

Hewlett Packard Enterprise buying Juniper Networks in deal valued at about \$14 billion

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An exterior view of Juniper Networks headquarters is shown in Sunnyvale, Calif., in this Jan. 30, 2007 file photo. Hewlett Packard Enterprise is buying Juniper Networks in an all-cash deal valued at about \$14 billion, which is anticipated to double HPE's networking business. HPE will pay \$40 per Juniper share. The transaction is expected to close either later in 2024, or early next year. It still needs approval from Juniper shareholders and regulators.Credit: AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, file



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Shares of both companies rose before the market open on Wednesday. A Wall Street Journal report about a potential deal saw Juniper's stock surge 22% and HPE's stock dip 9% before an official announcement was made.

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Juniper, based in Sunnyvale, California, helps companies access the cloud infrastructure that serves as the foundation of digital and AI strategies.

"This <u>transaction</u> will strengthen HPE's position at the nexus of accelerating macro-AI trends, expand our total addressable market, and drive further innovation for customers as we help bridge the AI-native and cloud-native worlds, while also generating significant value for shareholders," HPE President and CEO Antonio Neri said late Tuesday in a statement.

Juniper CEO Rami Rahim will lead the combined HPE networking business. He will report to Neri. HPE was spun off from Hewlett-Packard, one of the founding companies of Silicon Valley, in 2015 and is now based in Houston.

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