

SANS 2022 Moving to a State of Zero Trust

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OVERVIEW

One of the fastest advantages adversaries gain when compromising a victim environment are weak or over-privileged credentials. Enterprise accounts that offer far too much access in an environment allow adversaries to easily move through an environment, compromise systems, and exfiltrate data. As organizations work to gain control over this issue, many are looking to implement a zero trust ecosystem to lock down account permissions.

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In this white paper, we will explore the concept of zero trust and what it means to security teams and your overall security posture. As a concept, zero trust is relatively straightforward: trust no one until verified, inside or outside the network. However, this is often easier said than done, especially for systems built on legacy authentication models. We will also examine what a zero trust implementation looks like, how this can stop adversaries dead in their tracks, and what your organization can do to begin moving towards a state of zero trust.

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