

# Network Architect CHECKLIST

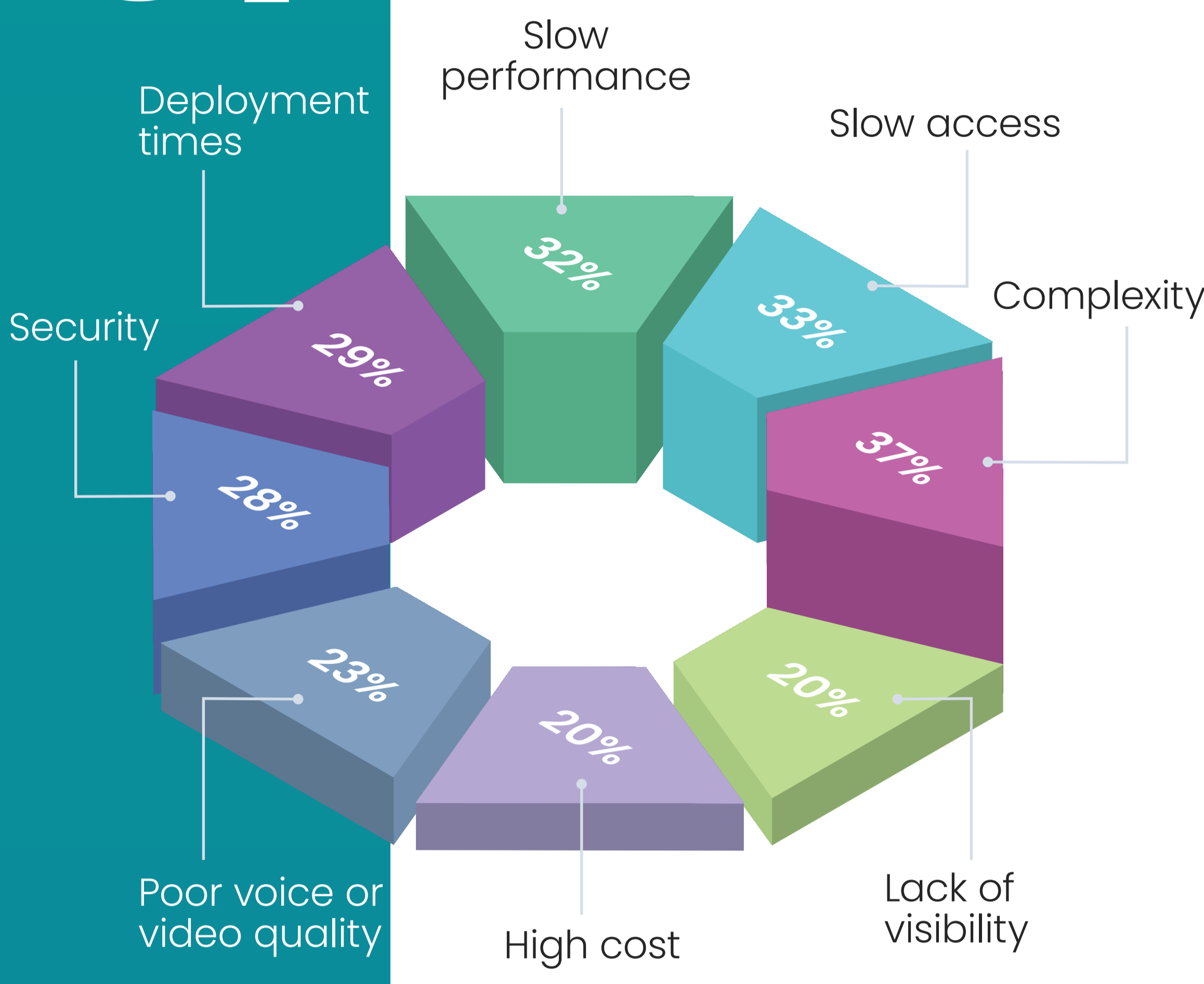


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### WAN Challenges

**Design and evaluate solutions for operational simplicity**

Watch out for complex approaches, slow performance, delayed deployments, the lack of security and visibility, and of course cost.

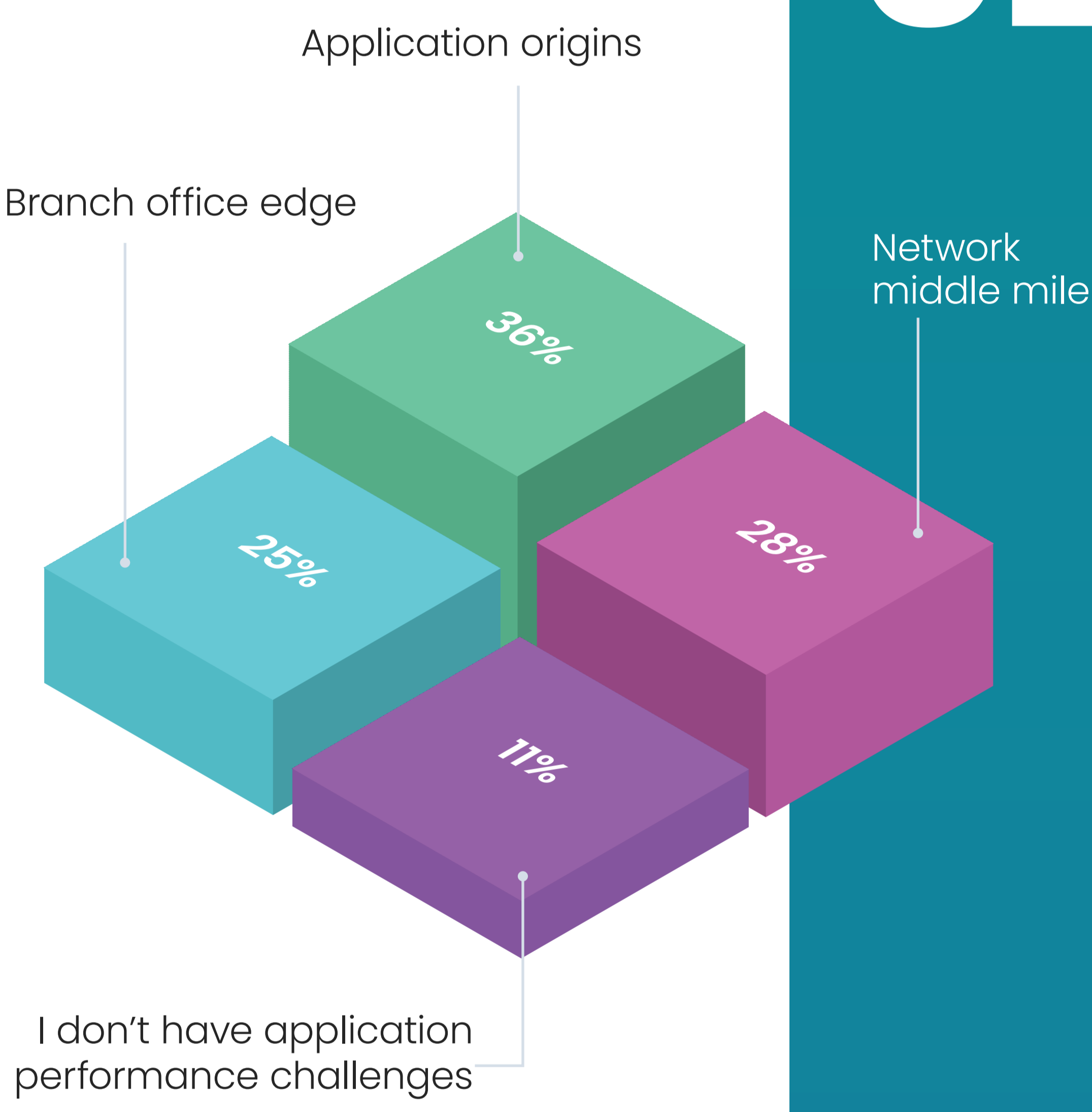


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### Source of Performance Issues

**Define and measure SLAs for global and regional application performance and the user experience**

Take into account the application origin, the middle-mile, as well as the edge.

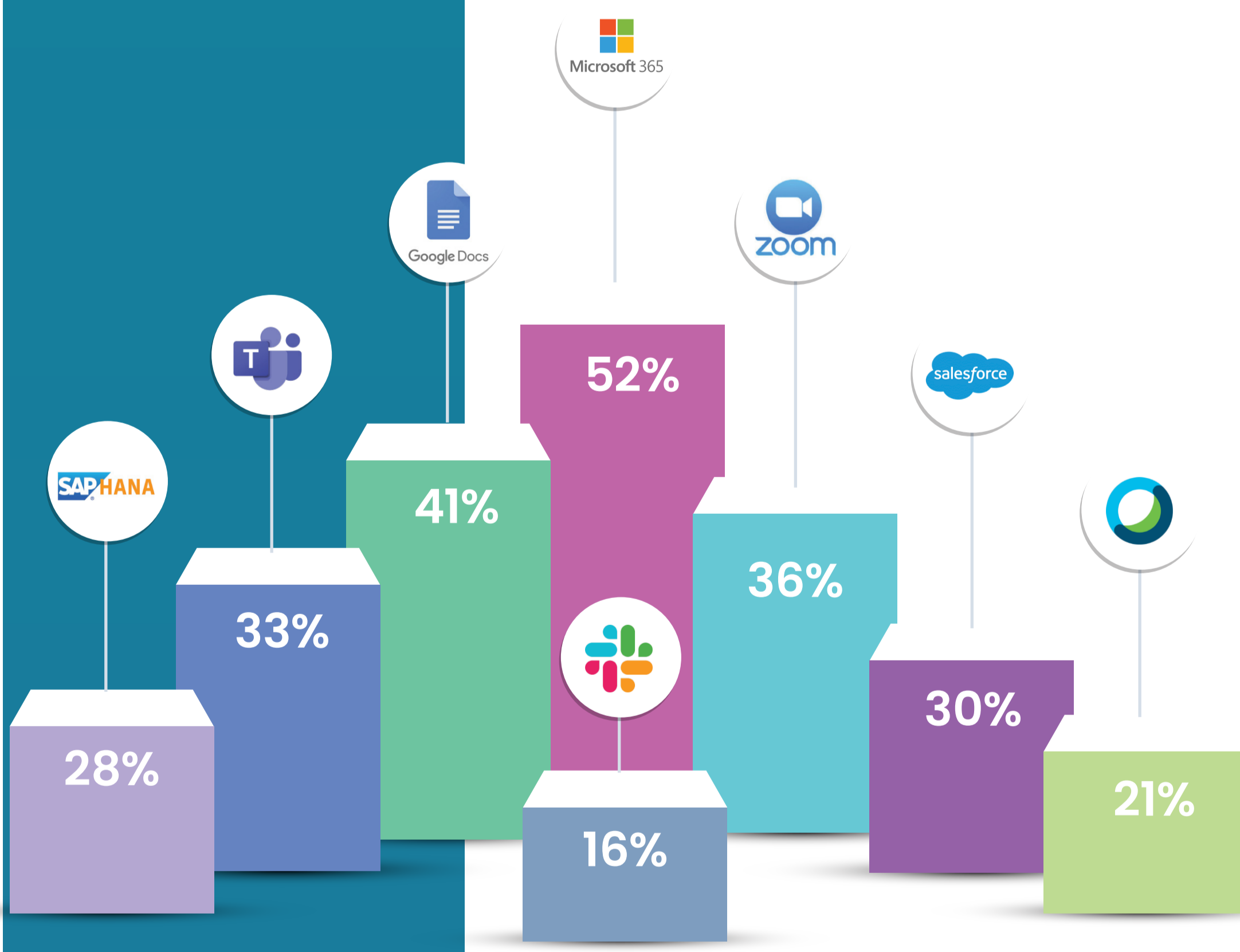


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### Cloud and SaaS Application Growth

**Focus on cloud application experience and security**

Ensure that your employees are productive, whether using Zoom, Teams, Google Docs, Salesforce, SAP/HANA, Slack, or any one of a multitude of SaaS applications.



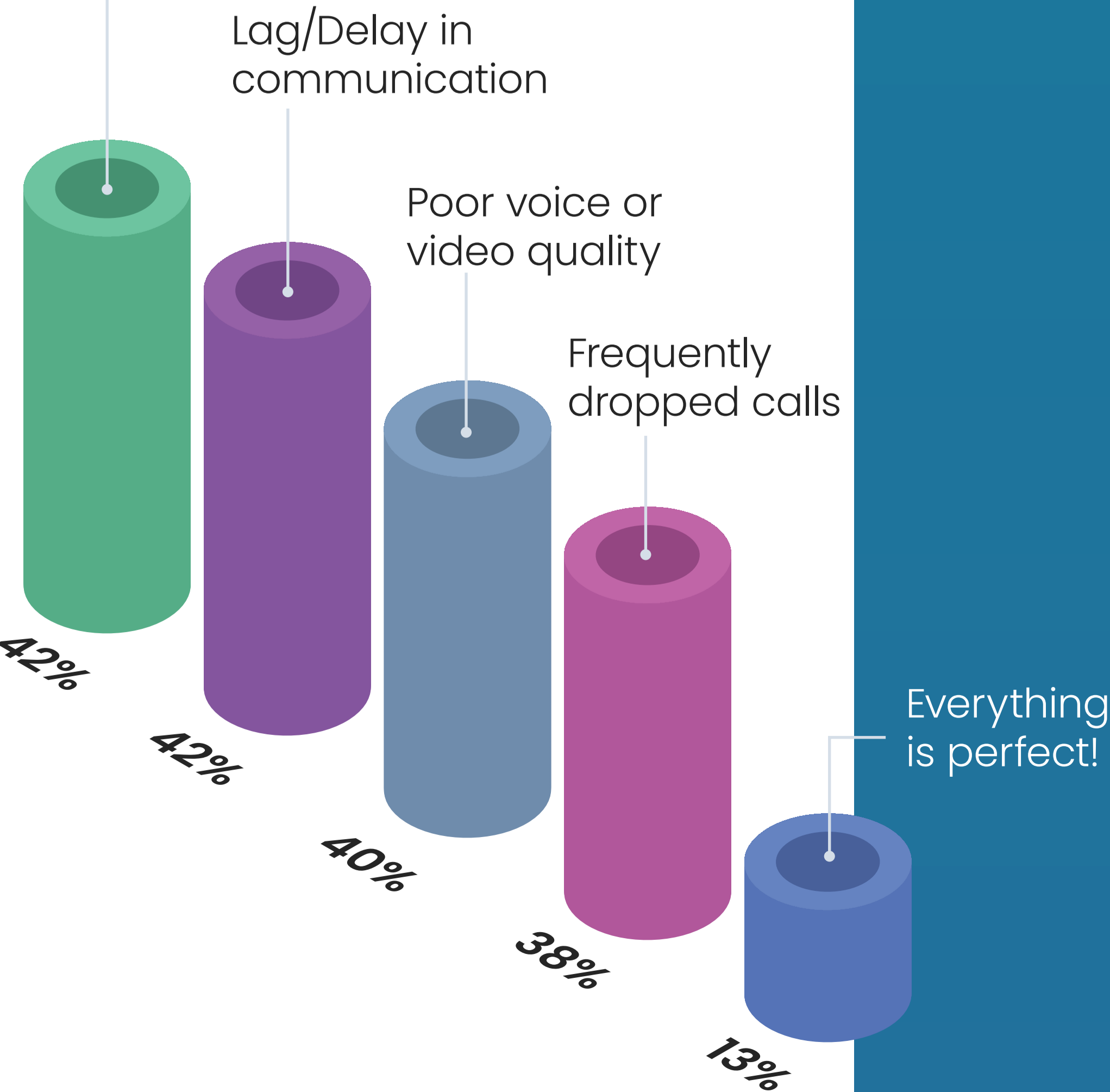
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### Challenges for Effective Collaboration

**Evaluate suitability of network for global voice and video delivery**

Focus on the underlying infrastructure, as well as drivers for communications delay, poor quality, and dropped calls.

Set up and management of underlying network infrastructure

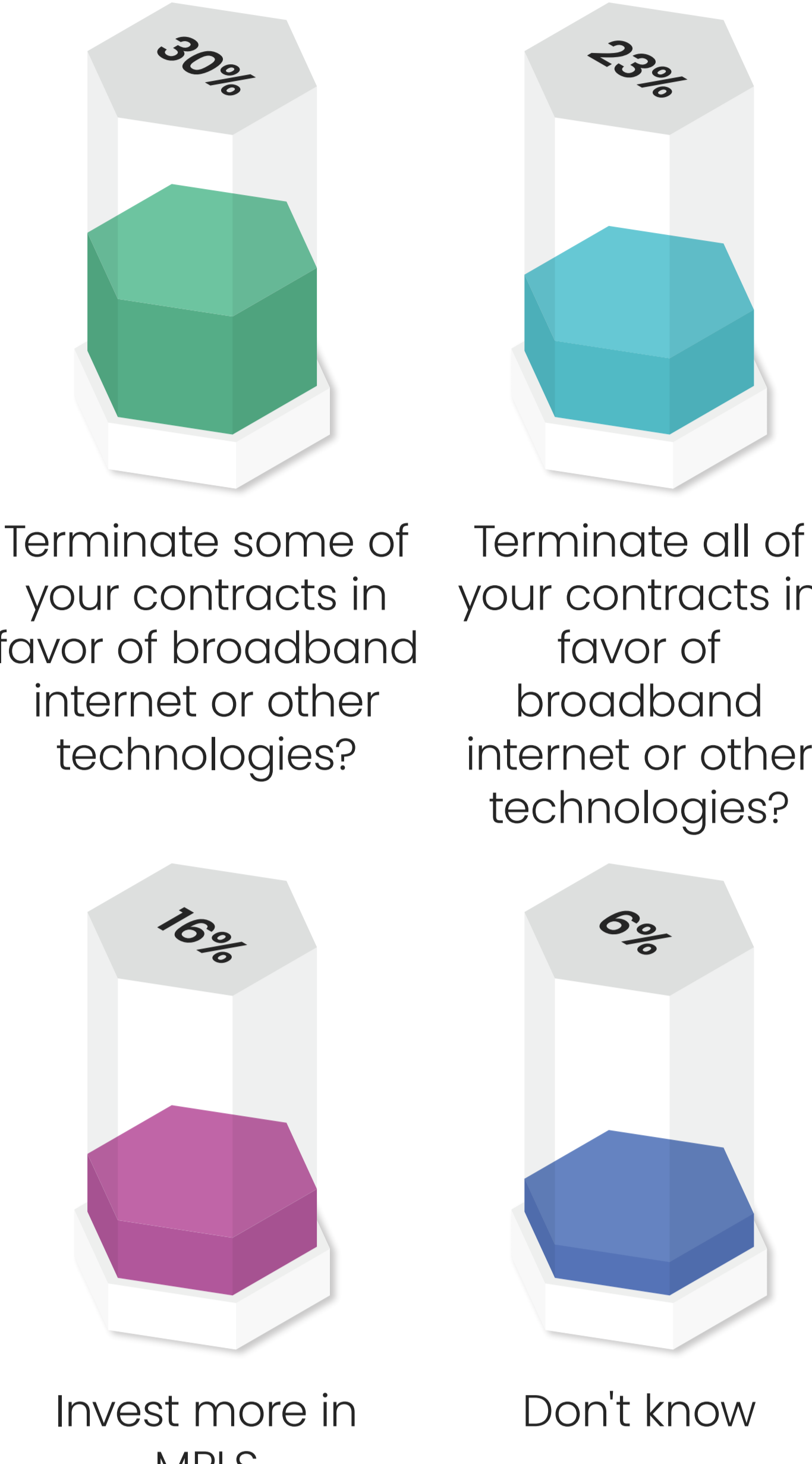
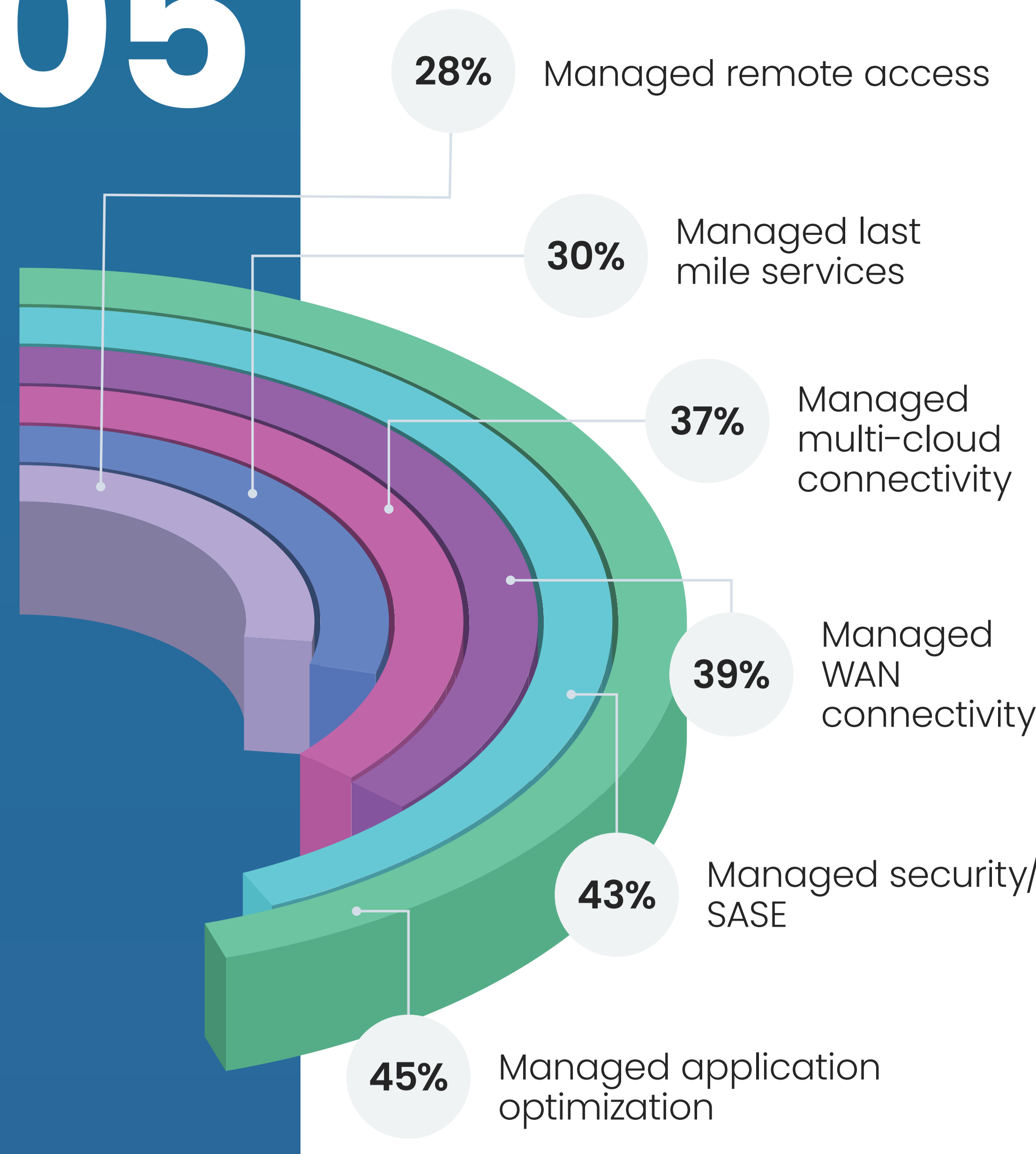


# 05 Top Managed Service Requests

**Implement the foundation for a multi-cloud fabric architecture**

Evaluate solutions that include optimization, security/SASE, multi-cloud access, last mile management, remote access, and of course connectivity.

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## MPLS Plans

**Prepare a plan for gradually migrating off MPLS without risk**

Evaluate solutions that offer a graceful migration from MPLS, or even augmentation where required.

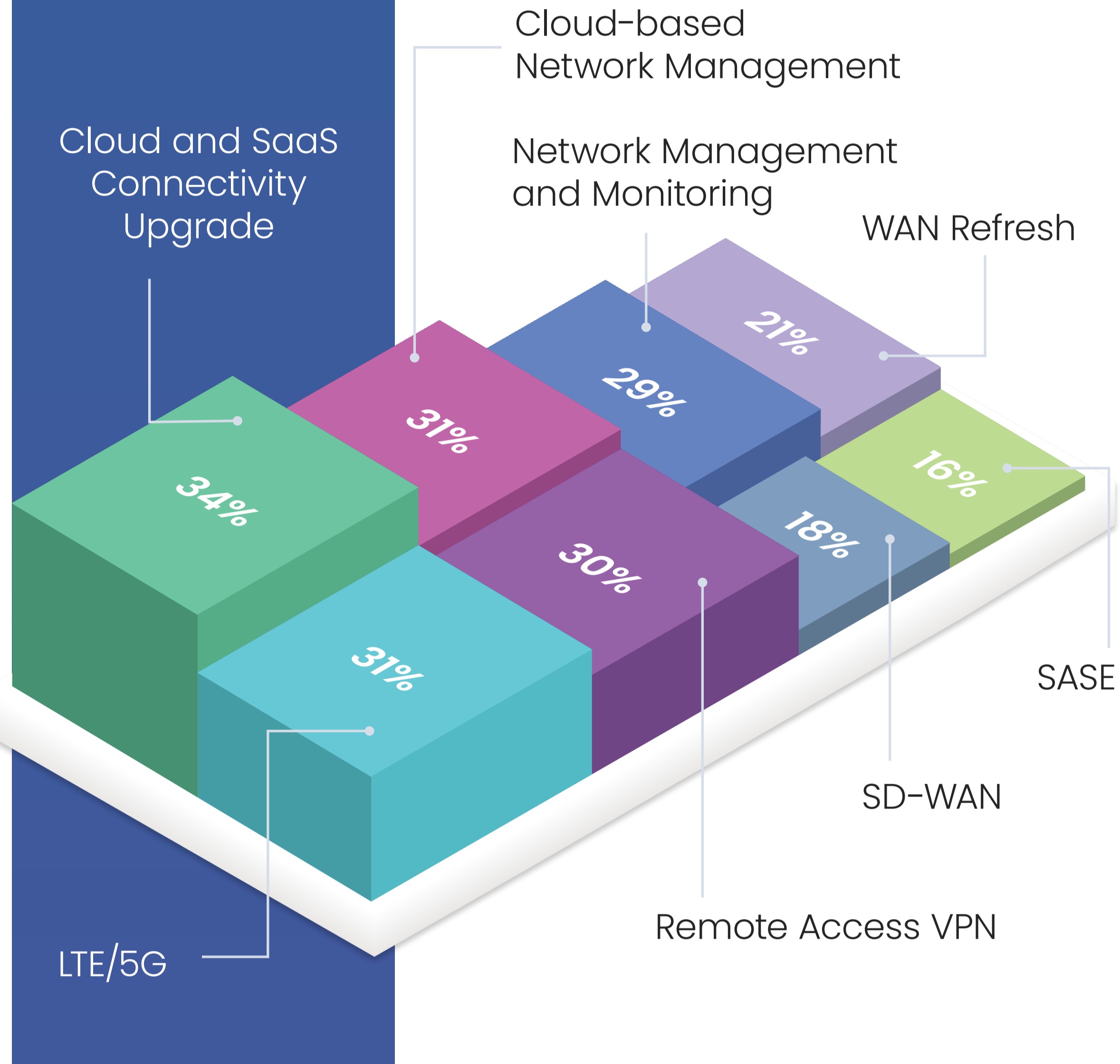


# 07 Network Planning Initiatives

**Plan for service delivery and application experience vs. just speeds/feeds**

Take a holistic view of investments that span the cloud, 5G, remote access, connectivity, security/SASE, and of course management and monitoring.

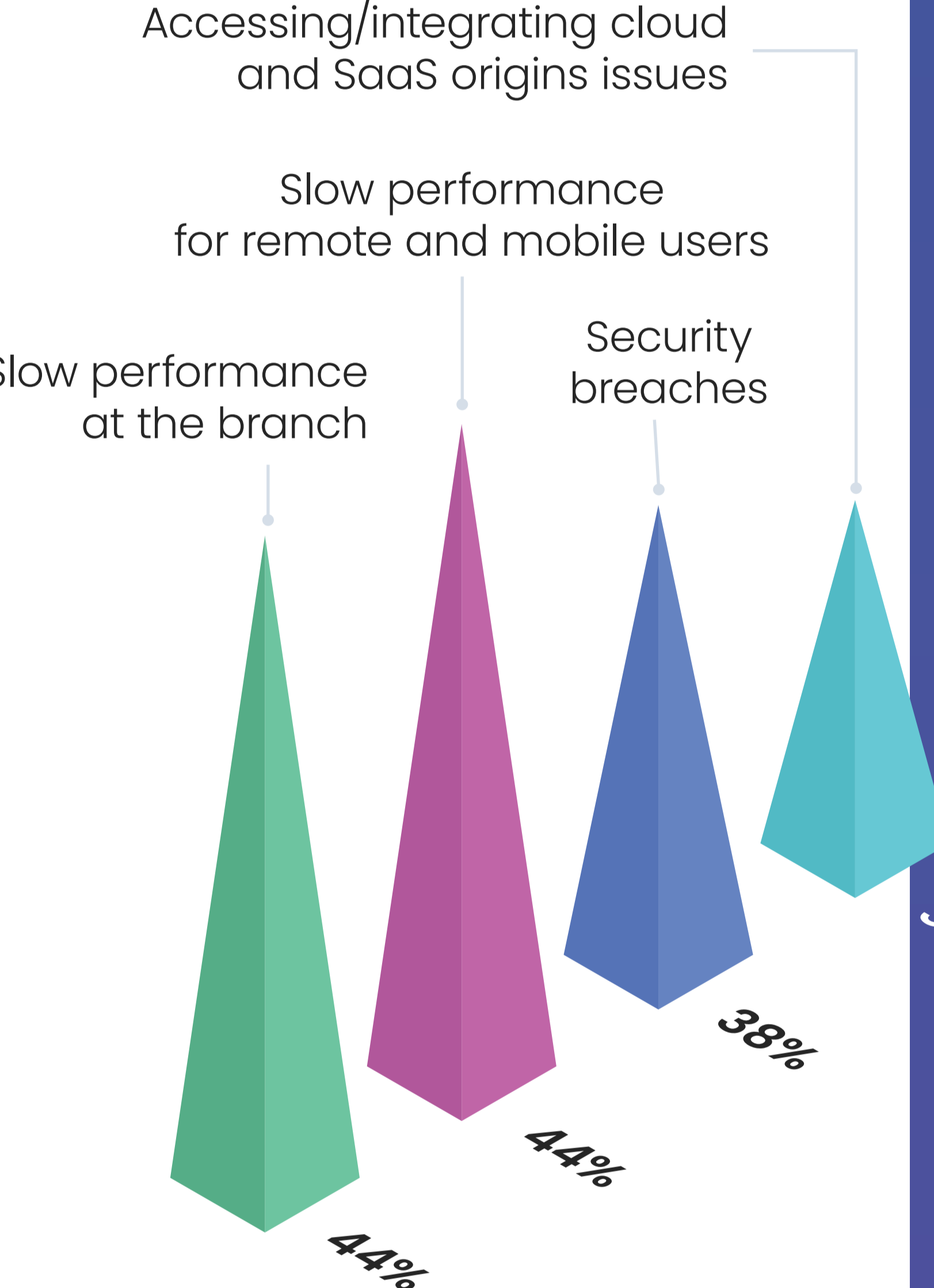
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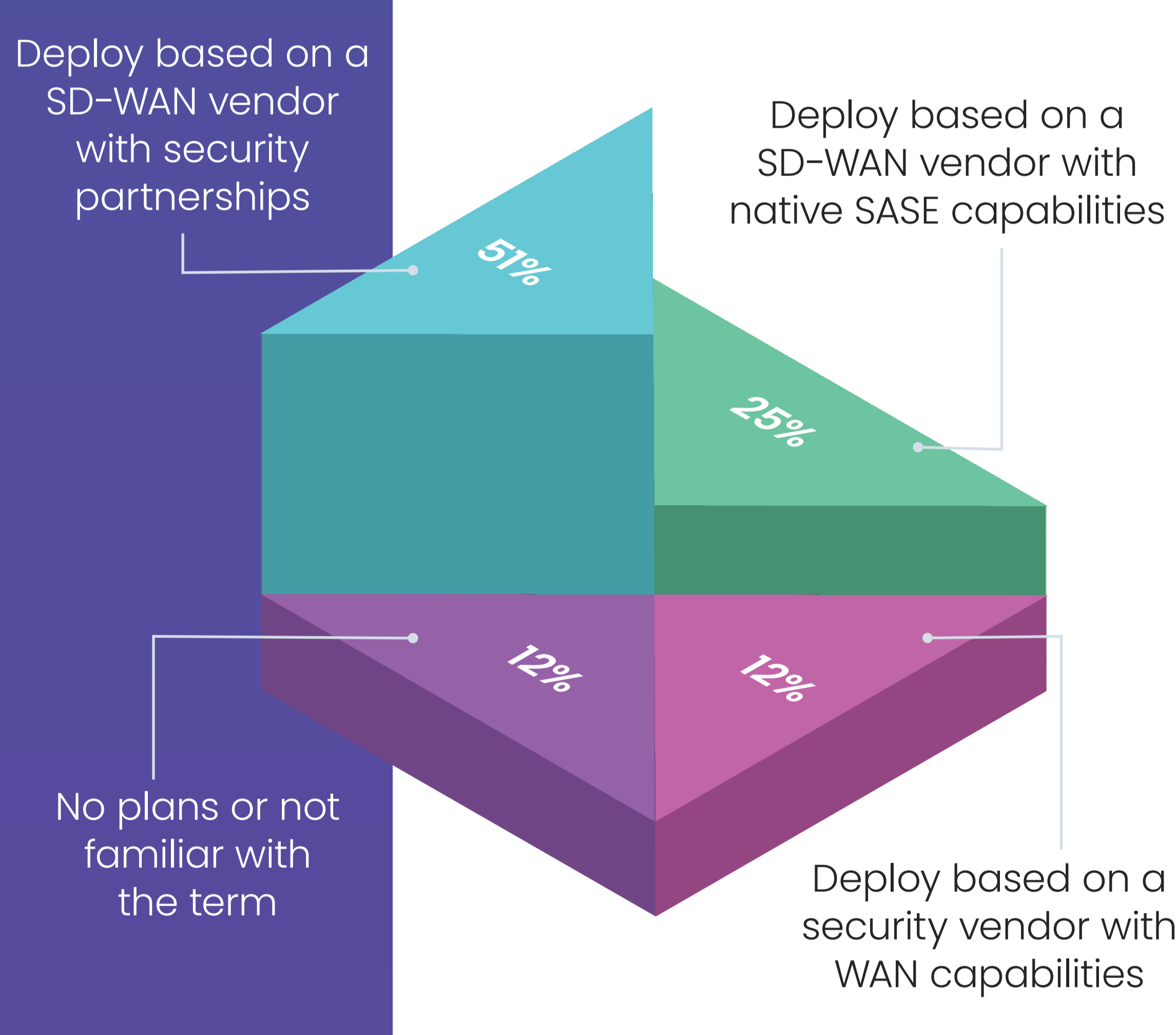
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# 09 SASE Deployment Approach

**Establish a common blueprint for SD-WAN, SASE, and the cloud**

Select the best combination of capabilities offered by your networking and/or security vendors, leveraging partnerships where appropriate.

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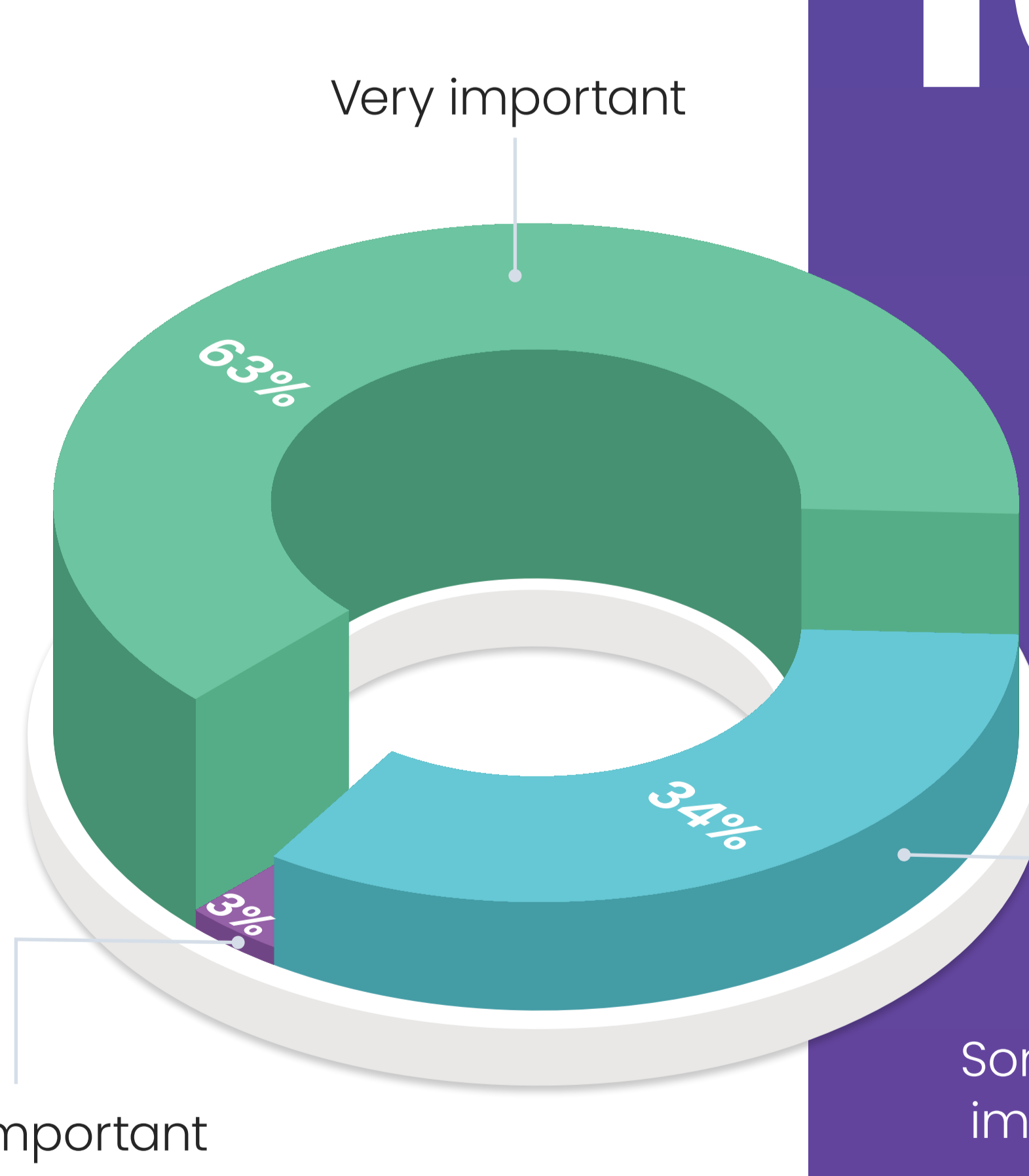


# 10 Bandwidth Reallocation

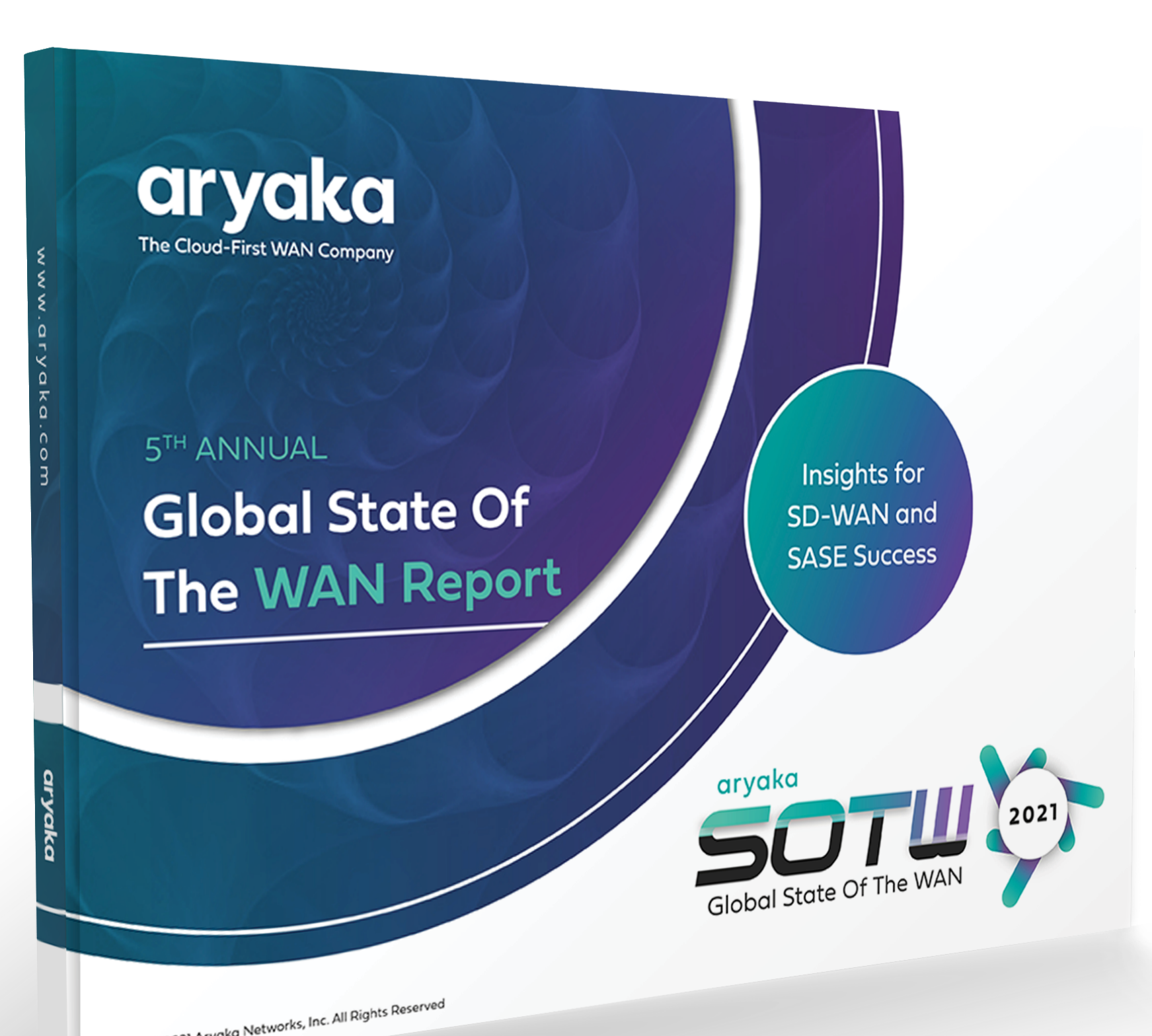
**Plan for Hybrid Workplace flexibility and scalability**

Evaluate a solution that offers seamless reallocation of bandwidth between on-premises and remote workers, while maintaining common policy control.

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