

Wireless Agility

Top Five Ways to Get More Agility from Your Network

It takes only one complication for your network operation costs to spiral. Digital transformation means survival of the fittest. Your network needs to be agile to allow your business to innovate and keep pace with changing requirements. Not to mention stay secure. This means network commoditization is no longer enough.



Here are five ways to help ensure that your network will give you the agility you need:

1. **Say hello to easy deployment and management**

Simplify operations and roll out new virtual network services in minutes on any platform. Get faster time to service and innovation with reduced operational overhead by automating the provisioning and configuration of your network. Make your bandwidth work for you by deploying software-defined WAN—without compromising the application experience. And benefit from ongoing innovation, updates, and upgrades with flexible software licensing.

[Network Functions Virtualization](#), [Cisco ONE™ Flexible Software Licencing](#), Cisco® [Application Policy Infrastructure Controller Enterprise Module](#) and Cisco [Intelligent WAN](#).

2. **Say goodbye to operational complexity**

Speed maintenance and responses by orchestrating and managing services with design templates. Free up your IT resources with network functions virtualization. Cascade policies across all access points through a simple, flexible interface. Also, automate the deployment and compliance checking of network policies across your entire network without needing any infrastructure replacement.

Cisco [Application Policy Infrastructure Controller](#), Cisco [Identity Services Engine](#) and [Network Functions Virtualization](#).

“Some engineers say they never realized how bad the old network was. Jobs that used to take half an hour now take just a few minutes.”

— **Greg Fisbeck**

Program Manager, Whirlpool Corporation

3. Use insights to improve performance

Understand who, what, when, where, and how network traffic is flowing. Use the insights to improve the performance of business-critical applications across LAN, WLAN, and WAN, and accelerate problem resolution. This enables you to reduce the network's vulnerability to outages for efficient operation and lower costs through better utilization.

Cisco IOS® [NetFlow](#) and Cisco [Application Visibility and Control](#).

4. Get security that doesn't compromise agility

Control all access from one place across wired, wireless, and VPN connections. Cascade and enforce policies easily across all access points with software-defined segmentation. This allows you to provide and control access and security policy consistently and efficiently, removing the stress of complex access management. All without compromising agility.

Cisco [TrustSec®](#), Cisco [Stealthwatch](#) and Cisco [Identity Services Engine](#).

“Organizations interviewed reported a reduction in operational costs ranging from 25% to 80%.”

– [Forrester TEI of Cisco TrustSec 2016](#)

5. Make your move to the cloud

Deploy and manage your network quickly and easily, without training or proprietary command-line interfaces. Get centralized management, visibility, and control without the cost and complexity of controller appliances or overlay management software. Cisco Meraki® cloud networking provides centralized cloud management, device and application visibility, real-time web-based diagnostics, monitoring, reporting, and security.

[Cisco Meraki Cloud Networking](#).

It's all good. Until it goes bad. Don't treat your network as a commodity. Get the network agility your business needs, so you can innovate and adapt to future requirements. Plus keep secure while maintaining the high levels of quality of service your users and business needs.

Start your journey to a digital network architecture today.

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