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Top 5 Networking Trends

and how you can prepare for them

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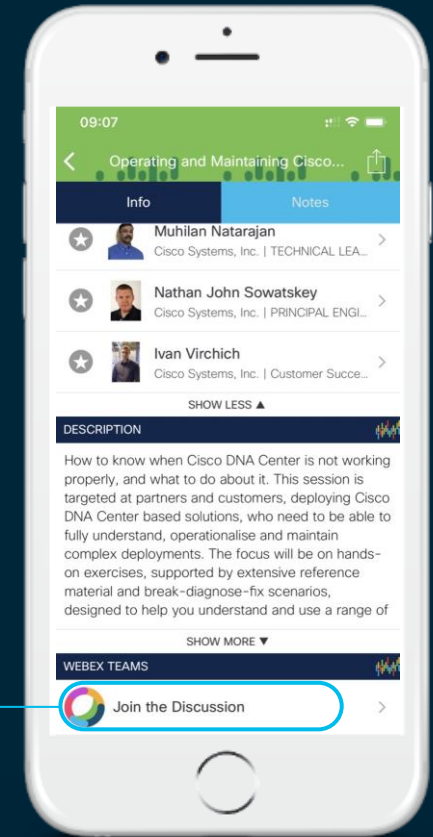
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Agenda

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- Trend #2: Network AI Augment Human Operations
- Trend #3: Multicloud and Edge Change Networking
- Trend #4: 5G and Wi-Fi6 Combine for OpenRoaming
- Trend #5: AI and Automation Require New Skills
- Conclusion

The Network Faces Its Greatest Transformation Yet



Licklider's Vision
1962

"Intergalactic computer network" around the world would be interconnected to provide quick access to data and programs from anywhere.

Connectivity-driven network
(1983-2019)

Business outcomes enabler
(2019+)

Reactive
Device Management
Centralized Compute
Fixed Wired Access
Perimeter Security

Proactive
Policy-based Automation
Multicloud
Wireless 5G + WiFi6
Zero Trust

Predictive
Intent-based
Cloud / Edge
Ubiquitous Roaming
Self-Defending

Opportunity: Enable network to operate in complete harmony with the business

Cisco 2020 Global Networking Trends Report

Research Methodology

Objective

Provide IT leaders, strategists and practitioners

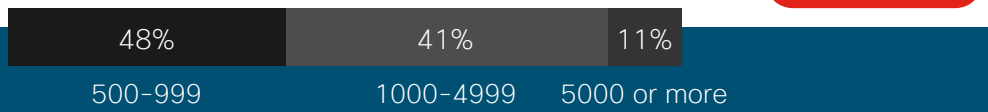
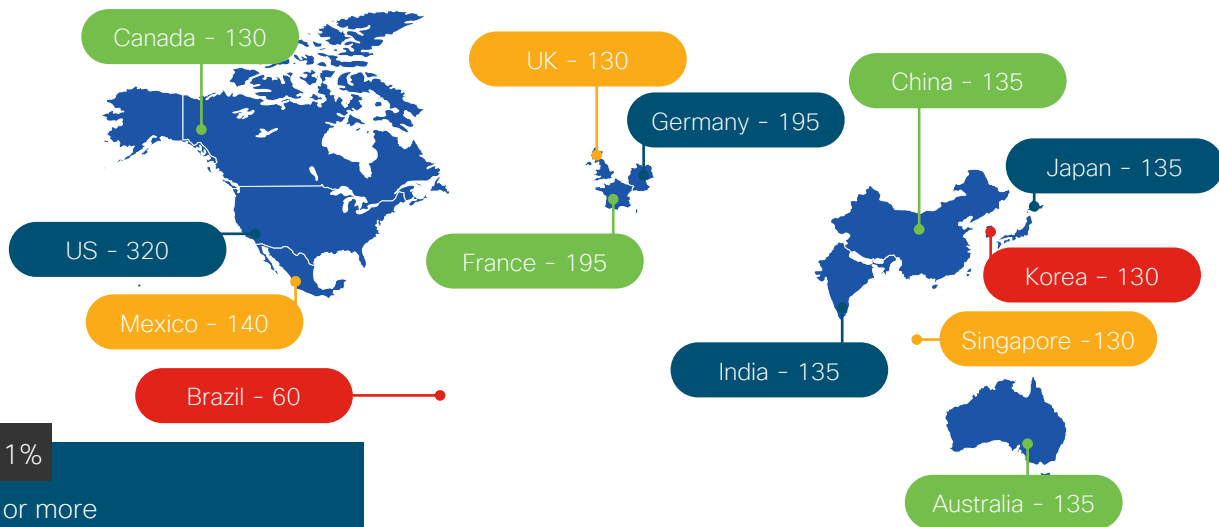
1. Insight on the current state of the network, with respect to:
 - Network readiness and maturity
 - Network priorities and challenges
2. Essential guidance across networking technology, operations and talent

Demographics

Respondents
Surveyed: 2061

IT Leaders: 505
Have overall IT oversight
(including the network)

NW Strategists: 1556
Responsible, or part of a team that is responsible
for developing / defining the network strategy



Top 5 Takeaways

1. Intent-Based Networking (IBN) completes the unmet needs of SDN
2. AI augments human mental capabilities and accelerates IBN transformation
3. Multicloud and edge computing drives new network architectures
4. Wireless (Wi-Fi6 and 5G) will have the biggest impact over the next 5 years
5. Organizations face significant talent and operations gaps; IT must break siloes



Takeaway #1

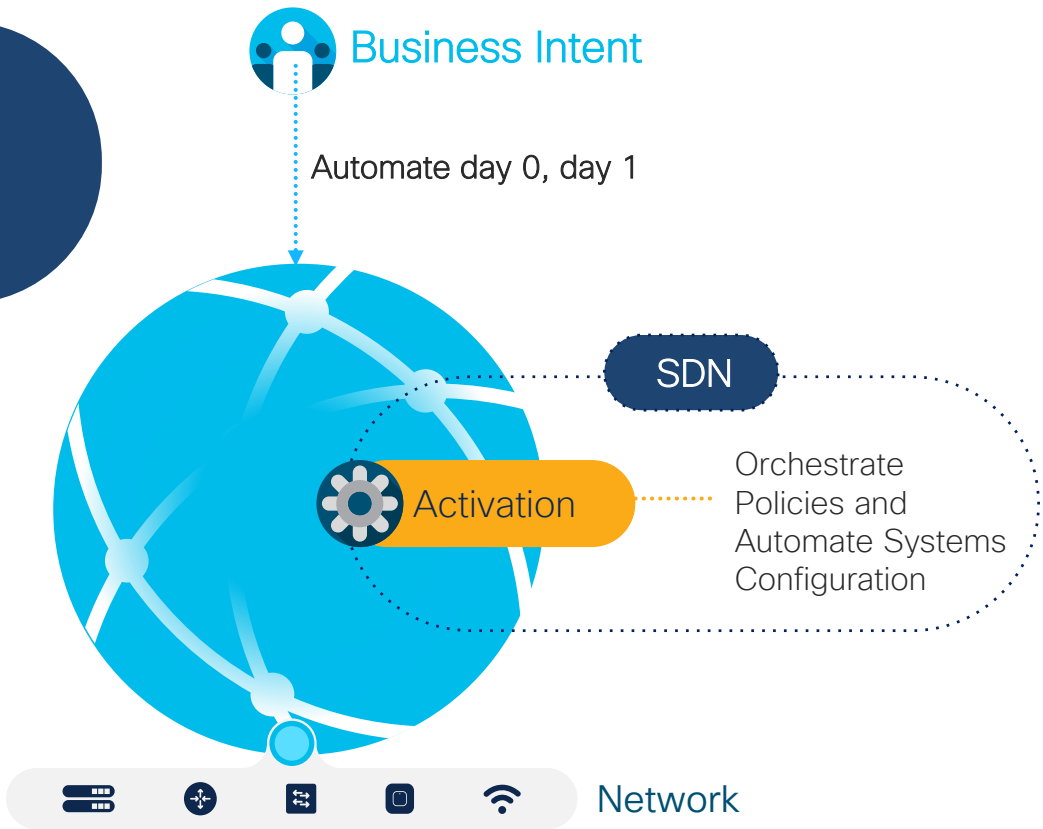
Beyond SDN to IBN

SDN: Wide Adoption But Only Partial Solution

Respondents report:

64% deployed SDN in DC:

58% deployed SD-WAN



Intent-Based Networking (IBN) Expands SDN to Meet Business Demands

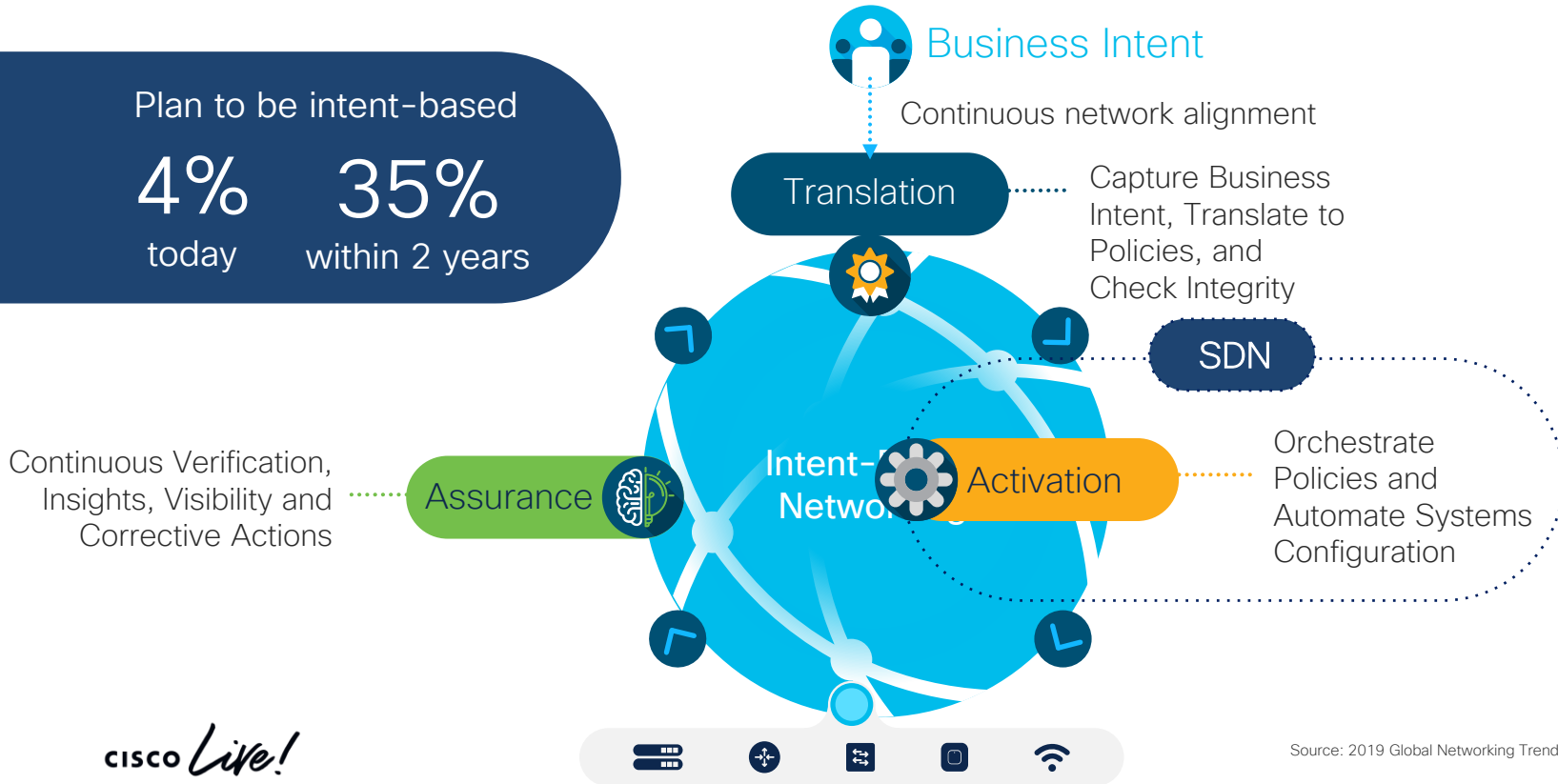
Plan to be intent-based

4%

today

35%

within 2 years



Plan your IBN Journey

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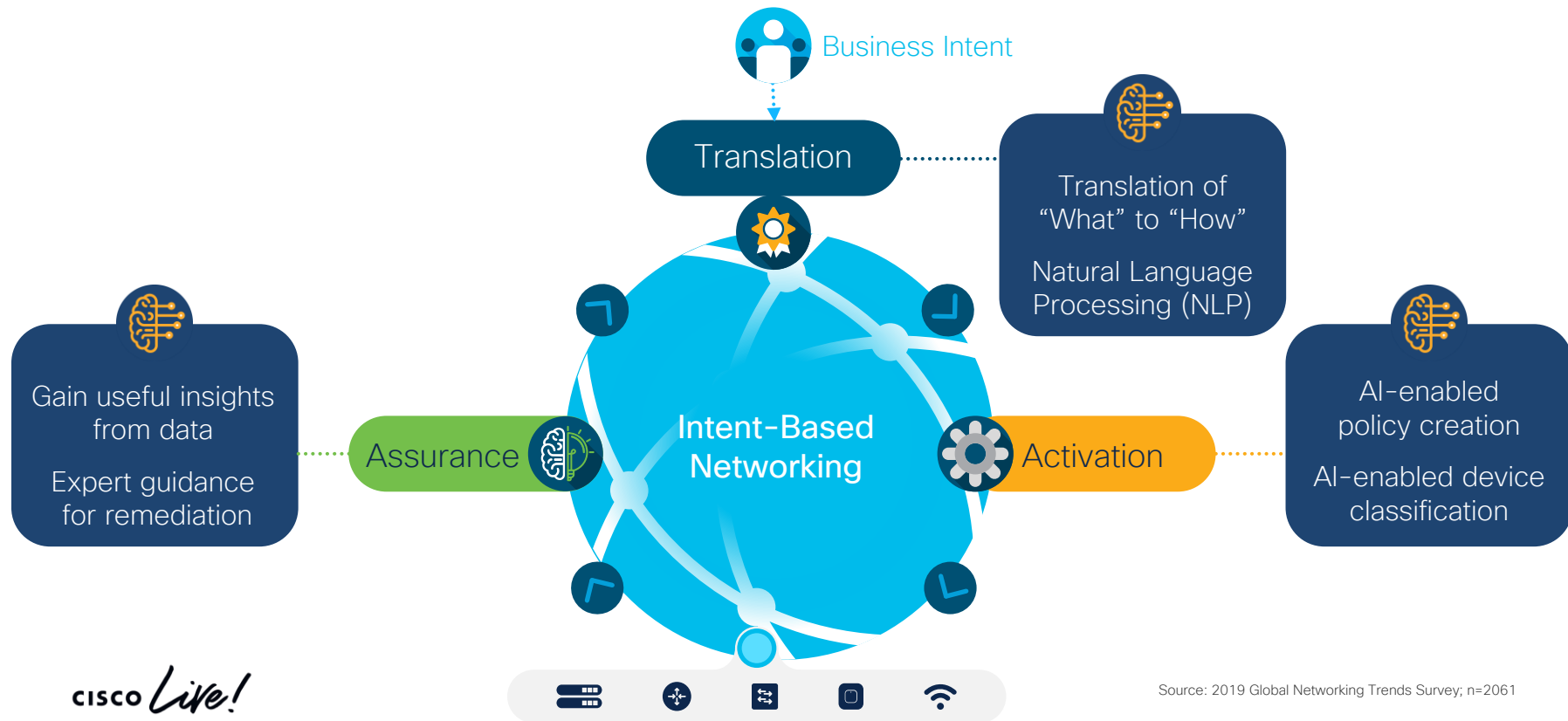
1. Learn about IBN basics:
www.cisco.com/go/ibn
2. Assess the readiness of your network
www.cisco.com/go/ibnassessment
3. Watch the SDN to IBN webinar
[here](#)

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Takeaway #2

AI Augments
Human Operations

AI: Accelerating Transformation to Business-Optimized Network



AI/ML Augments Human Mental Capabilities

50%

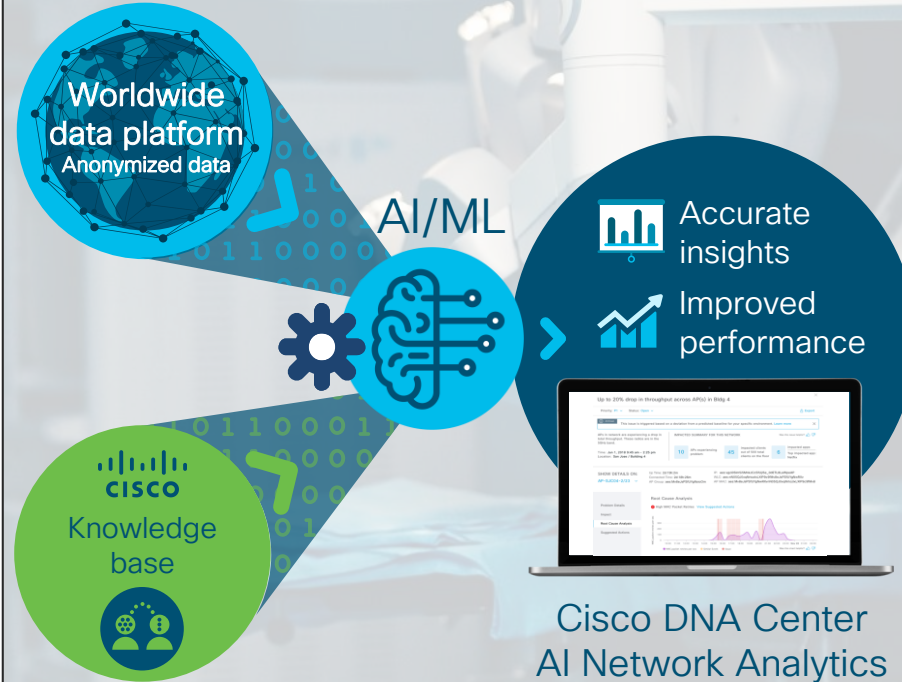
of network strategists identify AI as a priority investment needed to deliver their ideal network

72%

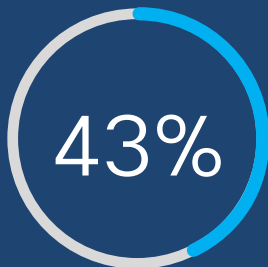
of network strategists project using AI-enabled predictive insights or prescriptive remediation within the next 2 years



Cisco AI Network Analytics



Zero-Trust Security Needs Automated and AI-enabled Networking



of network teams identified improved embedded network security capabilities as a priority – 2nd only after AI



of network leaders are planning to have some AI-enabled policy definition and enforcement in 2 years



Embedded IBN Security



Continuous Visibility



Zero-Trust Access



Constant Protection

Intent-Based Network Security

Intent-Based Networking

Network is the foundation

Get Going with Network AI.....

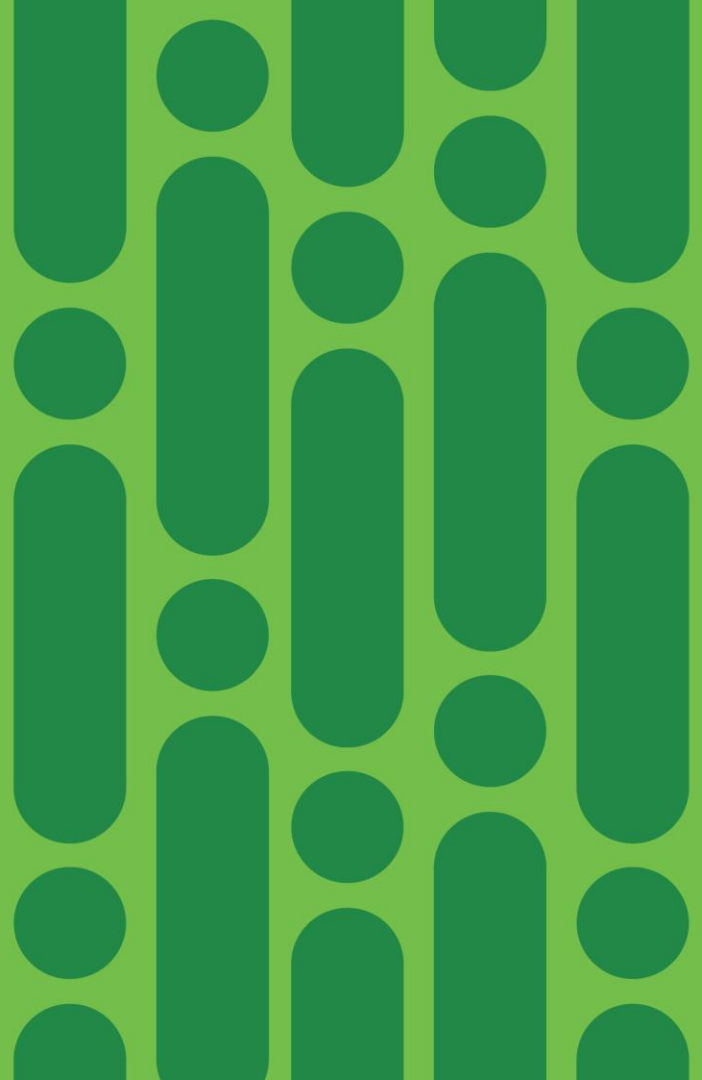
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1. Explore the DNA Wireless Assurance demo [here](#)
2. Learn about Cisco AI Network Analytics [here](#)
3. Learn about Intent-Based Networking Security [here](#)

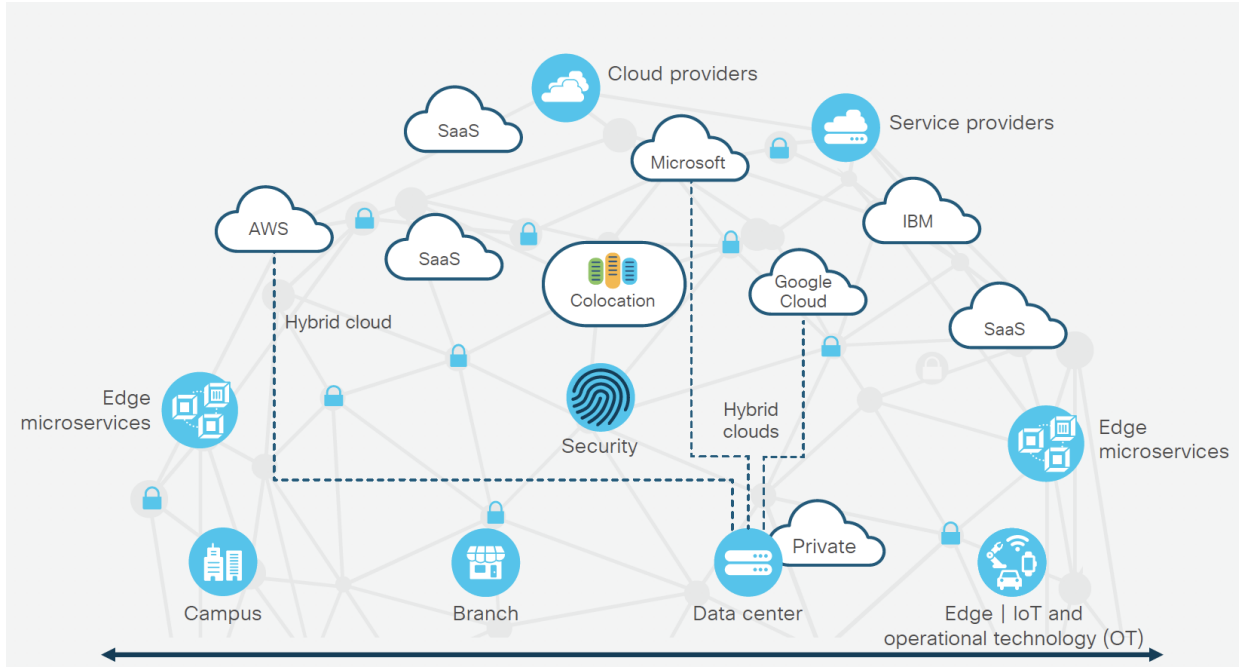
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Takeaway #3

Multicloud and Edge
Change the Face of
Networking



Client-to-service and inter-workload communications



“The increased reliance on cloud is also driving increased WAN traffic, with global business IP WAN traffic expected to grow twofold by 2022, reaching 5.3 exabytes per month.”

– Cisco VNI 2017

New Application Models From Multicloud to Edge

47%

of respondents
predict they will have
AI-enabled SD-WAN
in the next 2 years

27%

of customers predict
they will achieve an
intent-based multicloud
network in 2 years



Multicloud Networking



Common policy and
comprehensive security



Get Going with SD-WAN.....

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1. Do the SD-WAN demo [here](#)
2. Get started with SD-WAN www.cisco.com/go/sdwan
3. Find out how a multicloud-enabled network can [pay for itself](#)

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Takeaway #4

Wireless (5G + Wi-Fi 6) will have the biggest impact over the next 5 years

Wi-Fi 6 provides plenty of advantages now

Built on the same wireless foundation as 5G

Higher Data-rates



Support new applications & outcomes

Increase in network capacity



Support new applications & outcomes

IoT at scale



Support new applications & outcomes

Faster Device Adoption



Support new applications & outcomes

802.11ax/Wi-Fi 6 is much more than speeds and feeds

5G and Wi-Fi 6 Open New Experiences

43%

of IT leaders predict wireless (5G and Wi-Fi 6 together) will have the biggest impact on the network in the next 5 years

72%

of network strategists plan to augment their SD-Access deployment with AI capabilities within 2 years

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5G and Wi-Fi 6 Use Cases

Campus Networks

Uninterrupted Access to Immersive Experiences



Branch Offices

Consistent Policy over Optimized WAN



Mission Critical Services

Low Latency with High Determinism



Remote Users, Things

Seamless Mobility & SLA Extension



Source: 2019 Global Networking Trends Survey, n=2061

Get Going with Wi-Fi 6.....

A man in a red and white checkered shirt is wearing VR goggles and interacting with a transparent digital interface. The background is a city skyline at dusk, with the Transamerica Pyramid being a prominent feature. The interface shows various data points and network diagrams.

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2. Learn more about SD-Access
www.cisco.com/go/sdaccess
3. Visit Cisco booth at MWC

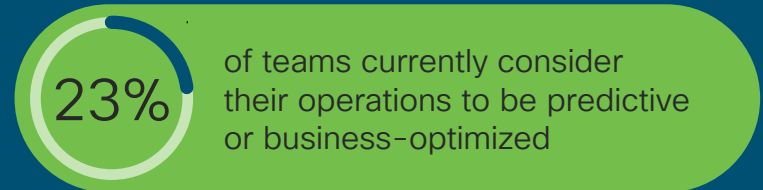
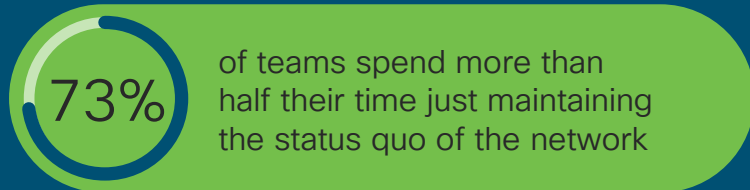
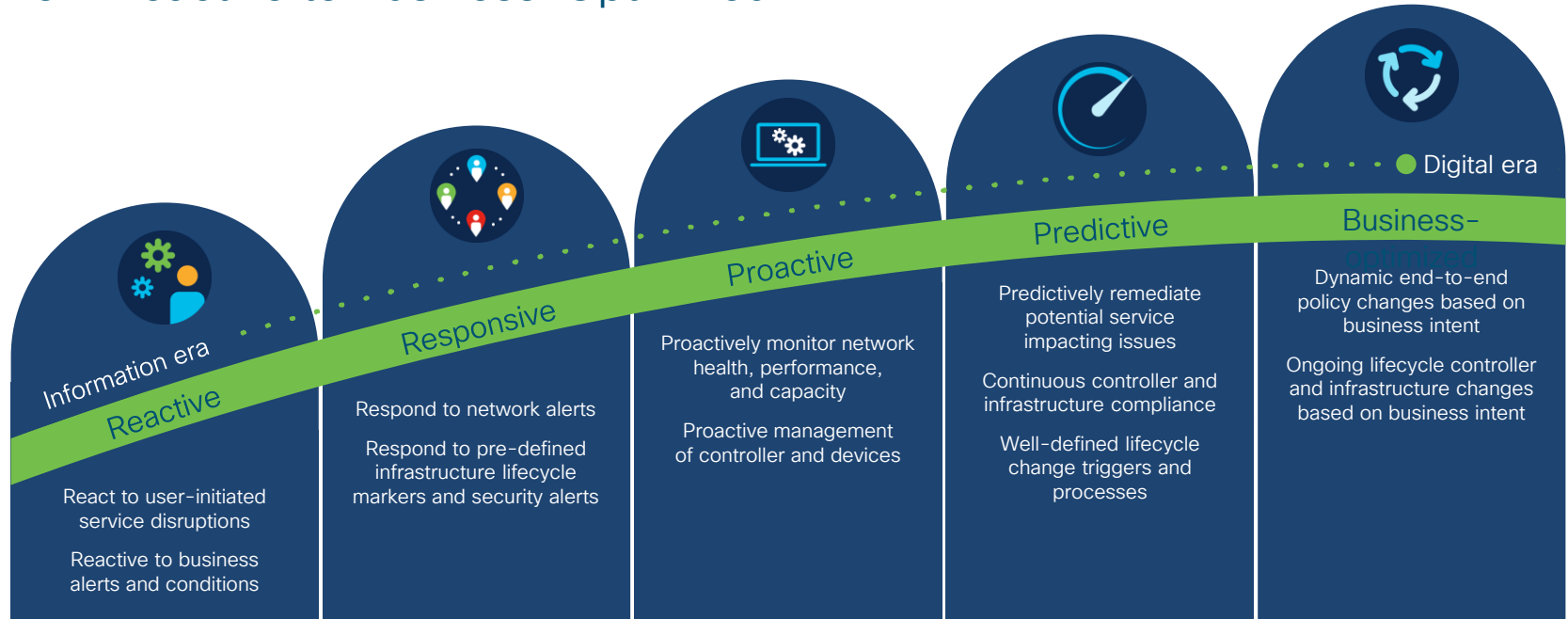
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Takeaway #5

Talent and operations
gaps slowing down
adoption

Operations Readiness Model:

From Reactive to Business-Optimized



AI Turns Reactive Operations into Predictive Operations

29%

of IT leaders identified AI Ops as the innovation that would make the biggest network impact over next 5 years

34%

of IT leaders believe their teams are not well equipped with skills to support AI Operations – **biggest skill gap**



Predictions

“By 2025 network operations teams will be able to do predictive problem detection and root cause analysis between any client or device and any business service, and ‘what-if’ analyses of any network changes.”

– Rich Plane, CTO of Customer Experience, Cisco

Talent Evolution: Will Networking Teams Be Recognizable in Two Years?



of IT leaders identified the lack of necessary skills as a main obstacle to transitioning to an advanced network



of IT leaders prioritize reskilling and upskilling to address the skills gap



Predictions

“By 2025, 75% of networking teams will spend less than a third of their time maintaining the network status quo and two-thirds delivering innovation and creating value for the business.”

– Joe Clarke, distinguished engineer, Cisco

Emerging Roles for Network Strategists

Consider acquiring technical, business, and software expertise that allows you to develop along one or more of the following tracks:



The business translator

will focus on aligning IT performance to dynamic business intent.



The network guardian

will focus on bridging network and security architectures.



The network data architect

will focus on leveraging network analytics and AI.



The network integration architect

will focus on integration across network and IT domains.

Get Going with Upskilling.....

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1. Read the Operations and Talent Sections of [2020 Trends Report](#)
2. Find out about the new Devnet Certifications
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3. Find out about the new Cisco Network Certs: [here](#)

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