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1. **Use the network as a sensor.**

Network activity monitoring tools like Cisco's show an unprecedented great deal of malicious network traffic. The way you track it and wade through it is key to understanding your network's true health.

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2. **Spot real threats in all the noise.**

By collecting NetFlow and other sources of metadata, the Lancope StealthWatch System analyzes and documents every transaction that takes place on the network. Using this data, StealthWatch identifies anomalous behavior and signs of malicious activity.

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3. **Keep untrusted devices out—and let the right ones in.**

As your extended network grows in complexity and as more devices try to access it, the more vulnerable you become—and threats often find their way in before you even know you've been breached. Use the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) for access control to shrink your attack surface so only the right devices get on the network and malicious devices stay off.

90% of companies are confident about their security policies. 54% of those have had to face public scrutiny after a breach.
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4. **Bolster your branches.**

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5. **5 ways to activate network security everywhere**

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