

Software-Defined Anything (SDx) Market Expands as Enterprises Embrace Agility and Virtualized IT Infrastructure

The Software-Defined Anything (SDx) Market is growing as businesses adopt cloud, virtualization, and agile IT for scalability and flexibility.

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, August 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Software-Defined Anything Market](#) is poised for exponential growth, expanding from USD 123.5 billion in 2025 to USD 619.3 billion by 2035, at a robust CAGR of 17.5%. This transformation reflects the global shift from rigid, hardware-centric systems to agile, software-driven infrastructures capable of meeting the demands of digital-first enterprises.



Software-Defined Anything (SDx) Market

For manufacturers, the rise of SDx represents a decisive opportunity to modernize operations, streamline processes, and remain competitive amid rising complexity and cost pressures. By leveraging programmable infrastructures, organizations can reduce operating expenses, accelerate time-to-market, and strengthen cybersecurity postures.

Market Dynamics: A Transition to Agile Infrastructure

The SDx market is being fueled by rapid adoption of virtualization, cloud-native frameworks, and API-driven automation. This shift enables manufacturers and enterprises to simplify operations, achieve centralized visibility, and enforce consistent policies across networks, storage, and data centers.

With ongoing investments in 5G, IoT, and AI integration, SDx is increasingly becoming the backbone of next-generation digital ecosystems. The ability to dynamically scale resources and apply infrastructure-as-code principles positions SDx as a long-term enabler of growth and operational resilience.

Key Segment Insights

Software-Defined Networking (SDN) Leading the Charge

Software-Defined Networking is expected to hold 24.5% of the market in 2025, making it the largest SDx segment. By decoupling control from hardware, SDN empowers manufacturers to manage traffic programmatically, improving efficiency while supporting zero-trust security architectures.

Enterprises and cloud providers are adopting SDN to automate provisioning, centralize visibility, and enhance bandwidth utilization—all crucial for manufacturers managing hybrid or multi-cloud operations.

Service Providers Driving Adoption

Service providers are projected to capture 22% of the market by 2025, reflecting their need to support large-scale infrastructure demands, enable 5G, and implement edge computing strategies.

For manufacturers, this signals access to more flexible, high-performance services delivered by providers using SDx-powered architectures, ensuring faster deployment and reliable performance at scale.

Growth Drivers

Rising Data Volumes – Demand for efficient network management solutions is intensifying as manufacturers manage increasingly complex digital ecosystems.

Operational Efficiency – SDx helps reduce both CAPEX and OPEX by automating resource allocation and enabling scalable, policy-based control.

Hybrid Cloud & IoT Expansion – With IoT driving connected manufacturing and hybrid cloud enabling flexible infrastructure, SDx serves as a critical foundation.

Security & Compliance – Manufacturers benefit from programmable, software-enforced security to counter data privacy concerns and cyber threats.

Regional Outlook

North America at the Forefront

North America is expected to remain the largest regional market, supported by the presence of major players and extensive adoption of cloud-based technologies. The U.S., in particular, is set to dominate with a forecast CAGR of 17.1% through 2035, supported by high enterprise IT investments and widespread cloud deployment.

Asia-Pacific Growth Opportunities

Asia-Pacific is emerging as a vital growth hub, driven by large-scale digital transformation initiatives, smart manufacturing, and the expansion of 5G networks.

Competitive Landscape

The SDx market is highly competitive, with key players including Cisco, Dell EMC, HPE, IBM, VMware, Huawei, Juniper Networks, Microsoft, Oracle, Nokia, and Nutanix among others.

Notable strategic moves include:

HPE's acquisition of Zerto (2024), strengthening its software-defined cloud-native services. Cisco's acquisition of Acacia Communications (2024), expanding its optical connectivity capabilities.

VMware's acquisition of Mesh7 (2024), enhancing API-level application security within cloud environments.

These developments underscore the industry's commitment to enhancing interoperability, security, and real-time orchestration.

Outlook for Manufacturers

As digital transformation accelerates, manufacturers are increasingly seeking agile solutions to handle growing data traffic, reduce costs, and secure distributed operations. SDx offers:

Scalability to align IT resources with production demands.

Automation to streamline network and data center management.

Security through programmable, zero-trust policies.

Cost Savings by lowering capital and operational expenditures.

For manufacturers competing in global markets, SDx adoption will be essential not only for immediate efficiency but also for laying a foundation for future growth and innovation.

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Editor's Notes

Purpose of Release: Highlighting how SDx empowers manufacturers with agility, scalability, and cost efficiency.

Target Audience: Manufacturers, service providers, enterprise IT leaders, and stakeholders in

digital transformation.

Tone: Solution-focused, emphasizing how SDx addresses industry pain points and supports long-term growth.

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