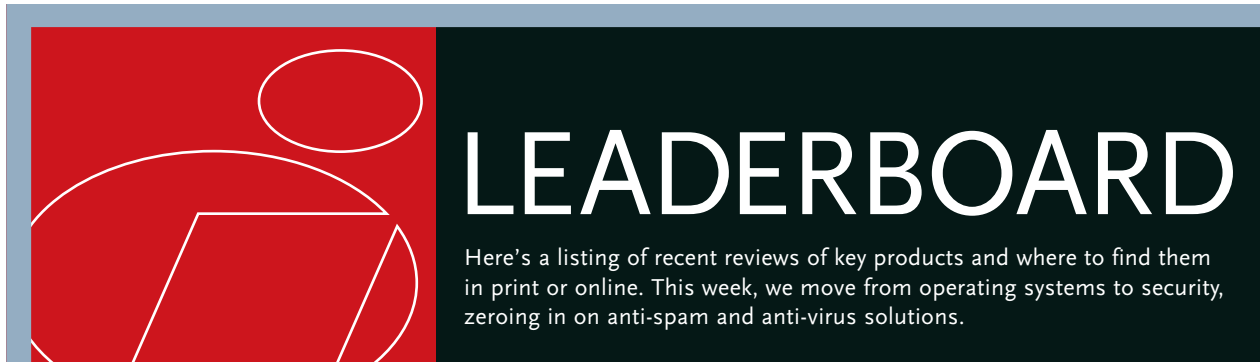


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PRODUCT	SCORE	REFERENCE	BOTTOM LINE
PLATFORMS: OPERATING SYSTEMS			
Red Hat Advanced Server 3.0	VERY GOOD 8.2	Dec. 8, page 29 infoworld.com/676	As 3.0 incorporates major compatibility and performance updates and now supports many platforms, including AMD Opteron and IBM pSeries, iSeries, zSeries, and S/390. The lack of official 2.6 kernel support is disappointing.
Red Hat Linux Enterprise Server ES 2.1	VERY GOOD 7.9	Aug. 4, page 28 infoworld.com/178	Red Hat is the U.S. standard for Linux, boasting the greatest number of partnerships with third-party vendors, an excellent support organization, and a large development team. The more expensive AS version includes Itanium support, load balancing, and clustering.
SuSE Linux Enterprise Server	VERY GOOD 7.8	Aug. 4, page 28 infoworld.com/178	SuSE is not as well-known in the United States as it is in Europe. However, since SCO has discontinued its Linux business, SuSE seems to be the best-known of the United Linux companies in the United States. United Linux offers an excellent server package, good security, and an enterprise focus.
Turbolinux Enterprise Server 8	VERY GOOD 7.6	Aug. 4, page 28 infoworld.com/178	Although not well-known in the United States, Turbolinux offers the same base United Linux feature set as the SuSE offering. It's a good choice for companies with a presence in both the United States and Asia, due to extra Asian localization features and support in Japan, Korea, and China.
Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Enterprise Edition	VERY GOOD 7.0	March 31, page 17 infoworld.com/64	Windows Server 2003 is a solid performer and a must-have for any shop relying on Microsoft products. Finally, there's a Windows for servers that comes in a secured default configuration and provides the granularity of management that administrators of Unix systems take for granted.
Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Enterprise Edition for 64-bit Itanium Systems	GOOD 6.5	Oct. 20, page 51 infoworld.com/514	Improvements in scalability, manageability, and reliability make Windows Server 2003 64-bit a promising platform with some long-awaited features. However, the absence of .Net framework severely limits its use as a Web or app server. Don't budget for this OS until mid-2005.
Sun Solaris 9 for x86	GOOD 6.0	April 28, page 42 infoworld.com/65	Positioned as a competitor for Linux on Intel-based systems, Solaris 9 x86 lacks broad hardware support. A dearth of Sun and third-party applications limits its value to Sun shops seeking low-priced servers, desktops, or laptops.
SECURITY: ANTI-SPAM			
SpamBayes for Outlook	EXCELLENT 9.4	May 19, page 40 infoworld.com/29	This powerful anti-spam weapon works with Microsoft Outlook filters and folders, trains on your own unique message database, and learns by watching you, responding to both positive and negative clues. Most important, it's immediately effective.
Postini Perimeter Manager Enterprise Edition	EXCELLENT 8.7	Nov. 17, page 51 infoworld.com/596	Postini's service offers highly accurate spam filtering, a rich, flexible feature set, and granular administration. Anti-spam settings can be adjusted to different e-mail types and policies can be tailored to individual users, groups, and domains.

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SECURITY: ANTI-SPAM continued			
FrontBridge TrueProtect E-mail Security Suite	VERY GOOD 8.5	Nov. 17, page 51 infoworld.com/596	The FrontBridge service blocked 90 percent of spam in tests, with few false positives. Adding users is virtually automatic, end-users can easily recover quarantine messages and whitelist senders. Real-time information is unavailable.
Brightmail Anti-Spam Enterprise Edition 5.1	VERY GOOD 8.4	Nov. 17, page 51 infoworld.com/596	Brightmail's gateway solution includes a spam folder agent for Exchange and IBM/Lotus Domino, allows Outlook users to provide spam feedback, and has good reporting. However, end-users cannot whitelist senders directly.
Mirapoint Message Director MD450	VERY GOOD 8.4	Jan. 5, page 28 infoworld.com/898	Mirapoint's anti-spam appliance boasts excellent performance, easy setup, and on-site support — all included in its price, which is quite low compared to other such products on the market. Its high capacity can accommodate tens of thousands of users.
NetIQ MailMarshal SMTP 5.5	VERY GOOD 8.4	Dec. 15, page 40 infoworld.com/702	MailMarshal handles spam with a powerful management console, detailed reporting, and many functions for Windows-based Internet mail environments, including anti-relay, anti-spoofing, and filtering of dangerous file types.
Proofpoint Protection Server 1.2.1	VERY GOOD 8.3	Nov. 17, page 51 infoworld.com/596	Proofpoint is more demanding technically to install and configure, but its superb tech support makes this a non-issue. Spam filtering is highly accurate, and a flexible classification system allows administrators to configure different responses to spam.
SpamAssassin 2.44	GOOD 6.0	Nov. 17, page 51 infoworld.com/596	SpamAssassin software is free and plenty of add-ons are available online, but it is much more difficult to install and update than commercial alternatives. Scanty documentation, ongoing research and tuning requirements, and lack of tech support make this a poor choice for most companies.
SECURITY: ANTI-VIRUS			
KaVaDo ScanDo, InterDo, and AutoPolicy	EXCELLENT 9.3	Jan. 27, page 25 infoworld.com/66	The KaVaDo suite guards against attacks on Web servers, Web app servers, and databases, working to scan and intercept malformed or unauthorized HTTP, WebDAV, and Web services requests, and to impose security policies on the use of Web applications.
Trend Micro Client/Server Suite for SMB 6.0	EXCELLENT 8.9	Feb. 2, page 28 infoworld.com/907	Client/Server Suite for SMB provides the best client-side and file-server protection for a midsize Microsoft shop, with a comprehensive set of admin functionalities. It's a mature product that is easy to deploy and manage thanks to its customizable features.
Eset NOD32 2.0	EXCELLENT 8.6	July 21, page 35 infoworld.com/175	If resources are limited and anti-virus protection is the key, NOD32 may be the ideal compromise. It offers an easy-to-use interface, simple deployment, and solid performance.
eTrust Antivirus 7.0	VERY GOOD 8.4	April 21, page 29 infoworld.com/43	Offering comprehensive virus protection to guard against malicious software coming in via e-mail or the Web, Computer Associates' anti-virus solution is affordable, robust, and easy to manage.
GFI MailSecurity for Exchange/SMTP 7.2	VERY GOOD 8.3	June 16, page 28 infoworld.com/69	Multiple scanning engines and e-mail-exploit protection define GFI MailSecurity. It has content filtering and outbreak management features, is easy to install and configure, and can work as a gateway or integrated with the mail server. What's missing: a Web interface for remote management.
Symantec AntiVirus Corporate Edition 8.0	VERY GOOD 8.3	June 16, page 33 infoworld.com/124	A complete anti-virus distribution and event management system with a component-based approach; Symantec will manage anti-virus tools across a huge network while making good use of Microsoft's own management console facilities.
McAfee VirusScan Enterprise 7.0	VERY GOOD 8.1	June 16, page 33 infoworld.com/124	A solid solution for organizations seeking one tool to coordinate virus scanning, firewall policies, and usage policies over many servers and workstations. Its requirements are heavy and setup complex, but ePO provides true enterprise policy management.
Sophos Anti-Virus/Enterprise Manager	VERY GOOD 8.0	June 16, page 33 infoworld.com/124	Sophos provides simple, straightforward anti-virus protection with very low barriers to deployment or management. Sophos performs well in recognizing viruses, and it focuses on the one thing it does best — scan files for virus payloads.