

Dell EMC and VMware in SD-WAN Team-Up

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Dell EMC and VMware join forces with the announcement of the Dell EMC SD-WAN Solution-- a package bringing together VMware SD-WAN by VeloCloud software and Dell EMC appliances in multiple configuration options.



“Dell EMC and VMware are rebuilding the network for the cloud era-- with everything open, automated and software-defined,” Dell EMC says. “New SD-WAN solutions powered by VMware and network fabric management delivered by SmartFabric Director raise the stakes when it comes to network virtualisation and security in today’s highly-distributed software-defined enterprise. We’re just getting started on our combined innovation.”

According to the two companies, the solution provides a choice of public, private or hybrid cloud network for enterprise-grade connection to cloud and enterprise applications, branch office appliance and optional datacentre appliance, software-defined control and automation, and virtual services delivery. Customers can upgrade the subscription to accommodate changing business requirements for feature, durability and bandwidth.

The solution consists of 3 components-- SD-WAN Edge powered by VMware (networking specific, purpose-built appliances designed for high-efficiency and reliability), SD-WAN

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Orchestrator (VMware cloud-based management and orchestration software services managed by Dell EMC) and SD-WAN Gateways (a network of VMware gateways handling WAN traffic).

Also announced by the two companies is SmartFabric Director, a software-defined networking product enabling datacentre operators to easily build, operate and monitor an open network underlay fabric based on Dell EMC PowerSwitch series switches. It provides intent-based auto-provisioning and enhanced visibility and management between virtual and physical network environments, with vSphere and NSX-T integration, leaf/spine fabric automation, fabric visibility and fabric lifecycle management.

Both the Dell EMC SD-WAN Solution and SmartFabric Director are available now.

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