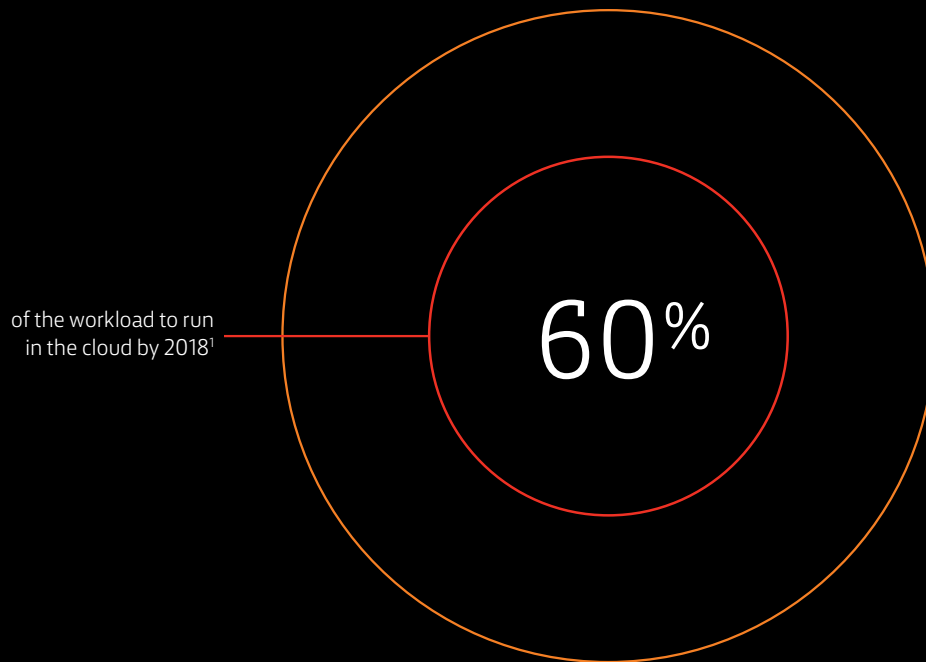




# Cloud Connect

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Gain highly secure, performance-optimized access to third-party public and private cloud providers



## Today's enterprise WAN environments demand greater integration of cloud capabilities

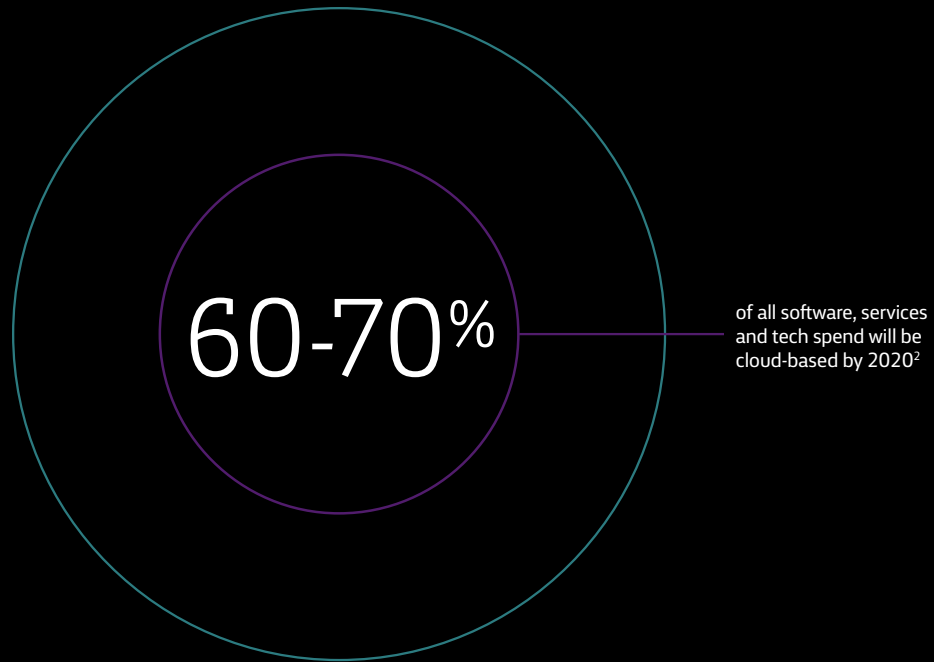
As enterprises are increasingly moving mission-critical applications, workloads and business processes to the cloud, there is a growing need to more fully integrate cloud capabilities into their WAN environments.

Cloud services are only as strong as the networks that connect them. Enterprises need flexible network solutions that provide seamless connectivity to cloud providers across their networks, to each of their locations.

Then, there's security. Relying on the public Internet to connect to Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) not only exposes data to theft and external attacks, but it can reduce throughput, increase latency, and decrease visibility and control. If your

business depends on mission-critical applications and services, public connectivity simply isn't a risk you can afford to take.

With Cloud Connect, your current WAN solution gains highly secure, performance-optimized connectivity to the leading CSPs, enabling you to more confidently and cost-effectively migrate to the cloud. Our private connections significantly reduce the risk of public Internet-related threats, and flexible bandwidth options allow for scalability as utilization of cloud resources grows.



## Propel your business forward with a dedicated connection

Dedicated cloud connections provide the underlying network connectivity, technologies and services to effectively connect and integrate your cloud services and applications with your IT infrastructure. These private connections to the cloud provide highly secure data transport and bypass unprotected Internet routes, which means low risk for DDoS and other security threats.

Cloud Connect is a reliable, fast and highly secure private access hub that connects directly to third-party public and private cloud providers through your existing enterprise WAN. It is an ideal add-on to a complete network solution and connects to all major CSPs.

Offering consistent availability, accelerated performance and built-in security standards, Cloud Connect enables your team to stay focused on producing results and driving your business forward.

## Who benefits most from private connections?

If you're in the business of moving mission-critical workloads and business processes to the cloud, nothing is more important than a highly secure, flexible network solution that provides seamless connectivity to cloud providers across networks to all locations.

### Cloud Connect is right for your business if:

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You need highly secure, reliable, flexible and dedicated access to cloud resources

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You want to integrate Cloud Connect as an add-on to an existing SD-WAN, MPLS VPN, Switched Ethernet or Wavelength Services network solution

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You're currently using Skype for Business or other audio, video and application sharing services for real-time communications

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You're in government, healthcare, retail or financial industries where direct networking may be mandated to meet regulatory standards

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# Cloud Connect Enterprise-wide benefits

## STAY PRODUCTIVE

Dedicated CSP connectivity that's physically separate from the public web

Reliable availability and redundancy with multiple access points

Closer regional connections reduce latency and improve application performance and reliability

Peak performance for applications employees depend on for PC and mobile devices

## BE CONFIDENT

Highly secure, private access to all leading CSPs such as Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, IBM Cloud, Google Cloud, Oracle and Salesforce

Reduced risk of public Internet-related threats such as DDoS attacks

Meet or exceed regulatory mandates for compliance

## SURGE AHEAD

Flexible bandwidth speeds ranging from 50 Mb to 10 Gb allow for scalability as utilization of cloud resources grows

Optimized application performance, especially with an SD-WAN network that provides complete visibility and control

Nimble onboarding and rapid solution deployment let you hit the ground running

## WITH CLOUD CONNECT, YOU GET:

Highly secure, reliable, performance optimized connectivity to all leading CSPs

Application prioritization and integration flexibility

Scalable bandwidth options to meet your business needs

Multiple connectivity options, including SD-WAN, MPLS VPN, Switched Ethernet or Wavelength Services

## WHICH MEANS:

Decreased latency and packet loss

Dependable, optimized performance

Enhanced network visibility and control

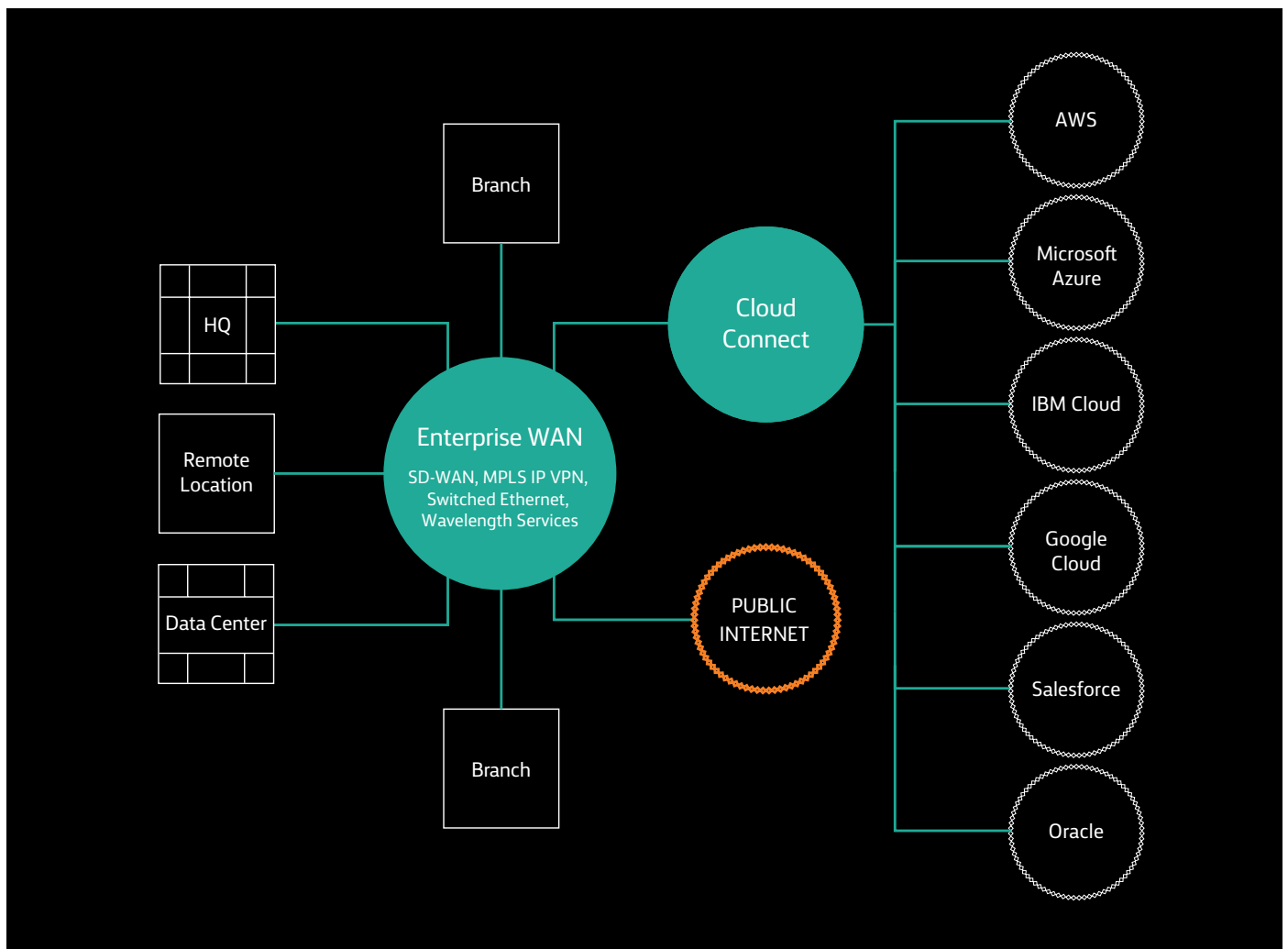
Reduced public Internet-related security threats

Compliance requirements are met or exceeded

Cost-effective connections from all your locations to one or more CSPs

Reliable. Fast.  
Highly secure.  
Performance-optimized.

Cloud Connect offers a flexible solution that connects across all network options with bandwidth options ranging from 50 Mbps to 10 Gbps. Current Windstream Enterprise WAN customers can yield cost savings of up to 25% using our solution over competitors.



# Why Windstream Enterprise?

## Customized connections

Successfully achieve your company's vision to create a cloud-optimized network solution. Cloud Connect can be customized to suit your business needs and network architecture. We can engineer solutions that serve your business through SD-WAN, Switched Ethernet, MPLS VPN or point-to-point Wavelength Services.

## Valuable benefits

Cost-effectively connect to all leading CSPs from your WAN topology of choice while maintaining the highest levels of security, performance and reliability for cloud-based applications.

## Unrivaled service and support

Windstream Enterprise brings together the tools, teams and technologies to meet your requirements and goals. Our Professional Services team providers can help support strategic planning, design and deployment. And because it's from Windstream Enterprise, Cloud Connect is backed by 24x7 service and support.

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## About Windstream Enterprise

Windstream Enterprise collaborates with businesses across the U.S. to drive digital transformation by delivering solutions that solve today's most complex networking and communication challenges.

To learn more about Cloud Connect, visit [windstreamenterprise.com](http://windstreamenterprise.com)

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