The Zero Trust Blueprint

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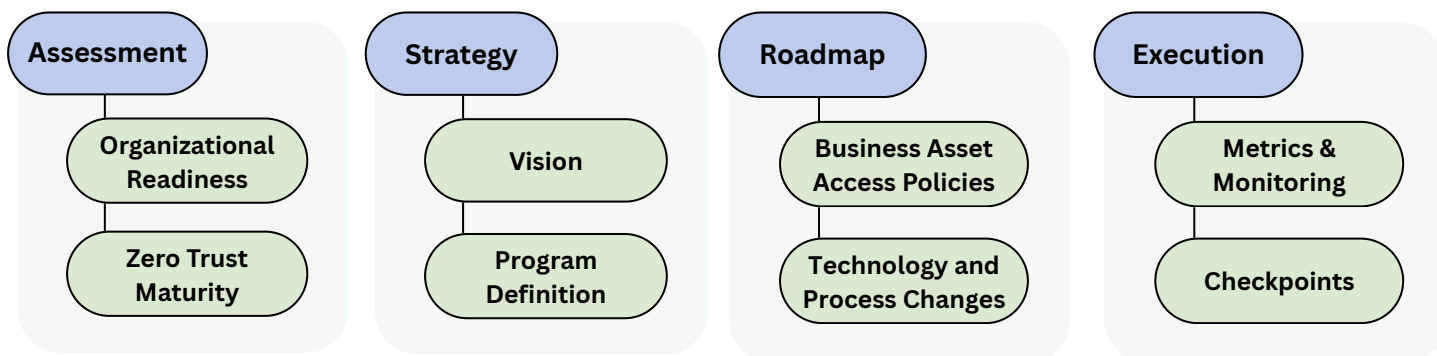
Numberline Security's Zero Trust Blueprint offers a structured methodology for organizations to implement effective Zero Trust security initiatives. Drawing on extensive real-world experience helping enterprises successfully define and execute Zero Trust strategies, this proven approach ensures your security program achieves strategic goals while delivering substantive business value.

Assessment	Strategy	Roadmap	Execution
Organizational Readiness	Vision	Business Asset Access Policies	Metrics & Monitoring
Zero Trust Maturity	Program Definition	Technology and Process Changes	Checkpoints

Our blueprint provides a simple, structured approach across four clear phases, each designed with specific goals and outputs that serve as inputs for subsequent phases. This practical approach has a bias toward rapidly delivering value to the business while ensuring appropriate support and excitement from stakeholders.

The blueprint phases are:

- **Assessment**: Gain a clear picture of your current state through an organizational readiness evaluation, and a Zero Trust maturity assessment using our enhanced ZTMM+ methodology. Together these identify strengths, weaknesses, available resources, potential challenges, and next steps.
- **Strategy**: Create focused vision and program definition documents that serve as your "north star" reference for decision validation, including goals, expected outcomes, and benefits, while establishing an effective Steering Committee structure.
- **Roadmap**: Develop two parallel implementation plans — an Access Policy Roadmap for enabling security policies, and a Technology and Processes Change Roadmap for planning any security capability enhancements needed to support those policies.
- **Execution**: Implement the roadmaps with appropriate metrics and monitoring processes to measure security and business impacts, conducting regular checkpoints to ensure strategic alignment and tactical progress.

Proven Approach	Simple Steps	Rapid Results
Methodology based on real-world experience	Clear and understandable tasks, supported by templates and examples	Quickly, reliably, and securely deliver business value

What makes the Zero Trust Blueprint different?
A sound strategy grounded in real-world experience

Zero Trust can feel like it's an abstract concept, and yet both security and enterprise leaders are increasingly relying on it to deliver concrete benefits. Numberline's blueprint provides clear guidance based on real-world experience, exemplified by our enhanced Zero Trust Maturity Model (ZTMM+), as well as by our unique roadmap planning model.

ZTMM+
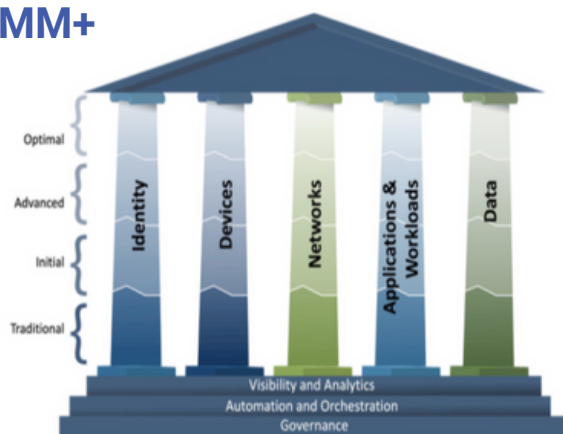
Drawing on Numberline's extensive experience applying the ZTMM across numerous enterprises, we built on the CISA model, and developed an enhanced, extended, more comprehensive, and more broadly applicable model: ZTMM+. As a result, enterprises have a more robust and practical framework with which to assess and enhance their Zero Trust maturity.

Traditional IT project management planning models are poorly-suited to Zero Trust, and often cause a great deal of frustration. Numberline's roadmap model embraces Zero Trust's holistic nature by providing a better and more accurate view of the dependencies between access policies and their underlying technologies, processes, and capabilities.

Roadmap Planning Model
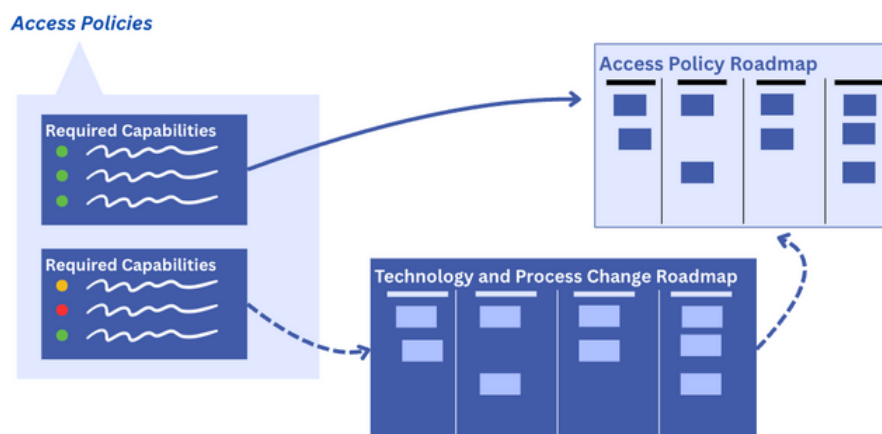
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Numberline's security experts are practitioners and thought leaders in Zero Trust. Not only are we the authors of the influential book *Zero Trust Security: An Enterprise Guide,* we also lead the Zero Trust Working Group at the Cloud Security Alliance. Even more importantly, we work with enterprises every day to help them define and execute on effective Zero Trust strategies.

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