

Palo Alto Networks Named a Leader in Inaugural Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for Hybrid Mesh Firewalls

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AI-Powered Strata Cloud Manager Recognized for Unified Protection and Simplified Operations for the New Era of Network Security

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Aug. 28, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Palo Alto Networks® (NASDAQ: PANW), the global cybersecurity leader, today announced it has been named a Leader in the inaugural 2025 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for Hybrid Mesh Firewalls. The Palo Alto Networks hybrid mesh firewall management solution, [Strata™ Cloud Manager](#), unifies network security, eliminating the need to manage different tools and platforms, reducing operational complexity and potential security gaps.

Modern organizations struggle to manage and secure complex, highly dynamic environments, which can span on-premises data centers, remote work locations, and private and public clouds. Palo Alto Networks Hybrid Mesh Firewall, managed by Strata™ Cloud Manager, addresses this challenge by unifying security across hardware, virtual, cloud-native, and container deployments through a single, cloud-based platform. This approach is designed to reduce operational complexity and eliminate the security gaps that can arise from using multiple, disconnected tools.

John Wheeler, Chief Security Officer, Cognizant

"Our mission at Cognizant is to engineer modern businesses to improve everyday lives, and we are dedicated to preventing cyberattacks from disrupting that mission. With the threat landscape being radically changed by AI-powered attackers, multicloud architectures, along with high-potential shifts on the horizon around quantum computing, we need a cybersecurity partner with a powerful vision and a proven ability to execute. Palo Alto Networks continuous innovation and leadership in the market are exactly the capabilities that make them our partner of choice for cybersecurity."

Palo Alto Networks Hybrid Mesh Firewall provides customers with unified, intelligent protection by continuously training security services with deep learning and GenAI on a wide range of data to automatically assess threat severity and make intelligent policy enforcement decisions. This unified platform brings together diverse firewall deployments under a shared policy, automation, and threat prevention model, enabling organizations to move faster while staying ahead of threats.

Rich Campagna, SVP Products, Palo Alto Networks

"With hybrid work and multicloud adoption on the rise, organizations are facing an influx of new, intelligent security threats. With a patchwork of siloed security tools, their teams are forced to waste valuable time and resources managing disparate systems, leaving them exposed to new attacks. We're proud to have placed furthest for Completeness of Vision in the Gartner Magic Quadrant for Hybrid Mesh Firewalls, as we believe this validates our belief that a single unified, AI-powered platform is the solution for securing the modern enterprise."

With continued focus on innovation, Palo Alto Networks gives customers peace of mind by securing them against tomorrow's threats, particularly in emerging areas like [AI security](#), [Quantum](#) and [5G security](#). To learn more, download a complimentary copy of the *2025 Gartner Magic Quadrant for Hybrid Mesh Firewalls* [report](#) or read the [blog](#).

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