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Zero Trust Identity: A Practical Introduction

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A practical, jargon-free introduction to Zero Trust principles and a realistic phased approach for implementing them, starting with MFA and least-privilege access.

1. The Core Principle

Zero Trust means never trusting a user or device by default, regardless of whether the request originates inside or outside the traditional network perimeter. Every access request is verified on its own merits.

2. Strong Identity Verification

Multi-factor authentication should apply everywhere, not just to administrator accounts. Most breaches involving compromised credentials could have been stopped by MFA on the specific account that was targeted.

3. Device Posture & Micro-Segmentation

Verify device health and patch status before granting access to sensitive resources. Micro-segmentation limits lateral movement, so even if one system is compromised, an attacker cannot freely reach everything else on the network.

4. Continuous Verification

Access should be re-evaluated based on behavior and context throughout a session, not treated as a one-time event at login. A session that suddenly shows anomalous behavior should be able to be challenged or terminated mid-stream.

5. Where to Start

You don't need to implement all of this on day one. Begin with MFA everywhere and a least-privilege access review — these two changes offer the highest impact relative to implementation effort.

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Quick Reference

Zero Trust Pillar	Quick Win	Maturity Goal
Identity	MFA on all accounts	Adaptive risk-based auth
Device	Basic patch compliance check	Continuous device posture scoring
Network	Basic segmentation	Full micro-segmentation
Session	None (typical baseline)	Continuous behavioral verification

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