

# SME IT Trends Report Q4 2022

# Survey of US Small to Mid-Sized IT Professionals

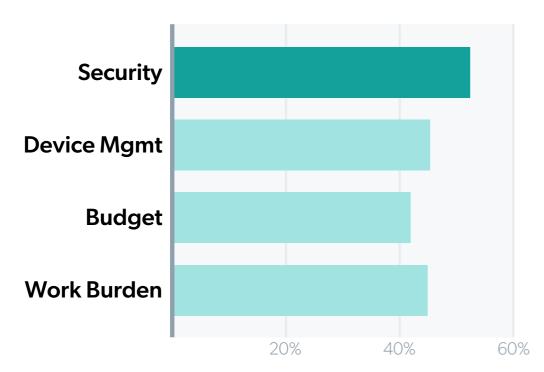
Security, Tool Sprawl, and Macroeconomic Issues Weigh Heavily on SME IT Pros

### **Security Remains the #1 SME IT Concern**

Security takes #1 spot second time in a row

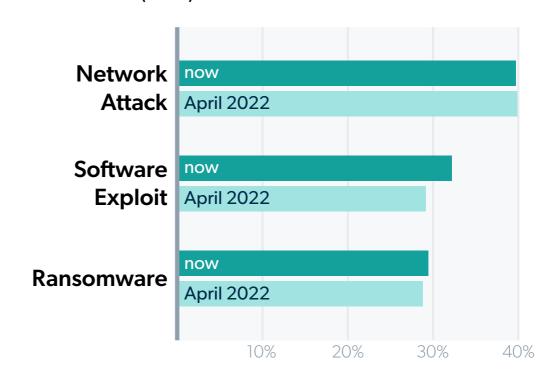
#### **BIGGEST CHALLENGE**

**52%** say security is their biggest challenge over device management (46%), budget (42%), and increased work burden (45%)



#### TOP SECURITY CONCERNS

The top three security concerns are a network attack (40%), software vulnerability exploit (32%), and ransomware (29%)



### The IT Landscape

Tool sprawl continues to be an issue



Nearly one in 10 IT admins report needing nine or more tools to manage the

employee lifecycle. It's similarly complicated for employees, with 16% of admins estimating employees use 10 or more passwords to do their jobs, and only 23% of admins estimating employees need only one or two passwords.



Tool sprawl doesn't just impact end users, IT admins are juggling a number of

solutions and tools despite an interest in consolidating. When asked if they would prefer to use a single solution to do their job, 74% agree, virtually the same percentage as those who expressed the preference in April 2022 (75%).



IT individualism and perceived effort of consolidating are the

biggest roadblocks to consolidation. What prevents them from consolidating IT products? IT admins' top reasons are that there is no single product that will meet all needs (40%), their existing infrastructure meets existing needs (37%), a preference to not be dependent on a single solution (34%), and that rip and replace isn't feasible (32%).

# **Recession Fears Mounting**



**78%** report seeing evidence of a recession in their business



**34%** say their organization is severely impacted by the evidence they're seeing of a recession

## **Labor Shortages Add Pressure**



**34%** of IT admins report that labor shortages are making a significant business impact or are a serious business limiter

Download the full survey findings from JumpCloud's twice annual SME IT Trends survey **here**.



Methodology: JumpCloud surveyed 502 US-based SME IT decision-makers, including managers, directors, vice presidents, and executives. Each survey respondent represented an organization with 2,500 or fewer employees across a variety of industries. The online survey was conducted by Propeller Insights, October 11-14, 2022.

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