

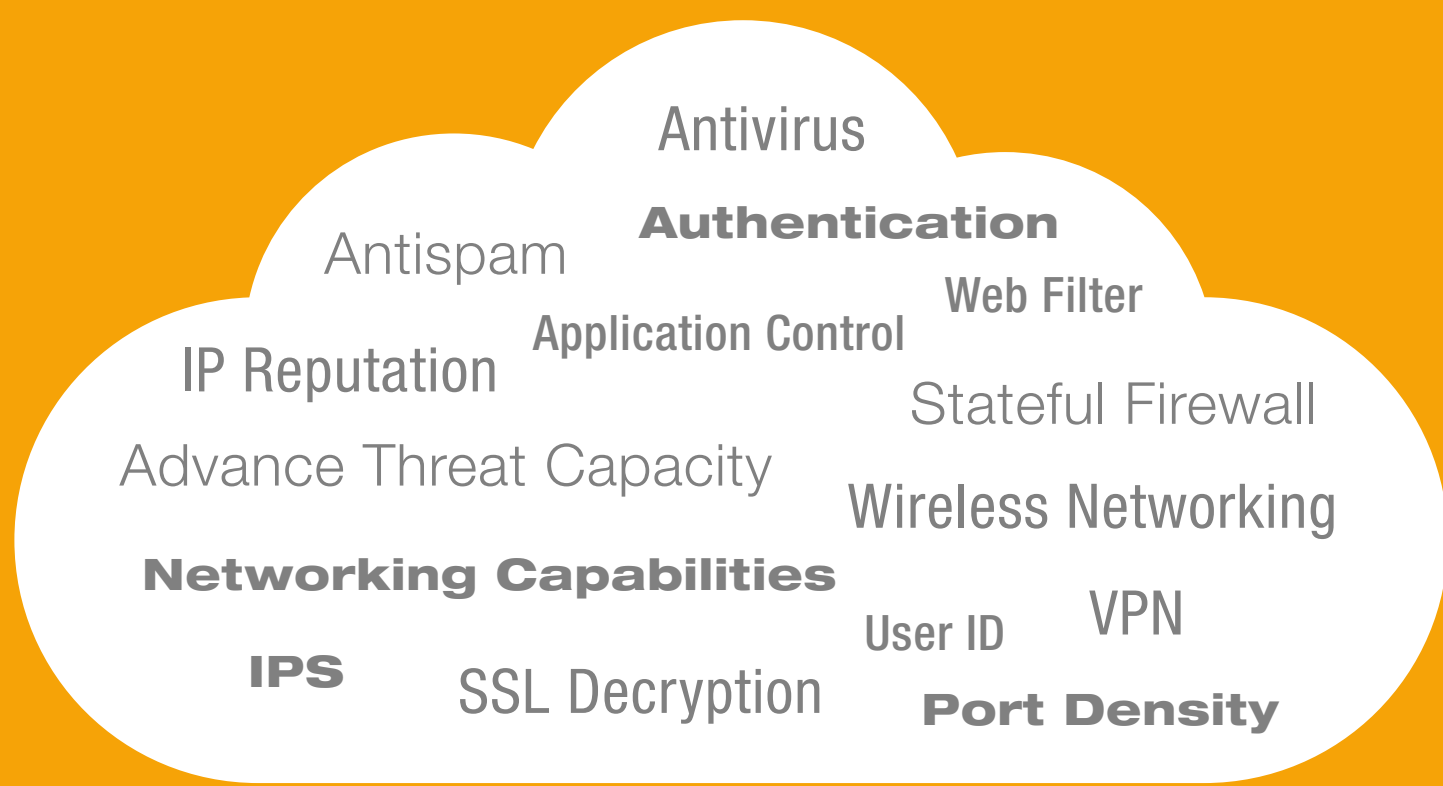
# Choosing the Right Next Generation Firewall for Your Network

A Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) is the cornerstone for addressing today's cyberthreats. How do you know you are choosing the right NGFW to secure your network?

## Five Best Practices for Selecting an NGFW

### 1 Understand Which Features Matter to Your Organization

Be realistic about what you really need. Nearly everyone scored all NGFW features as top priority, but only 2 features were implemented by more than 50% of respondents.



**61%** failed to implement features because of configuration challenges

### 2 Evaluate Impact on Resources and Staff

Technical specifications are not the only consideration. Cost and implementation matter too.



**90%** rated both cost and performance as very to extremely important

### 3 Consider a Broad Range of Vendors

Use third-party testing and other methods to identify NGFW solutions that best fit your requirements.



**88%** rely on third party testing



**61%** wished they had considered more vendors

### 4 Test Before You Buy

Find out which solution is best for your organization.



**71%** said they would do more extensive testing next time

### 5 Identify Optimum Deployment Within Your Network

NGFWs are increasingly placed in the data center, near the most sensitive assets, as well as at the perimeter. Plan for current and future needs, because different placements mean different performance requirements.



**81%** deploy on the network edge



**49%** deployed in the data center



All data from original Forrester research: "Your Best Defense: Next Generation Firewalls Enable Zero Trust Security - Best Practices for Evaluating and Implementing a NGFW," 2015.

To view the complete survey report, go to [www.fortinet.com/ngfwsurvey](http://www.fortinet.com/ngfwsurvey)