

Forcepoint, is an [American multinational corporation software company](#) headquartered in [Austin, Texas](#), that develops [computer security software](#) and [data protection](#), [cloud access security broker](#), [firewall](#) and [cross-domain solutions](#).

Forcepoint was founded in 1994 as an [information technology](#) reseller called NetPartners. It was renamed **Websense** in 1999 and became a [public company](#) in 2000 at the peak of the [dot-com bubble](#). [Vista Equity Partners](#) acquired Websense in 2013 for \$906 million. [Raytheon](#) acquired an 80% interest in Websense in April 2015 for \$1.9 billion and acquired the remaining 20% interest in 2019. In 2015, Websense acquired network security vendor Stonesoft from [Intel](#) and in 2016, the company was renamed **Forcepoint**. [Francisco Partners](#) acquired the company from Raytheon in January 2021.

588 million.^[1]