

ProAmpac Leverages CloudGenix to Connect to Azure Virtual WAN 200 Percent Faster

ProAmpac, a global leader in flexible packaging, chose CloudGenix to add bandwidth capacity to 32 manufacturing sites and simplify WAN management.

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Azure Virtual WAN is a networking service from Microsoft that promises to provide optimized and automated branch connectivity “regions” that serve as convenient branch hubs, and a backbone to which branches can be connected to enable branch-to-VNet connectivity.

And it was the perfect solution for ProAmpac’s needs, except for one thing—ease of connectivity across global remote sites.

ProAmpac has 32 manufacturing sites across the US, Europe and Asia, most of which have as many as three different ISP connections to ensure redundancy and diversity. The work required to set up connectivity to Azure using the platform’s recommended methods would have proven extremely time consuming. The management required to complete the task would only increase dramatically if ProAmpac chose to pursue site-to-site connectivity instead of their current hub-and-spoke design. The overhead of connecting Azure Virtual WAN presented a management nightmare that no longer worked.



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With 32 manufacturing sites, over 4,000 employees, and 5,000 customers around the world, ProAmpac is one of the top 10 packaging converters in the U.S. ProAmpac brings brand owners and packaging experts together to generate fresh thinking, accelerate technology and increase speed-to-market. ProAmpac collaborates so everyone succeeds.

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—JIM GUNNARSON, INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER, PROAMPAC

CloudGenix connects Azure Virtual WAN 200 percent faster than previous provider

By leveraging CloudGenix to connect to Azure Virtual WAN, ProAmpac has gained the following benefits:

- Increased bandwidth capacity to manufacturing sites
- Reduced dependency on MPLS that cuts the cost of WAN
- Simplified WAN management that better aligns with business policy
- Safer cloud-based security and threat prevention

CloudGenix allows their IT department to utilize an Active-Active configuration to increase resiliency and performance of their WAN. With CloudGenix, each of ProAmpac's 32 manufacturing sites can talk to each other right out of the box—with little to no interaction from IT after the devices are installed at the remote sites. CloudGenix has also empowered ProAmpac to utilize all of their ISP connections based on type of traffic and whatever policies they choose to implement. This further allows them to reduce bandwidth costs at each site by spreading the load across all of the connections.

Gunnarson praised CloudGenix's ease of use for the modern, agile IT support team. With their former Cisco iWAN solution, it took over two months from the time the equipment was ordered until the configuration was created and everything was finally installed at the remote site. Now **with CloudGenix, ProAmpac enjoys an average install time of less than an hour** after the equipment arrives—regardless of what type of connectivity exists at the site. CloudGenix can boast that they delivered ProAmpac's connection to Azure Virtual WAN 200 percent faster than their previous provider. Now that's a collaboration where everyone succeeds.

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