

Security policy management proves **new challenge** for IT decision-makers

The average IT pro spends **a quarter** of his/her own time on security policy management

Around **40%** of organizations' IT teams spends the majority of their time on network security activities

50% say budget is a bottleneck to objective achievement

Organizations use a variety of solutions to manage network security policy problems. Smaller organizations are more likely to deploy manual solutions, while organizations with 1,000-4,999 employees skew toward automated tools.

The **top three** network security policy management problems are...

- 1 Difficulty in simulating the impact of changes
- 2 Ensuring that network security policy is being implemented as intended
- 3 The time taken to update policy on all required devices

...with **65%** of respondents facing difficulties in at least one of these areas

Network security policy problems are worsened by increased network complexity and frequent changes to the network

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