# Create a future-ready professional services organization

# Improve the availability and performance

of your network with scalable solutions

Professional services organizations feel the urgency to keep up with new technology and competitors. A growing number of companies are digitizing their operations. These changes are driving a need for more bandwidth — while creating new challenges for security, innovation, customer engagement and performance.



## over 900,000 entities, spanning single- and multi-location firms.1 71% 75%

The U.S. professional services industry includes

of organizations say their

network assets are mostly aging or obsolete.2

of all organizations are

expected to employ a digital transformation model based on the public cloud by 2026.3





#### Professional services organizations often include overburdened IT teams that may lack the latest security information and The ranking in 2023 of

Strengthen your security posture

Hackers realize this vulnerability and seek to exploit it. Cybercriminals consider professional services companies attractive targets for another reason: the high-value data they tend to possess. A breach of a law office or accounting firm

resources to effectively analyze alerts and take action.

risks sensitive client data, including: Social Security numbers Proprietary business information Nondisclosure agreements Medical records

- Personal financial
- information
- Intellectual property

of most often compromised industries, behind healthcare and financial services.4

The average cost per data

breach for professional services

professional services in the list

## organizations as of 2024.5



### Integrating innovative tools and platforms is vital to a professional services organization's ability to outpace the competition. These solutions are also key to a company's

Accelerate innovation

digital transformation a top priority.6

74%

of professional services leaders state that they are likely to adopt new digital platforms and apps by 2027.7

of organizations consider

Getting there means shifting the IT focus from the maintenance of legacy solutions to new digital transformation initiatives, employing the cloud to improve agility, scale quickly and compete effectively. Companies need a highly efficient network that:

development of new digital product or service revenue

streams. Once a nice-to-have, they are now a matter of

Supports a wide

range of traffic

Connects multiple

cloud locations

buildings or public

economic survival.

Enhance customer interactions

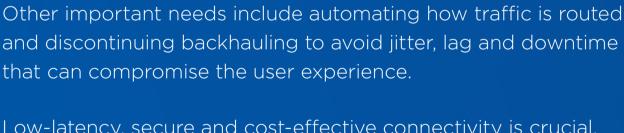
experience

Delivers assured

Improves the user

Offers reliable security

performance



## Low-latency, secure and cost-effective connectivity is crucial, as these companies must transfer large data files and

Customizable dashboards

 Knowledge bases Sales platforms Live chat Self-service portals

increasingly rely on bandwidth-hungry applications, including:

Professional services organizations want effective ways to

simplify their network and cloud connectivity management.

Ticketing systems

Gain efficiencies and enhance performance

Professional services businesses face escalating operational complexity. Companies

44% of professional services organizations say the customer experience is less

and talent.9

than satisfactory because

of issues with data, projects

of CEOs see technological

shifts driving changes to the

way their company creates,

delivers and captures value

in the next three years.8



and architecture teams by:

Automating traffic routing

Simplifying and centralizing

### are exploring possible use cases for generative AI, machine learning (ML) and automation. They are also looking to data analytics to unlock insights about their business, market and customers while improving their predictive capabilities. Cloud connectivity represents another important driver, addressing the need for flexibility to scale to meet changing demands and market conditions.

Ensuring efficient internet

Updating legacy WANs

and cloud access

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