To protect against increasingly prolific threats, organizations have added even more single-use tools into their security stacks. Unfortunately, this cyber complexity has only further complicated the detection and management of malicious activity.

**Alert fatigue** leads to genuine threats getting buried in the noise of busy networks, and overburdened security pros are faced with an influx of false positive alerts that distract from investigating critical incidents. Making matters worse, **staffing shortages** in information security have reached a critical level, and keeping this kind of expertise in-house can be overly expensive.

The modern threat landscape demands **proactive - not just reactive - security**. Organizations that are effective at simplifying their environments can make the most out of existing security investments.

**Leveraging the power of managed security services (MSS) is becoming a viable option for SMBs.** Security-as-a-Service providers like Sentinel can deploy features more rapidly, have the expertise to back it up, and work as partners with organizations to keep costs low.

Pay-as-you go options coupled with speed, agility, and ability to scale up and down are key benefits of MSS. Others include:

- **Budget friendly.** Managed Security Services are charged on a monthly basis, so they can come out of your OpEx instead of CapEx budgets.

- **Operationalized threat intelligence.** For example, Sentinel offers an MSS platform that consolidates threat sources, automatically blocks known threats, and streamlines security operations.

- **Shorter time to value.** New tools can be implemented more quickly, and kept current — and therefore more effective — with the latest updates.

- **Addresses the skills gap.** MSS vendors have staff on demand for monitoring and analysis; their only focus is on keeping your network secure.

- **Policy, detection, and enforcement.** Demonstrate compliance rapidly without taking time and resources away from other projects.

Regardless of your size and protection concerns, adding managed security services is increasingly a question of when, not if. And while it won’t solve all your security issues, it will provide you with greater safety at a lower cost.