

Rethinking the tradeoff: Advancing security and productivity in FSI

Why financial services and insurance leaders are breaking free from the security vs. productivity paradigm in 2026



Organizations making the most progress in 2026 aren't lowering security standards to gain productivity. Nor are they accepting productivity losses in exchange for stronger controls. They're advancing both together — a shift reinforced by industry data:

69%

of banking CIOs say CEOs' top expectation for internal systems is improving employee productivity

Gartner

53%

of banking CIOs rank employee productivity as one of the most critical IT outcomes through 2027

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76%

of financial services organizations plan to increase cybersecurity budgets in 2026, with AI integration as their top priority

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Productivity and security are now shared mandates — and leaders are acting decisively.

Four strategies FSI leaders are using to advance security and productivity together

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Delivering fast, secure latency resistant workspaces

Fast, consistent workspaces that keep traders, agents, and branch staff from falling victim to slow networks

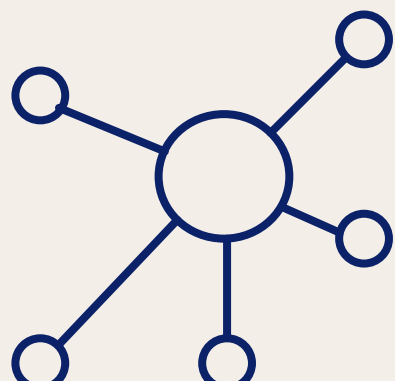
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Standardizing controls across workflows

Ensuring security and compliance policies automatically follow users across apps, devices, and hybrid environments

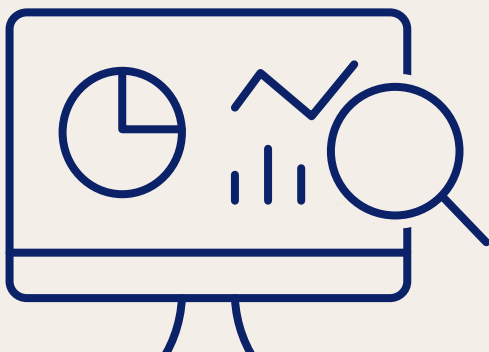
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Reducing endpoint configuration frustration

Relieving the endpoint lag and management burden for tellers, loan officers, and contractors

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Increasing real-time visibility

Strengthening threat detection, audit readiness, and incident response without slowing down everyday work

What this unlocks for FSI

Higher workforce productivity

Friction-free authentication and fast app access keep advisors, traders, and offshore developers focused

Lower operational risk

Unified controls across hybrid workplaces deliver clearer visibility and fewer security blind spots

Stronger regulatory posture

Consistent policy enforcement simplifies audit prep with fewer exceptions and better proof of compliance

Lower IT operating costs

Streamlined IT management eliminates redundant security tools and lowers overall operational complexity

Ready to advance security and productivity together?

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