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Central vs. Traditional Remote Access Models

Explore how Central wins against remote networks and VPNs environments

Organizations globally and across all industries are transitioning to a remote workforce. Company leaders, IT professionals (internal and Managed Service Providers), and working professionals need to support themselves and their teams to work from home securely and effectively. However, transitioning to a remote work environment for employees in a secure, scalable and economical way poses several challenges for organizations.

The traditional approach of using Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) and company networks to allow remote users to connect to the corporate network can often limit flexibility and pose a security risk. Remote access through cloud-based services, such as LogMeIn Central, can replace and provide greater benefits for organizations as they transition to a remote workforce.

1. Ease of Deployment

LogMeIn Central allows administrators to remotely mass deploy, install and configure LogMeIn Central to users in your organization. While a VPN requires the installation and configuration of customized hardware and/or software, LogMeIn Central requires no advanced configuration or hardware installation at all. Deploying LogMeIn Central only requires installing software and registering the computer that you would like to remotely access, which can be done completely remotely.

2. Security

LogMeIn Central was designed expressly to ensure robust and secure operation while integrating seamlessly with a company's existing network and security infrastructure. With 256-bit AES encryption, two-factor authentication, permissions management and more, users and administrators can have peace of mind that their data is safe. Not only that, but Central's Security module comes backed with best-in-class security features such as Patch Management, Antivirus Management, and LogMeIn Antivirus powered by Bitdefender. VPN's can pose compliance or regulatory risk as it can be difficult to see audit detail required for higher security standards. In addition, VPN's experience software and network specific issues, whereas connecting to Central is as simple as utilizing any secure WiFi network or on your mobile device.

3. Ease of Use and Training

LogMeIn Central is intuitive for both users and administrators and is constantly being optimized. There is no specialized training required – in fact, we require the lowest amount of time to get up and running in the industry, coupled with premium customer support. In contrast, a VPN-based remote desktop access solution often requires proprietary client software to connect to the VPN appliance on the remote office network, which makes it more difficult for both the administrator and users.

4. Scalability

LogMeIn Central is highly scalable by virtue of being a cloud solution, allowing teams to quickly scale as required – and is in fact designed to grow with you as your business grows. In contrast, with a VPN, connection processing overhead is concentrated on the corporate network. As the number of remote users increases, the hardware requirements and the software licensing cost of the VPN infrastructure can increase dramatically.

5. Consolidation and Resource Savings

Central combines the ability to patch, deploy, view and manage your endpoints in one location, either directly or in the background to schedule maintenance and support your IT infrastructure. VPN solutions typically are accompanied by an additional deployment solution, making you have to pay more to do less with more products.

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