The Top 5 SD-WAN Pitfalls

Choosing the right product to address your unique needs is just part of what it takes to implement SD-WAN successfully. For maximum ROI, be sure to avoid making these common mistakes!



Don't expect to get rid of MPLS entirely

Just about every article, ad, and blog post on SD-WAN will make a reference to "eliminating MPLS," yet industry reports show the MPLS market continuing to grow and surveys indicate that early adopters continue to use their MPLS service.



Take caution when sourcing SD-WAN from ISPs

Because the decision of which WAN to use is now in the hands of a company who benefits financially when some choices are made versus others...it's worth it to look at alternatives before making the final decision.



Be sure to involve your security teams

More than likely, your networking team is leading the charge to implement SD-WAN. While this makes complete sense, you should insist that your security team, whether in-house or out-sourced, is also brought into the project as early as possible.



Avoid paying too much

Now that the market has evolved, many providers include SD-WAN capabilities as part of their security or networking platforms, giving today's customers the opportunity to pay less overall.



Account correctly for indirect costs

Costs associated with managing multiple vendors, building manual reports across an enterprise, and ensuring compliance across a complex network architecture can quickly exceed the initial outlay of cash by many multiples.

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3-5 years.

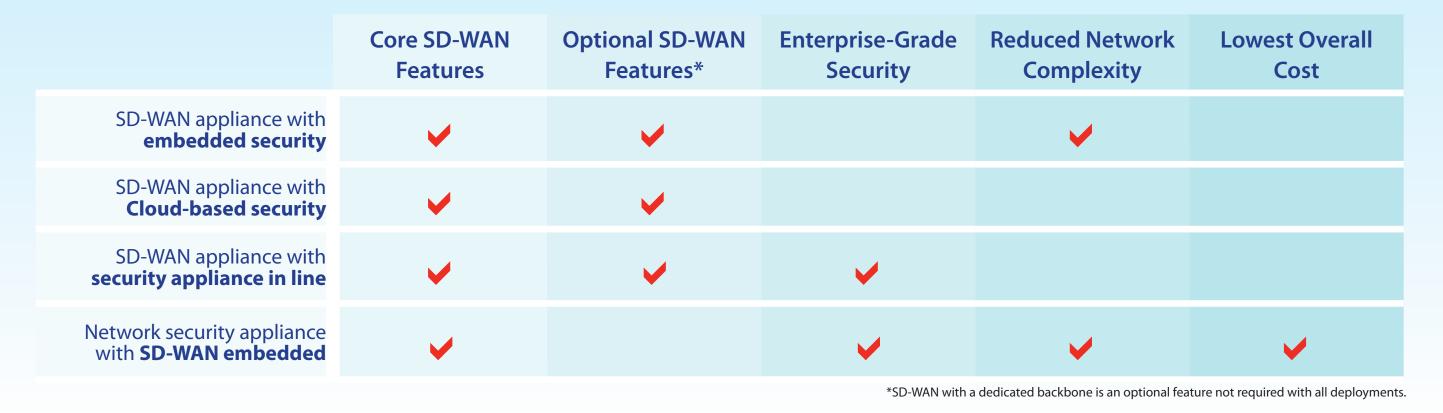




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SD-WAN + Security = Optimal IT Benefits

Be careful to not introduce gaps in coverage at the remote site. Are you opening the location up to direct attacks if you only deploy Cloud-based security? Is your branch office security comparable to HQ? When looking at the overall business requirements for your SD-WAN deployment, security is almost always a consideration. Therefore, the cost and simplicity benefits of an all-in-one solution consistently outweigh the other options.



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