

Web content management includes overseeing all data flows related to surfing the web. Peter Stephenson and the SC Lab team put 12 offerings through their paces.

Of all the areas of information security that have spawned a variety of tools and tool types, content management has got to be close to the top. Over the years we have had web firewalls, web content management (WCM) tools, email content management and content management

in general. All of these have converged somewhat, but web content has become more focused.

Web content management includes managing all of those data flows that are related to surfing the web. Today that covers more than 70 percent of all end-user computing, according to some sources.

Certainly the percentage is quite large regardless of what the specific number is. That means that there is a lot of opportunity to be exposed to web-borne mischief. One estimate puts web-borne threats up 225 percent and cites application layer exploits as the leading cause of infections.

EdgeWave iPrism Web Security



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Price \$18,250 for 1,000 users, including appliance, one-year subscription and one-year basic maintenance.

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The iPrism Web Security 50h from EdgeWave is designed with the enterprise environment in mind. This product – one of a family of appliances – boasts a solid feature set, including categorized web database, dynamic circumvention and botnet threat feeds, dynamic anti-virus engine and dynamic application protocol classification. This tool also allows for the option of multiple deployed appliances, which can be managed centrally or stand by themselves.

We found deployment to be quite simple. The first step is done by connecting to the appliance with

a computer and running the web-based setup wizard. This wizard not only allows for quick setup of the networking information, but also assists in creating a base policy. At the completion of the wizard, the appliance can be placed into the environment and can be set up to run transparent bridge mode, proxy mode or both..

This solution has a lot of flexibility built in for easy and configurable management. All administration is done via the easy-to-navigate, web-based interface. Policies can be easily configured based on the already existing Active Directory, eDirectory or Apple Open Directory users and groups in the enterprise, which allows for transparent integration with the already existing infrastructure.

Documentation included a paper quick-start guide, as well as several PDF user guides. The main one is the administrator guide, which

illustrates how to configure and manage the appliance in an easy-to-read format.

EdgeWave includes basic support in the purchase price for customers. This includes access to phone-based technical assistance during business hours, as well as 24/7 email support.

At a price of \$18,250 for 1,000 users, we find this product to be a good value for the money. The iPrism appliance offers a lot of functionality that is easy to manage at a reasonable price.

SC MAGAZINE RATING

Features ★★★★★

Ease of use ★★★★★

Performance ★★★★★

Documentation ★★★★★

Support ★★★★★

Value for money ★★★★★

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★

Strengths Highly configurable, enterprise-grade appliance.

Weaknesses None that we found.

Verdict For its well-rounded capabilities and value, we make this one our Recommended product this month.



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