



# ***An Open Standard for Zero Trust Architecture***



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# About The Open Group



## **Our Vision:**

*Boundaryless Information Flow™  
achieved through global  
interoperability in a secure, reliable  
and timely manner*

The Open Group is a **global consortium** that enables the achievement of business objectives through technology standards.

**With more than 850 member organizations**, we have a diverse membership that includes customers, systems and solutions suppliers, tool vendors, and integrators and consultants, as well as academics and researchers across multiple industries.

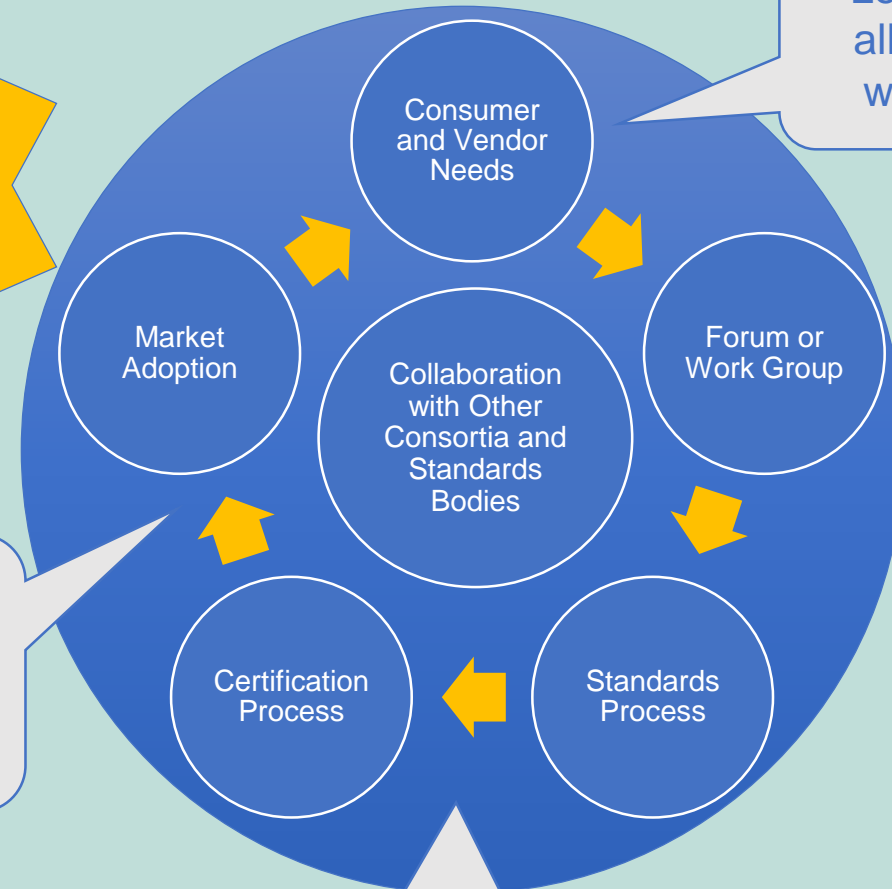
# Making Standards Work®

## The Open Group Standards Process

<http://www.opengroup.org/standardsprocess/index.html>

A proven methodology for initiating new standards activities to meet business objectives and achieve success in the market

Legal & governance structure to allow competitors to collaborate while avoiding anti-trust issues



Full lifecycle standards experience, including development of standards, guides, certifications, and open-source code, as well as ecosystem and market development & adoption activities

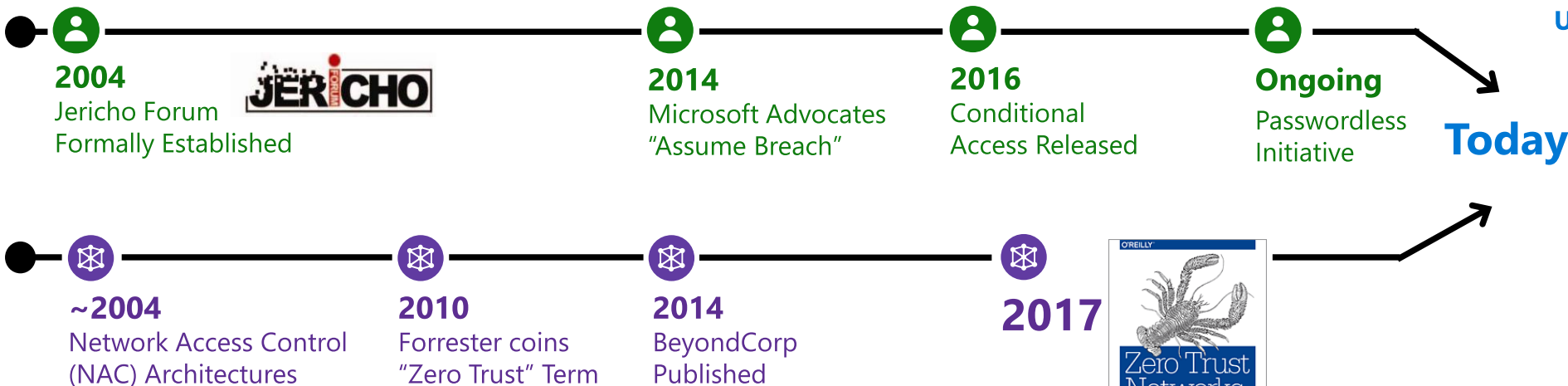
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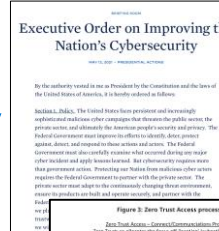


# Zero Trust Evolution



## Government Acknowledgement

### US EO 14028



**Overview of the principles**

- Know your architecture, including users, devices, services and data**
- Know your user, service and device identities**
- Assess your user behavior, devices and services health**
- Use policies to authorize requests**
- Authenticate & authorize requests**
- Have your monitoring see users, devices and services**
- Don't trust any network, including your own**
- Choose services designed for zero trust**

### CA Network & Security Strategy

### UK ZTA Design Principles

**Today**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/shared-services/corporate/publications/network-security-strategy>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/12/executive-order-on-improving-the-nations-cybersecurity/>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/zero-trust-architecture>



# Zero Trust & ZTA

**Zero Trust** - an information security approach that focuses on data/information security, including lifecycle, on any platform or network

**Zero Trust Architecture** - the implementation of a Zero Trust security strategy that follows well-defined and assured standards, technical patterns, and guidance for organizations



# Why do we need Zero Trust?

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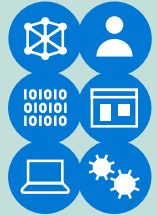
1. Changing business models and drivers
  2. An evolving ecosystem
  3. A changing technology landscape
  4. Regulatory, geopolitical and cultural forces
  5. Disruptive events
  6. The shift to remote work and online learning
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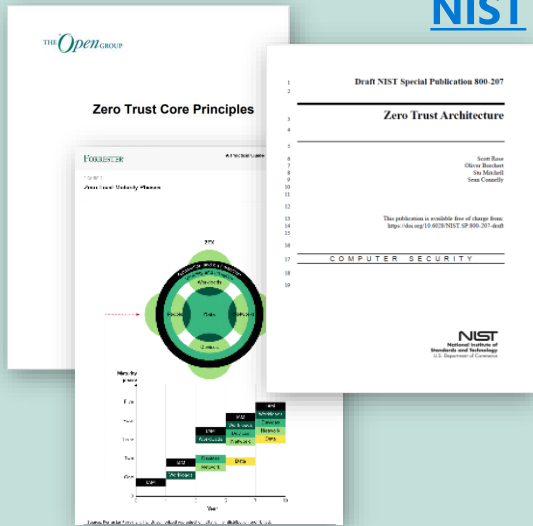
# Zero Trust Today

## The Open Group

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## NIST



## Forrester

ZTX Model



1. Growing consensus on strategic nature of ZT
2. Definitions and standards rapidly emerging
3. Key characteristics
  - Asset-Centric and Data-Centric
  - Adaptive access control
  - Holistic across full tech estate (IT, IoT, OT, etc.)
  - Continuous Improvement

# Zero Assumed Trust

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### **Reduce the Threat Space**

- The fewer things there are to protect, or the less the amount spent on their protection, the easier it is to support agility, adaptability, and address disruption and complexity

### **Reduce the Blast Radius**

- Zero Trust expects “assumed compromise”. The ability to localize the compromise reduces the time spent and the cost.



# Focus on the Business

## **Enable Modern Work**

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## **Implement Asset-Centric Controls**

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# Make it Easy to do the Right Thing

## **Enable Pervasive Security**

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## **Utilize Least Privilege**

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# Agile and Adaptive Security

## **Improve Continuously**

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*The Commandments are aspirational but provide clarity and guardrails on the Zero Trust journey. They help create a shared vision and shared understanding...*



# Zero Trust Differentiators

## Asset-Centricity

- Digital Era IT enterprises involve data (a primary asset) and those assets that operate or provide output based on that data – apps, APIs, or systems
- OT and IOT assets involve the same 2 genres with nuance

## Adaptive Access Control

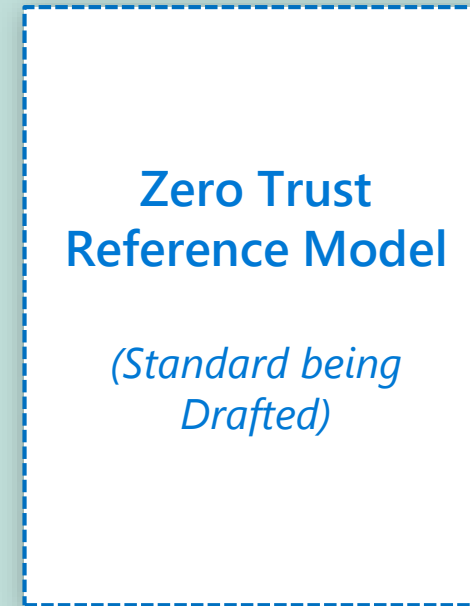
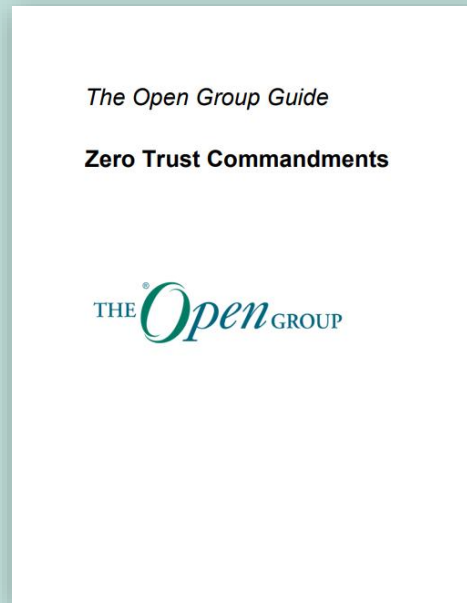
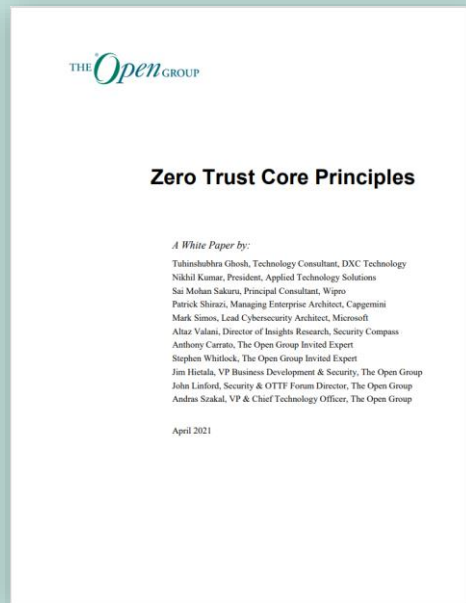
- Agility and adaptability are both dependent on *adaptive access control*, *policy-based administration*, and network granularity (*network of one*)

## Data-Centricity

- A subset of asset-centricity, data centricity refers to the shift in data and asset-centricity as opposed to legacy perimeter centricity to meet the drivers of Zero Trust

*Current perimeter-centric approaches fail to provide the agility (velocity) and adaptability required by the Digital Enterprise. There is a constant pursuit of solving for the last threat, resulting in an ever-increasing cost that is unsustainable or threat exposure that is crippling.*

# Zero Trust is on track to a Global Standard



[pubs.opengroup.org/  
security/zero-trust-  
principles/](https://pubs.opengroup.org/security/zero-trust-principles/)

[pubs.opengroup.org/  
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NIST NCCoE is also capturing current state of technology  
<https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/projects/implementing-zero-trust-architecture>



# Resources

[The Open Group](#)

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Security Forum Publications

- [Risk Analysis](#)
- [Security Architecture](#)
- [Zero Trust](#)
- [Data Security](#)
- [Information Security Management](#)
- [Authentication, Authorization, & Access Management](#)

Zero Trust Publications

- [Zero Trust Core Principles White Paper](#)
- [Zero Trust Commandments](#) (Guide)
- [Zero Trust Commandments](#) (Webinar)

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