

What IT pros really think about SD-WAN

Software-defined wide area networks (SD-WANs) are becoming more popular for networking.

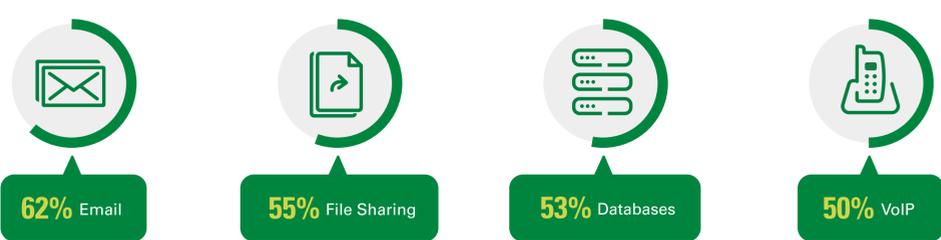
But what do your IT peers think about the trend? To find out, Spiceworks recently surveyed more than 250 IT pros about their SD-WAN usage, challenges, and benefits. Here's what we learned...

How Prevalent is SD-WAN?

Many of the surveyed IT pros have already implemented SD-WAN or are heading in that direction.



Most common SD-WAN workloads:



What IT pros say about SD-WAN:

"It's required for the future growth of our company."

"It's important for our regional offices to be able to communicate with each other, and SD-WAN is integral to that goal."

No Pain, No Gain

Surveyed IT pros expect SD-WAN to help lower costs, improve efficiency/productivity, and increase innovation. But not everything's rosy...

Top 5 challenges experienced (or expected to experience) with SD-WAN:



More of What IT Pros Need

Despite the challenges, IT pros love the possibilities for SD-WAN. Here's what they said:

"Better performance, better results, better security."

"It helps to streamline the business. Good ROI. More efficient. Time saving."

"It helps us to be more productive in a competitive marketplace."

Top 5 benefits of SD-WAN:



What do IT pros look for in their SD-WAN solutions?



50% Half of IT pros prefer to purchase SD-WAN as part of a service bundle.

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