# Before, Now, and Next

A quick look at our changing work world

# How do you prepare for uncertainty?

Five-year plans are a thing of the past. Instead, businesses must build their strategies around four increasingly key principles: connecting people, simplifying security, equipping workers to thrive, and embracing flexible planning.



Connect Everyone

#### BEFORE

Collaboration mainly happened in the office

#### NOW

Collaboration happens ad-hoc

#### NEXT

IT will provide hardware and services that enable seamless collaboration for a distributed workforce



"The jury is out on which companies are going to take the silver lining out of the pandemic to once and for all recognize the fact that people don't have to be in a specific ZIP code to get their job done."<sup>1</sup>



Lynne Labrador VP Global Product at Equifax



#### BEFORE

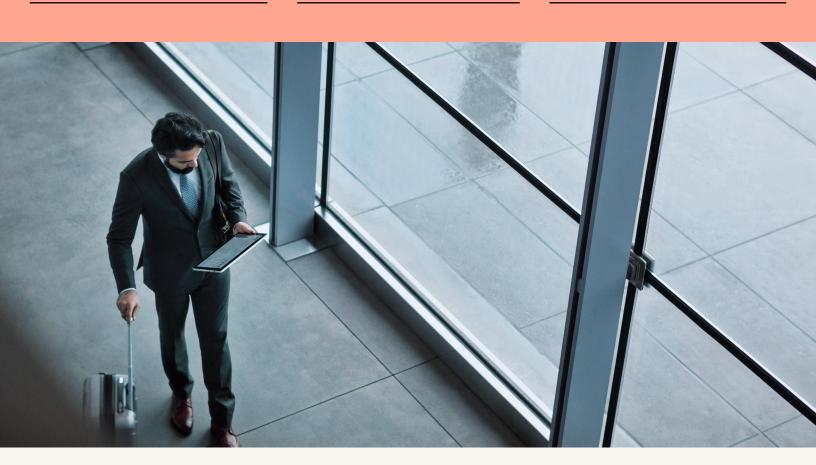
Emphasis was on protecting office workers

NOW

Emphasis is on protecting endpoints everywhere

#### NEXT

Emphasis will be on assets with built-in protection



"The good news is that you never have to worry about the stuff you can't foresee. What you need to worry about are the things that are reasonably foreseeable."<sup>1</sup>





Dr. Rois Ni Thuama Head of Cyber Governance for Red Sift



# Equip Your Workers to Thrive

#### BEFORE

NOW

At best, workers were given a choice of desktop PC or notebook Workers make do with whatever hardware they can

### NEXT

IT will equip staff with hardware designed for seamless productivity wherever they touch down



"We've seen entrants into the market that no one could have foreseen, no one at all. I can't see how we can ever put the genie back in the bottle."<sup>1</sup>

> Mark Evans Managing Partner at Define:Athene



#### BEFORE

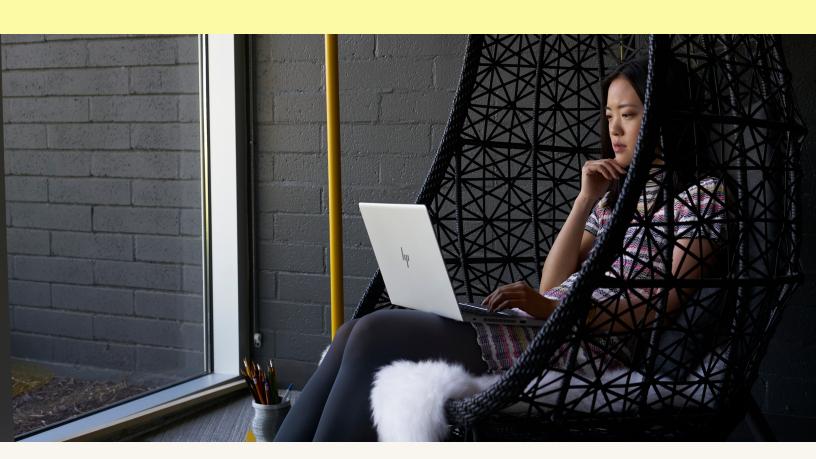
Most elements of business were predictable, from sales volume to skills required

#### NOW

It's difficult to predict business elements, even a year ahead

#### NEXT

A partner will help you see the future



According to Forrester Research, 55% of IT leaders consider the adoption of predictive analytics a top priority to be able to assess device performance, health, and security.<sup>2</sup>

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## Sources

<sup>1</sup> Lynne Labrador, Dr. Rois Ni Thuama, and Mark Evans, in discussion with the authors, 2021. <sup>2</sup> Forrester Consulting, a commissioned study on behalf of HP, September 2020.



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