



Netskope Continues to Strengthen Converged SASE Platform with Advanced Cloud Firewall Capabilities

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. – September 13, 2022 – Netskope, a leader in secure access service edge (SASE), today announced key enhancements to Netskope Cloud Firewall, the firewall-as-a-service (FWaaS) component of its converged SASE platform. New advanced security capabilities for Netskope Cloud Firewall help customers simplify operations, prevent threats, and provide consistent firewall coverage worldwide—anywhere their users are located.

Businesses and governments are rapidly adopting SASE architecture to enable hybrid work, safeguard data wherever it moves, support digital transformation efforts, and realize better efficiency and return-on-investment from their technology. The Netskope converged SASE platform includes Netskope's industry-leading Intelligent [Security Service Edge \(SSE\)](#) and [Borderless SD-WAN](#) capabilities, all of which are crucial to providing the optimized access and zero trust-based security needed in a modern technology stack.

Netskope Intelligent SSE capabilities include Netskope Cloud Firewall, now with additional enhancements fit for cloud-first, SASE-ready environments. The need for Cloud Firewall is urgent, as traditional firewalls are no longer capable of addressing the requirements for outbound security policy in hybrid work environments. More enterprises are also looking to obtain SASE capabilities from a single source to reduce vendor and tool sprawl. Gartner® notes that, "by 2025, 65% of enterprises will have consolidated individual SASE components into one or two explicitly partnered SASE vendors, up from 15% in 2021."^[1]

Flexibility and Choice in Firewall Coverage

Harnessing [Netskope NewEdge infrastructure](#) for fast delivery and smooth performance, Netskope Cloud Firewall delivers customers flexibility and choice in FWaaS deployment options. Netskope Cloud Firewall provides consistent, cloud-delivered next-generation firewall egress protection for users and offices around the world and reduces administrative effort by applying advanced firewall policy in the cloud instead of at the edge.

With new advanced security capabilities, Netskope Cloud Firewall:

- Delivers firewall app control which enables precise enablement over traffic that is allowed, providing stronger protection and coverage when compared to standard port and protocol policies alone
- Disrupts attacks which leverage Domain Name System (DNS) tunnels and blocks connections to malicious domains, protecting any user, device, and location with Layer 7 inspection against these threats
- Reduces the total cost of managing outbound security policy by consolidating administration for web and non-web traffic from a SASE architecture, rather than at the network edge
- Protects branch office networks and secures SD-WAN deployments
- Works together with [Netskope Next Gen SWG](#) to protect users from cloud threats and control web activity
- Improves security overall, preventing the dangerous compromises on coverage, application visibility, and network performance frequently seen in legacy infrastructure

"From cap-ex headaches, to compromises on security, it's clear legacy firewalls can no longer support the demands of a cloud-first, hybrid work world," said John Martin, Chief Product Officer, Netskope. "We built Netskope Cloud Firewall to satisfy a wider range of use cases specific to direct-to-internet environments, relieve administrative burdens, and block threats everywhere users are located. We're proud to now offer even more firewall capabilities as part of our fully integrated, converged SASE architecture."

For more on Netskope SASE and threat protection capabilities:

- [Read the Netskope blog](#) for an in-depth look at new Cloud Firewall enhancements
- Visit [Netskope.com](#) for [more on Netskope Cloud Firewall](#)
- [Review Netskope recent threat efficacy results from AV-TEST](#)

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About Netskope

Netskope, a global SASE leader, is redefining cloud, data, and network security to help organizations apply zero trust principles to protect data. Fast and easy to use, the Netskope platform provides optimized access and real-time security for people, devices, and data anywhere they go. Netskope helps customers reduce risk, accelerate performance, and get unrivaled visibility into any cloud, web, and private application activity. Thousands of customers, including more than 25 of the Fortune 100, trust Netskope and its powerful NewEdge network to address evolving threats, new risks, technology shifts, organizational and network changes, and new regulatory requirements. Learn how Netskope helps customers be ready for anything on their SASE journey, visit netskope.com.

^[1] Gartner, 2022 Strategic Roadmap for SASE Convergence, Neil MacDonald, Andrew Lerner, and John Watts, 24 June 2022