

DGX Cybersecurity Working Group Update on Zero-Trust

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Overview of Working Group



• The DGX Working Group for Cybersecurity was formed to examine government cybersecurity best practices and trends.

 The Working Group members shared a common interest on the opportunities and approaches surrounding different implementations the concept of Zero-Trust in Government.

What is Zero-Trust?





No actor, system, network or service operating outside or within the security perimeter is trusted.

Zero-Trust adoption is increasing as a response to recent cybersecurity attacks



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DIVE BRIEF

Zero trust adoption skyrockets, nearing universal adoption

A report from Okta shows organizations fully embracing zero-trust principles, as hybrid work requires long-term changes to identity management.

Published Aug. 16, 2022

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Why Companies Should Have 'Zero Trust' in Their IT Suppliers

Two cybersecurity experts say that tech buyers are at a disadvantage these days in dealing with their suppliers

Cloud News ►

Google Cloud Unveils New BeyondCorp Zero Trust Security Platform

BY DONNA GOODISON ► JANUARY 26, 2021, 03:43 PM EST

What Did We Find?





Both Government and the industry can drive Zero-Trust





"Government should take the lead"

"The Government faces the greatest threats"

"The Government is well-resourced"

Opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships "The Industry can lead too"

Businesses are just as exposed & Supply chains are likely targets of sophisticated threats too

The market drives demand for technology

2 Start with a framework... or go straight to the details

Everybody needs a Zero Trust, right?

Yes, but is it something new?

Today's policies are not enough

Perhaps. But do we need a framework?

The devil is in the details

Agree! Where the rubber meets the road matters



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Zero Trust can be initiated top-down or bottom-up.



<u>Top-Down</u>

- Government leads by example
- Start Zero-Trust from
 the core



Bottom-up

- Incentivize industry
- Focus on the SMEs



5 International Cooperation can facilitate zerotrust implementation





- Businesses choose countries that favour them
- Sharing a similar set of standards lowers barriers to entry for businesses
- Similar approaches to zero-trust implementation raise the overall cybersecurity standards

Key Working Group Findings So Far – a Summary





Both Government and industry can drive Zero-Trust

Zero Trust can be implemented with or without a framework

Zero Trust can be initiated top-down or bottom-up.

Is Zero Trust a fad?

International Cooperation enhance zero-trust for everybody

Case Study: Technology Modernization Fund





Case Study: Essential Eight





Australian **Cyber Security** Centre 4090

Essential Eight Maturity Model

First published:June 2017Last updated:October 2021

Source: Australian Signals Directorate

Case Study: Government Zero-Trust Architecture





Singapore's new cyber-security strategy seeks to beef up cyber defences and ensure government systems are secure. ST PHOTO: KELVIN CHNG

Source: The Straits Times

Conclusion



- The working group has presented with five key ideas for Zero-Trust implementation.
- Zero-Trust is a moving target. Further updates will be provided as we continue our various implementation journeys.



Thank You