



SASE Readiness Accelerator

Defining Strategic Direction

As agility, security and business continuity are firmly prioritised by all large organisations, demand for SASE services is increasing, providing the perfect foundation for accelerated digital transformation.

SASE describes the convergence of two architectures - WAN and network security - bringing them together into a powerful combination of SD-WAN, networking as a service, cloud firewall, secure network access, threat detection and CASB - all delivered through a single cloud service model.

To help get you started on your SASE journey, Xalient's SASE Readiness Accelerator is ideal. It's a comprehensive assessment of where your organisation stands today and where it wants to get to, and offers detailed recommendations designed to help you accelerate towards your goal and reap the SASE benefits.

“ SASE makes security intrinsic in the network and, if architected correctly, organizations should not have to hold up the rollout of new apps and services while the security implications are being figured out. Instead, with security being “baked in,” companies can be as aggressive as they want and know the environment is secure. ”

Zeus Kerravala - Network World

<https://www.networkworld.com/article/3449136/how-sd-wan-is-evolving-into-secure-access-service-edge.html>

Five key SASE benefits

Agility

Intelligence is shifted from the sites and legacy datacentres to the cloud, making the addition of capabilities to adapt to business changes as simple as enabling supplementary features.

Performance

Distributing the solution components closer to the users, whether at a business site or a remote location ensures optimal paths to the applications. Scaling the solution components automatically in real-time provides a consistent user experience.

Security

All traffic flows are engineered to ensure inspection engines are in-path and situated close to the users. This tight cohesion delivers a consistent security posture increasing compliance across the entire organisation.

Efficiency

Complexity at each site is reduced by integrating the network and security components into a converged, cloud-native architecture. This increases the supportability by combining multiple components into a single holistic solution.

Cost

The simplicity of a converged service ensures there is no need to size, scale or maintain multiple solutions. This enables significant cost reductions.

Assessment Overview

The accelerator comprises four key stages:

1. Initial scoping workshop

Business drivers and objectives are discussed and agreed.

2. Analysis of the current environment

- Network design and configuration
- Security topology and policies
- Utilisation and costs*

*Either provided by customer or acquired through the WAN performance assessment – see related services below).

3. Definition of intended future-state

- Business requirements and constraints
- Technical requirements and constraints
- Incorporation of future growth plans

4. Accelerator Report

Following detailed data analysis you will receive a comprehensive report which will include a summary of technical recommendations based on the original business objectives and scoping workshop including the following key outputs:

Documented Gap Analysis

- Gaps that exist between the current environment and the desired future-state
- Options and recommendations for future-state
- Identification of required remediation activities

Vendor comparison

Roadmap

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Related Services

Customers interested in this assessment may also find the following Xalient consultancy and managed services of interest:



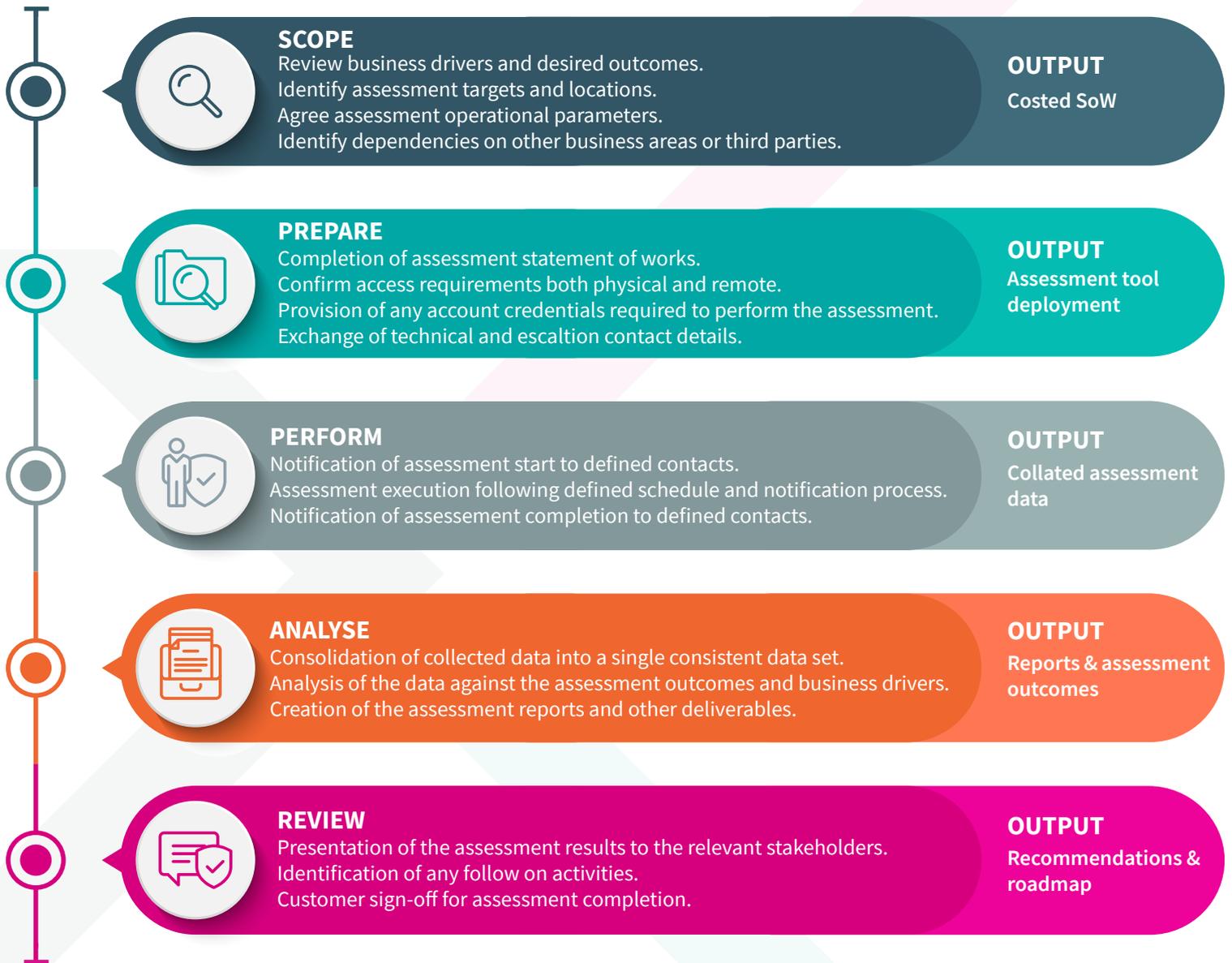
Security Posture Accelerator - A comprehensive review and gap analysis of the current security posture against a defined security framework; for example PCI DSS, CIS20, or CyberEssentials.



Zero-Trust Readiness Accelerator – Business case focussed assessment on the ability to adopt a zero-trust security model.

Assessment Approach

The delivery of the Xalient Accelerator services follows a structured approach to ensure the required customer outcomes, while keeping the impact on the environment to a minimum. This incorporates an initial scoping workshop to fully qualify the requirements and business deliverables.



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