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ZERO TRUST NETWORK ACCESS CASE STUDY

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# PUBLISHING FIRM SWITCHES FROM LEGACY VPN TO RESILIENT REMOTE ACCESS

# Shifting to robust Zero Trust Network Access delivers resilient, easy-to-administer VPN-less remote access.

### Background

Tired of struggling with its existing VPN—and needing to concurrently enable multi-cloud adoption and support a projected 367% increase in remote workers—this publishing firm turned to Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA) as a solution. Scalability and resilience to ensure the continued productivity of its 2,000 employees, plus automation and integration, were priority requirements.

# Challenges

The company's existing VPN solution:

- Was expensive and complex to manage
- Suffered from poor scalability and resilience, with downtime impeding employee productivity
- Took too long to provision users, owing partially to a lack of automation and dependence on a GUI
- Lacked integration into other applications and resources using standardized APIs
- Hindered adoption of a multi-cloud developer environment

#### Requirements

A VPN replacement that would:

- Scale to enable the firm's 2,000 employees, including the number of remote workers expected to nearly quadruple over pre-pandemic levels
- Be resilient by rarely experiencing issues and quickly recovering from any that might arise
- Support automation to streamline the provisioning process
- Automate access to a multi-cloud environment, particularly for developers
- Integrate into other applications and resources using standard APIs, like REST

"You can rebuild the entire Appgate collective from a database backup that's kilobytes in size...you can rebuild everything in less than an hour." - Sr. infrastructure engineer

# Solution

After a thorough assessment, the firm implemented Appgate SDP, an industryleading ZTNA solution, to enable VPN-less access to the multi-cloud environment.

"Appgate made it easier to do multi-cloud, which was going to happen either way, but Appgate made it easier." - Sr. infrastructure engineer

#### RESULTS

Provisioning time dropped by 66.7% (from three hours to one).

The firm's ability to execute digital transformation initiatives increased from a rating of five out of 10 to seven out of 10.

Appgate SDP was rated "highly strategic" to the company's work-from-home model, receiving a 10 out of 10 rating.

Appgate made it easier for the firm to implement its multi-cloud transformation.

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