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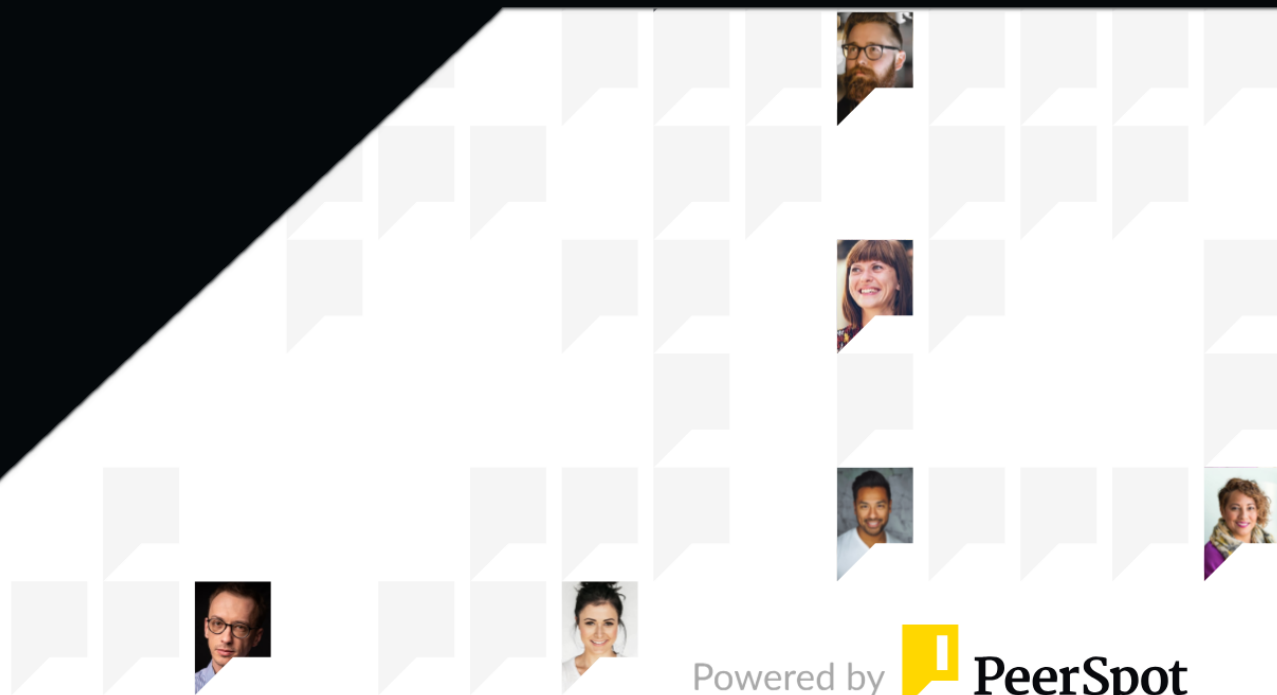
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Check Point CloudGuard Network Security offers centralized management, robust threat prevention, and seamless integration with major public clouds, ensuring consistent security for cloud and on-premises environments. It combines ease of use with flexibility across diverse IT infrastructure.

Check Point CloudGuard Network Security provides comprehensive protection for IT infrastructures in AWS, Azure, and hybrid environments. It ensures firewall security, managing traffic and securing cloud infrastructures while maintaining network protection and compliance enforcement. Organizations benefit from its centralized security governance, enhanced visibility, and threat prevention for both perimeter and internal security. It offers seamless integration with leading cloud platforms, allowing for efficient deployment and scalability, aligning with modern cloud requirements.

What are the key features of Check Point CloudGuard Network Security?

- Ease of Setup and Use: Provides a user-friendly setup process and intuitive operation.
- Robust Threat Prevention: Offers advanced capabilities to safeguard against potential threats.
- Auto-Scaling: Adjusts resources dynamically to meet demand without manual intervention.
- Centralized Management: Ensures uniform security policies across cloud and on-premises environments.
- Integration with Major Public Clouds: Seamlessly works with AWS, Azure, and other leading platforms.
- Intuitive ACL Menu: Simplifies access control list management with an easy-to-navigate interface.
- Customizable Policy Options: Allows for personalized security settings suited to specific requirements.

What benefits should companies look for in Check Point CloudGuard Network Security?

- Enhanced Operational Efficiency: Through automation and comprehensive reporting, organizations streamline operations.
- Consistent Security Management: Offers uniform policies across different environments, reducing complexity.
- Improved Threat Detection: Increases the ability to identify and respond to threats quickly.
- Scalability: Easily adapts to growing or changing infrastructure needs without

compromising security.

In industries such as finance, healthcare, and tech, Check Point CloudGuard Network Security is vital for protecting sensitive data, managing compliance, and safeguarding daily operations. Its robust integration capabilities support diverse infrastructure setups, assisting companies in maintaining high-security standards efficiently.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

✔ "It's valuable to have everything in one place instead of spreading across different products."

      Martin Raška

      Senior Security Engineer & Instructor at Arrow Electronics

✔ "The solution is very stable. I can honestly say that I trust it."

      Alain Rosenthal

      System Architect (Software) at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

✔ "The network security has positively affected our confidence in secure cloud deployments and mitigation."

      Mantas Mazeika

      Sales manager/ project manager at Atea

✔ "I found the access control policy through SmartConsole, which was formerly SmartDashboard, to be very valuable. It deeply explores source, destination, and port protocols. Competitors struggle to match this simplicity and effectiveness."

Verified user

Cybersecurity consultant at a comms service provider with 51-200 employees

✔ "It plays a vital role in protecting both our customer-facing and internal company infrastructure."

Shebin Matthew

Cyber security operations manager at a financial services firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

✔ "Its security and the definition of signatures are pretty good. Especially when you use those firewalls for a website, they pick up the signature very quickly."

SanjayPatel3

Sr network engineer at a outsourcing company with 10,001+ employees

✔ "It is more straightforward for me to create firewall routes instead of using the traditional board tools in Oracle OCI, which are complex for creating firewall rules. Instead, I use the firewall of Check Point, and it is very easy for me."

Daniel Sander

System engineer at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

I think it is secure and user-friendly. The interface is easy to understand and the Check Point CloudGuard Network Security history assures me of its trustworthiness.

James Arscott

Consultant at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

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"The best features are:

- database inspection
- threat prevention
- enhanced security.

The solution provides me with unified security management across all environments. It has a single interface that can help us get integrated with the normalized management server. It also gives us security and integrity.

It does what it's supposed to do. I would say that it created a reduction of 25% in organizational risk.

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Krunal Jagdish

Senior consultant at a consultancy with 10,001+ employees

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"The overall network security is good. It's big-picture, all in one bundle. It's valuable to have everything in one place instead of spreading across different products.

Unified security management positively affects a company's security operations. They have one unified view of the security. I can connect multiple gateways to the management and have it in one place. I can have reporting and views in a single pane of glass on the consolidated platform.

It's easy to use. The management is the best on the market. It's very easy to work with, read, understand, and navigate.

It helps increase our customer's security posture. We can see in some cases CloudGuard improves our customers' posture overall. ."

Martin Raška
Senior Security Engineer & Instructor at Arrow Electronics

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"The most valuable feature is the automation and the APIs, making our life much easier for integration. Check Point has excellent, very useful tools to help us with the poster and to see if we're passing the grade.

It gives us more confidence in secure cloud deployments. The network security was very easy to migrate. We did it with Terraform. I just filled in the blanks and Terraform did everything else.

Check Point CloudGuard NetWork Security provides unified security across hybrid clouds as well as on-prem. It's more or less the same across deployments.

Check Point helps companies with their security posture. It has useful tools to help with this aspect to improve security. ."

Dimitris Baziotopoulos
Network security engineer at a tech services company with 201-500
employees

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"There is not one feature in particular that stands out, it's just a very good product that we are very fond of.

It is really easy to work with and has an easy learning curve. It integrates with Azure without any problems.

It provides a huge benefit in many ways, offering a boost in confidence for secure cloud deployment and migration.

We don't have any complaints with the solution terms of finding threats.

It does help us reduce risk, although I don't have exact numbers.

We have very good confidence in secure cloud management and migration. We're very used to the product.

We have a direct line with the engineers of Check Point, which is very important. ."

Sam Deprettere
Cloud Infrastructure Engineer at delaware BeLux

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"The protection is at a very good level. There's a very high catch rate. It has good flexibility in operating and implementing the system.

Protection is valuable to me because security is the most important aspect. At the end of the day we are looking for what will give us the answer at the best level.

It is easy to implement, and it has a lot of flexibility compared to other systems you have in the organization. In the end, this is a parameter that, in my eyes, is very central.

In the end, it saves time. It's all in one place and you can quickly see how you're doing with the cloud environment. It just makes things easier and helps on a daily basis because it optimizes the understanding of what we have.

Instead of logging into the system by yourself and starting to check, there's another management system that sees logs. It examines the data daily, and it creates flexibility regarding what we want to investigate. It is much easier for everything to be in the same management and not scattered in all sorts of different places.

Check Point helped me a lot to know that I have a solution that is stable and answers my needs. It really gave me the confidence to move forward with the whole migration to the cloud. It was very helpful.

When I moved to the cloud, I looked at Check Point's solution and as soon as it suited me, I bought it. We chose CheckPoint right away, it was our go-to choice.

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Meir Carmel
Chief Business Officer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

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Other Solutions Considered

"We have used solutions from other companies, however, we stayed connected with this one due to its user-friendliness and seamless integration with Azure.."

Sam Deprettere   Read full review ↗
Cloud Infrastructure Engineer at delaware BeLux

I work with Cisco and FortiGate. FortiGate is popular in Jamaica, partly due to pricing. Users often choose cheaper options even if Check Point is considered better.

James Arscott   Read full review ↗
Consultant at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

"Cisco ASA and Juniper. My main focus is 95% with Check Point. So I am using only Check Point. I am familiar with other products, however, I am not using them.."

Martin Raška   Read full review ↗
Senior Security Engineer & Instructor at Arrow Electronics

"We have looked at competitive vendors a lot and we decided to go with Check Point. We've looked at Cisco and Palo Alto, however, we preferred Check Point's centralized management. ."

Christian Riedl
Security & Network Services at a tech company with 201-500 employees

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The most significant advantage for a day-to-day user like me is the logs. In Palo Alto, I need to manage brackets and everything, and issues arise if something is spaced incorrectly. In Checkpoint, I can input whatever I need and get the required results. This is a major win in troubleshooting. Logging is okay on both platforms, but if I know exactly what to type in Palo Alto, it is manageable. However, they are quite similar without too big a difference. For email security, Checkpoint offers a big advantage, but that is unrelated to Network Security.

Verified user
Security engineer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

"We did a comparison before we went with CloudGuard, though not for this customer. We generally researched different solutions like Palo Alto, FortiGate, Cisco, and Azure Firewall. We mostly work with Azure, so we did not look into AWS or other solutions.

We went for Check Point because of its ease of management, security features, and cost. Check Point management is way easier. It saves so much time. That is why I prefer to stick to Check Point solutions. Check Point was also one of the cheapest ones.

The management part simplifies many things. Regarding security features, there are good competitors, and I can replace Check Point with them easily, but it is the management aspect that makes it different for me.

In terms of security threats, I have not done a lot of heavy testing on threats, but my experience is pretty much on par with Palo Alto solutions. FortiGate is a bit less, and I did not even try Cisco security. In my experience, the easy management of Check Point makes all the difference.."

Bulat Salakhutdinov   Read full review ↗
Network engineer at OGD ict-diensten

ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

"From the engineering side, it reduces the amount of time I spend on doing changes on the firewalls, like adding rules, which eventually saves money for the company.."

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For us, it is not really applicable since we sell it and that is the end of it. However, the feedback from customers has been positive. It performs well, effectively doing its job without slowing down and stopping threats. I think the customer is also receiving a significant return on investment from the solution.

Verified user   Read full review ↗
Security engineer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

"After running a test against what alternatives exist in the market and seeing what they offer, this is the solution that fits perfectly into our budget. This is a very important parameter for us, and Check Point CloudGuard Network Security did so.."

Meir Carmel
Chief Business Officer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

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"I am a long-time customer. I am a technical person, not a commercial person. The technical value is high. The unified policy is comprehensive and helps me to create firewall policies that are shared across all our facilities and plants. This is very helpful for us.."

Daniel Sander
System engineer at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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"I believe that the return on investment largely revolves around network protection. An investment, such as 10,000 euros, aims to prevent costly outages or security breaches, which could be more expensive than the solution itself. Despite views on cost, the value lies in maintaining operational integrity with zero downtime or incidents, facilitating secure, ongoing business operations.."

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Cybersecurity consultant at a comms service provider with 51-200 employees

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"The main return on investment has been in the time spent working with the solution. Since everything is unified in both cloud and on-premises environments, troubleshooting is faster.

It has saved about 50% of the time. If we had two solutions, we would have to troubleshoot two solutions.."

Claes Olsson
IT security architect at Cygate AB

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Use Case

I am based in Jamaica for the most part. Not a lot of people use Check Point CloudGuard Network Security due to pricing issues, but most banks still use it.

James Arscott
Consultant at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

"My primary use case is for the protection of environments that are in the cloud and multiple branches and areas that are in the layout of all the systems.."

Meir Carmel
Chief Business Officer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

"Primary use case is to use it for protecting the network.

I am working with the platform, but unlike a typical customer using it for protection, we are mostly using it for deployment and debugging.."

Martin Raška
Senior Security Engineer & Instructor at Arrow Electronics

"We have used Check Point for on-premise network security, normal firewalling, also application control, antivirus, et cetera. We have around 120 clusters with Check Point managed by MDS, and we also have a Maestro environment.

We have some services in Azure cloud, and I have Check Point's product there to protect them. It's in development at the moment. ."

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Network and Security at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

"We are primarily on-premise. We also use Azure for cloud services, mostly for VPN. We use it as the active directory to authorize access to the VPN, which is helpful.

However, as a healthcare organization in Germany, it is very challenging to get cloud solutions like CloudGuard approved. Cloud solutions must be located in Germany or Frankfurt, where all the data centers are situated. This requirement makes it somewhat difficult, however, otherwise, it is manageable.."

David Gippner   Read full review ↗
Network administrator at Helios IT Service GmbH

"Most people ask me to integrate with Point CloudGuard and SecureNet Network. One big client wanted to move his on-prem data center to CloudGuard Azure, and I provided the CloudGuard Network Security Solution for him. His data center was also rendering to our clients, so it was messy. However, it gave them more confidence in Security CloudGuard deployments and integrations. It was quite easy with Terraform, resulting in a very easy deployment.."

Dimitris Baziotopoulos

Network security engineer at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

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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.

"90% to 95% of our infrastructure is on-premises in order to connect it to the cloud.

The deployment was handled by someone else. I simply work with it. ."

David Gippner

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Network administrator at Helios IT Service GmbH

"The deployment was not easy. We did not use any help from outside. The deployment was made in-house and if we ever had a question, we contacted the Check Point team.."

Krunal Jagdish

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Senior consultant at a consultancy with 10,001+ employees

"I had help from a Check Point CS and it all went smoothly. There was only one person from Check Point who was in constant communication with us and provided us service in installing the solution, my experience with him was very good. ."

Meir Carmel   Read full review ↗

Chief Business Officer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

"The deployment is very good. It is plug and play. I can choose what I want and what kind of product, and then I simply click "continue" to start. YOu can make your own properties. ."

Verified user   Read full review ↗

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"It is very easy to deploy. I have the installation with ISO. With ISO, I can install a firewall, the management, or both of them. I can just choose, and it is very easy. The ISO is unified in the new version, R82. I can install a firewall, management, log server, smart event or a combination. This is very efficient.."

Martin Raška   Read full review ↗

Senior Security Engineer & Instructor at Arrow Electronics

"The initial setup is straightforward. First, I speak with the client to understand everything he needs, his current deployment, and how it's done. In the meantime, we can see if there are improvements or small tweaks needed. Then, I deploy in a test environment to ensure everything works without conflicts. Finally, we do a test with Check Point – not a full deployment on the production side. If everything works in the test, we start migrating slowly to the production side. Implementation usually takes one to two weeks. ."

Dimitris Baziotopoulos

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Network security engineer at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

Customer Service and Support

I have not had to contact technical support or customer support for Check Point CloudGuard Network Security specifically, but I have contacted them for other Check Point products.

James Arscott

Consultant at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

"Support were very helpful. They usually respond quite fast, and they are very knowledgeable about what they do. When we have a problem, we can solve it immediately, and sometimes a one-on-one meeting can be very insightful.."

Dimitris Baziotopoulos

Network security engineer at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

"Mostly, support is good. It depends. If I have a ticket handled by a first-level supporter who may not have deep knowledge, it could be hard to discuss issues. However, mostly, it is good. Compared to other vendors, it's awesome.."

Daniel Sander

System engineer at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

"I have a very good relationship with customer support. They are like my best friends – especially those on level three and four. How would I would rate them a solid eight out of ten.."

Thanos Constantopoulos

Manager, Managed Security Services at a tech vendor with 51-200 employees

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"Sometimes the customer service is good. Sometimes it is very bad and I have nightmares from it. The worst thing Check Point did was to move the support to India. There are some good people, however, most of the time, the engineers are not very good, just at a basic level. This needs an improvement.

When I am working on a problem and need help, creating a ticket for a particular issue takes about two weeks to get somewhere. I have to describe the issue multiple times, show what the real issue is but lately I have some very difficult issues and I have good engineers assigned to it, so lately my feedback is positive.."

Martin Raška

Senior Security Engineer & Instructor at Arrow Electronics

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"Customer service depends on the issue. Sometimes, there are bugs, and we have to wait for a customized patch. For instance, we had a random bug where CPU usage spiked inexplicably, preventing access to the appliances. Restarting resolved the issue, but the cause remains unknown.

Typically, we deal with our partner and they advise us to create a Check Point ticket. It raises the question of why we have a partner. I do not deal with customer support often, however, if I report a bug, it is resolved within a month or two. It is not usually a critical bug, just minor issues that prompt curiosity.."

David Gippner
Network administrator at Helios IT Service GmbH

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Other Advice

I advise new users to carefully look at the documentation and do their homework before starting deployments. Proper planning and preparation, supported by the documentation, are crucial. I would rate the solution about nine out of ten.

James Arscott
Consultant at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

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"I would give it a solid eight out of ten. I am not yet fully utilizing all its functionalities and I cannot assess all features. There is always room for improvement. ."

Stefan Baumgartner
Security architect at Twinformatics

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"I have never been involved in the decision to use this solution; I am just the end user.

Flagger Network Security and Check Point work effectively. I would rate the solution nine out of ten.."

David Gippner
Network administrator at Helios IT Service GmbH

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"I'd rate the solution eight out of ten. We've had some problems adding new interfaces in new environments, we do run into issues. For example, when we tried to install a new lab, it appeared that we needed to reinstall the firewall as the interfaces were missing. We had to reinstall, and it took a lot of time, and we had to use the professional integrator again.."

Alain Rosenthal
System Architect (Software) at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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"I appreciate the cloud network security. I find it to be very effective, and I am pleased with securing cloud deployments.

I would rate CloudGuard Network Security an eight out of ten. There's always room for improvement. It could become a 10 if they had more accessibility to other platforms. Overall, it is a good product.."

Meir Carmel
Chief Business Officer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

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"We're a Check Point customer.

It's a very interesting product. However, it's a whole infrastructure, so I have to learn a lot of things besides Check Point to set up the environment. On-premise, we also have switch infrastructure, and it's now something we are familiar with over the years. In the cloud, it's more about clicking here and there to pair it together, which is a different experience. Sometimes I don't know if something is missing because of cloud permissions or if it's due to a lack of knowledge. Maybe more support in building up this environment.
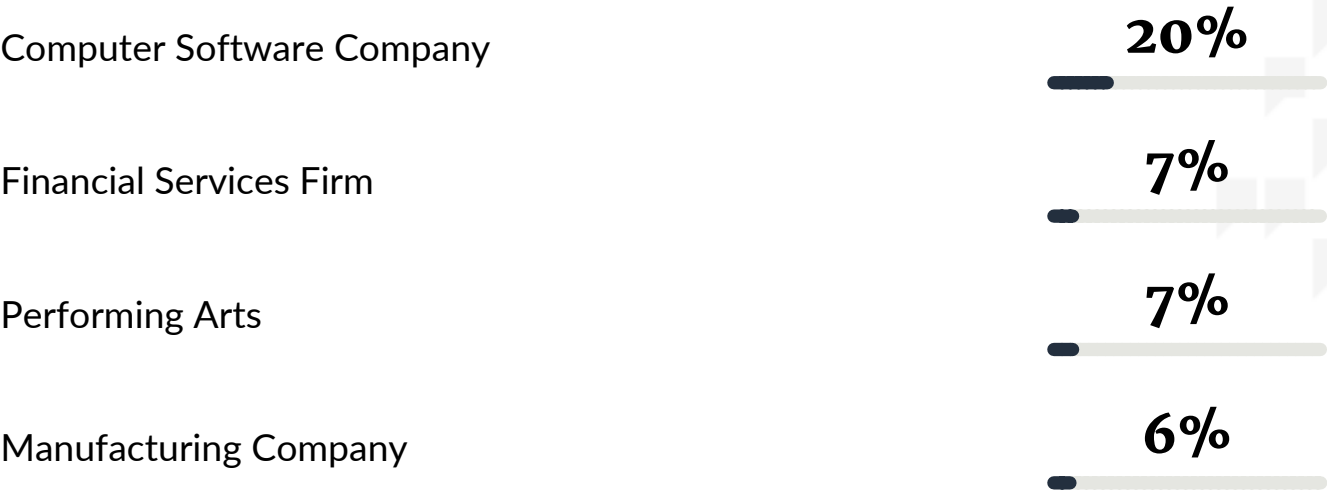
I give it a ten out of ten.."

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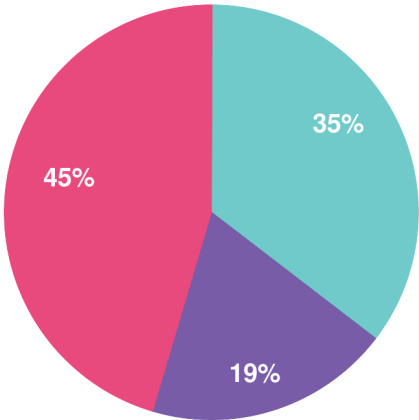Network and Security at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

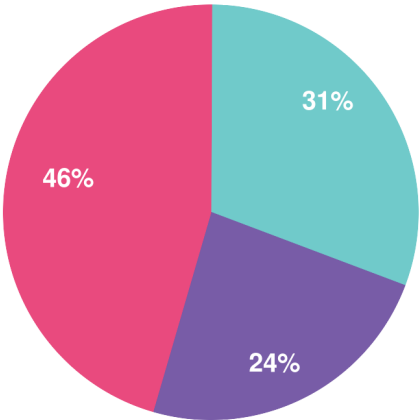Read full review ↗

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