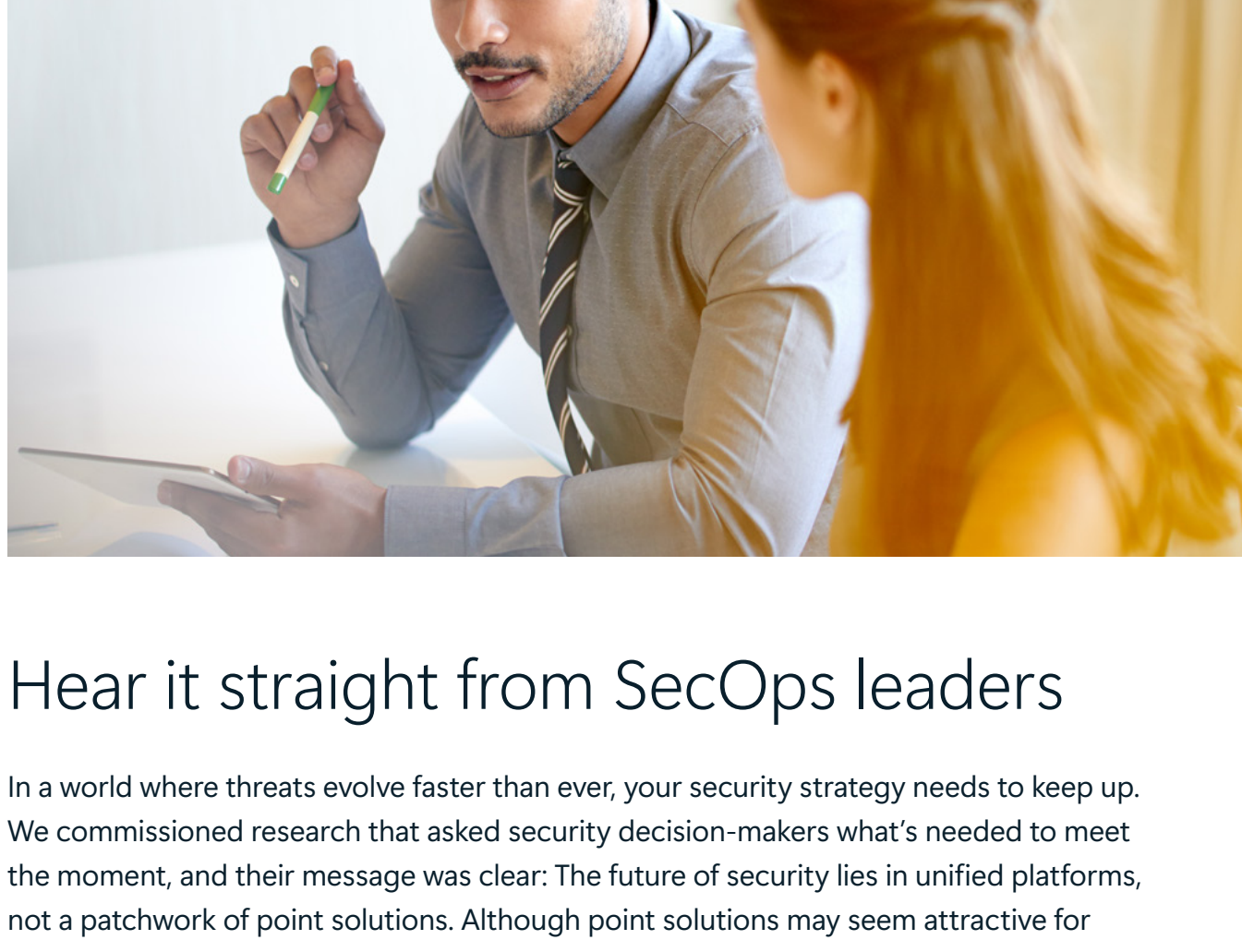


Strength in Unified Solutions

Research into security leaders' views is clear: A streamlined approach to security delivers better protection and enduring value that individuals and teams see and feel every day.



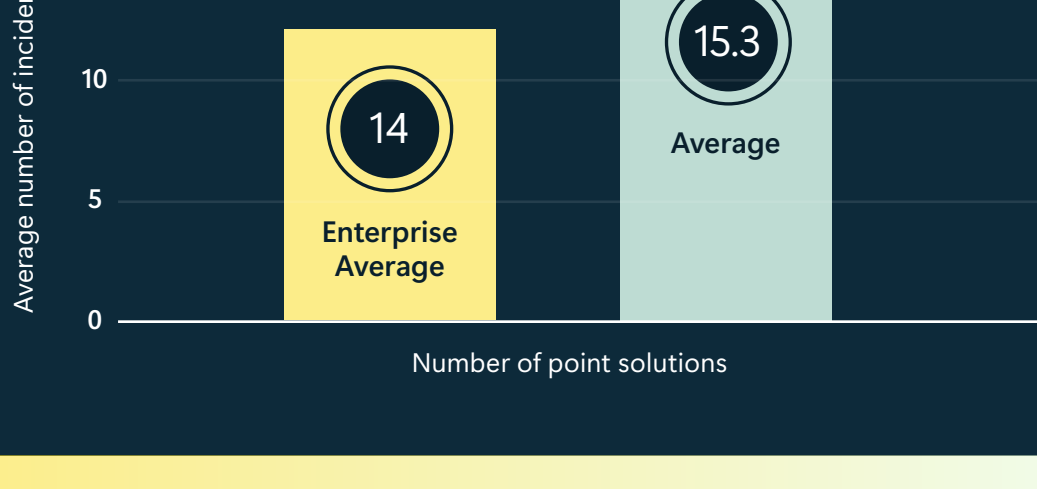
Hear it straight from SecOps leaders

In a world where threats evolve faster than ever, your security strategy needs to keep up. We commissioned research that asked security decision-makers what's needed to meet the moment, and their message was clear: The future of security lies in unified platforms, not a patchwork of point solutions. Although point solutions may seem attractive for protecting specific assets, a unified platform is both safer and smarter. It helps teams move faster, act with clarity, and adapt to whatever comes next. Now's the time to think bigger, simpler, and more connected.

More point solutions, more security incidents

In the research, **29% of respondents said they use a point-solution approach exclusively**. Point solutions made sense against commodity-based and single-domain threats, but times have changed. The research shows that the more point solutions an organization has, the more security incidents they are likely to experience.

Point solutions vs. security incidents



Those with more tools report a higher average number of security incidents (15.3 incidents, vs. 10.5 incidents for organizations with fewer tools).

35%

of respondents increased their number of security tools over the past year

24%

of respondents use 20 or more point solutions

Unified platforms for an era of AI-powered change

SecOps teams need simplification and coordination, with full visibility across identities, endpoints, cloud apps, networks, infrastructure, and more. The best defense? The ability to connect events across multiple tools into a single incident.

91% of respondents using a best-of-breed approach say they are prioritizing vendor consolidation.

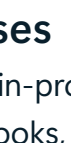
Why? AI. It helps reduce complexity and removes barriers to rapid detection and response.

What a security posture—combining a unified platform and AI—looks like:



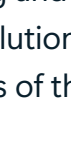
Enhanced exposure management

Combines continuous monitoring with prioritized guidance for mitigations to limit exposure across devices, identity, applications, data, and multicloud infrastructure.



Faster responses

Detects and deters in-progress threats, with built-in, customizable playbooks, reducing MTTR rates by automating established responses.



Increased resiliency

Continuous learning and improvement informed by threat intelligence from providers such as Microsoft, which tracks trillions of threat signals daily.

Attackers use AI, so a unified platform infused with AI is the best defense.

98%

have begun the journey in some form (pilot phase, early deployment, scaling up, etc.)

66%

of orgs are investing in AI to respond to the increase in AI-powered cyberthreats (with an additional 22% engaged in pilots or proofs of concept)

56%

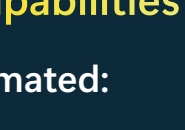
are using AI and automation in their SecOps teams

A smart, unified platform + AI

Unified platform features

Centralized:

- View of threat exposure
- Detection and response, largely automated
- Analysis of attackers' techniques, mapped to security posture controls



AI capabilities

Automated:

- Rapid detection and response
- Incident prioritization
- Attack disruptions
- Malicious script analysis

The future of security

- SecOps teams can be more reactive and proactive, simultaneously
- Immediate incident summaries drive faster investigations and triage

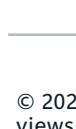
Increased resilience amid increasing threats

A unified security platform provides end-to-end visibility, enhanced protection, and the ability for SecOps teams to pivot from reactive to proactive.

Transitioning away from point solutions is challenging, but Microsoft has the platform and the experience to guide you toward a security posture that gives everyone in the organization the confidence and peace of mind to do their best work.



Read the third-party research exploring the power of unified security platforms



Dive deeper into Microsoft's strategies for strengthening security in the age of AI