



# IT CHALLENGES OF A DISTRIBUTED WORKFORCE

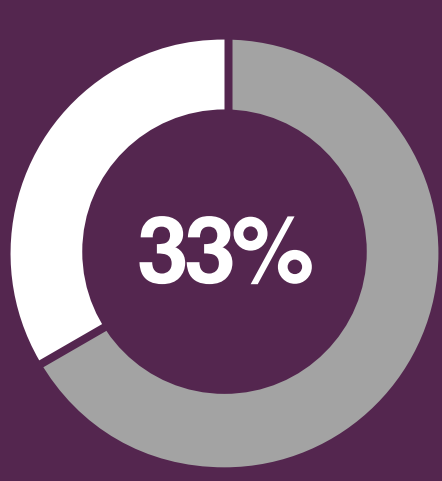
Employees are demanding faster, uninterrupted access to data; and the freedom to work anywhere, at any time, using the device of their choice. While it is vital that employees gather to collaborate, the work world and employee expectations are changing and evolving to a point where a distributed workforce will soon become the norm. IT's understanding of the systems and security measures necessary to support such a workforce must be up to the task.

Take a look at some of the primary considerations for an IT department when supporting a distributed workforce, and ask yourself: **Does my IT department have all their boxes checked?**

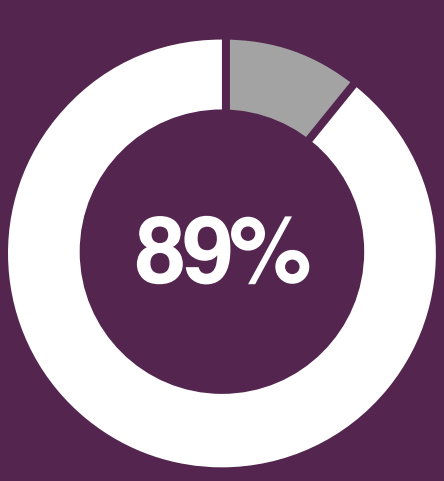


## Mobile Device Management

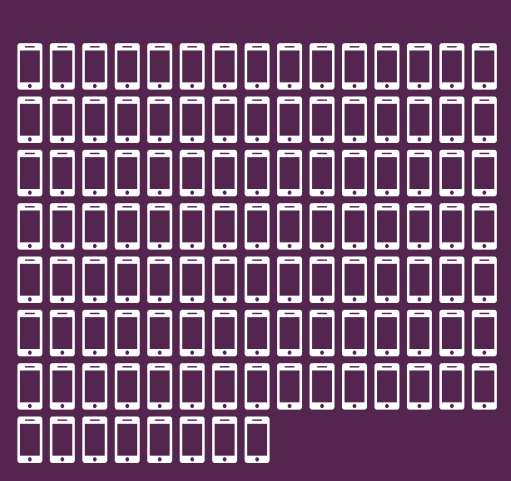
In today's fast-paced, global business environment, you and your employees depend on mobile devices to keep business running smoothly. With security threats on the rise and a high potential for frustrating technology problems, your mobile devices need the same monitoring and management systems you use for your in-house IT.



1 in 3 employees is completely mobile (no office).



Nearly 9 out of 10 mobile devices are connected to corporate networks.



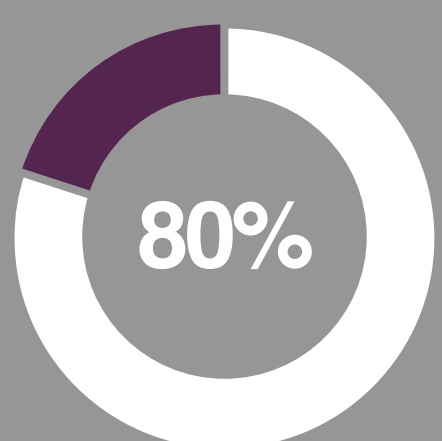
113 mobile devices are stolen every minute in the US.

**DO YOU HAVE A MOBILE DEVICE MANAGEMENT PLAN?**

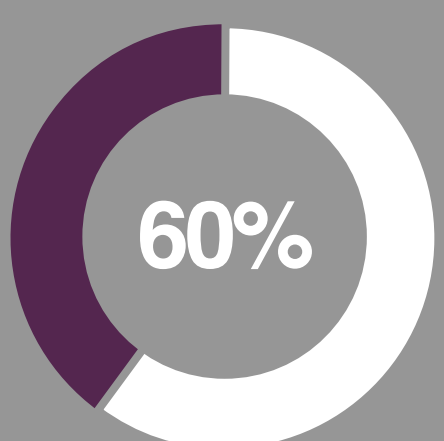


## Cloud Based Networking

With your employees mobile and spread around, you need a way for them to interact with the same systems securely and efficiently. Cloud based networking and applications are a great solution to this problem.



4 out of 5 employees spend at least some time working outside the office.



More than 60% of businesses say they will be switching to the cloud for IT-related operations.



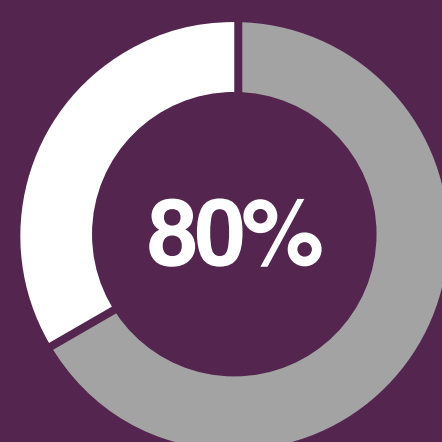
Who's signed in? Your cloud network is essentially open to the public.

**IS YOUR NETWORK AVAILABLE YET SECURE?**



## Communication and Collaboration

Your workers are mobile and have secure access to the systems they need but are they connected to each other? With a distributed workforce, it becomes even more important to enable effective communication and collaboration.



4 out of 5 American businesses use VoIP for their in-office phone needs.



100,000,000+  
Over 100 million professionals currently use a chat service (Skype, Gmail, etc.) for communication.



Half of all employees expect to get work done no matter where they are.



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