Enabling remote users to securely access applications, workloads and data on office networks and remote desktops is a complex challenge. That's why, when faced with the sudden pandemic-driven need to keep entire workforces connected, familiar VPNs and RDP were a reasonable short-term solution for enabling organizations to stay somewhat productive.

Going forward, however, this approach leaves organization's networks and resources at increased risk of attack: VPNs expose network IP addresses to the internet, often run on outdated software with unpatched vulnerabilities, and are easy for threat actors to find. Using brute force attacks and stolen credentials, cybercriminals can penetrate organizations' networks via VPNs and RDP. And once in, they are free to move laterally through the network, searching for valuable data and critical ransomware targets.

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The Solution: ZTEdge ZTNA, Apps and Network

ZTEdge makes it simple for your distributed workforce – and even third parties – to securely access the apps and resources they are authorized to use, regardless of whether they are located on premises or in the cloud. It is a simple, cost effective and far more secure alternative to VPNs and RDP access.

No network reconfiguration is required, and ZTEdge ZTNA, Apps and Network can be easily integrated with your existing identity solution or alternatively, utilize built-in ZTEdge identity capabilities.

Once a user is authenticated, the network is virtually microsegmented to limit user access to only the resources they are authorized to use, based on their individual policy information. 1:1 secure temporary connections enable users to access the resources they need. All other resources are cloaked so users do not even know they are there, eliminating lateral movement and risk of ransomware infection and spread.

Granular access policies are essential for enforcing least privilege access, a pillar of Zero Trust Security. But manually creating granular access policies from the ground up is an onerous and time-consuming task – and one that must be frequently repeated as user responsibilities change and employees and third parties join or leave. To facilitate true least privilege access, the solution replaces manual policy configuration with an AI-driven Automatic Policy Generator that sets and updates policies based on each authorized user’s behavioral patterns, without burdening IT staff.
ZTEdge ZTNA, Apps and Network

- Transition your organization from costly, complex and vulnerable VPNs
- Boost productivity and accelerate digital transformation initiatives with integrated access to on-premise and web-based apps
- Simplify secure access for remote users
- Eliminate lateral movement and ransomware risk with 1:1 microsegmentation
- Free IT resources from onerous policy building with patent-pending AI-based Automatic Policy Builder that enables efficient, hassle-free creation and maintenance of granular policies for each user
- Includes cloud firewall and IPS to control traffic and identify network risks
- Leverage built-in identity solution or easily integrate with your existing solution
- Get continuous fine-grained visibility into user behavior and network traffic with easy-to-use dashboards

“ZTEdge offers a unique value proposition for organizations, delivering a comprehensive set of integrated Zero Trust security capabilities via a simple and affordable always-on cloud platform.”

Kamalika Sandell, Chief Information Officer at the New Jersey Institute of Technology

Additional ZTEdge Security Solutions for Organizations Adopting A Zero Trust Security Strategy

- **ZTEdge Web Isolation**: Strong remote browser isolation-based web security that protects your users and data from ransomware and phishing, and works with existing SWGs
- **ZTEdge Web Security**: Intelligent remote browser isolation-based web security that protects your users and data from ransomware and phishing, with integrated SWG
- **ZTEdge Desktop**: A Zero Trust solution that eliminates the remote desktop access vulnerabilities that leave your networks and data exposed

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