



SOLUTION BRIEF

# SASE: A Stronger, More Secure Network, No Matter Your Size

Robust Connectivity and Security that Easily Scales to Meet the Needs of Your Growing Business

## A Shift in the IT Landscape

The need for consistent, high-performance connectivity has never been greater. Employees and contractors conduct business from multiple locations and devices, while customers interact with kiosks and connect to Wi-Fi to shop or browse the internet. Further complicating things, we now rely on a wide range of Internet of Things (IoT) devices to drive efficiencies, including everything from security cameras to medical devices and manufacturing equipment. While this agility drives improved productivity and user experiences, it also makes security complex, particularly for resource-constrained small- and mid-sized businesses. Threats, including ransomware and phishing attacks, are increasing in sophistication and frequently target smaller businesses that don't have the same level of protection as their larger counterparts.

## A New Approach to Creating Exceptional User Experiences

In today's work environment, businesses—no matter their size—need flexible, scalable, and consolidated solutions that enable secure work from anywhere. Small- and mid-size businesses, in particular, require a network that can expand as they designate new workplaces, grow in size, or experience other changes. They also need high-performing, resilient, and secure networks that protect against cybersecurity threats and continue supporting many concurrent users and devices, even in an outage.

Network solutions must provide visibility into which applications are being accessed and where sensitive data is being stored. They must also control access, so companies can be confident that their sensitive data and communications are secure—or react quickly if they're not. Network solutions must be agile, cloud-based technologies that don't compromise security or compliance while providing actionable customer insights that can be used to grow the business.

## Potential Benefits

- Improved user experience and productivity
- Increased network performance and resiliency
- Reduced risk of unauthorized access, malware, and data loss
- Centralized visibility into what is occurring on-site and within the network
- Highly scalable to flex as business needs change
- Decreased burden on lean in-house technology teams

## Connecting and Protecting Every User, Device, and Network Edge

LevelBlue SASE with Cisco Meraki can provide simple and powerful networking and security for companies of any size. This solution enables unified, secure, and consistent access to every user, wherever they're located. As a holistic approach to networking and security service delivery, LevelBlue SASE with Cisco Meraki connects and protects every edge of the network—data centers, branch locations, IoT devices, public and private clouds—with one cloud-delivered platform.



<p><b>AT&amp;T Business Wi-Fi with Cisco Meraki</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimized wired and wireless connectivity</li><li>• Site-to-site virtual private network (VPN) in just 3 clicks that secures users in any location</li><li>• Support for multiple network circuits with the ability to prioritize bandwidth to business-critical applications</li></ul>	<p><b>LevelBlue Secure Remote Access with Cisco</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verifies user identity and device health before allowing connection to company resources and sensitive information</li><li>• Provides secure access to specific applications users need to complete job duties</li></ul>	<p><b>LevelBlue Secure Web Gateway with Cisco</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cloud-delivered security that protects users from web-based threats, wherever they are located</li><li>• Blocks access to malicious, inappropriate, or time-wasting websites</li></ul>
<p><b>LevelBlue Managed Services</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LevelBlue network and security experts provide deployment, policy design and configuration, maintenance, 24/7 monitoring and help desk support to reduce the burden on lean in-house technology teams.</li></ul>	

**Challenges**

The adoption of cloud applications and the number of connected devices are causing latency issues and an inconsistent user experience

**Benefits**

High-performing, resilient, and secure networks that accommodate wired or wireless connectivity, actionable customer insights, and IT agility

Use Case: Secure Edge

The diagram illustrates the 'Secure Edge' use case. On the left, a server rack icon represents the on-premise network. This connects to a central box labeled 'LevelBlue SASE with Cisco'. Inside this box are three components: 'LevelBlue Secure Web Gateway with Cisco' (with a globe icon), 'LevelBlue Secure Remote Access with Cisco' (with a person icon), and 'AT&T SD-WAN with Cisco' (with a globe icon). From the right side of the central box, three arrows point to external destinations: 'Internet' (globe icon), 'SaaS' (computer monitor icon), and 'Private / Public Clouds' (cloud icon).

**Challenges**

Legacy remote access technology is straining under increased demand, and users may be working off-network, accessing malicious websites, and opening the door for hackers and malware

**Benefits**

High-performance access to applications hosted at the data center or in the cloud and security that follows users wherever they work, on network or off

Use Case: Secure Remote Workforce

The diagram illustrates the 'Secure Remote Workforce' use case. On the left, a house icon represents a remote user. This connects to a central box labeled 'LevelBlue SASE with Cisco'. Inside this box are two components: 'LevelBlue Secure Web Gateway with Cisco' (with a globe icon) and 'LevelBlue Secure Remote Access with Cisco' (with a person icon). From the right side of the central box, three arrows point to external destinations: 'Internet' (globe icon), 'Public Cloud / SaaS' (computer monitor icon), and 'Private Apps/Nets Co-Location Nets' (cloud icon).

# About LevelBlue

We simplify cybersecurity through award-winning managed security services, experienced strategic consulting, threat intelligence and renowned research. Our team is a seamless extension of yours, providing transparency and visibility into security posture and continuously working to strengthen it.

We harness security data from numerous sources and enrich it with artificial intelligence to deliver real-time threat intelligence. This enables more accurate and precise decision making. With a large, always-on global presence, LevelBlue sets the standard for cybersecurity today and tomorrow. We easily and effectively manage risk, so you can focus on your business.

**Cybersecurity. Simplified.**