The Future Of The WAN Is Software-Defined

Network managers are exploring software-defined WAN (SD-WAN) to manage complex topologies and meet modern business needs for agility.

26% Currently use SD-WAN solutions
24% Plan to implement in 12 months
10% Are not interested or are unsure
40% Are interested

SD-WAN IS ON 90% OF COMPANIES' ROAD MAPS

MODERN BUSINESSES SEEK SD-WAN CAPABILITIES

56% Centrally monitor links and dependencies
51% Manage traffic between link types
47% Remotely provision branch offices
43% Mitigate latency, accelerate apps

SD-WAN ALIGNS WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Businesses are prioritizing the following strategic initiatives that SD-WAN can help them achieve*

- Increase bandwidth capacity for branch offices: 77%
- Expand cloud usage: 66%
- Enable employee mobility: 60%

AND SD-WAN OFFERS KEY BENEFITS

Businesses expect SD-WAN to deliver the following benefits

- 47% Lower total cost of ownership
- 45% More efficient utilization of network resources
- 41% Increased readiness for upcoming technology trends
- 40% Increased network security

Methodology: In this study, Forrester used data from its Global Business Technographics® Networks And Telecommunications Survey, 2015, and supplemented this data with a custom survey of network and telecom decision-makers at US firms with 500 or more employees. Source: A commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Riverbed, January 2016. Base: 105 network/telecom technology decision-makers in the US.*Base: 174 IT network/telecom decision-makers in the US.

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