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ZERO TRUST NETWORK ACCESS CASE STUDY



GOVERNMENT NON-PROFIT PROTECTS CLOUD-MIGRATED AND LEGACY ON-PREMISES RESOURCES

As this non-profit migrated most of its resources to the cloud, it wanted secure, consistent protection to prevent unauthorized use and restrict lateral attacks. Appgate SDP was chosen to deliver round-the-clock granular permissions for resources, regardless of location.

Background

This 3,600-person non-profit firm had made a significant investment in a cloud-first strategy dating back several years, but—like many organizations—still had legacy on-premises resources. To support ongoing migration while also accommodating legacy needs, the organization sought a Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA) solution that could protect all resources wherever they were housed.

Challenges

- Hybrid IT environment made it difficult to manage access permissions efficiently, effectively and consistently
- Long provisioning time (~five days) was slowing down the organization
- Vulnerable security posture, with few impediments to lateral movement for any attacker that might breach the perimeter

Requirements

Looking to further its digital transformation while enhancing security, the company needed a ZTNA solution that could:

- Enforce precise access permissions for cloud and on-premises resources
- Prevent lateral movement within the environment should an attacker gain access elsewhere
- Support considerable automation, particularly around provisioning

"It's easy to control who gets access to which resources no matter where they are running or what else is running on the same system." - Director, Information Security Engineering

Solution

After researching available options, the firm selected Appgate SDP to support ongoing digital migration by providing protection and authenticated user access to all resources.

"Appgate SDP provided a solid cloud migration assist that made it easy to segment cloud networks and assure access permissions were correct." - Director, Information Security Engineering

RESULTS

The organization is now 95% cloud-based and credits Appgate SDP as a secure access solution that substantially contributed to its digital transformation effort.

Provisioning is now entirely automated (approvals are the only exception), leading to a 99.9% decrease in time from five days to five minutes.

Appgate SDP also enabled the pandemic-induced surge in work-from-home, which peaked at 95% of employees (compared to 5% prior).

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