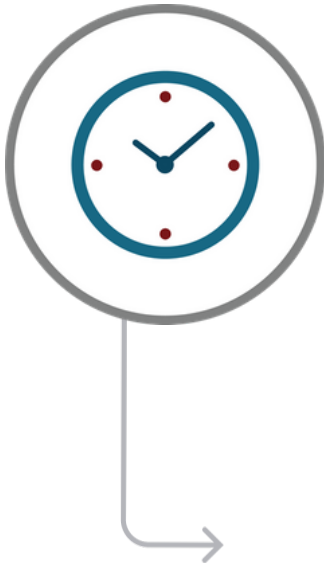




MIDDLE EAST 2019 IT PRIORITIES

Data collected from 151 respondents



87% Budgets up or stagnant Top spending >

- Security / Risk Management
- Software
- Cloud Services
- Managed Services
- Staff

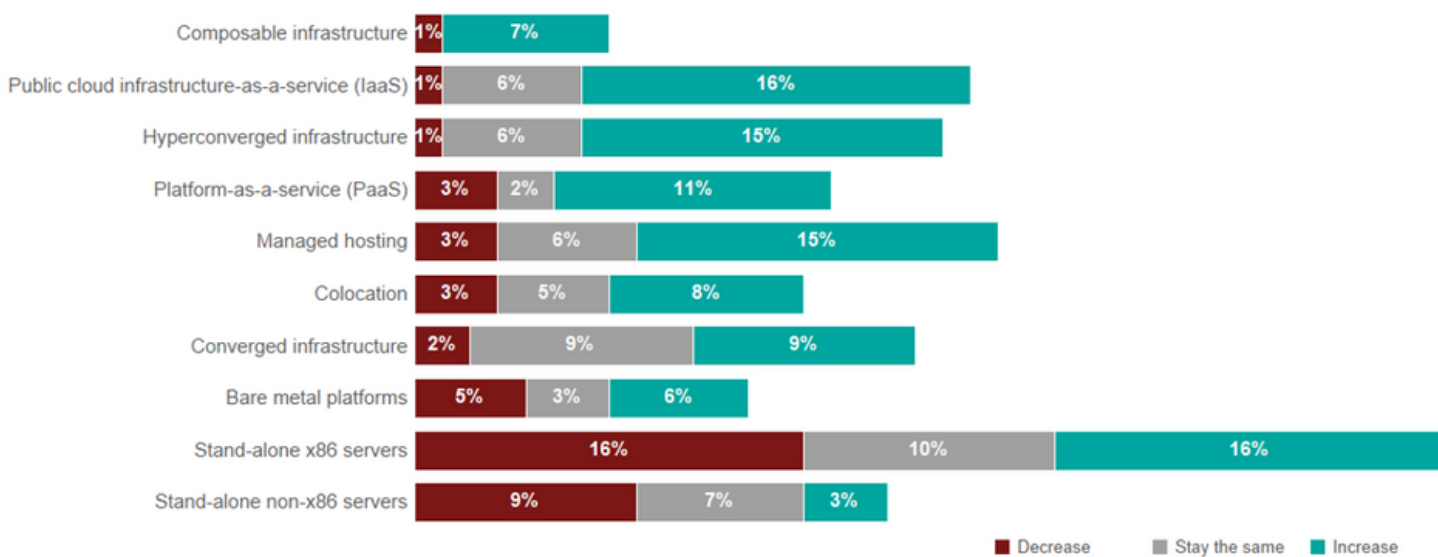
Cloud becomes mature

IT automation, cloud migration and monitoring – all important and on top.



Compute capacity changes in 2019 >

Massive increases in IaaS, Stand-alone x86 servers and Managed Hosting

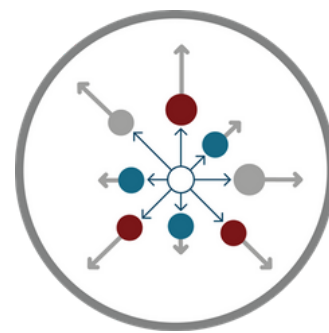


Digital Transformation becomes mainstream

79% of companies are taking on a form of digital transformation

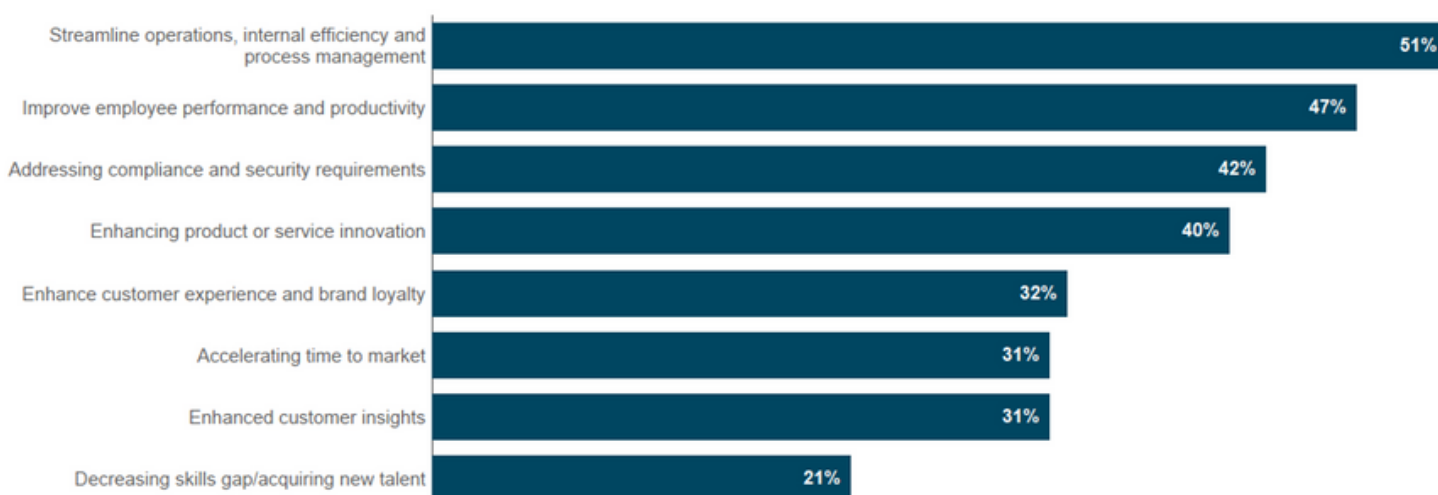
Top Deployments:

1. Increase investment in technologies that improve employee experience and productivity
2. Refresh/upgrade on-premises IT infrastructure
3. Modernise legacy applications



Primary Drivers for Digital Transformation >

Improving employee performance, internal efficiencies



Security becomes about education

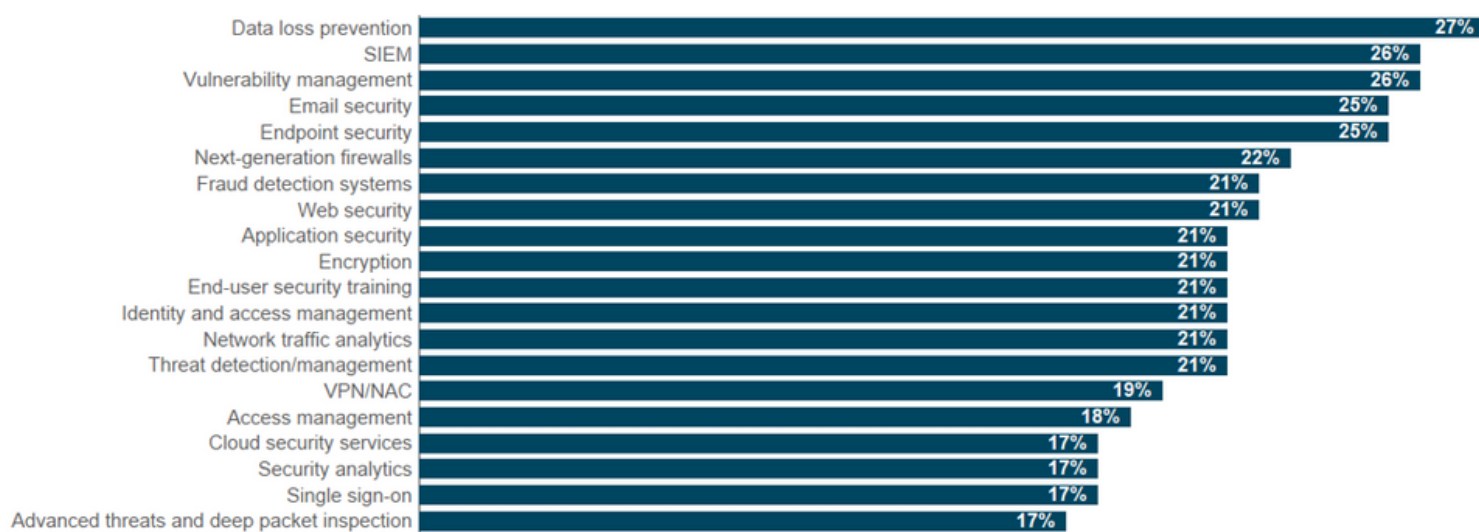
Focus in 2019 went from GDPR to monitoring and securing user behaviour

Top Monitoring:

- Network Performance
- Network traffic/flow data
- Identity and Access controls



Top Security Initiatives for 2019 >



Artificial Intelligence becomes a purchase

#1 software development issue – no longer a hype but a mainstream development



- Broader AI is fast moving but EARLY stage of coming into the mainstream
- 6th top broad implementation for 2019 @ 27% saying they would look at AI/Machine Learning