

Security As A Team Sport

Despite negative relationships that persist, a unified IT and security strategy can help reconcile teams and reduce risk.

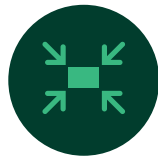
IT AND SECURITY OFTEN WORK AGAINST EACH OTHER



83% of IT and security teams have a negative relationship



80% say communication gaps have a major impact on collaboration



Only **33%** say their security solutions are mostly/completely integrated

27.4

Average number of security products in use

DESPITE CONFLICTS, THE GOAL IS COLLABORATION

Tasks are moving to a shared model across IT and security teams, enabling security as a team sport.



No. 1 goal of both teams is collaboration



47% say IT and security teams will be unified in 3 to 5 years



65% have taken measures to strengthen team relationships

CONSOLIDATED STRATEGY LAYS A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

To combat tensions, companies are implementing a unified, consolidated IT and security strategy.

30% have adopted

41% plan to implement in the next 12 months

23% are interested in adoption

TOP BENEFITS OF A CONSOLIDATED IT AND SECURITY STRATEGY



46% Fewer security/data breaches



43% Ability to quickly identify, contain, and remediate threats



42% Increased collaboration



40% Improved IT hygiene



Methodology

Source: A commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of VMware, February 2020

Base: 1,451 IT and security managers and above (including CIOs and CISOs) with responsibility for security strategy and decision making

Read the full study