



Tenable Security Center

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Product Recap



Tenable Security Center

Tenable Security Center Recap

Get a risk-based view of your IT, security and compliance posture so you can quickly identify, investigate and prioritize your most critical assets and vulnerabilities.

Managed on-premises and powered by Nessus technology, the Tenable Security Center (**formerly Tenable.sc**) suite of products provides the industry's most comprehensive vulnerability coverage with real-time continuous assessment of your network. It's your complete end-to-end [vulnerability management solution](#).

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“Overall, I rate the solution 9.8 out of 10.”



Ondrej KOVAC

Solution engineer at EXPERTience



“The most effective feature of Tenable Security Center for detecting vulnerabilities is its capability for critical mapping.”



Kevin Mwangi

Cyber Security Consultant at a tech services company with 1-10 employees



“It allows financial institutions to compare their vulnerability management to others in the same sector.”



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“The most valuable feature is the automatic and periodic management of security scans, along with the ability to consolidate all information into a single dashboard.”



Shahriar Hussain

Cyber Security Charter Engineer at Banglalink Digital Communications



“The most important features are the dashboard and reporting. The dashboard provides statistics with graphs and bar charts for our management.”



Md. Shahriar Hussain

Information Security Analyst at Banglalink



“The Auto-Remediate feature is good.”



Abul Hasnat Md Sofi Ullah

General Manager - Enterprise & Cyber Security Planning at Robi Axiata Limited



“The tool's dashboard and reporting capabilities match our company's needs since we are able to modify the basic view to create a new dashboard, and it works out very well for our needs.”



LadislavSolc

Enthusiastic Explorer at Target Five

What users had to say about valuable features:

“The most valuable feature is the automatic and periodic management of security scans, along with the ability to consolidate all information into a single dashboard. This feature enables me to quickly identify which areas require attention, updating patches, and fixing bugs to stay protected against the latest security attacks..”

Shahriar Hussain

Cyber Security Charter Engineer at Banglalink Digital Communications

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“The most valuable features of Tenable Security Center for my clients are Vulnerability Priority Rating (VPR) and Asset Criticality Scoring. The tool also excels in data correlation and reporting, providing crucial insights into security performance, and aiding in measuring service level agreements (SLA)..”

OndrejKOVAC

Solution engineer at EXPERTience

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“Tenable Security Center provides an overall score of vulnerabilities, comparing an organization with others in the same industry. For example, it allows financial institutions to compare their vulnerability management to others in the same sector. This provides a comprehensive view of the organization's vulnerability status..”

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“They have their own servers and prioritize trust. They address every compliance concern and offer options for automated and manual assessments. Tenable Security Center supports a wide range of applications and servers, capable of comprehensive scanning and handling of vulnerabilities. It can scan against the CI benchmark and provides standard dashboards for general product monitoring and scanning..”

Janakiraman Elumalai

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Information Technology Security Specialist at Digitaltrack

“Tenable Security Center is a relatively very good solution, and I don't think it needs improvement; it's a perfect solution.

“I haven't experienced any trouble with Tenable Security Center so far, and the support is very timely and adequate; we are satisfied with that..”

Hiroshi Watanabe

Marketing Expert at J's communication

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“In Tenable SecurityCenter, the Risk-based approach for Prioritizing vulnerability is something that is unique to any vulnerability management platform. Compared to Qualys and Rapid7, Tenable VPR is a special thing that those products don't have. The security over the CVSS and V1 and V2 with the VPR feature help an organization reveal the exact risk of any asset. There might be thousands of vulnerabilities, however, the most impactful vulnerabilities are listed and prioritized in the VPR.

As tenable SecurityCenter is powered by popular Nessus technology, It is really easy to set up.

The solution is stable and considered as the most solid vulnerability management platform in the industry.

Tenable.sc provides a wide range of dashboards which makes it easy to grasp the vulnerability profile of the organization. These dashboards allow us to view vulnerabilities in different categories in a simple to understand format. The upgrade to Tenable.sc+ has improved on this as well. Regularity of plugin updates are also exceptional. The speed at which tenable has pushed plugin updates and overall platform updates is great. Also the automatic update capability makes maintenance very simplified. Easy to use User interface. For someone who is not familiar with Tenable.sc, the interface is not difficult to follow along and the documentation makes it very simple for anyone

The solution has a very nice Asset discovery feature that gives you gives you unified visibility of your entire attack surface, As It leverages Nessus Sensors, a mix of active scanners, agents, passive network monitoring, and CMDB integrations to maximize scan coverage across your infrastructure to reduce vulnerability blind spots. This mix of data sensor types helps you track and assess both known and unknown assets and their vulnerabilities.”

OniRahman

Technical Consultant at a tech consulting company with 51-200 employees

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Other Solutions Considered

“I previously used Qualys in a different organization, which I found difficult to use and not user-friendly. I chose Tenable Security Center for its user-friendly interface and feature set..”

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“There are positives and negatives, but despite looking at other options, we haven't found anything better suited for us. So, we continue to use it and have plans to keep using it in the near future..”

JaanaAnvelt

Chief Information Security Officer at BIGBANK AS

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“I have researched other products on the market and by comparison, I would rate Tenable SC a ten out of ten. It still has some features lacking, but it is better than the other solutions that are on the market..”

JoaoManso

CIO / IT Consultant at RedShift

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“I have experience with ManageEngine Vulnerability Manager Plus, which focuses on endpoint vulnerabilities and includes patch management, unlike Tenable Security Center..”

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“I have also worked with Qualys for a long time.

In our country, People are yet not comfortable adopting SaaS/cloud based solutions also, there are some government jurisdictions that require data to be within the country and an on-prem solution is always needed for the organization. Other solutions, Qualys and Rapid7, are mainly cloud designed. Tenable SecurityCenter is the only solution that can be fully on-prem for small to mid Enterprises.

Also, Tenable is better for compliance requirements in terms of regulations around vulnerability management. it has reporting on compliance with pre-defined checks, metrics and proactive alerts on violations for industry standards like CERT, NIST, DISA STIG, DHS CDM, FISMA, PCI DSS etc. and regulatory mandates. while it comes to other solutions i dint find the compliance feature as good as Tenable .”

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Technical Consultant at a tech consulting company with 51-200 employees

“We did two sets of white papers looking at the competition. We did a white paper in 2015 and another one in 2018. We selected Tenable after the 2018 white paper was written.

Between 2015 and 2018, the market had contracted considerably. Many of the products that we evaluated in 2015 had either been bought out by a competitor or just no longer existed. When we looked at it in 2018, Tenable had the strongest pedigree. They also had the ability to scale the deployment, versus some of the other products.

We looked at Ivanti, which really wasn't designed for vulnerability management; it was a bolt-on. We looked at Qualys. That was too heavy-handed. It was a good product, but there was too much overhead in managing or maintaining that product.

Tenable was the best fit for our needs. Tenable is also the provider for the ACAS solution for the US government. Since the vast majority of our customers are government customers, and our auditors are government officials, it was seen as an easy way to get past an audit, or at least that we would be looked upon favorably.

We did not test any of the competitors. We had done some tests in 2015, but again, many of those competitors were no longer in business or they had been bought out. The other product that made it as a finalist was Qualys, but there was a significant commitment and infrastructure needed. We felt that if that was the minimum just to get it tested, then it was not going to work for us on an enterprise scale..”

Verified user

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Sr. Principal IT Architect at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“I have seen an ROI from this solution. It is quick if it fits the customer's operation, and it is very suitable for their operation. If we cannot adjust how to operate the solution, then it becomes very difficult, so hearing and initial tuning are very important..”

Hiroshi Watanabe

Marketing Expert at J's communication

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“Through the use of Tenable Security Center, my clients achieve more efficient patching and gain visibility and understanding of security operations, leading to improved resilience and infrastructure insight..”

Ondrej KOVAC

Solution engineer at EXPERTience

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“The ROI is substantial because it prevents data breaches that could lead to significant fines. By continuously updating patches as per Tenable Security Center's reports, we have avoided customer data leaks..”

Shahriar Hussain

Cyber Security Charter Engineer at Banglalink Digital Communications

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“We've seen return on investment through visibility, scan stability, ensuring that we're able to assess our environment. Also, ensuring that we are able to have good confidence in the data, and that we're able to do out-of-the-box reporting and various other dashboards that really help us drive our program and help sell our case..”

Justin Kolker

IT Security Specialist at a consultancy with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“While some clients focus solely on developing large-scale software solutions, the industrial sector is vast. Industries such as manufacturing and green technologies prioritize systematic design, maintenance of accounts, blueprints, and business identities—all of which necessitate robust data security. The investment in securing their data is crucial, ensuring that sensitive information remains protected from potential threats. Monitoring and documenting activities through systems like gateway or dedicated servers help management stay informed about ongoing operations and potential risks..”

Janakiraman Elumalai

Information Technology Security Specialist at Digitaltrack

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“Having Tenable is a requirement. It is a compliance piece which is part of our business. But it is money well-spent in that it focuses us to work on problems that are prioritized and it allows us to cut down on the manual integration of multiple reports from Microsoft and Linux, etc. It does save us considerably in that we can have less staff assigned to it, versus having a Linux team and a Windows team and a NetApp team, etc.

Running with a much smaller team of two people probably saves 80 percent of manpower. I would assume that the team would be ten people or so if we had to mash together multiple reports and spend time doing that..”

Verified user

Sr. Principal IT Architect at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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Use Case

“Tenable Security Center is aimed at IT environments. It can receive vulnerability information from Tenable OT and integrate it into a unified report covering both IT and OT environments..”

Javier Salazar

Security Engineer at Tenable Network Security

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“The typical use case for Tenable Security Center is that it is an on-premise solution, and it can use the agent and active scanning, which is needed by governmental organizations and manufacturers, so that is the benefit of the Security Center..”

Hiroshi Watanabe

Marketing Expert at J's communication

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“The primary use case for Tenable Security Center among my clients is risk-based vulnerability management. It involves not just a one-time scan but a continuous workflow that integrates with management and auditing processes..”

Ondrej KOVAC

Solution engineer at EXPERTience

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“I use Tenable Security Center mainly to detect vulnerabilities. One of its core functions is its capability for asset discovery, which aids in improving our security posture..”

Kevin Mwangi

Cyber Security Consultant at a tech services company with 1-10 employees

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“The primary use cases are vulnerability management and dashboard creation. I utilize it to exhibit the current security posture to higher management, prioritize which paths to fix first, and identify vulnerabilities. Additionally, I escalate issues to management based on their criticality and business rating..”

Shahriar Hussain

Cyber Security Charter Engineer at Banglalink Digital Communications

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“In my previous job, Tenable Security Center was used for a financial institution covering approximately eight thousand assets including servers, computers, network devices, and web applications. The scope was to scan every device within the IT environment. It is a robust solution with numerous plugins that streamline the scanning process, providing powerful results..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“The initial setup of Tenable Security Center is straightforward. Clients can use virtual appliances or the software, and the process is very Linux-friendly..”

Ondrej KOVAC

Solution engineer at EXPERTience

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“Regarding the initial setup of this solution, we have discussions with the customer about how to operate the solution, and it depends on the customer how they can use and operate it. We need to hear the customer's requirements, and it's a very flexible solution..”

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“I rate the setup phase a six on a scale of one to ten, where one is difficult and ten is easy.

The solution is deployed on the cloud and on an on-premises model, but our company mainly relies on the latter.

The solution can be deployed in a few hours since you need to download the tool's initial package, which is quite big, but once it is done, the deployment process becomes really fast and can be done in 20 to 30 minutes..”

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“Deployment takes probably a couple of days. it can either be done for one person.

It requires the installation of its tools and console server, which can be either virtual or physical. You need to activate the licenses and update the tool for the latest plugins. Typical deployments may involve multiple scanners linked to the main console, depending on the customer's network. Additionally, customers might need to deploy agents which require a separate Center manager machine. While, there is a lot to set up, it can be done within a couple of days.

I rate the initial setup an eight out of ten..”

Javier Salazar

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Security Engineer at Tenable Network Security

“The initial setup is simple. It's not complex at all.

You can go with the installer for Tenable SecurityCenter, which has an installer file for Linux and Unix platforms only. talking about the Nessus scanners, It can be deployed anywhere, including on Windows machines or Linux. There is not much of a challenge to it.

The time it takes to deploy varies. For example, what is the implementation size? How many IPs, and what are the sites? Those things change the timing. If it's a stand-alone setup, it can take around one to two hours to deploy. If you are also talking about onboarding the IPs, and scanning all those IPs, it can take a working day to complete..”

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“The initial setup is not easy because everything is on-premise. We need to enable specific ports for the engineering product, which are critical for internal purposes and cannot be easily changed. This complexity remains confined to the client side, where applications may require reboots.

Another issue arises with scanning and agent communication. While some agents communicate effectively with the Security Center, delays occur when numerous users access the service simultaneously, impacting real-time updates.

Managing involves two scanners and one dedicated server, requiring a week for proper setup and two personnel to maintain the system effectively..”

Janakiraman Elumalai

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Information Technology Security Specialist at Digitaltrack

Customer Service and Support

“Tenable's technical support has declined in quality over time. While they used to be excellent, achieving ratings of eight or nine, they now rate around six or seven due to longer response times and less thorough assistance..”

OndrejKOVAC

Solution engineer at EXPERTience

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“The customer service and support team at Tenable were extremely helpful. They assisted us with any questions and provided support throughout the deployment process, making them a ten out of ten..”

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“Customer service is good. That said, there are sometimes delays in response from international support. The support teams can take time to analyze logs. I rate it as eight out of ten..”

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Cyber Security Charter Engineer at Banglalink Digital Communications

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“The tickets are passed quickly. Their support manager works proactively in scheduling meetings and solving the issues with the team. They provide the best support care for the customers..”

Trirong Phuaythip

Solution Consultant at Westcon-Comstor

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“The technical support from Tenable Security Center is very good; I'm satisfied with the support.

“I would rate it an eight when one is the worst technical support and ten is the best..”

Hiroshi Watanabe

Marketing Expert at J's communication

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“I haven't really dealt much with technical support. In the initial stage, however, when I started deploying Tenable SecurityCenter, I faced a bit of a challenge implementing the Nessus Network Monitor. I figured it out, and now I don't have issues.

Support is top-notch, however, in terms of response times, they are slow, and they need to be faster. .”

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Technical Consultant at a tech consulting company with 51-200 employees

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Other Advice

“My advice for those considering Tenable Security Center is to note the benefit of upgrading vulnerable devices.

Overall, I would rate Tenable Security Center eight out of ten..”

Kevin Mwangi

Cyber Security Consultant at a tech services company with 1-10 employees

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“I rate Tenable Security Center ten out of ten.

ManageEngine is also rated ten out of ten as it served different scopes and provided essential patch management features..”

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“I recommend Tenable Security Center, particularly if the pricing can be adjusted to compete better in regions like Central Eastern Europe. I would rate it 9.6 or 9.8 out of 10, as it needs minor improvements, particularly in localization and report flexibility in the age of AI. Overall, I rate the solution 9.8 out of 10..”

Ondrej KOVAC

Solution engineer at EXPERTience


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“Proper configuration and automation are key to success with Tenable Security Center. Automating vulnerability scans and notifications can significantly reduce manual repetitive tasks, leading to better efficiency and time management.

I'd rate the solution nine out of ten..”

Shahriar Hussain

Cyber Security Charter Engineer at Banglalink Digital Communications

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“Tenable supports integrations with tools like Jira and Symantec, which are relatively easy to implement. However, when it comes to other cloud services beyond AWS and Azure, such as Oracle, support is less robust. Personal or niche cloud platforms may not receive adequate support.

There's a significant distinction between agent-based and non-agent-based approaches in Tenable's solutions. Agent-based scanning requires installation akin to antivirus software on servers, whereas non-agent-based methods operate differently. This difference impacts reporting and usability, particularly evident in Google Cloud environments where agent-based scanning is mandated.

Accessing and managing Tenable is straightforward for administrators, but specialist knowledge may be necessary for certain configurations or troubleshooting. Small-scale businesses implementing Tenable Security Center may find it cost-prohibitive compared to Tenable.io for cloud solutions, which offers more affordable options and promotions.

Overall, I rate the solution a nine out of ten..”

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“Continuous monitoring is essential because new vulnerabilities are discovered every day, and even existing vulnerabilities can evolve. As new malware emerges, a vulnerability that seemed minor today might become critical tomorrow. The malware, and malicious activities are constantly changing.

We cannot rely solely on the hardware or servers required to run Tenable Security Center because it is an on-premise solution.


It provides essential tools for vulnerability management and operates on-premises. This allows customers with requirements or audio restrictions to run Security Center on their premises. Additionally, the reporting system is highly advanced, and the compliance dashboards are extremely useful for meeting regulatory requirements. For example, banks and financial institutions prefer Security Center due to its robust reporting capabilities and on-premises operation.

I advise them to look into Tenable Security Center instead because it not only provides vulnerability management but also include other modules of Tenable, such as Tenable Identity, Tenable Cloud, etc. This allows for a single pane of view for the entire company, covering more than vulnerabilities and offering a comprehensive.

Overall, I rate the solution a nine out of ten..”

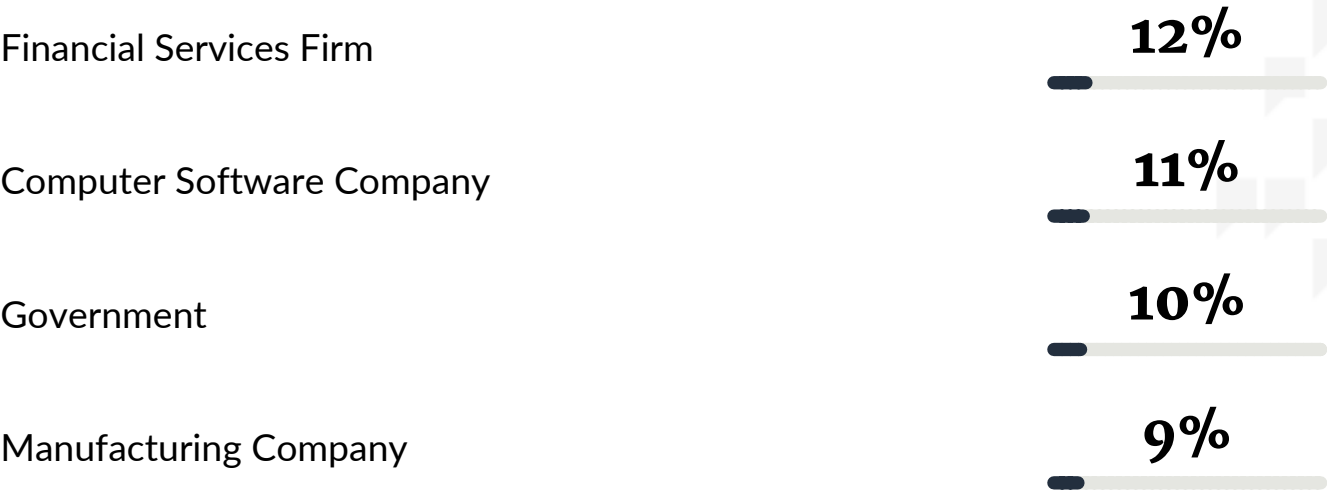
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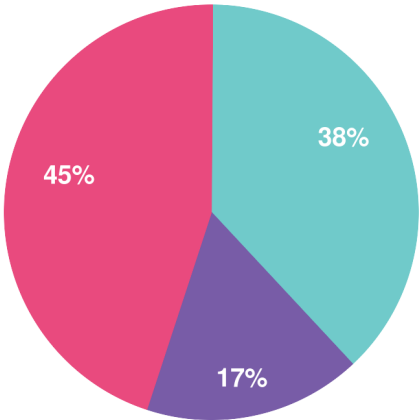
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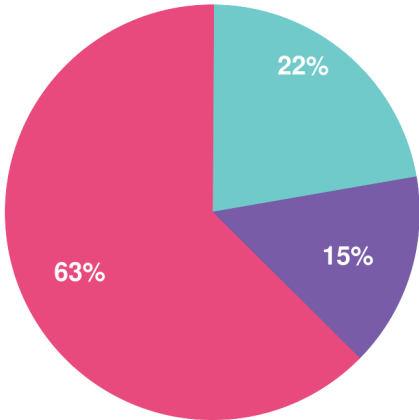




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