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## SD-WAN Technology Overview

Why are enterprises being drawn to software defined WANs? SD-WANs can help improve network performance (including branch office connectivity) while also streamlining costs and simplifying implementation and maintenance. According to a 2015 IHS survey of 150 North American businesses, almost half (45 percent) of respondents planned to spend more on SD-WAN solutions over the next two years.

SD-WAN is part of a broader recent trend of using the intelligence (i.e., decision-making) of CPUs to make networks more agile as well as highly responsive to ever-evolving business requirements. It is not the same as software-defined networking - although it follows similar principles of abstraction and programmability.

Research firm Gartner recently released a [comprehensive report](#) on current SD-WAN technologies and how they should be implemented.

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## Why Hybrid is Now The New Normal

Gone are the days when enterprises utilized a single vendor or just one type of technology within their infrastructures. Recent innovations and advancements have caused a shift toward hybrid IT, where businesses leverage a mix of hardware and software systems alongside different avenues for connectivity.

According to a recent report from Research and Markets, the global hybrid cloud market is set for considerable growth in the coming years as more organizations utilize this type of technology. Researchers predict that the hybrid cloud market will expand from its 2014 value of \$25.28 billion to **\$84.67 billion** by 2019.

However, the cloud is not the only area where companies are increasingly turning to hybrid architectures. Gartner recently recommended the use of a hybrid WAN to optimize traffic flow and improve application performance.

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### Eight Questions You Must Ask When Considering an SD-WAN

Increasingly, worker productivity is constrained by the WAN. The traditional, legacy WAN just isn't cutting it anymore. The speed of business is outpacing the WAN. Learn how you can free workers to be brilliant while simultaneously increasing network agility and lowering costs without increasing the workload for the IT team with an SD-WAN.

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## Chalk Talk Video

Defining Software Defined



What is a Software Defined WAN? And what problems can it solve? Go beyond the hype to find out how a smart SD-WAN works and what it can do for your business.

See more [Chalk Talk Videos](#) with John Dickey, Talari Co-Founder & CTO

## Did You Know?

[Open Networking User Group \(ONUG\)](#), is next month, November 3-5 in New York. Stop by and see us.

Ready to go virtual? Check out Talari's [new virtual appliance](#) that runs on VMware vSphere 6.

Coming soon, a new podcast with PacketPushers on "Learnings from Real SD-WAN Deployments".



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