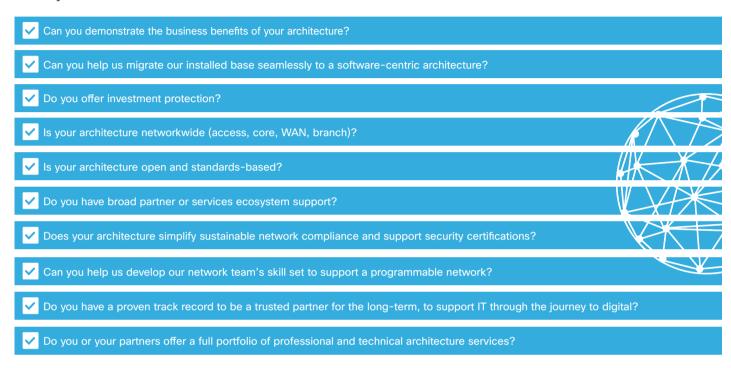


When evaluating a network architecture to fuel your digital transformation, use the following requirements checklist to guide your network vendor and technology architecture assessment.

Requirements Checklist for Vendor Evaluation Ask your vendors:



Requirements for Technology Architecture Assessment

Architecture

- Can you offer on-premises and cloud-managed network consumption models?
- Does your architecture enable end-to-end service automation?
- Is your architecture designed for provisioning of services from the cloud?
- Is your architecture designed to support a controller-based programmable network?
- Is your architecture built to support virtualization that enables network services and hosted third-party apps to be deployed consistently across network devices, appliances, and virtual platforms?

Management

- Can your management system create and apply networkwide policy and services through standard APIs and traditional interfaces?
- ✓ To what extent does the architecture support consistent northbound APIs for third-party management or control applications?

Security

- Can your network act as a networkwide security sensor and intelligence dashboard?
- Can your network enforce contextual security policies and respond to contain threats?

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