



# Cisco Secure Remote Worker - Simplified



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# Introduction

Remote working is no longer a last-minute request made by your team members when they're sick, stuck in traffic or struggling with a personal issue. These days, remote working is a way of life. In fact, according to recent research conducted by Locatee, only 7% of those surveyed said that they would choose to return to the office full time if given the option. As a result, businesses who can offer their employees secure, intuitive and collaborative working from anywhere will find themselves in much better stead when retaining or hiring staff in the future.

However, despite remote working proving increasingly popular amongst workforces, there are serious associating concerns for companies to contend with - with productivity levels and security issues creating the biggest hurdles. But that's where Cisco Remote Worker comes in.



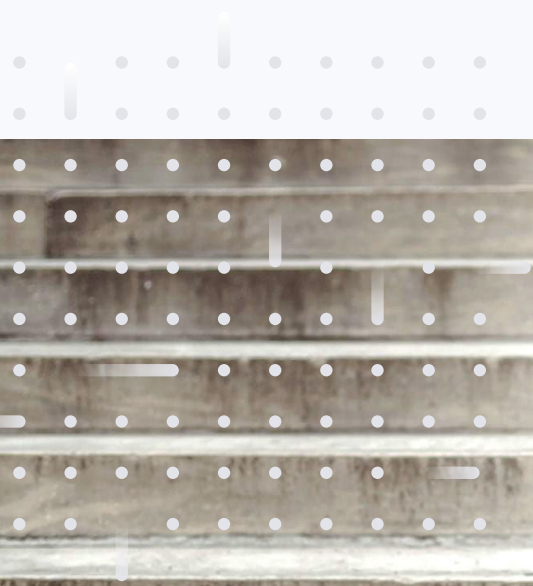
## Remote working & the security risks

With an undeniable appetite for continued remote working, businesses who choose to take a proactive approach towards creating flexible working stand to save not only money on office overheads but their staff - who would be less likely to search for alternate employers that already have the technology, culture and processes in place to fully support a flexible workforce. As a result, effective planning towards the new, agile way of working should be a key priority for any company.

To confidently allow remote access, businesses will need to secure their network, mobile devices, servers, applications and files - as well as instil a culture of compliance. At the same time, security solutions need to be seamless rather than tedious, so as to avoid the risk of team members bypassing them in favour of a faster option.

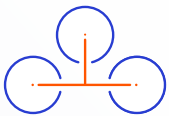
But while the thought of remote working is an exciting prospect for employees, it can be a rather daunting one for business owners who may be overwhelmed with security concerns relating to the new, dispersed workspace. For instance, if your employees are able to work from anywhere where there's connectivity, how will you know if their credentials have been compromised? If their laptops have malware? Or whether the public Wi-Fi they're using at their local coffee shop is secure?

You can no longer force everything back behind one brimming security boundary and hope for the best. That world is long gone. But the good news is, you don't have to.



# Cisco Secure Remote Worker

Cisco has developed a set of comprehensive security products that allow your team to work from any location, connecting with any device. Secure Remote Worker is a simple, integrated and scalable security solution that can verify identities and establish trust; give safe access to company resources and files; and protect workers from hidden threats like phishing and malware attacks. This is achieved in 5 key ways:



## User identities

User identities are verified with strong, multi-factor authentication, establishing trust that a device meets security requirements before granting access to company applications.



## Secure connection

Secure connection to the enterprise network from any device is established, so that employees can access critical resources safely anywhere - at any time.



## Multi-layer defense

Multi-layer defence is embedded to protect users wherever they go on the internet by continually monitoring traffic and managing public access while blocking, detecting and responding to advanced threats.



## Integrated Cloud mailbox defense

Integrated cloud hosted mailbox defence addresses gaps in email security through complete inbound, outbound and internal messages visibility in order to detect and block advanced email threats through superior threat intelligence.



## Proactive threat protection

Proactive threat protection and resolution using multifaceted prevention techniques and posture assessments reduces incident response time by up to 85% to fully expose, contain and resolve vulnerabilities.

## Conclusion

At Forfusion, we specialise in mitigating the risk that comes with innovation and digital transformation. If you're struggling to adjust your systems and processes to the new way of working or simply want more information on how to secure your remote workforce, we can help.

Get in touch with one of our accredited IT professionals today to find out how we can optimise business performance and empower your employees through Cisco Secure Worker.





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