

You may have heard the term “SD-WAN” being thrown about lately. SD-WAN is an emerging technology. It makes sense that there are a lot of myths about it.

Want to know the truth about SD-WAN?

Myth #1: SD-WAN is the same as WAN optimization.

WAN optimization and SD-WAN both reduce bandwidth use. But SD-WAN provides solutions that meet or exceed those offered by traditional WAN technologies:

- Connectivity to other cloud based solutions
- Dynamic bandwidth
- Application acceleration and optimization
- Support whenever you need it

Myth #2: SD-WAN will replace Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS).

SD-WAN allows companies to utilize multiple internet circuits, balance the load across them, and provides a solid quality of experience.

SD-WAN will reduce reliance on private MPLS links, but not replace it. As long as quality of service is needed, MPLS will be needed.

Myth #3: The only benefit compared to MPLS is cost.

Yes, there are cost effective upgrades when choosing SD-WAN. But the benefits of SD-WAN are far greater:

- Best overall value and functionality
- Agility and speed when adding locations
- Simplification of operations
- Redundancy, scalability and fault tolerance
- Quality of experience for critical applications

SD-WAN will open a whole new set of opportunities for your company.