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10 Ways to Reduce the Cost and Complexity of Hybrid Work

As corporate security teams face the simultaneous challenges of securing a hybrid work environment and reducing costs wherever possible, one solution stands out: secure access service edge (SASE).

By bringing together core networking and security capabilities into a unified cloud-delivered service, SASE can provide the platform for significant cost savings and efficiency:

- By bringing together the capabilities of secure web gateway (SWG), cloud access security broker (CASB), data loss prevention (DLP), and Firewall-as-a-Service (FWaaS), an SSE solution provides the full scope of cloud security capabilities at a substantially lower total cost of ownership (TCO) than alternative security architectures.
- As part of a SASE architecture, SSE integrated with SD-WAN can dramatically reduce wide-area network (WAN) costs while improving performance and enhancing end-user productivity.
- The zero trust capabilities inherent in an SSE solution can integrate with a company's existing network and replace heavy VPN clients and concentrators, reducing capital expenditure and bandwidth needs.
- The scalability of offering SSE capabilities as a cloud-native service offers the availability to scale and optimize as organizations need it.

Here are some questions you should ask if you're considering looking to reduce security costs in your hybrid work environment.



1	Is hybrid work likely to be a long-term reality for my company, or is my organization planning to go 100% remote or 100% in the office?
2	How many separate licenses do I have for SWG, CASB, DLP, and FWaaS technologies?
3	How much time and effort does it take to manage these different solutions and conduct thorough investigations? Are we overwhelming our security personnel?
4	How much time does my team spend on managing and integrating these solutions, so that end-users have streamlined access to the web, cloud, and private apps? Are they spending more time doing the same thing across multiple consoles?
5	Do I view and manage all my cloud security capabilities through a single pane of glass
6	What would be the effect on the corporate IT budget of replacing all our MPLS links with direct-to-internet connections?

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Checklist



How much more could we save on data center WAN connectivity if we had 75% less traffic to and from our central office/HQ?

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What are we spending annually on VPN concentrators and associated infrastructure?



How scalable is my security infrastructure in the event of bursts in staffing (e.g., M&A) or activity? Would such a burst require additional capital outlays for more infrastructure?

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How old is our existing security infrastructure and is a significant investment expected/required in the near future?

<u>Contact us</u> to get started on your SASE/SSE journey today.

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