

THE BOUNDARY MOVED. DID YOUR ARCHITECTURE?

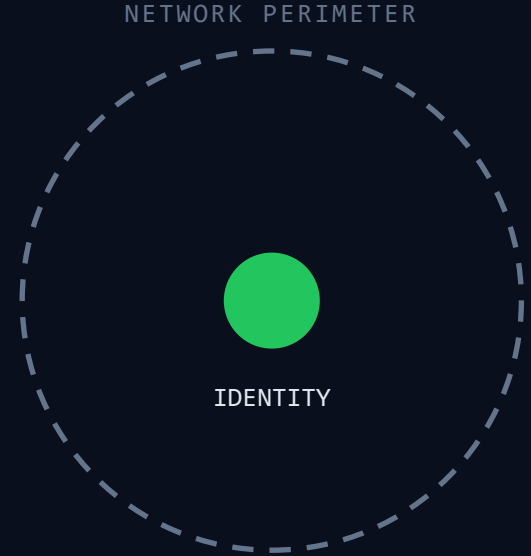


Identity Is Becoming the New Infrastructure Boundary

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Trust used to follow location.

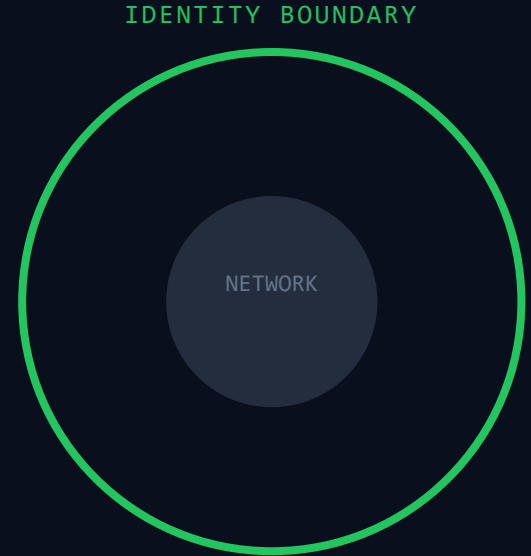
- Network location defines trust.
- Identity authenticates into the boundary — it doesn't define it.
- Segmentation is the primary control.



Identity didn't join the boundary. It became it.

Framework #160 — Identity Boundary Inversion

- Network topology can move freely now.
- Identity state can't fail.



One test tells you which model you're actually running.

Authorization survives a topology change.

Does it survive an identity change?

If not — the boundary already moved.

Seven decisions. Zero boundary votes.

Hybrid identity

Cloud IAM

SaaS control planes

Federation

Service-to-service
trust

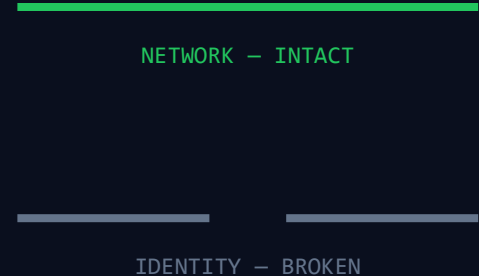
Agentic systems

Zero-trust adoption

None of these was a boundary decision. Together, they moved it anyway.

Network came through clean. Identity didn't.

- A VMware migration's connectivity transferred perfectly.
- The identity chain broke — and stayed invisible until something needed it.



The pipeline ran. Nobody could prove who approved it.

- An agentic system executed correctly — no crash, clean output.
- No artifact connected the output back to an authorization event.



AUTHORIZATION?

Not controls. Proof.

01 Trusted when issued

02 Revoked when compromised

03 Crosses boundaries safely

04 Compromise stays contained

**The boundary moved.
Most audits are still
measuring the old one.**

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