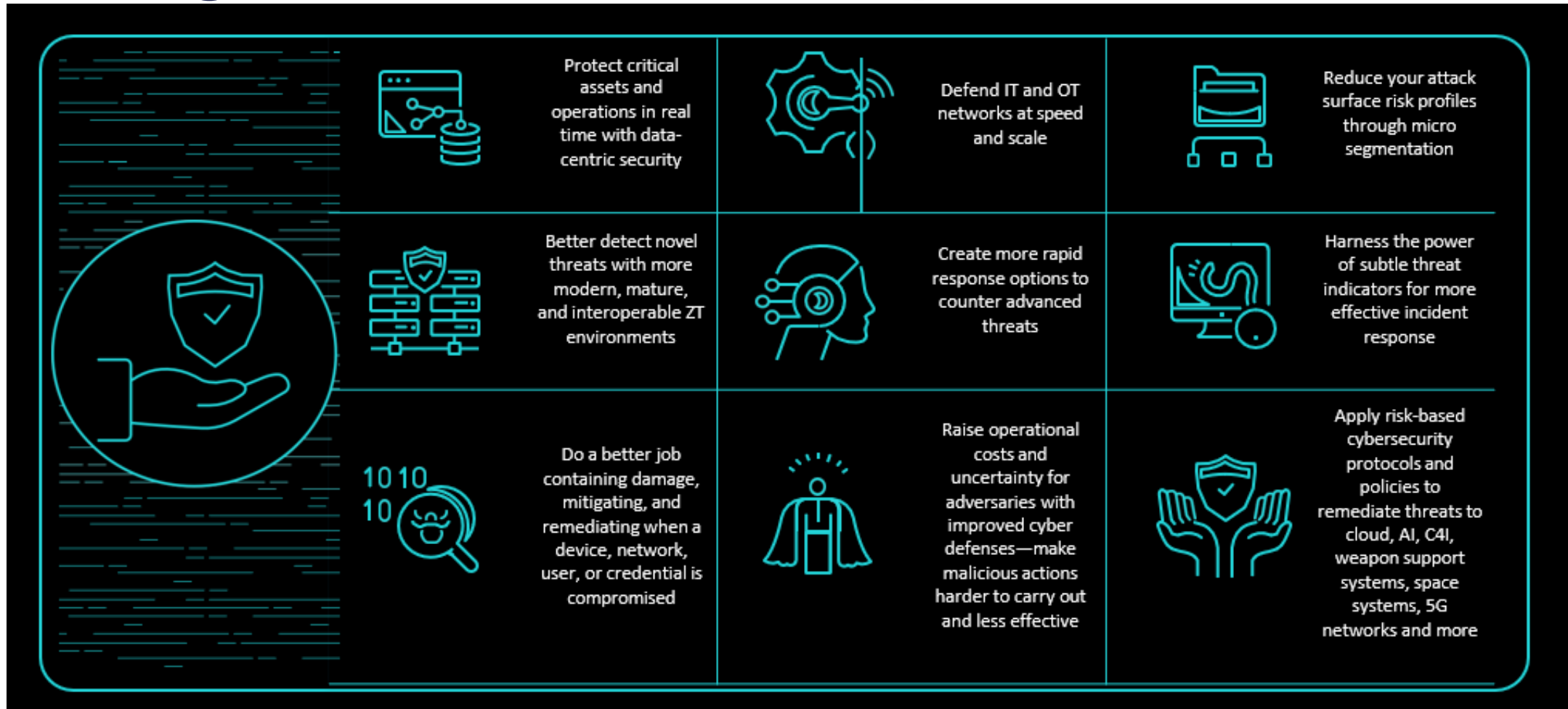


**More Stable Cyber Investments**



**Accelerated Mission Outcomes**

# Stronger Protection - Examples



# Zero Trust Myths Dispelled

## MYTH: YOU CAN BUY ZERO TRUST

### REALITY:

- Zero trust (ZT) is a security mindset that protects high-value assets in real time
- A zero trust architecture (ZTA) is not a product that can be bought off the shelf
- It is an architectural approach that can be implemented systematically

## MYTH: ONE VENDOR IS THE SOLUTION

### REALITY:

- No one vendor can provide a comprehensive ZT solution
- An array of cyber vendor solutions and cloud service providers can equip asset owners with the ZT solutions they need to achieve mission objectives
- This includes integrating various vendor products to deploying solutions that provide continuous risk monitoring through prevention, detection, response, and prediction.

## MYTH: ZERO TRUST IS IMPRACTICAL

### REALITY:

- Organizations can apply ZT's three design principles to create practical solutions for vital missions
- ZT assessment models let organizations scrutinize their strengths and challenges and then chart a path to a ZTA

## MYTH: LEGACY SYSTEMS ≠ ZERO TRUST

### REALITY:

- There is no single approach to implementing ZT. Legacy infrastructure is a common challenge, but it's not a showstopper. Existing systems may already provide robust ZT capabilities.
- Your ZT journey starts with baselining your existing environment, measuring against the ZT maturity model and then developing an architecture that can leverage your existing legacy systems to achieve your ZT goals.

# Keys to Success



**Identify a key system to pilot your ZT implementation.  
Set realistic expectations on scope and timelines.**



**Once validated, scale gradually across the organization,  
applying lessons learned from the pilot to expand coverage  
systematically.**



**Implement network macro- and micro-segmentation; deploy  
OT network visibility and monitoring tools.**



**Where remote access is required, deploy secure remote  
access technologies that enforce MFA/CAC authentication.**

# Pitfalls to Avoid



**Don't let perfect be the enemy of good. Set a goal and iterate toward it rather than trying to achieve complete ZT implementation immediately.**



**Perform proper due diligence on ZT technologies. Ensure selected technologies meet requirements and that the technology actually delivers on what it promises.**



**Avoid treating ZT as a single product purchase rather than recognizing it as an architectural approach requiring process and cultural changes.**



**Don't overlook ongoing OT cybersecurity practices; a sound network security process often can be mapped to multiple zero trust activities.**

# Tactics, Techniques, & Procedures

What we have learned so far:



Prioritize high criticality systems to make meaningful impacts to the overall security posture.



Implement continuous monitoring and verification rather than relying on periodic security assessments.



Establish metrics for success early – this might be asset inventory, network visibility Vulnerability numbers, MTTR/MTTD, etc.



Focus on identity and device verification as foundational elements before expanding to network and application controls.



Create a shared responsibility model and incentives for collaborations.



# Questions?

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