YOUR SASE JOURNEY PLANNER

Before you set out on any journey, you need to think about where you’re heading, what you’ll face along the way, and what to take with you. Use this checklist to help you know which questions to ask and the considerations to keep in mind as you embark on your journey to a SASE architecture.

Milestones and Expectations

- Where do I want to be at the end of this journey?
- What is the desired experience for: corporate and remote sites, remote and roaming users, business partners, corporate governance, and WAN topologies?
- Do sites need to talk to one another?
- Am I keeping my existing WAN topology?
- Will I include SD-WAN?
- What am I looking to migrate in both the short-term and long-term?
- Do I know which appliances will be used on the network and what needs to be secured?
- What operational activities am I looking to automate? Can my team manage these activities from a single console?
- What legacy applications do I have, and where?
- How many sites am I looking to connect? How many can I support? Will it be phased?
- Do I have an order to deploy these technologies? Applications? Services?
- What regulatory/industry requirements must I observe?
- How will SASE impact my security workflow?
- How is my operations team going to handle policy synchronization on-premises or in the cloud?
- Who will carry out service definition, negotiation, and evaluation?
- Who will manage it over the short and long term?

Current Investments

- Which applications have to be in the data center?”
- Do I need to update our firewall policies?
- What about our current service plans?
- Should we be considering encryption? Can my team manage these activities from a single console?
- What legacy applications do I have, and where?
- How do I plan to operationalize SASE?
- What are the basic workflows that I need to consider: delivering a new service, configuring a user device, securing a session?
- What do the 24-60 month roadmaps look like for on-premises or in the cloud?
- What is my future investment strategy?

Architecture, Appliances, Site Locations

- Which is the desired service experience for corporate and remote sites, remote and roaming users, business partners, corporate governance, and WAN topologies?
- Do sites need to talk to one another?
- Are there any remaining firewall policies that need to be updated?
- Will I be including additional appliances to meet the requirements?
- Can my team manage these activities from a single console?
- What legacy appliances do I have, and where?
- How do I plan to operationalize SASE in the cloud?
- Do I need to update our firewall policies?
- What are the basic workflows that I need to consider: delivering a new service, configuring a user device, securing a session?
- What is my future investment strategy?

Implementation and Procurement

- Do I procure technology alone? What about a managed technology?
- How much as-a-service can I handle?
- Is the vendor securing SASE for me, or am I securing the whole offer?
- Do I have clear timelines for my organization and the vendor? Which teams will this roll out to first?
- For apps in the data center, what can I support?
- How can I prepare my team for this transition? Will it be a dedicated team, or will the Ops team handle it?
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- How will SASE impact my security workflow?
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Identity

- Do I have an identity access management (IAM) solution?
- Should I look at a new IAM solution as part of the transition?
- How will the identity and overall reputation of the user or device factor into its access permissions?
- How am I going to identify the user? and what if it is an IOT device?
- Is multi-factor authentication something I should consider?

People

- Have I outlined the needs of each stakeholder?
- Does the vendor address these needs, and does extra budget need to be allocated?
- Do I understand my CapEX and OpEX?
- Am I going to support this internally, or do I need professional services?
- Are there enough qualified people in professional services to handle this?

Budget

- Have I confirmed the need of such stakeholders?
- Does the vendor address these needs, and does extra budget need to be allocated?
- Can you define the traffic and threat?
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Future Considerations

- How do I deal with the transition state as we move to SASE?
- How will my applications be impacted?
- How will the migration impact the overall performance?
- What is my future investment strategy?