

# A Perspective: Zero Trust Concepts & Terminology

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### **Introduction - Definitions & Understanding**

**Perspective:** "A particular attitude towards or way of regarding something; a point of view." https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/perspective

#### Quite:

- 1. (US) "To the utmost or most absolute extent or degree; absolutely; completely. 1.1 Very; really (used as an intensifier)"\*
- 2. (UK) "To a certain degree or fairly significant extent or degree; fairly."\*\*

\* https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/quite \*\*https://www.google.com/search?g=definition&cad=h#dobs=quite

**Trust**: "To believe in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something. To accept the truth of a statement without evidence or investigation."

https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/trust



#### **Zero Trust Terminology**

Zero Trust <u>Security</u>

Zero Trust *Framework* 

Zero Trust <u>Strategy</u>

Zero Trust Architecture

Zero Trust Network

**Network / Environment** 

**Applications / Workloads** 

**Trust Level / Confidence Level** 

**Policies** 



#### **Zero Trust Principles / Concepts / Assertions**

- Never Trust, Always Verify All users and devices are treated as untrusted.
  Every device, user, application/workload and data flow is authenticated and
  explicitly authorized to the <u>least privilege</u> required using dynamic security
  policies.
- Assume Breach Consciously operate and defend resources with the assumption that an adversary has presence within your environment. Deny by default, heavily scrutinize requests for access, users, devices and data flows. All traffic is logged and inspected.
- Verify Explicitly All resources are <u>consistently</u> accessed in a secure manner using multiple attributes (dynamic and static) to derive confidence levels for contextual access to resources.



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