



Is your hybrid work security posture a business enabler or disabler?

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Creating a seamless hybrid work and strong security posture is a delicate balancing act.

The security stakes have never been higher.

400%
Increase in cyberattacks and
600% rise in cloud cyberattacks¹

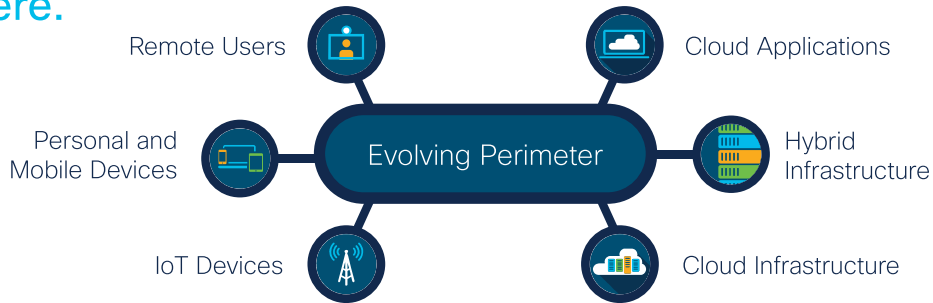
\$1 trillion
Cybercrime cost to the
global economy²

\$25 million
Network downtime can top
\$25M or more a year³

36% of employees have picked up bad cybersecurity habits since working remotely⁴

39% of employees admit they practice different cybersecurity practices at home⁵

Enterprise security has changed – users, devices, and apps are everywhere.



*“The legacy data center as the center of the universe network and network security architecture is **obsolete** and has become an inhibitor to the needs of digital business.” - Gartner*

You’ll face many challenges when protecting your infrastructure – don’t let a lack of security expertise be one of them.

Evolving threat landscape

INCREASED WORKLOAD

Overworked cybersecurity employees are struggling to keep up with the challenges of the job.

EVOLVING SECURITY NEEDS

Cybersecurity is a never-ending race, with new risks, technologies, and bad actors each year.

COMPLEX OPERATIONS

Data must be protected in multiple databases, app, cloud file systems, and SaaS.

Evolving technology

SECURITY TOOLS

Too many cybersecurity tools can be as bad as too few; in 2022 the average organization has 76 (up from 64 in 2019).⁶

INADEQUATE INTEGRATION

Siloed tools aren’t integrated into a standardized cybersecurity protection framework.

KNOWLEDGE GAPS

Maintaining institutional knowledge is a challenge.

Lack of skills

SKILLS GAP

86% of CIOs can’t find necessary talent for cyber, cloud, and data security.⁷

HIGH TURNOVER

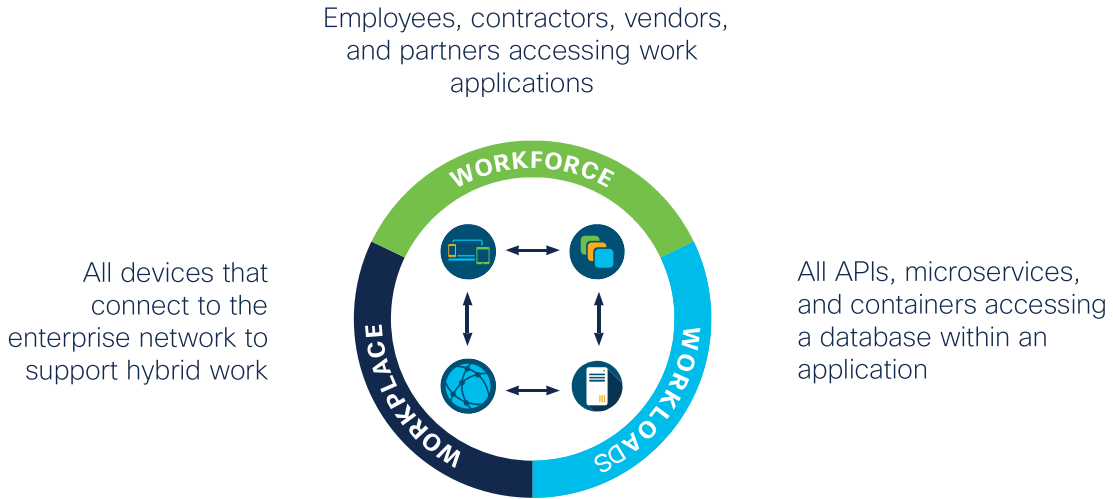
72% of those in IT / tech jobs are thinking of quitting in next 12 months.⁸

SILOED EXPERTISE

Decentralized IT leads to siloed protection within the organization.

Secure hybrid work can only be delivered by sustainable and agile security at scale.

A multi-architecture approach with embedded security is needed to secure your workplace, workforce, and workloads.



Make your hybrid work infrastructure robust, resilient, and flexible with Cisco® Business Critical Services

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Business Critical Services cover:

Strategy, architecture, and design: Security policy and risk management recommendations, architecture blueprint best practices, capacity planning models for scale.

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Security upskilling: Build in-house IT security knowledge through workshops and webinars – teaching the latest tactics in cyber warfare.



Customer challenge

- Develop a proactive security posture for a large global infrastructure.

Solution

- Migrate to the cloud while maintaining highest security standards.
- Proactively address millions of security threats with automation and AI

Results

- Quicker and more secure product deployments.
- Reduced attack surface

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https://www.cisco.com/c/m/en_us/customer-experience/customer-stories/repsol-security.html

253%

ROI in 3 years⁹

4

months to break even¹⁰

54%

fewer unplanned outages¹¹

2x

more staff time spent on innovation¹²

Trust the company that has secured its own hybrid work for more than 15 years.

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Pre-Pandemic



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- 2,200+ IT applications
- 750+ engineering labs
- 500+ cloud applications



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Next steps

Schedule a workshop to identify areas of vulnerability and ways to increase your security posture.



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