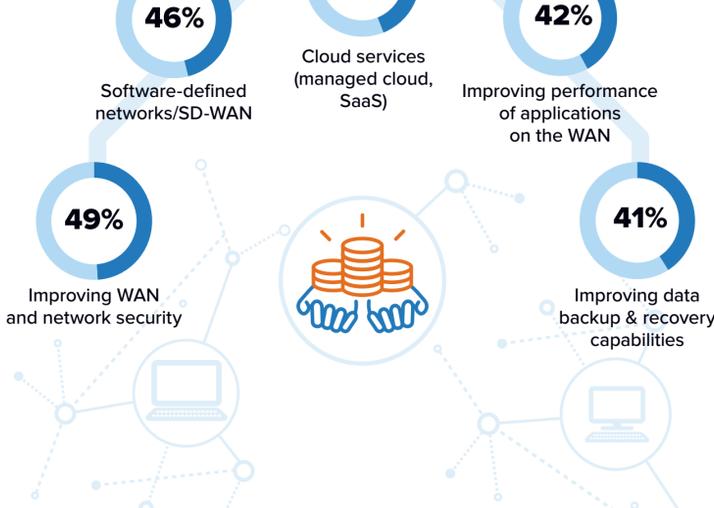


ENTERPRISES EMBRACE A NEW NORMAL

Lessons learned in the early days of COVID-19 cause enterprises to rethink network investment in 2021 and beyond.

Network Investment Priorities for 2022 and Beyond

Enterprises look to network and IT technologies that allow them to be agile and scale as business priorities shift in the new normal.

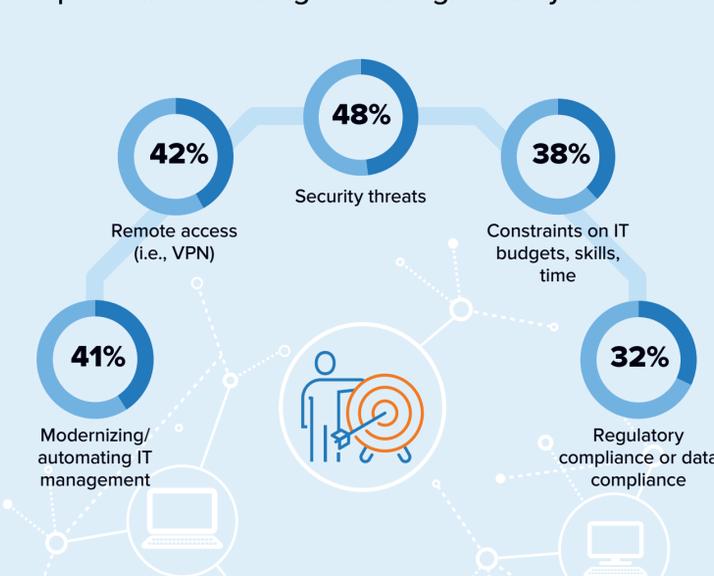


Q. Does your organization plan to invest in the following areas over the next three years?

n = 600. Source: U.S. Enterprise Communications Survey, 2021

Organizations Recognize the Challenges Facing Them as the Distributed Enterprise Becomes a Reality

Looking ahead, enterprises want to strike a fine balance equipping the hybrid workforce and driving efficiency in managing network and IT systems coupled with sustained pressure to manage evolving security threats.

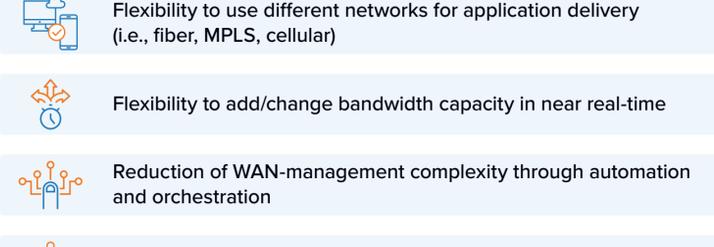


Q. What are the biggest IT or network challenges for your organization over the next three years?

n = 600. Source: U.S. Enterprise Communications Survey, 2021

Investment in SD-WAN a Top Priority in 2021 and Beyond

Enterprises are looking to SD-WAN solutions because they offer these benefits for branch office connectivity:

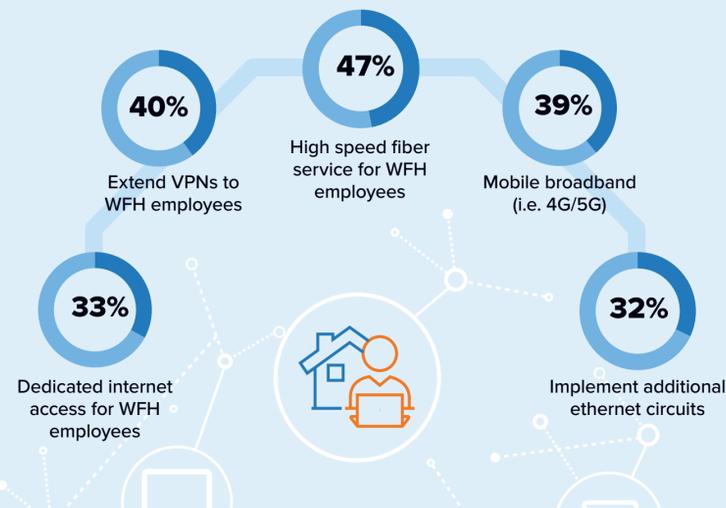


Which of the following attributes of an SD-WAN service or solution are the most important considerations when choosing an SD-WAN solution for branch office connectivity?

n = 600. Source: U.S. Enterprise Communications Survey, 2021

The New Normal Needs New Network Configurations

Hybrid working will require enterprises to invest in solutions to support the new reality of work-from-home (WFH) employees.



Q. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, what new network configuration will your company implement?

n = 600/607. Source: U.S. Enterprise Communications Survey, 2021

CONCLUSION

Investments in Network Transformation Lay the Foundation for Digital Transformation Initiatives

Digital transformation investments are critical to drive improvements across multiple aspects of the business:



Q. Over the next 12 months, rank the importance of these macro business priorities as it relates to your organization's strategy to become increasingly digital and connected?

n = 607. Source: Future of Connectedness Survey, July 2021

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