

Tools to help with email content management are focused almost exclusively on prevention through some form of filtering, says **Peter Stephenson**.

This is where the overall category of email security is going. In our view, email security includes both security of the sent emails themselves and security of the enterprise from rogue incoming emails. While there still are independent email security platforms, the inclusion of

full functionality in the gateway is becoming commonplace.

There is no predefined functionality for email content management products, but you can bet that they will contain some sort of anti-malware functionality, as well as spam filtering. Beyond that – and, perhaps, as part of that – you can

expect such things as email firewalls. We saw just about every form of protection in this month's crop of products.

When we think of email content management functionality we should also think about the web, and then add spam as a threat to be managed.

McAfee Email Protection



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McAfee Email Protection incorporates email content management with data leakage prevention and compliance standards. This product can be

deployed along with the option of using the McAfee cloud-based service for added scanning capabilities to stop spam and other problem email before it even reaches the enterprise. This gives solid content management for even very large organizations with high policy standards.

Deployment is done by installing the virtual appliance in a VMware ESX environment. Once the server

is deployed, all management is done through the appliance's web-based interface. This interface is quite extensive, but very easy to navigate due to its organized layout. Furthermore, the GUI incorporates a full dashboard, which allows for quick and easy viewing of email statistics and other useful system information.

This solution provides solid email content and policy management. It allows for the use of compliance templates and built-in data leakage prevention through dictionaries and document fingerprinting techniques. Custom policy is also easy to configure, and the appliance offers flexible policy options that can be quite granular in nature.

Documentation included installation and administrator guides. The installation guide provided the steps necessary to install the virtual appliance and get it up and running in the VMware infrastructure. All documentation was well-organized with many screen shots, diagrams and configuration examples.

Customers already subscribed to McAfee protection services receive McAfee Gold Protection support

at no extra cost. This includes access to online resources, as well as 24/7 phone and email technical assistance.

With prices ranging from \$25 per user per year all the way down to just under \$5 per user per year for larger environments, we find this offering to be an excellent value for the money. The McAfee Email Protection virtual appliance offers a solid amount of flexibility and functionality at a great price.



Just what one would expect from McAfee. Recommended.

Peter Stephenson

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Features	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★★
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★
OVERALL RATING	★★★★★
Strengths Full email content management with built-in compliance and data leakage prevention.	
Weaknesses None that we found.	
Verdict Just what one would expect from McAfee. Recommended.	



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