

Simplify, streamline, save: branch office networks for the cloud age

Connecting and securing branch office and outlet networks used to be simple. A backhauled internal network, typically built using Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS), sent all branch traffic back through centralized gateways, keeping data secure and the company's IT department in control.

But succeeding in today's fast-paced, technology-driven world demands a new agility that traditional "hub-and-spoke" networks can no longer support.

The old way of working:



Central control

Head office controls all business activities and everyone works from set offices and outlets.



Applications

Software is hosted in a data centre and branch access is provided by backhauled networks.



Managed devices

Computers and mobile phones are provided by the business and data is secured centrally.

The new agile approach:



Branch autonomy

Branches are empowered to adapt to local customer needs and for teams to work remotely.



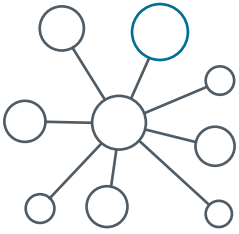
Cloud services

Innovative cloud-based productivity tools and services are accessed directly via the internet, with improved performance.



Bring your own device

Employees are increasingly using their own phones, tablets and laptops for work.



The increased bandwidth demands of more autonomous branches, using cloud services on a range of devices, has overwhelmed the traditional backhauled networks; making them slower and more expensive to run. When branch users experience poor performance of a cloud service like Microsoft Office 365, the productivity benefits are lost and users look to unsanctioned applications..



Improve productivity of remote employees



Enhance performance of cloud services



Protect and control cloud-based data



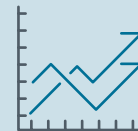
Reduce time spent on network maintenance



Manage cloud and device access easily



Cut MPLS-related costs



Increase network capacity

Faster, cheaper performance with secure SD-WAN

Secure SD-WAN is a new approach that connects individual branches directly to the internet using low-cost broadband services, while retaining central control of the overall network.

It provides a flexible way to manage capacity and performance by optimising all available connectivity options, while lowering costs, easing the burden on legacy infrastructure and ensuring resilience by providing backup if another connection point fails.

Discover how Forcepoint will help your business to upgrade its branch network connectivity and drive digital transformation in our new eBook (no download form).

[Drive Branch Digital Transformation with Secure SD-WAN](#)