



**WHITESWAN**  
IDENTITY SECURITY

# Standing Privileges Never Sleep (But Hackers Do)

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Eliminating 24/7 Administrative Rights That Create Persistent Attack  
Pathways

## The Problem

# STANDING PRIVILEGES CREATE PERSISTENT ATTACK PATHWAYS

### Independent research reveals the scope

68% of professionals retained access to former employers' systems after leaving, while 83% admit to bypassing security processes when current access is too restrictive.<sup>1</sup> Only 29% of organizations use identity-based access as their primary model, leaving the majority vulnerable to persistent privilege abuse.

### Current Reality

42% of organizations say their current security and access model will be outdated within two years, while 32% cite balancing security with productivity as their top challenge.<sup>3</sup> Traditional PAM secures credentials but maintains the underlying vulnerability—persistent elevated privileges that exist 24/7 whether needed or not.

**Business  
Impact**

**6.2M** **Average privileged  
breach cost**

8-month recovery times.<sup>4</sup> Move budget from "credential security" to Zero Standing Privileges that eliminate persistent attack pathways.

# WHY WHITESWAN?

Whiteswan eliminates **persistent administrative rights** with Just-in-Time access controls that provide privileges only when needed for specific business functions

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## Zero Standing Privileges



Eliminate persistent administrative rights through Just-in-Time access provisioning

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## Risk-Based Access Control

Automated approval workflows based on user context, business justification, and threat intelligence

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## Time-Bounded Sessions

Automatic privilege expiration based on business context and operational requirements

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## Legacy System Integration

JIT access for Windows Server 2003-2022 systems that cannot support modern authentication

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## Comprehensive Audit Trails

Complete documentation of access requests, approvals, activities, and session termination

# Core Capabilities

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## Privileged Access Control

- **Just-in-Time privilege elevation** with automated approval workflows
- **Risk-based access decisions** using behavioral analytics and business context
- **Zero Standing Privileges** architecture eliminating persistent administrative rights
- **Service account governance** with time-bounded access and automated rotation
- **Emergency access procedures** providing break-glass capabilities with comprehensive audit trails
- **Legacy system integration** for Windows Server 2003–2022 environments

## Secure Remote Access Control

- **Session recording and analysis** for all administrative activities across RDP/SSH/console access
- **Secure Identity-first** infrastructure access without reliance on VPN's
- **Software-Defined Perimeter** creating encrypted micro-tunnels per administrative session
- **Behavioral analytics integration** detecting account compromise during active sessions
- **Automated threat response** for immediate session termination and privilege revocation
- **Cross-platform coverage** including legacy Windows administrative interfaces

# Industry Statistics

Sector	Standing Privilege Risk	Implementation Priority
Healthcare	78% use persistent admin rights for medical devices <sup>5</sup>	Emergency access procedures, HIPAA compliance
Financial	84% grant standing privileges to trading systems <sup>6</sup>	SOX segregation of duties, real-time operations
Manufacturing	91% maintain persistent OT administrative access <sup>7</sup>	IT/OT bridge security, safety system protection
Government	69% lack time-bounded clearance-based access <sup>8</sup>	Classified system controls, audit requirements

## Risk-Based Decision Engine

Real-time evaluation using machine learning algorithms analyzing user behavior, device trust, location context, and business justification against baseline patterns.

# Technical Implementation Details

JIT Access Workflow Mechanics

## Approval Automation

Policy-driven workflows with configurable approval chains, automatic approvals for low-risk requests, escalation procedures for high-risk scenarios, and emergency break-glass procedures.

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# Technical Implementation Details

JIT Access Workflow Mechanics



## Privilege Provisioning

Sub-second privilege elevation using native OS capabilities, LDAP group membership modification, application-specific role assignment, and cloud platform IAM integration.

## Session Monitoring

Real-time activity logging, behavioral analytics during active sessions, automated anomaly detection, and immediate response capabilities including session termination and privilege revocation.



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Enterprise Integration Capabilities

## SIEM/SOC Integration

Native integrations for Splunk, QRadar, ArcSight, and Sentinel, correlation rules, and automated alerting for privileged access anomalies.

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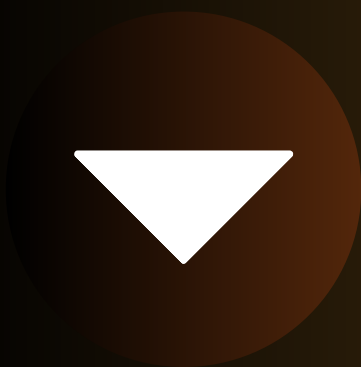


## API Framework

RESTful APIs for custom integrations, webhook support for real-time notifications, GraphQL queries for complex data retrieval, and SCIM provisioning for automated user lifecycle management.

## Business Process Integration

ServiceNow integration for ticketing workflows, Active Directory synchronization for organizational structure alignment, and business calendar integration for time-based access controls.



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## Coverage Scope

Full support for Windows administrative interfaces (RDP, PowerShell, MMC), partial support for legacy applications requiring custom integration, and documented limitations for systems lacking network connectivity.

## Migration Path

Gradual modernization approach allowing legacy systems to benefit from JIT access controls while planning systematic infrastructure upgrades.

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# Business Outcomes

Metric	Before Whiteswan	After Implementation
<b>Privilege Escalation</b>	Daily standing admin rights	Zero persistent privileges
<b>Attack Containment</b>	Manual incident response	Automated session termination
<b>Administrative Efficiency</b>	VPN bottlenecks, manual approvals	Self-service JIT access
<b>Audit Preparation</b>	8-12 weeks manual review	2-3 days automated reporting
<b>Compliance</b>	Spreadsheet-based access tracking	Real-time compliance documentation

Organizations report substantial productivity improvements following JIT access deployment, with measurable reductions in privilege-related security incidents.

## Manufacturing

IT/OT bridge security, SCADA system administrative access management

## Healthcare

Emergency access procedures for clinical systems, HIPAA minimum necessary enforcement

## Financial Services

SOX segregation of duties, PCI-DSS administrative access controls

# Industry Implementation Priorities

## Government

Clearance-based access controls, classified system administrative procedures



## Technical Requirements

### Supported Environments

Windows 7-11, Server 2003-2022 | Linux (RHEL, Ubuntu, CentOS) | macOS | Active Directory, Entra ID, Okta | AWS, Azure, GCP, hybrid, kubernetes.

### Deployment Model

Lightweight agent deployment | Agentless Gateway deployment | Sub-second access provisioning | 99.9% SLA | Linear scaling 1K-100K+ identities

# 30-Day Implementation

## Week 1

Privileged access inventory and standing privilege risk assessment

## Week 2

JIT access pilot deployment with automated approval workflows

## Week 3

Zero Standing Privileges conversion for critical administrative roles

## Week 4

Behavioral analytics activation with automated session monitoring

## Outcome

Eliminated standing privileges, faster incident containment, improved administrative efficiency, comprehensive compliance documentation.



Whiteswan delivers comprehensive Zero Standing Privileges architecture for hybrid enterprise environments.

# Ready to Eliminate Standing Privileges?

Whiteswan eliminates persistent administrative rights — stopping attackers where they escalate privileges, not just where they initially authenticate.

- **Free Privileged Access Assessment:** Identify standing privilege risks and administrative access gaps
- **30-Day JIT Access Pilot:** Deploy core capabilities in your most critical administrative environment
- **ROI Analysis:** Calculate savings from eliminated privilege escalation risk and improved compliance

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Whiteswan Identity Security – Comprehensive Zero Standing Privileges implementation for hybrid enterprise environments