



# Customizable platform for optimized IT operations + security

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Secure Flex Premium, powered by Fortinet

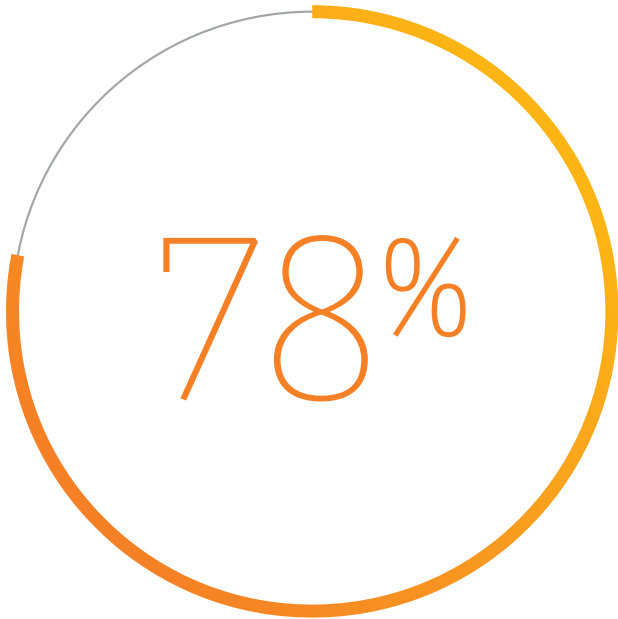


# Managing a fully integrated network + security solution is more challenging than ever

CIO and CISO teams are in the midst of an infrastructure evolution, tasked with business critical initiatives, such as:

- ✓ Protecting and connecting work from anywhere users
- ✓ Enabling digital acceleration
- ✓ Managing applications moving to the edge or to the cloud
- ✓ Securing Operational Technology (OT) environments, which are converging with IT networks

Meanwhile the threat landscape continues to evolve and cyber risk is escalating for all organizations. As cybercrime converges with advanced persistent threat methods, cybercriminals are finding ways to weaponize new technologies at scale to enable more disruption and destruction. At the same time, they are spending more time on reconnaissance in an attempt to evade detection, intelligence and controls.



of cybersecurity professionals want a single cloud security platform for consistent security policy across all cloud environments.<sup>1</sup>

## Today, complexity is slowing down digital initiatives

- ✓ Applications are distributed in the cloud, in the data center and as a service.
- ✓ Users are working from anywhere, whether from home, the office or on the road.
- ✓ More devices than ever are attaching to applications.

In response, most organizations add new networking or security point solutions, leading to too many IT and security stacks, too many vendors and too many products that operate in a silo with their own policies and their own management consoles.

This operational complexity is the number one challenge IT teams can start solving right now to take back control of their environments.

# Leveraging a comprehensive suite of advanced technology solutions maximizes business agility + accelerates digital transformation

97%



of organizations plan to have an active vendor consolidation strategy within the next three years, and the primary reasons are<sup>2</sup>:

- 55% Increase efficacy by integrating multiple components
- 55% Increase effectiveness by allowing broader reach and visibility
- 43% Easier management by reducing the number of separate tools
- 35% Cost / budgeting / to save money

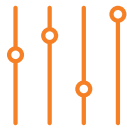
# Introducing Secure Flex Premium

Our Secure Flex Premium cybersecurity mesh architecture ensures automated and synchronized protection across the entire enterprise IT environment, including corporate headquarters, branch locations, remote workers, campuses, data centers and public and private clouds.



## Cybersecurity mesh architecture

Leverage AI-powered security services to design a collaborative ecosystem that supports your modern, distributed enterprise.



## Customized solution

Select components from the Fortinet catalog to create your own solution package or chose a pre-defined bundle that meets your needs.



## Dedicated single-instance solution

Gain complete customization and control of your technology solution.



## Management flexibility

Option to self-manage, co-manage or have fully managed.



## Industry-leading technology

Simplify network and security convergence with fully integrated solutions from a single managed services provider.



## IT managed services

Benefit from end-to-end support from site surveys to design planning to implementation to day 2 ongoing management.

## Create your own multidimensional technology solution with help from our team of IT Managed Services experts:

- ✓ SD-WAN + Managed Network Security
- ✓ Secure SD-Branch (SD-WAN + LAN Services)
- ✓ Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA)
- ✓ Secure Access Service Edge (SASE)
- ✓ End Point Protection (EPP)



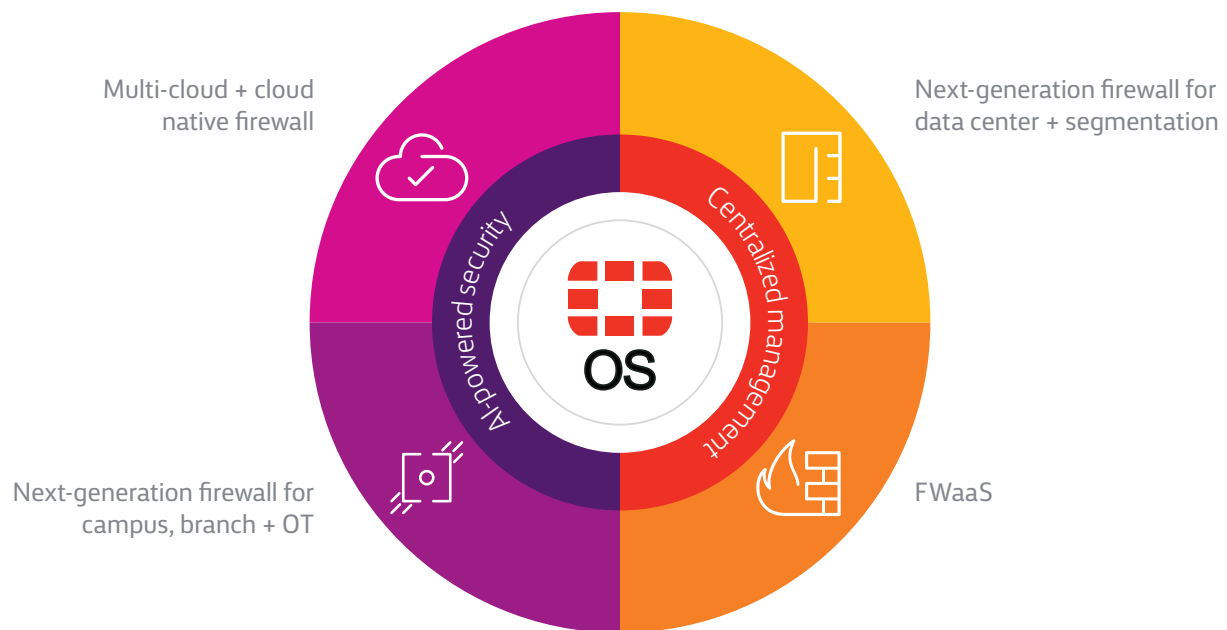


By 2026, **more than 60%** of organizations will have more than one type of firewall deployment, which will prompt adoption of hybrid mesh firewalls.<sup>3</sup>

# Simplifying complex cybersecurity operations

A hybrid mesh firewall (HMF) is a new term for a unified security platform that is available in various form factors, including appliances, virtual machines, cloud-native firewalls and Firewall as a Service (FWaaS). With the continued growth of hybrid environments, organizations will put increasing emphasis on firewalls that work together no matter where they're located, including the cloud.

Secure Flex Premium creates a hybrid mesh firewall that incorporates AI/ML-powered security to identify and classify applications, web URLs, users, devices, malware and more, while automating policy enforcement across domains. The AI/ML at the heart of hybrid mesh firewall automation helps reduce the amount of manual work involved in protecting enterprise IT.



# Why Secure Flex Premium from Windstream Enterprise

Depend on Windstream Enterprise as your managed services partner to modernize your technology, enhance security and optimize IT operations. The powerful combination of our award-winning cloud-enabled connectivity, unified communications and security solutions paired with unmatched IT Managed Services enables business savvy clients to focus their resources on innovations.

We deliver successful business outcomes and exceptional customer experiences, not just products and networks—backed by a dedicated team of technology experts with over 20 years of expertise.

Analysts recognize Windstream Enterprise as a trusted managed services partner for 45,000+ organizations, and our expertise is strengthened by designing, operating and optimizing a proprietary, high-capacity network that spans over 170,000 fiber route miles.



2022 TMC Zero Trust Security Excellence Award for SASE Imagery



2022 INTERNET TELEPHONY Cybersecurity Excellence Award for SASE



2022 TMC INTERNET TELEPHONY Implementation Award for SD-WAN



2023 Cloud Computing Security Excellence Award for SASE

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2. Gartner®, Accelerate SASE Adoption by Leveraging the Security Vendor Consolidation Wave, Published 5 May 2023
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Our managed connectivity, communications and security solutions are innovative. Your business outcomes are imperative.

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