



AWS and Zscaler:

A unified solution for strong cloud security
that scales



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The cloud challenge: Expand quickly but safely

VPNs and other perimeter-based security practices are not ideal for modern cloud environments. So what are the options?

In 2020, [more than half of enterprises](#) migrated their workloads to the cloud, with 76% of them choosing [Amazon Web Services](#) (AWS). The [benefits of cloud adoption](#) are undeniable, from cost savings to agile scalability. Businesses that operate in the cloud face two new challenges: managing access and operations amidst the growing shift to remote and hybrid work structures, and the increasingly sophisticated threat posed by malware and ransomware.

Historically, implementing a secure environment required a network-centric Virtual Private Network (VPN), which sacrificed speed, ease of use, and flexibility in favor of control. Today, as businesses migrate to the cloud and the scale of IT operations grows, the disadvantages of using a VPN become more significant.

At its foundation, a VPN is not designed to provide inherently secure internet access. This puts the burden on the remote workers to have a strong internet connection and up-to-date security measures. As companies that are moving to the cloud employ users who are working from anywhere, inbound connections have expanded, [widening the opportunity for DDoS attacks](#). This, in turn, adds to the complexity of access segmentation amidst reduced visibility into who is doing what on the network. Ultimately, these hurdles limit scalability, increase costs, hinder productivity, and detract from the user experience for employees. In some cases, it also impacts the ultimate end user — the customer.

These quandaries are why [Zscaler](#), a leading zero trust exchange disrupting the network and security industry, works so well with AWS. As an AWS Advanced Technology Partner, Zscaler provides security-as-a-service based on a zero trust model to help businesses achieve true cloud transformation — securely and simply — now and in the future.



Zscaler's modern, comprehensive, cloud-first solution

A configurable product suite to simplify access and strengthen security, built for hybrid-cloud complexity

Whether a business is looking to shift workloads to the cloud or simply move away from VPN, the verdict is in: Pairing Zscaler and AWS offers top-tier security and great user experience through cutting-edge technology and a zero trust model.

Zscaler's application-centric security services are built in the cloud from the ground up, replacing the traditional inbound/outbound gateways for a more modern approach (ideal for companies running on AWS). Three core services help AWS customers make the most of their cloud operations:

Zscaler Private Access (ZPA) makes VPN obsolete by connecting users to applications — not networks — removing applications from the internet for a more secure environment and reduced backend complexity (smoother management of the behind-the-scenes tools and operations with which users don't interact).

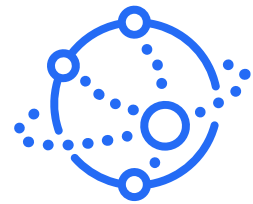
Zscaler Internet Access (ZIA) is a cloud-delivered, complete security stack that mitigates the cost and complexity of traditional secure web gateway approaches.

Zscaler Digital Experience Monitoring (ZDX) is a multi-tenant cloudbased monitoring platform that probes, benchmarks, and measures digital experiences for every single user within an organization.

Together, Zscaler and AWS help organizations bring the future to their front door with:

- Always-on access that improves end user experiences
- More efficient routing that reduces latency and translates to faster time to production
- Stronger, more comprehensive security posture to eliminate threats
- Faster app migration to accomplish minimal downtime
- Increased business agility for a competitive edge
- Lowered costs to free up funds that are better spent elsewhere in the business

While these tools help any business become future-proof, they demonstrate particular value in high-stakes use cases. For example, Zscaler removes many of the technical headaches that IT teams face during mergers and acquisitions. Providing a far less complex integration process while also enforcing best practices in security, Zscaler has helped businesses reduce their technical setup process from months to weeks. Merged companies can connect employees directly to applications without the pain or delay of creating or moving networks.



Zscaler by the numbers

EACH DAY, ZSCALER:

Blocks
7B
threats

Processes
200B+
requests

Provides
200K+
unique security
updates

ZPA: A seamless, cloud-first, zero-trust access solution for private apps

Replace clunky VPNs with frictionless access that keeps private apps off the Internet—and invisible to outside threat actors

Once the best option for private access, VPNs have proven less effective in a cloud-based world, essentially routing a user into a network only to send them back out. Traversing the globe to pass through various touchpoints, from firewall to load balancers, app connections for remote workers bring in even more steps. Additionally, VPN requires users to understand which profile they need to use and which resources will allow them access to connect to the network—not an ideal user experience, particularly for less techsavvy employees.

Keep your satellite offices in orbit

ZPA provides secure remote access to apps without a VPN—totally off the network, and never reliant on IP-centric physical or virtual appliances. It manages authorized user access [before, during, and after app migration](#) to AWS using a much more efficient and secure pathway—a zero trust, software-defined perimeter (SDP) solution that leverages an inside-out connection established from an AWS App Connector in Zscaler's global security cloud. (It's also complementary to AWS Security Groups, as well as AWS Direct Connect.) Regardless of where a user is trying to connect to internal applications, ZPA translates to swifter app migration, lowered costs, and a reduced threat target even for businesses still relying on a private datacenter.

ZPA Northstar: How [GROWMARK](#) Keeps Food Production Going

GROWMARK, a North American agricultural company that provides various materials and services to sustain crop growth, hosts employees out of more than 500 rural locations — so the company is familiar with the challenges of unreliable internet. Once the COVID-19 pandemic arrived and the supply chain took a hit, it was more important than ever that operations went smoothly. In its efforts to modernize, GROWMARK moved hundreds of apps to AWS but also hosted some on premises, and needed a solution that could work with its hybrid structure. After selecting ZPA, GROWMARK was able to provide employees with a more reliable connection while also removing public interfaces from their private environment, ultimately reducing its attack surface. At the height of the pandemic, 98% of GROWMARK's staff was connecting to ZPA with virtually no issues.



ZIA: A reliable cloud security stack as a service

Reduce risk and lower network costs by moving past outdated perimeter security and into zero trust cloud protection

Businesses operating on data centers and perimeter-based security models are discovering that a transition to the cloud yields more secure web gateway approaches.

Migrating from a data center to the cloud puts applications in a new home. The centralized gateways that simplified access and cut costs with the legacy infrastructure are not effective for user traffic going directly to the cloud. The legacy security perimeter framework becomes a liability. Added to the mix is the onslaught of new security appliances burdening an already overworked gateway, and it becomes harder for IT to keep up.

In space, there's zero room for error

Zscaler and AWS operate on zero trust so that your guard is never down in uncharted territory. This already puts businesses ahead of the curve, as zero trust is quickly becoming the security architecture of choice, according to Forrester.

With ZIA, businesses can instill a more secure connection to Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions, providing visibility into all internet activity across a company's users—all while keeping remote access to internal apps on AWS simple and safe.

Through Zscaler's structure and services, users see a reduction in attack surfaces, improve access control and strengthen data protection—making it possible to enforce granular policies at scale.

ZIA Northstar: How MAN Energy Systems adopted ZIA

German manufacturing and transport services company MAN Energy Systems provides high-stakes products and services that keep the world running, like diesel engines and turbomachinery. To remain competitive, the company migrated workloads to AWS, but MAN's growing, globally distributed teams increasingly required mobile access to apps and custom business tools. This posed an elevated security risk and frustrated employees because of the time-consuming and complicated authentication and access process required at the individual level for a long list of apps. Paired with a shift away from VPN, leadership adopted ZIA so that only trusted users could access trusted applications, safely connecting their mobile workers to MAN's SaaS applications every single time, from any location.



ZDX: Fast, seamless experiences for end users

Gain deep, actionable insights into your UX based on a unified view of app, endpoint, and CloudPath performance metrics

As consumers, we have become accustomed to a gold standard of user experience—to the point where a temporary social media outage makes headlines. While businesses were starting to master the user experience with in-office technology, bottlenecks have become more common as remote and hybrid teams wrestle with hurdles like poor internet connections and a variety of (sometimes outdated) personal mobile devices. When this happens in the form of time-outs and constant reconnections, help tickets pile up and work goes undone — putting IT in a pressure cooker to figure out the cause (and resolution) of unique issues.

Bring frustration-free flights to every end user

ZDX is a multi-tenant cloud-based monitoring platform that probes, benchmarks, and measures the digital experiences for every single user within your organization, no matter where they are. In real time, ZDX will triage what's causing a problem (for example, the internet connection vs. the ISP provider) and then deploys its remote trouble shooting capabilities. Analytics measures performance over time by location, user, and department to identify trends and inform improvements. The result? True Secure Access Server Edge (SASE) architecture that materializes as a superior user experience (and far fewer IT tickets).

ZDX Northstar: How Liberty Mutual improved the employee experience

Liberty Mutual Insurance could guarantee their data centers and ISP bandwidth, but couldn't guarantee what the internet looked like for employees working from home — something that everyone experienced en masse in 2020. Starting with 100 users to deliver proof of concept, Liberty's security team started rolling out ZDX to users with long-term issues as an initial use case, which made it possible to hand off issues to the Level 2 Helpdesk team which could easily resolve user issues with home networks. They've now integrated ZDX across the organization, pinpointing and eliminating service provider latency issues, wireless router problems, memory leaks on desktop computers, and ISP issues around page fetch time, among others.

A joint solution that's easily deployed and quickly operational

With a deployment process built for speed and Zscaler Client Connector managing access, your teams can be up and running in minutes

Moving to a new platform and IT infrastructure can be complex and prolonged. To address this, Zscaler built the adoption process around speed and simplicity—making secure cloud-based operations and smooth transitions easy with Zscaler and AWS.

While ZPA, ZIA, and ZDX can each stand alone, they are best when used together to build out application access based on a well-architected framework. At the heart of their processes is the Zscaler Client Connector (ZCC).

ZPA uses the Client Connector to connect users to private applications using a Zero Trust approach, but Browser Access is also available for web-only private applications.

ZIA uses the Client Connector to protect users outside of the corporate network, forwarding Internet traffic through Zscaler's service to ensure a granular security policy.

ZDX uses the Client Connector to perform synthetic probing to a desired Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) application or internet-based service (e.g., Salesforce, Zoom, etc.).

Zscaler clients are quickly and safely moving away from their VPNs...for good. Here's how.

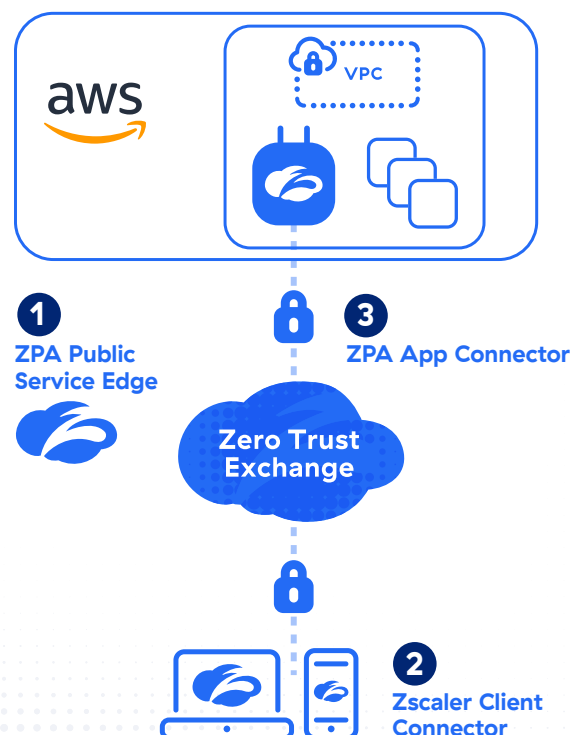
1. ZPA Public Service Edge hosts policy engine and brokers connections
2. Zscaler Client Connector endpoint agent forwards traffic to Zscaler cloud
3. ZPA App Connector connects to private apps and discovers new apps

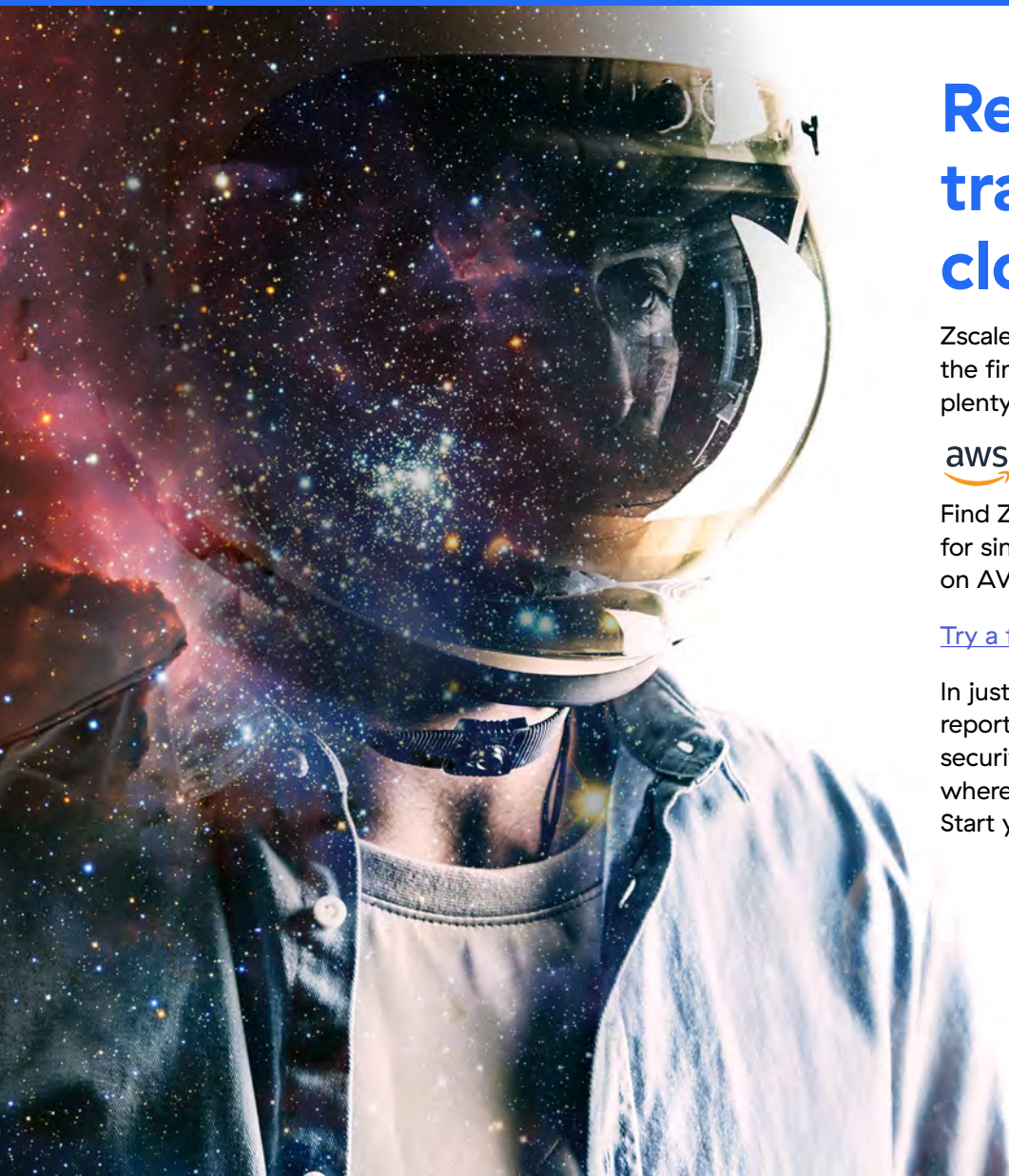
Say goodbye to VPNs

Our clients are moving away from VPNs for good with Zscaler's quick, painless installation.

1. IT installs the app connectors onto AWS where applications reside so that Zscaler can reach the apps users will need to access.
2. Within the ZPA portal, users define apps and connectors and assign to server groups
3. Once installed, the Client Connector can serve multiple purposes: deciding where requests are bound, where they should go, and where to connect users.

[Learn more about setting up configuration for the Client Connector.](#)





Ready to transform your cloud security?

Zscaler and AWS have paved the way for the final frontier in user access, and there's plenty of room on board.



Find Zscaler solutions in [AWS Marketplace](#) for simplified billing and deployment directly on AWS.

[Try a free 7-day hosted ZPA demo.](#)

In just a few clicks, Zscaler will prepare a report that will supply an in-depth cloud security posture assessment, showing you where your vulnerabilities lie on the internet. Start your [Internet Threat Exposure Analysis](#).

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About Zscaler

Zscaler (NASDAQ: ZS) accelerates digital transformation so that customers can be more agile, efficient, resilient, and secure. The Zscaler Zero Trust Exchange protects thousands of customers from cyberattacks and data loss by securely connecting users, devices, and applications in any location. Distributed across more than 150 data centers globally, the SASE-based Zero Trust Exchange is the world's largest inline cloud security platform. Learn more at [zscaler.com](#) or follow us on Twitter [@zscaler](#).

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