



Automation, AI and ML for Network  
Management: It's Already Here, Are  
Organizations Ready?

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# Agenda

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- Key Findings from the Survey
- AIOps Defined
- Summary and Recommendations



**Revolutionary insights and automation to make every network excellent.**  
Power up operations teams with AIOps for network professionals.

**FOUNDED**

2014

**HQ**

San Francisco

**CUSTOMERS**

250+

**TEAM MEMBERS**

80+

# Why Automation is Important



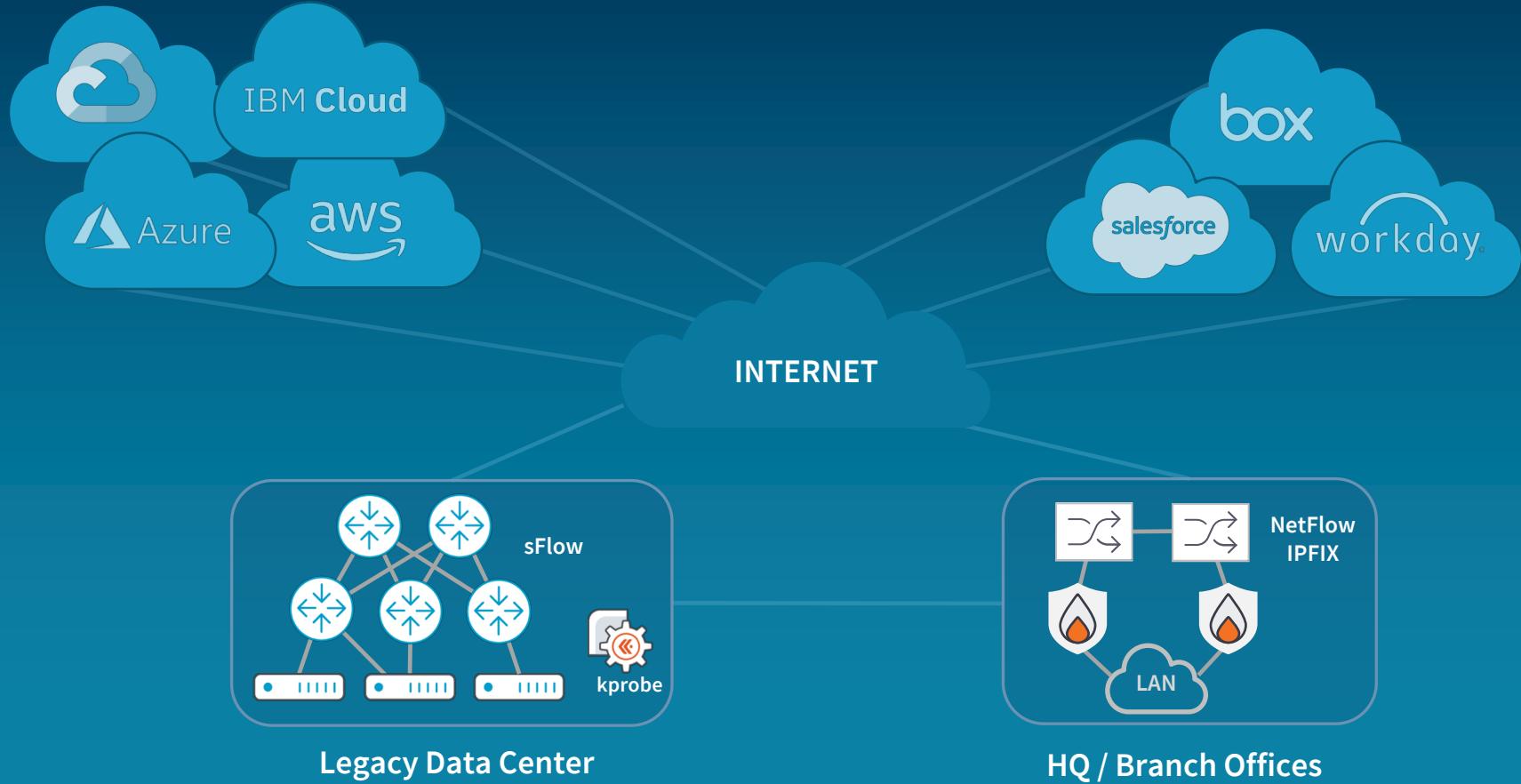
# Digital business drives the fastest revenue growth in history



... and networks underpin all of it.



# It's a Cloud Centric World



# Networks are Changing

Ephemeral API-Driven Uses



Increased  
Traffic Complexity



Multiple Architectures



Increasing Automation



Varied Security Threats



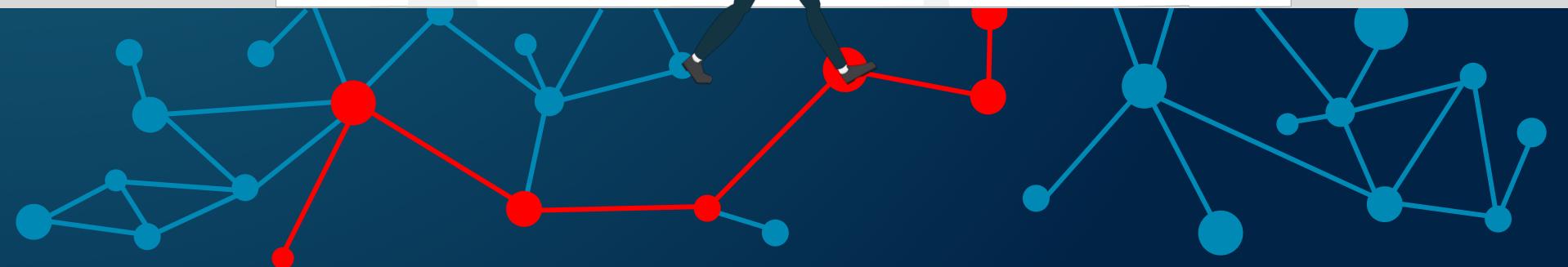
# And network teams are struggling

**Amazon Outage:**  
**Estimated \$99 Million Lost**

**Southwest Airlines network  
outage costs could reach \$82M**

## Challenges include

- Quickly detecting problems
- Performing root cause analysis
- Migrating applications
- Planning for capacity
- Allocating network costs

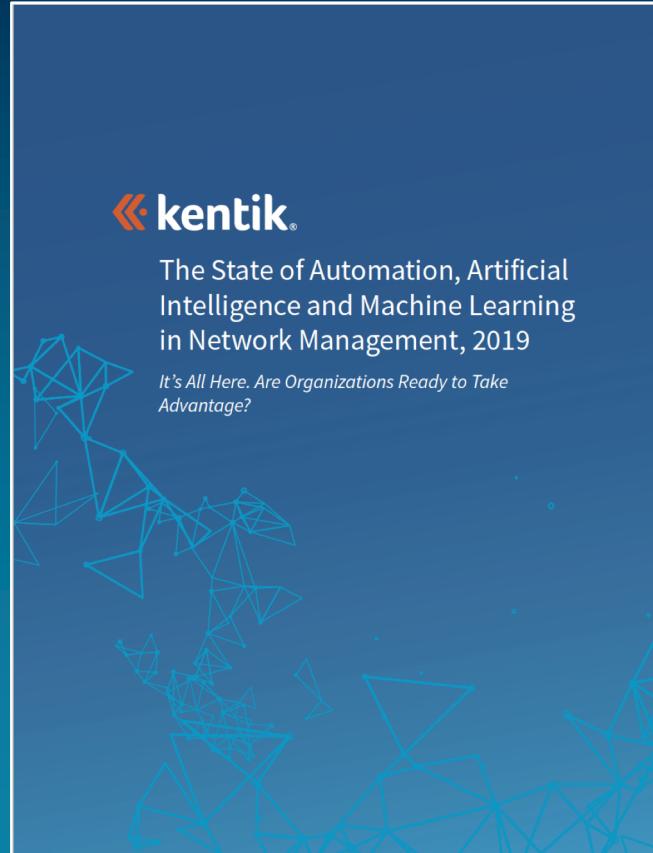


# Survey: The State of Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Network Management, 2019



# Survey

- 388 conference attendees at Cisco Live U.S. 2019.
- Respondents varied in titles, including C-level, SVPs / VPs, directors, managers, engineers, architects, and developers.
- The largest majority of respondents (50%) reported having the title of “network engineer.”

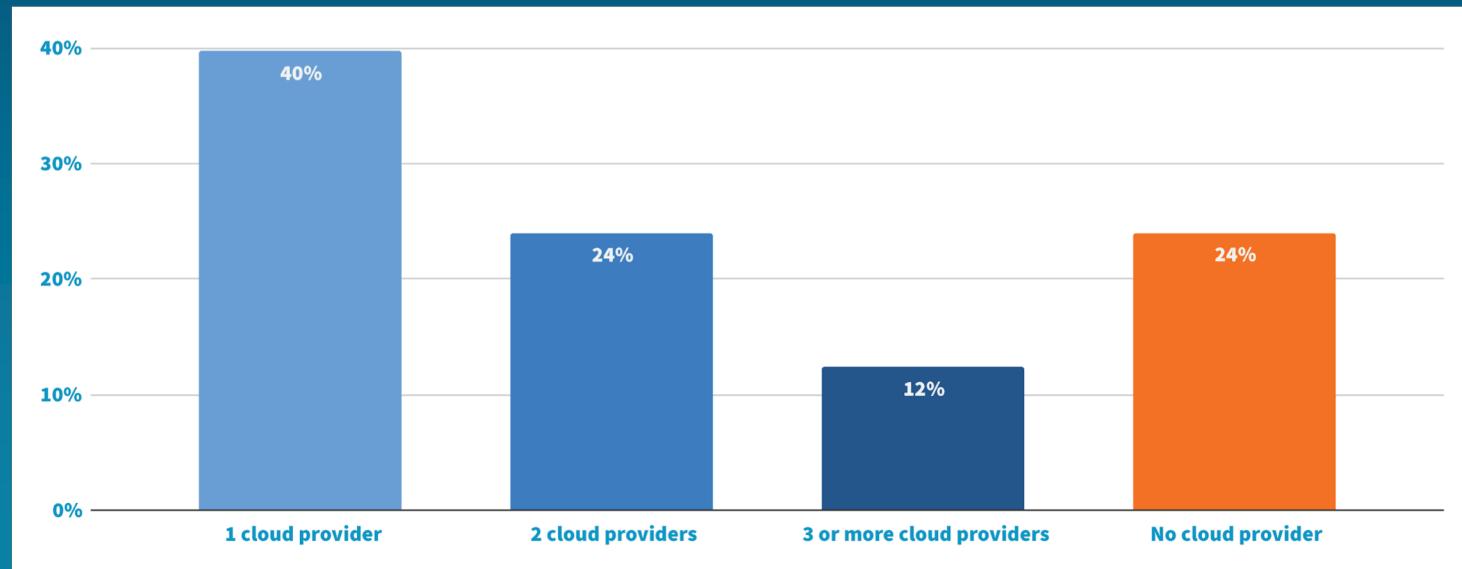


## Summary of Findings

- The move to cloud is still underway for a few, as multi-cloud becomes a reality for many.
- Network automation is taking shape.
- Networking processes like compliance and incident response are least likely to be automated.
- Machine learning is growing in importance for network management... regardless of who you ask.

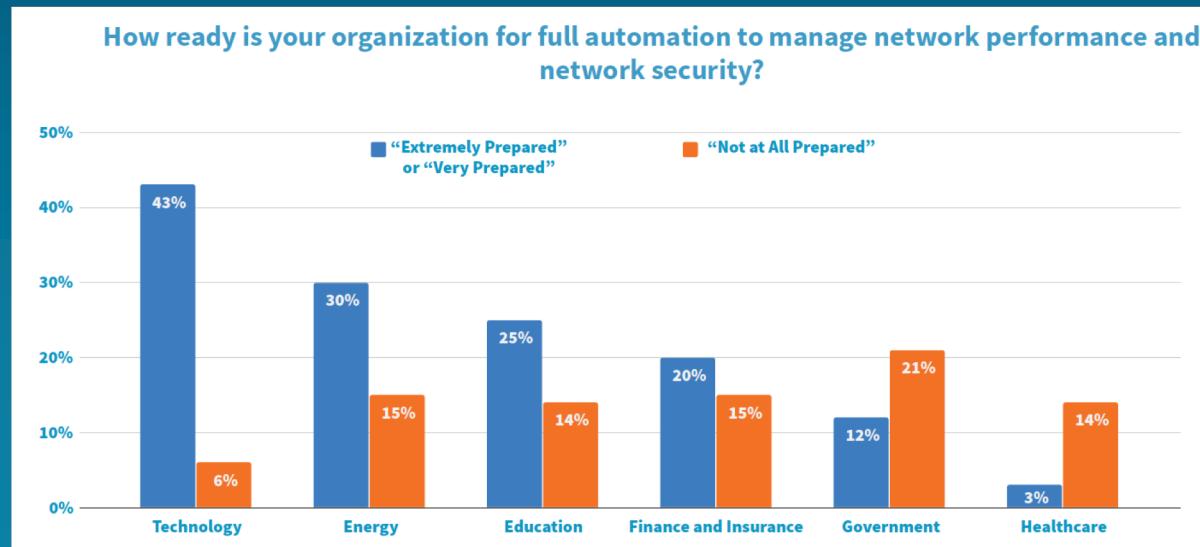
# As the Move to Cloud Continues, Multi-Cloud Looms Large

- The majority (53%) are using a single cloud provider, but nearly half (47%) are using multiple cloud providers.
- Indicates that these networking pros are already dealing with significant operational complexity.



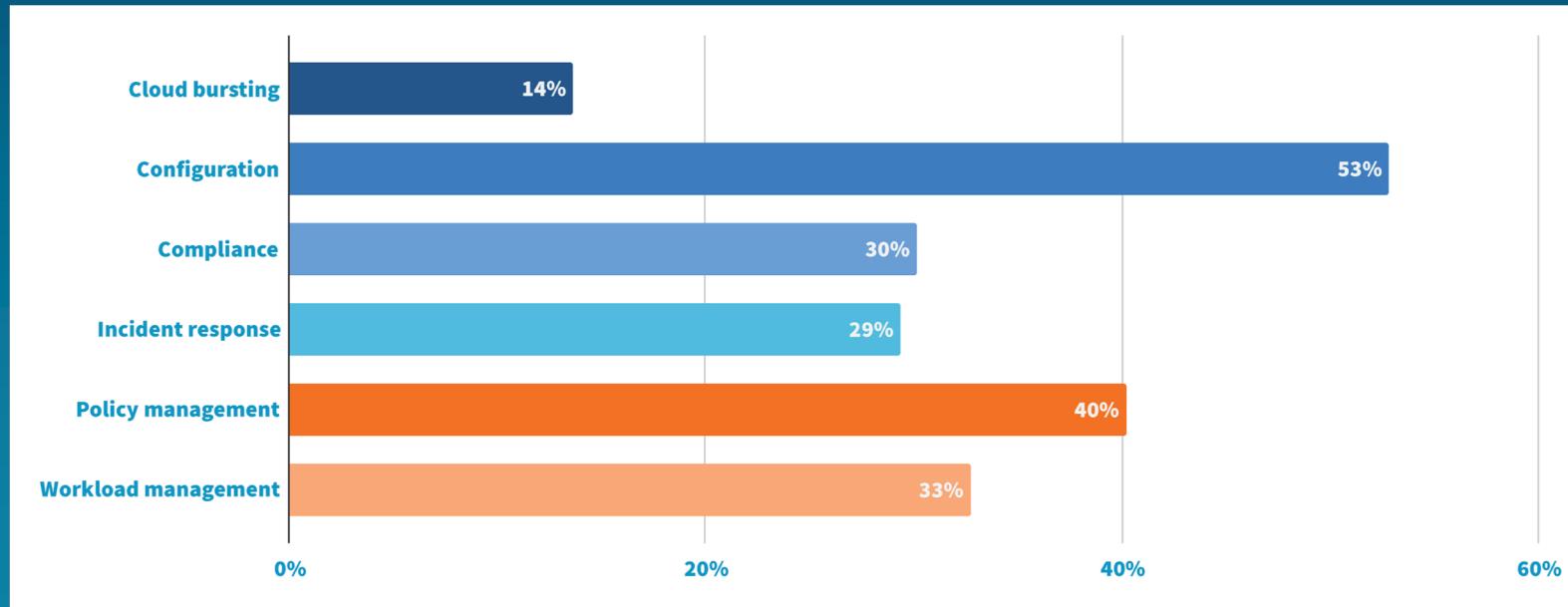
# Network Automation is Taking Shape

- (85%) of respondents reported having at least one network automation deployment in place.
- Fifty-five percent (55%) have two or more deployments.
- Twenty-seven percent (27%) of respondents reported that their organization is either “extremely prepared” or “very prepared” for full automation.



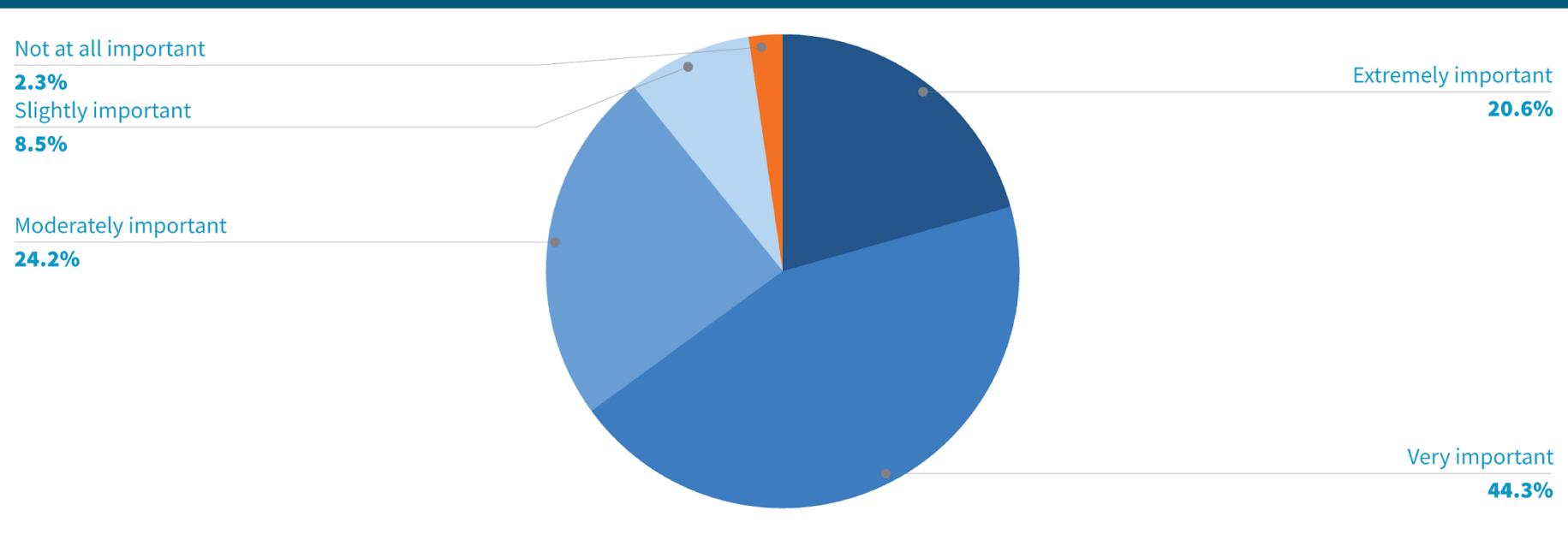
# Organizations are Embracing Automation

- Majority of respondents (53%) are deploying automation for configuration purposes.
- 40% reported using automation for policy management.



# Machine learning is Growing in Importance for Network Management

- An overwhelming 65% of respondents said that ML is now “extremely important” or “very important” for network management - +20% YoY.
- Driven by the pain experienced in trying to apply and scale manual processes.

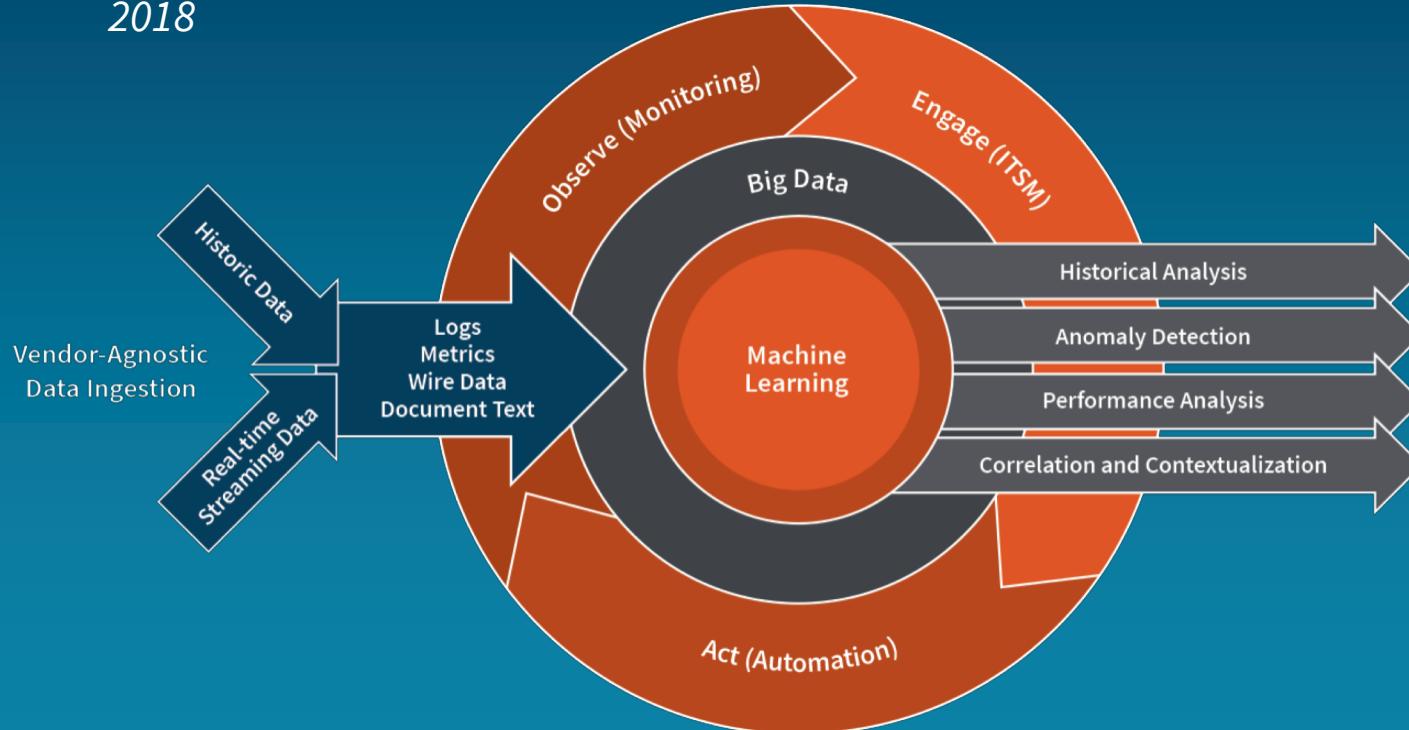


# AIOps Defined and Why It's Important



# AIOps Defined

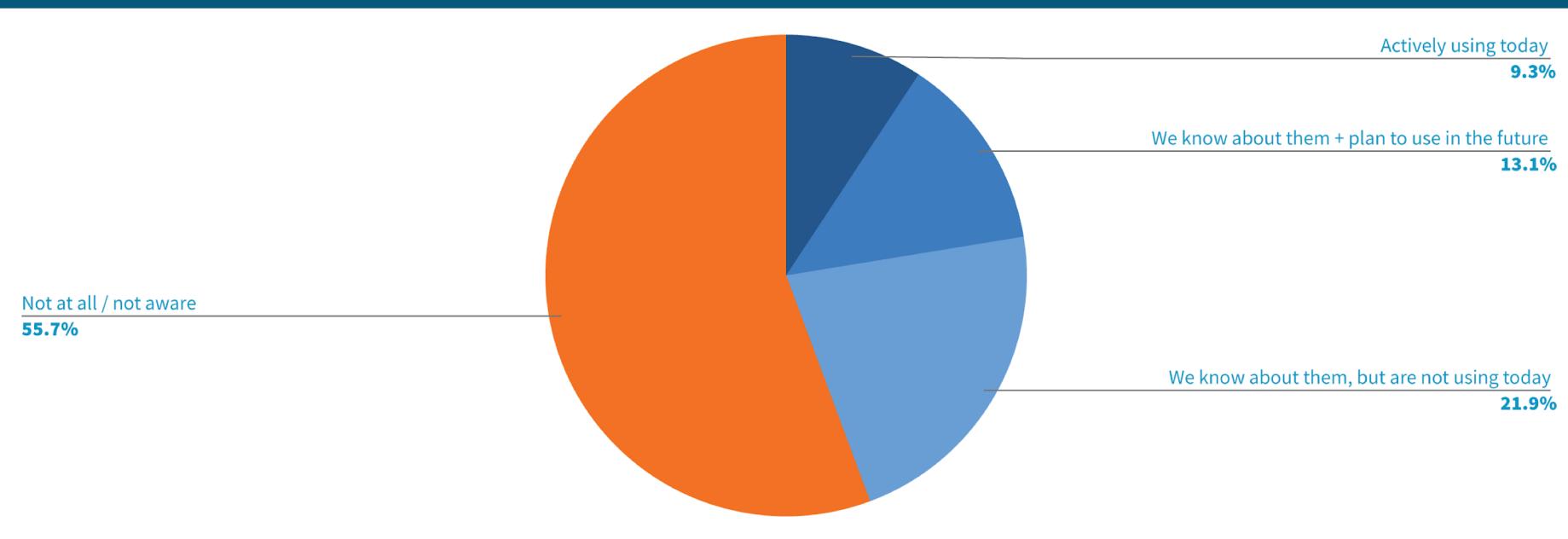
*“AIOps platforms enhance IT operations through greater insights by combining big data, machine learning and visualization.” - Gartner, “Market Guide for AIOps”, November 2018*



*“By 2024, 60% of NPMD buyers will require improved AIOps capabilities, up from 30% in 2018.”*  
Gartner

# AIOps Adoption Among Network Professionals

While a majority (87%) of organizations are prepared for full network automation, and 65% said machine learning is important for network management, AIOps adoption is in the early stages.

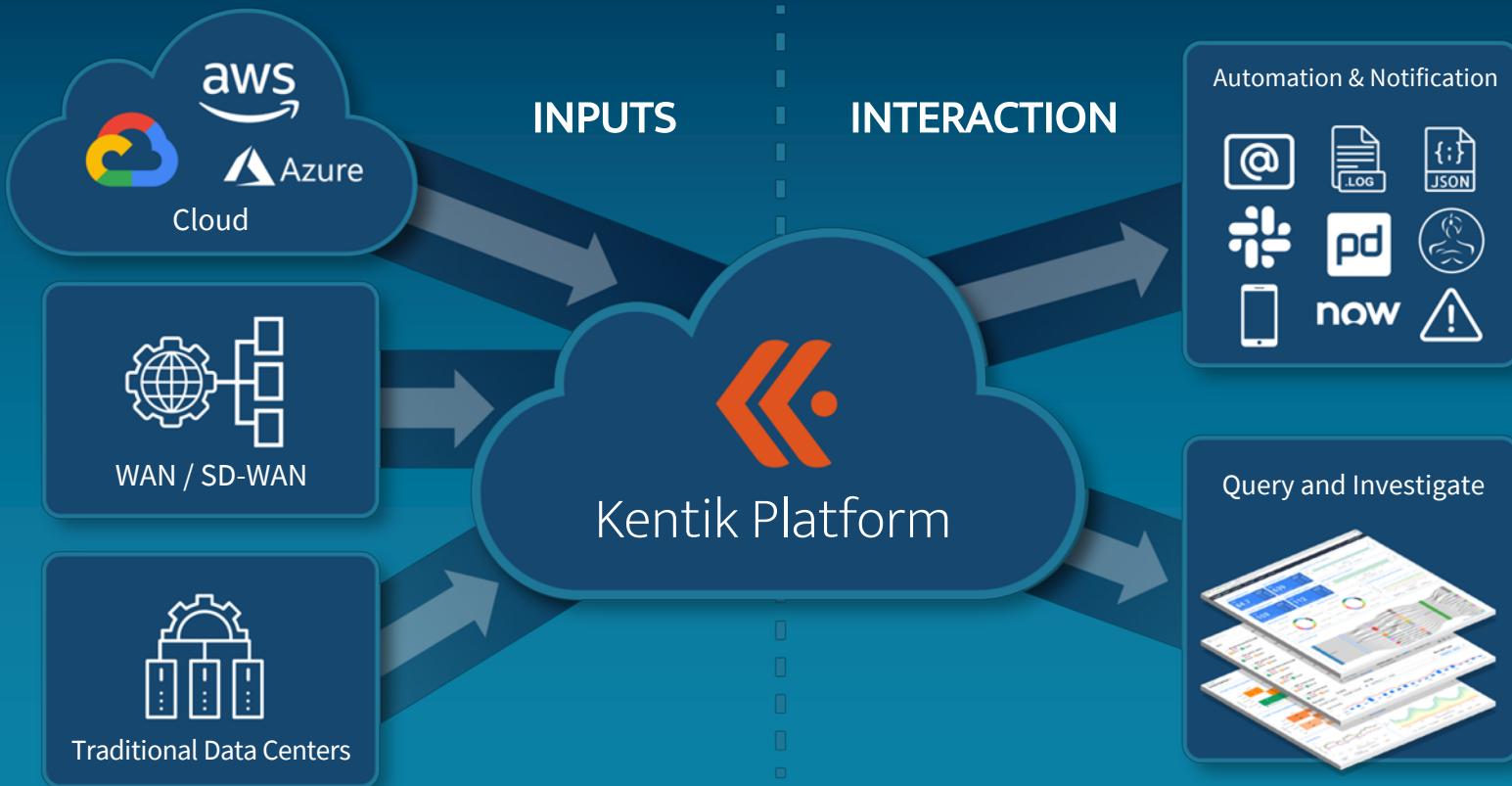


# Kentik is AIOps for Network Professionals

## Revolutionary analytics to make every network excellent

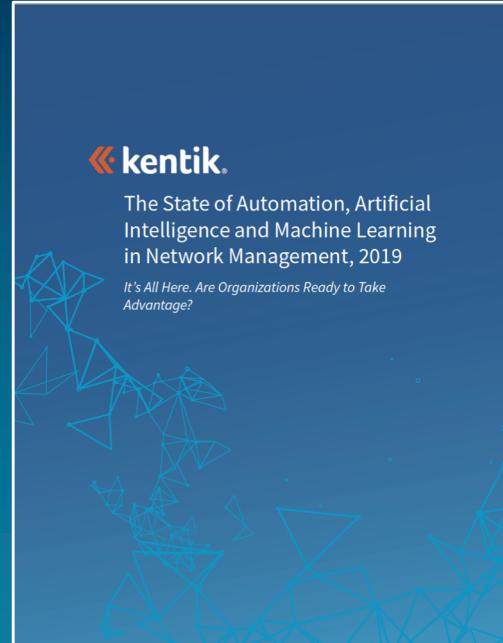


# Unified Management for Diverse Infrastructure



# Summary and Recommendations

- It's a cloud-centric world
- Running today's networks is dramatically harder and network teams are struggling
- Adoption of machine learning and automation are on the rise
- Insights and automation restore manageability
- Kentik powers up network teams with AI Ops



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## Q&A





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