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Architecting the future of
identity-driven security

Principal Security Architect — Zero
Trust • SSE/SASE • AI Governance
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Who I Am

I design and scale security architectures that become long-term operating models for regulated enterprises. My work centers on identity-centric enforcement, unified control planes, and architectural clarity that engineering teams can build on, and executives can trust.

What Most Enterprises Get Wrong About Security

Security complexity is not a tooling problem — it's an architectural one.

“The Mistakes”

- Security is still **network-centric**
- AI adoption is outpacing **governance models**
- Tool sprawl is replacing **architecture**
- Enforcement is fragmented across **platforms**
- Policies are static in a **dynamic world**

“The Reality”

- The Identity, not the network, must be the **control surface**
- AI requires **runtime governance**, not static controls
- Architecture must unify, not multiply tools
- Decisioning must be **centralized**, enforcement distributed
- Policy must be **adaptive, context-aware, and real-time**

“Most organizations are solving for coverage. I design for control.”
This is what led me to design identity-centric control planes.

Architectural North Star

1. Identity is the control surface
2. Governance must be centralized; enforcement must be distributed
3. Architecture should reduce friction, not add it



SASE Transformation

From Fragmentation to Unified Control Plane



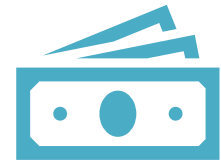
- Unified SSE architecture
across 80,000+ endpoints



- 75% reduction in
incident escalations



- 50% improvement in
application performance



- \$1.8M annual operating
expense reduction

Scope of Impact

Enterprise-scale architecture requires more than design — it requires alignment, influence, and execution.

1. Scale

- **80,000+** endpoints across enterprise environments
- Multi-line-of-business coverage
- **Global** user base and distributed workforce

3. Strategic Ownership

- Defined long-term **SASE / SSE architectural direction**
- Influenced **multi-million dollar platform investments**
- Established enterprise-wide **security standards and patterns**

2. Organizational Influence

- Aligned **Distinguished Engineers, Principal Architects, and platform owners**
- Led cross-organization architectural decision-making
- Resolved high-impact technical conflicts across teams

4. Business Impact

- \$1.8M+ annual OpEx reduction
- 75% reduction in incident escalations
- 50% improvement in application performance
- Enabled scalable GenAI adoption across enterprise

Designed, led, and implemented division-level architecture

Identity-Centric Enforcement

Operationalizing identity as the enforcement layer

Defined division-wide
identity enforcement
patterns

Built rapid-response
policy mechanisms
enabling CSOC to deploy
blocks in under 30
minutes

Influenced OS-level
enforcement with
Apple, Google,
Broadcom

Aligned platform
investments with long-
term architectural
direction

AI Governance & Agentic Control Planes

Extending the control plane to govern AI systems



EXTENDED SSE CONTROL
PLANE TO GOVERN GENAI
ADOPTION



BUILT DISTRIBUTED
GUARDRAIL
ARCHITECTURE



INTEGRATED CASB, DLP,
PROXY TELEMETRY, SIEM
PIPELINES



EMBEDDED LLM-ASSISTED
WORKFLOWS INTO
SECOPS

Case Study : SASE Modernization

Problem:

Fragmented proxy, CASB, and enforcement stack causing inconsistent governance, performance issues, and operational friction.

Approach:

- Defined long-term SASE strategy
- Unified eight security platforms into a single SSE control plane
- Aligned Distinguished Engineers and platform owners
- Consolidated regulatory + developer requirements into one scalable model

Outcome:

- 75% reduction in escalations
- 50% performance improvement
- \$1.8M annual OpEx reduction
- SSE established as the division standard

Case Study: AI Control Plane

Problem:

Rapid GenAI adoption with no guardrails, no visibility, and high regulatory risk.

Approach:

- Extended SSE control plane to enforce identity-aware AI routing
- Built distributed guardrails to prevent data exfiltration + unauthorized agentic behavior
- Integrated CASB, DLP, proxy telemetry, and SIEM pipelines
- Created real-time AI usage visibility + risk scoring

Outcome:

- Safe, scalable GenAI adoption
- Shadow AI significantly reduced
- Real-time telemetry for AI usage patterns
- Architecture aligned with emerging regulatory expectations

How I Think About Security

- Security should enable, not restrict
- Risk must be understood in context
- Systems must align with real workflows
- Architecture should scale decision-making



Patent: Identity-Aware Proxy Enforcement

Problem

- Inconsistent enforcement across network environments
- Loss of identity context in hybrid architectures

Approach

- Designed “always-on” identity-aware proxy model
- Removed reliance on network-based enforcement

Impact

- Enabled consistent Zero Trust enforcement across environments
- Simplified enterprise security architecture
- Patent: [US-12432181-B2](#)

Identity-Centric Control Plane Model

"This is the model I use to scale security across enterprise environments."

NETWORK SECURITY ARCHITECTURE LAYERS

IDENTITY (TOP LAYER)

The **Authoritative Source of Truth** for all Enforcement Decisions.



- **User accounts** (user-name, group accounts, user accounts some accounts)
- **Group mappings** (n group)
- **Access attributes** (mirk nernats, havanor, access keys, in-access)

AUTHORITATIVE DECISIONS

ENFORCEMENT FABRIC (MIDDLE LAYER)

WHERE YOUR ARCHITECTURE SHINES — DISTRIBUTED ENFORCEMENT WITH CENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE.

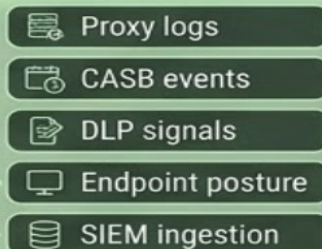
POLICY DISTRIBUTION



FEEDING BACK

CONTINUOUS FEEDBACK LOOP

TELEMETRY (BOTTOM LAYER)



TELEMETRY AGGREGATOR

ALL FEEDING BACK INTO THE CONTROL PLANE FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

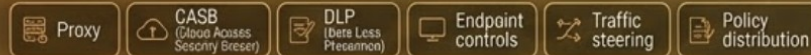
ALL FEEDING BACK INTO THE CONTROL IMPROVEMENT

Agentic AI Security Model

INTEGRATED NETWORK & AI SECURITY FLOWS

IDENTITY (TOP LAYER)

ENFORCEMENT FABRIC (MIDDLE LAYER) for all Enforcement Decisions.



TELEMETRY (BOTTOM LAYER)

IDENTITY (ENTRY POINT)



Identity provider, device trust, context signals, and user entitlements determine who is allowed to interact with AI systems.

RISK SCORING (DYNAMIC)



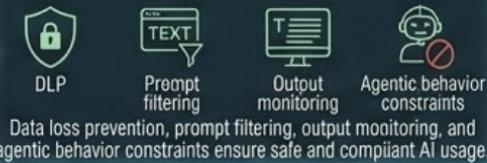
Behavioral anomalies, sensitive data exposure, model risk classification, user risk level, and device posture feed into adaptive risk scoring.

POLICY ENGINE (DECISION LAYER)



Identity, context, and risk signals are evaluated in real time to determine allowed actions, routing, or restrictions.

GUARDRAILS (DISTRIBUTED ENFORCEMENT)



Data loss prevention, prompt filtering, output monitoring, and agentic behavior constraints ensure safe and compliant AI usage.

ENFORCEMENT (OUTCOME)



Allow, block, step-up authentication, redirect to safer models, or log and alert based on policy decisions.

TELEMETRY (REAL-TIME VISIBILITY)



REAL-TIME FEEDBACK FOR ADAPTIVE SCORING

Identity (Entry Point)

Identity provider, device trust, context signals, and user entitlements determine who is allowed to interact with AI systems.

Guardrails (Distributed Enforcement)

Data loss prevention, prompt filtering, output monitoring, and agentic behavior constraints ensure safe and compliant AI usage.

Telemetry (Real-Time Visibility)

Proxy logs, CASB events, DLP signals, model usage patterns, and API metadata provide continuous insight into AI interactions.

Risk Scoring (Dynamic)

Behavioral anomalies, sensitive data exposure, model risk classification, user risk level, and device posture feed into adaptive risk scoring.

Policy Engine (Decision Layer)

Identity, context, and risk signals are evaluated in real time to determine allowed actions, routing, or restrictions.

Enforcement (Outcome)

Allow, block, step-up authentication, redirect to safer models, or log and alert based on policy decisions.

"This is the model I use to scale security across enterprise environments."

How I Lead

- I align senior engineers and executives around shared direction
- I resolve high-stakes architectural disagreements
- I create clarity across fragmented systems
- I mentor and elevate senior engineers and architects
- I drive decisions that balance risk, speed, and scale

I value clarity, consistency, and showing up for the people I work with





“What I Bring”

At my core, I bring:

- Define enterprise-scale security architecture
- Align engineering execution with executive strategy
- Deliver measurable business impact
- Lead forward-looking AI + identity security models