

Network modernization: Top priority for recovery, resilience

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated modernization and transformation of network strategies. As organizations strove to keep workers productive and connected while working remotely, they turned to advanced security, cloud infrastructure, enhanced networking, unified communications and collaboration (UCC) and other technologies. In a recent survey from Spectrum Enterprise and IDG, IT leaders tell us how many of these changes are expected to become standard practice and will constitute a foundation for increased investment in modern networking and communications technologies.

Connecting people through technology



of IT leaders are likely to acquire new technology and/or services to boost security, speed and efficiency.



75%

of IT leaders expect that at least some of their workforce will be remote in June 2021.

Network improvements need to catch up

81%

Report that face-to-face interactions have historically been important to success.



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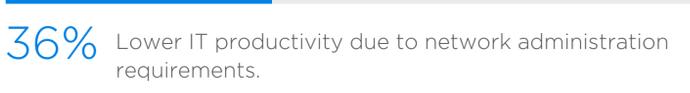
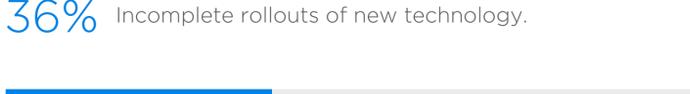
70%

Expect it will be challenging to provide long-term alternatives to face-to-face communication with their current network infrastructure.

Obstacles:

75%

Find it challenging to keep up with network security related to the surge in remote work/customer interactions.



Shifting priorities

IT leaders put more focus on security, remote access and infrastructure upgrades. They are investing in:



Upgrading infrastructure



Enhancing network security



Expanding remote access



Improving network reliability/performance

Investments in communication technologies differ by company size



Business continuity/disaster recovery a top priority for enterprise

35%

IT leaders believe there are long-term benefits from the changes made in response to the pandemic



Improved productivity



Strengthened security



Better agility/flexibility

And new investments are expected to pay off as well

Benefits IT leaders are looking to realize from their investments



For more information on the benefits of network modernization

Help your organization be ready for tomorrow by accelerating your network modernization initiatives. Connecting people securely and reliably must be a top priority.

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