

# Ask the Right Questions:

## 12 Capabilities to Look For in a Next-Generation SWG

A true Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) architecture includes all of the capabilities of a next-generation Secure Web Gateway (NG SWG). But there's a world of difference between NG SWG and products purporting to offer "full SWG capabilities," so here are 12 key questions to help sharpen your search for the right NG SWG.

Netskope Next Gen SWG can deliver the visibility and context you need to protect your data and operations—all without sacrificing security or user experience in the cloud.

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Can I have consistent inspection and policy enforcement among users anywhere and data anywhere?

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Can I control how data is transferred, used, manipulated, or accessed via cloud and web-based applications and services, including instances of these services or applications?

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Do I have visibility of all SaaS and IaaS, including shadow IT, in use by all users, anywhere in my environment?

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How confident am I in the authenticity of the user? Am I sure there hasn't been any credential compromise?

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Can I determine how my users are using the data and via which apps and/or services?

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Can I easily integrate incident response and forensics capabilities for SaaS- and web-based activity?

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Can I determine the data's sensitivity both at rest and in transit?

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Is my user experience performance-driven, frictionless, and transparent?

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Do I understand the security posture of IaaS and PaaS?

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Can I determine risk based on user behavior, data sensitivity and criticality, and application characteristics? And can I apply risk-based conditional access based on that determination?

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Do I understand and can I qualify the risk of SaaS and web-based applications being used in my environment?

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Can I inspect and apply policy without "hairpinning" (i.e., routing back) to the data center, thus preserving the performance and experience of my cloud services?