

# The Essential Checklist for Security Consolidation

As everyone predicted, consolidation is happening. Do it the right way and it's a real staffing and efficiency game-changer. Below are a few things that might surprise you, and questions to ask yourself as you go through the process, so you can remove stubborn silos and turn security challenges into wins.

## **FACT: Consolidation can shrink your attack surface**

- Get a holistic, end-to-end view with prioritized risk and threats.
- Chase fewer vendors, set up and configure faster, enjoy accountability.
- Less is more: the U.S. Department of Defense estimates one-third of security vulnerabilities are in the software itself.

### **Key questions to ask**

- ✔ Is the vendor platform-centric with a suite of integrations?
- ✔ Is there an extensive library of 3rd party integrations?
- ✔ Is your work prioritized by a unified view and shared insights?
- ✔ Can the vendor support a multi-cloud strategy?

## **FACT: Consolidation can grow an attack surface too, so keep these points in mind**

- Defense-in-depth uses layers to protect cloud and hybrid systems from breaches.
- Make sure you maintain your key redundancies as you consolidate.
- Organizations have different functions that are ideal (and not) for consolidation.

### **Key questions to ask**

- ✔ How will you secure your organization's cloud migration and digital transformation?
- ✔ What's your risk tolerance and how are you staying ahead of vulnerabilities?
- ✔ How will a new consolidated approach help you keep up with emergent threats?
- ✔ After consolidation, is your risk and threat coverage complete?
- ✔ How many times do you see the word "limited" in your vendor agreements?

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