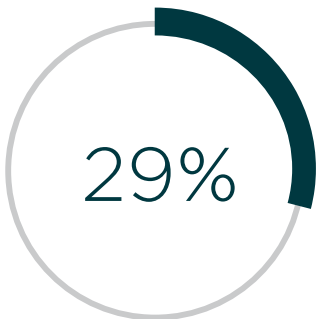# 5 Dirty Little Secrets
About DIY WAN

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Wide area networks (WAN) are essential to connect offices, factories, and people across the digital enterprise. But as organizations' needs expand, a conventional DIY approach can wreak havoc.

Five often-overlooked obstacles to a DIY approach:

DIRTY SECRET #1

29%

Technical debt will drag you down.

29%: Enterprise IT leaders who cited rapid changes in business requirements as a challenge. Businesses that adopt a DIY framework often struggle to stay current with WAN and SD-WAN technology. Many hit speed bumps when upgrading or expanding due to existing infrastructure limitations.
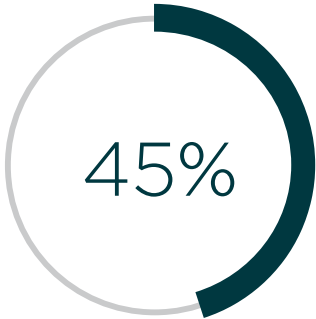

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Talent gaps will undermine your progress.

28%: IT leaders who described cultural and leadership issues within IT as a concern. As organizations migrate to SD-WAN, expertise needs grow, affecting areas as diverse as application performance, networking, IoT, security and cloud services.

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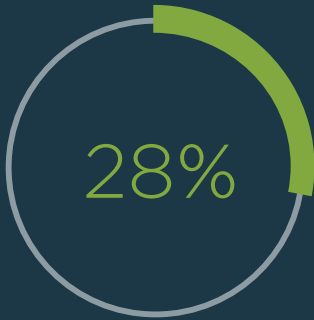
WAN Security can be a nightmare.

45%: IT leaders who noted that a well-designed SD-WAN reduces security risk. With equipment and software from dozens of vendors, network complexity spikes, security gaps appear, and vulnerabilities grow. DIY management becomes fragmented, rather than an orchestrated effort.


DIRTY SECRET #4

Compatibility issues are a killer.

26%: IT leaders who cited bandwidth constraints as a problem. 23%: IT leaders who described poor app performance as an issue. Juggling multiple ISPs, mobile carriers and other providers can tax the most tech-savvy organization. Performance and scaling issues often emerge with pieced-together components and providers.

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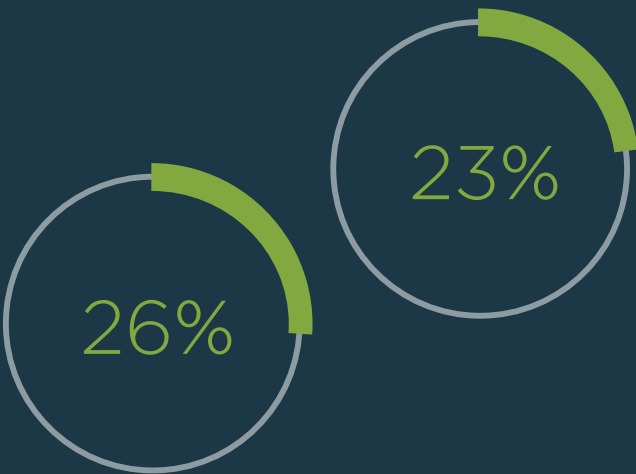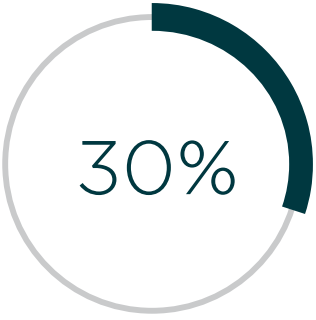
DIY Costs can leave you battered.

30%: IT leaders who described the rising costs of managing WANs as an obstacle. Managing a WAN can devour staff time and resources—and lead to redundant equipment and applications. An SD-WAN can scale up these challenges.

A managed approach lets you keep a strategic eye on the business rather than on managing your WAN. It can:

- Cut administrative overhead
- Reduce costs and CAPEX
- Improve performance
- Boost flexibility
- Increase agility
- Improve security
- Allow your business to stay on the leading edge of technology.

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