Lumen® SASE Assessment

Be efficient and confident in your SASE adoption journey

Secure Access Service Edge architecture (SASE) is the future of network and security. SASE is the convergence of Software-Defined WAN and network security services like FWaaS and Zero Trust into a single, cloud-delivered service model. The fourth Industrial Revolution, work-from-anywhere, and cloud-based computing have accelerated SASE adoption to enable secure access from any device virtually anywhere, anytime. More and more businesses are adopting SASE and beginning to benefit from the efficiency, control, and security that come with it. But where exactly are you on your SASE adoption journey?

The Lumen SASE Assessment helps your organization discover where you stand on your SASE journey and lays out a concrete roadmap and clear next steps for an efficient adoption. This assessment includes an evaluation of your business's current state, a prioritized list of existing technology gaps, and direct recommendations that will help lead you to the right SASE solution to meet your business goals.

Accelerate your SASE journey

An accelerated understanding of your current state could prevent costly course corrections and reduce mistakes during your journey that would delay your SASE adoption. Our security experts evaluate your business's network architecture and policies, identify gaps that need to be closed, and prepare a tailored adoption roadmap that will be your map and compass throughout your journey.

Investment-conscious

Avoid investing in SASE elements that don't fit your needs or are already present in your architecture. Receive high-level budgetary guidance for each recommended roadmap option.

Putting your needs first

Lumen only recommends SASE elements that align with your business, industry, and current business state. Thanks to our independent approach, our recommendations will consider best-of-breed frameworks and avoid bias toward a specific provider. We put your needs first.



The first step is the most important

Regardless of the size and industry, adopting SASE could be challenging for any business. Course corrections and rework caused by incorrect planning could increase your adoption costs and severely compromise your timelines. Security vulnerabilities and non-covered gaps coming from unsuitable architecture designs could be exploited by cybercriminals, impact your operations, and hurt your business's reputation.

The Lumen SASE Assessment equips you with a tailored adoption roadmap and recommendations to minimize these risks and succeed in your SASE journey. Our security experts prepare the right, best-of breed adoption plan based on your business strategy to lead you to the SASE approach best for your business.

Features

Assessment of your business's current state

- Identify the organization's existing components under the SASE framework.
- Analyze the company's business strategies and migration plans.
- High-level review of network architecture and access policies, processes, and procedures.

Preparing your road to SASE

- Define SASE architecture aligned with your industry's business strategy and best practices.
- Identify and prioritize existing gaps.
- Prepare and deliver the tailored roadmap to recommended SASE solution.

Lumen SASE Assessment engagement model

Kick-off

- SASE definitions
- Readiness scoring
- Methodology

Current state

- Current SASE services identified
- Identify technology stacks
- Identify business strategies

Desired SASE state

- Desired business objectives
- Desired maturity
- · Desired efficiencies

Recommendation & report

- Tailored roadmap schedule
- High-level budgeting information
- Adoption recommendations

Analysis

- Gap analysis
- Gap summarization
- Draft report

SASE Maturity Model

Maturity level	Definition
5 - Optimized	Processes and SASE Services continously drive business improvment with company. Demonstration improvements in efficiency, cost saving and service quality
4 - Result oriented	Processes and SASE Servicest are measured for effectiveness against a set of performance criteria
3 - Utilized	Processes and SASE Services are documented, understood, and are being used at least some locations
2 - Managed	Processes and SASE Services are planned and managed, and artifacts are complete at high level of definition
1 - Initial	Informal and ad-hoc processes and SASE services. Practises and artifacts exist but may be incomplete and/or incosistent
0 - Undefined	No evidence of SASE Services

Examples of the Lumen SASE Assessment which will provide a view into existing SASE gaps, maturity level, tailored adoption journey, and recommendations

Why Lumen?

With its comprehensive network infrastructure, vast experience in networking, security, and consulting, and solid industry partners, Lumen is a top option to assess your business to get the SASE approach aligned to your business strategy.

