SD-WAN Readiness Accelerator

SD-WAN Benefits

There are many factors forcing organisations to rethink and redesign their network strategies and undertake modernisation projects. One of the possible directions to take is an SD-WAN approach. There are many business drivers for SD-WAN, the most common being:

> Reduce network complexity
> Support a Cloud-First strategy
> Enable an agile workforce
> Increase network security
> Improve user experience
> Improve operational efficiencies
> Gain greater network visibility
> Cost savings
> Carrier flexibility
> To reduce time to deploy services

It is important for organisations to understand the business and technology impacts when making the change from a traditional MPLS network, to SD-WAN or a hybrid network. Xalient's SD-WAN Readiness Accelerator will provide you with the valuable insight and recommendations you need to make an informed choice and accelerate your journey.

> **By 2024, to enhance agility and support for cloud applications, 60% of enterprises will have implemented SD-WAN, compared with fewer than 20% in 2019.**
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> **Gartner 2019**

Accelerator overview

The SD-WAN Readiness Accelerator will provide you with the following:

> Analysis of current network design and configuration
> Analysis of network and application performance
> Definition of future state requirements
> Gap Analysis
> Vendor comparison
> High-Level project and implementation plan
> Roadmap
> Budgetary Costs
> Technical and Operational readiness overview

The key to the Xalient SD-WAN Readiness Accelerator is the ability to engage with key stakeholders and clearly agree on business drivers and expected outcomes at the outset.

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Accelerator overview continued

Define Future State:

- Budget
- Remediation and consolidation opportunities
- Deployment process opportunities
- Standardisation opportunities – Best practice guidance
- Future Cloud adoption
- Secure remote working strategy
- Security / compliance requirements
- Application roadmap strategy

Documented Gap Analysis including:

- Gaps that exist between the network current and desired future state
- Options and recommendations for future-state
- Identify required remediation activities

Roadmap

- Recommendations and reasoning
- Risks and caveats
- Future-state implementation plan
- Dependencies
- Milestones
- Schedule
- Budgetary costs for any recommended options

Following a detailed analysis, a comprehensive report, including a summary of technical recommendations based on the original business objectives and scoping workshop outputs, is presented to you.

Related Services

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

Secure Remote Working Accelerator

Security Posture Accelerator
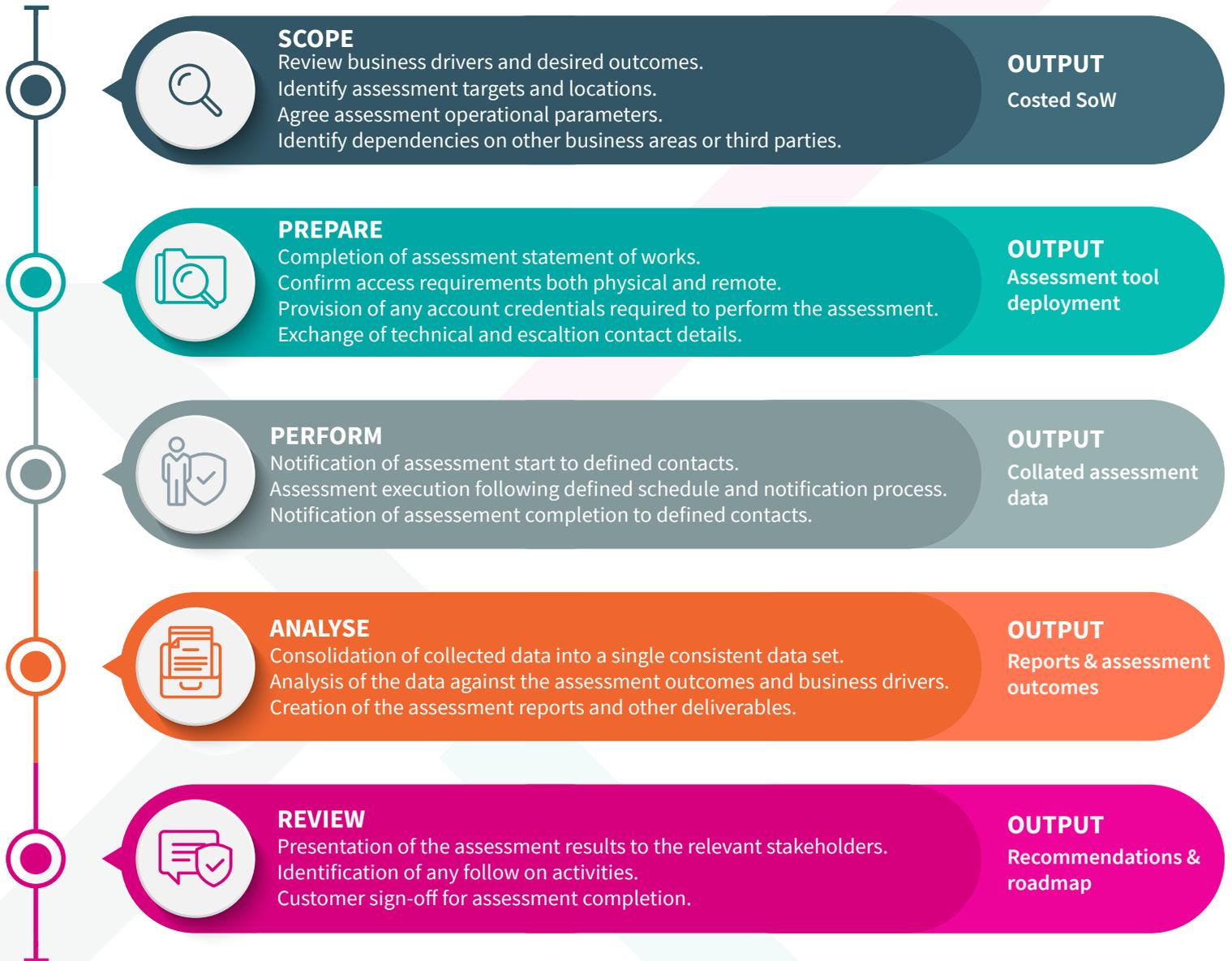
Zero Trust Readiness Accelerator

WAN Performance Accelerator

Find out more about our various Accelerators at at **www.xalient.com**

Assessment Approach

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

SCOPE
Review business drivers and desired outcomes.
Identify assessment targets and locations.
Agree assessment operational parameters.
Identify dependencies on other business areas or third parties.

OUTPUT
Costed SoW

PREPARE
Completion of assessment statement of works.
Confirm access requirements both physical and remote.
Provision of any account credentials required to perform the assessment.
Exchange of technical and escaltion contact details.

OUTPUT
Assessment tool deployment

PERFORM
Notification of assessment start to defined contacts.
Assessment execution following defined schedule and notification process.
Notification of assessement completion to defined contacts.

OUTPUT
Collated assessment data

ANALYSE
Consolidation of collected data into a single consistent data set.
Analysis of the data against the assessment outcomes and business drivers.
Creation of the assessment reports and other deliverables.

OUTPUT
Reports & assessment outcomes

REVIEW
Presentation of the assessment results to the relevant stakeholders.
Identification of any follow on activities.
Customer sign-off for assessment completion.

OUTPUT
Recommendations & roadmap

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