



# Getting SASE in the cloud

Secure Access Service Edge (SASE—pronounced sassy) is a security framework made up of dynamic-edge capabilities, delivered as a service from the cloud.

With the rise of remote working—along with more users, devices, applications, data and services located outside the enterprise perimeter—ensuring network access and top-notch security has never been more critical.

**80%** of enterprises plan to speed up their shift to a cloud-centric infrastructure by the end of 2021.<sup>1</sup>

**60%** According to Gartner, by 2025, at least 60% of enterprises will have explicit strategies and timelines for SASE adoption, up from 10% in 2020.<sup>2</sup>



## How SASE works

SASE consists of a layered, interwoven fabric of network and security technologies that protect an organization's data and systems from unwanted access.



## Keep your business moving forward with SASE

SASE enables organizations to deliver protected networking and security services in a consistent way and supports the unceasing movement towards digital business transformation and workforce mobility with:

- Enterprise-level security
- Centralized policy management with local enforcement
- Device consolidation
- Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA)
- A hybrid WAN
- Improved performance and lower operational overhead

## The SD-WAN Advantage

SD-WAN steers traffic automatically in response to real-time network conditions by tracking the health and status of all connections and sending traffic down the best path available at that moment—benefiting your organization with:

- Traffic control
- Real-time visibility
- Better application performance
- More bandwidth
- 100% uptime SLA when Diverse Connect is incorporated

The global SD-WAN market size was **\$1.4 billion** in 2019, and is expected to reach **\$43 billion** by 2030.<sup>3</sup>



## SD-WAN + SASE

Built upon a solid platform of SD-WAN technology, SASE dynamically extends the edge of the private network up to multiple cloud services and Software as a Service (SaaS) applications, transforming the network into an on-ramp to cloud providers' services. SASE enhances security while minimizing complexity to deliver:

- Seamless connections**  
SD-WAN offers more efficient connection to cloud-based applications with dynamic, user-centric SASE security services.
- All the essential capabilities**  
Encryption, firewall and access control can be run in the cloud similar to other SaaS applications.
- Robust security anytime, anywhere**  
Using ZTNA, organizations grant trusted access based on the identity of the user (or application or other entity) instead of location or IP address.

## It's time to get SASE

Windstream Enterprise has partnered with industry leaders to deliver the most sophisticated and resilient SASE solution available. WE delivers four core SASE capabilities:

- Next-generation Unified Threat Management (UTM) firewall security
- Secure Remote Access (SRA) to ensure an encrypted connection over the Internet
- WE Connect, a true “single pane of glass” that provides network visibility and management
- A nationwide Cloud Core™ SASE architecture for rapid deployment, seamless integration, greater extensibility and higher uptime

## About Windstream Enterprise

Windstream Enterprise is a managed communications services provider, delivering nationwide, cloud-optimized network and industry-leading services—such as SD-WAN and UCaaS—through our award-winning portal, WE Connect.

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