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7 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR THE ECONOMIC UPTURN

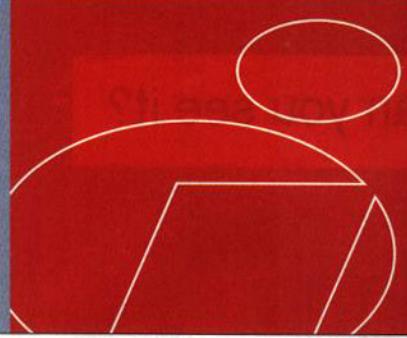IT budgets are finally heading north again. Here's how to get the biggest technology bang for the buck **p39**

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Here's a listing of recent reviews of key products and where to find them in print or online. Looking for security products? We've got you covered with a selection of solutions ranging from anti-virus to firewalls.

PRODUCT	SCORE	REFERENCE	BOTTOM LINE
SECURITY: ANTI-VIRUS			
Panda Software BusinesSecure 3.0	VERY GOOD 7.8	Feb. 2, page 28 infoworld.com/907	BusinesSecure 3.0 uses Panda's first-rate scan engine, and its user interface is incredibly easy to navigate, but admin and management features need to mature. Prompt tech support and pricing incentives help compensate for some of the management snarls.
Trend Micro ScanMail for Exchange 6.1	VERY GOOD 7.3	June 16, page 28 infoworld.com/69	ScanMail is rich in security features, easy to set up, and manageable by both Windows and Web clients, but costs significantly more than competing solutions. By default, ScanMail does not scan the bodies of incoming e-mails; this ill-advised setting hampers out-of-the-box performance.
Network Associates McAfee WebShield SMTP 4.5	VERY GOOD 7.2	June 16, page 28 infoworld.com/69	Integrated client-server management and excellent admin interface make this a great server-based anti-virus solution for organizations using McAfee on client desktops. However, the single scanning engine and lack of a Web management interface hold it back.
Symantec AntiVirus for SMTP Gateways 3.1	VERY GOOD 7.2	June 16, page 28 infoworld.com/69	Symantec AntiVirus is a solid implementation of an e-mail gateway, providing content-filtering and outbreak management features. It also has a Web interface for remote management. Downsides are the single scanning engine and lack of built-in quarantining (available separately).
Sophos MailMonitor for Exchange 3.70	VERY GOOD 7.0	June 16, page 28 infoworld.com/69	MailMonitor is a solid, mature, server-based anti-virus solution with an intuitive management interface and tight Exchange integration. Multiple scanning engines, outbreak alerts, and a Web interface would be welcome.
Gordano GMS Boundary Protection Version 9	GOOD 6.8	June 16, page 28 infoworld.com/69	GMS Boundary Protection is a complete mail solution in its own right. The anti-virus component is configured for the GMS mail server, making it difficult to integrate with existing SMTP servers, but it has good anti-virus capabilities.
SECURITY: APPLICATION SECURITY			
KaVaDo ScanDo, InterDo, and AutoPolicy	EXCELLENT 9.3	Jan. 27, page 25 infoworld.com/65	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.
Teros-100 APS	EXCELLENT 8.8	July 14, page 35 infoworld.com/29	Teros-100 APS offers best-of-breed features in an advanced content-inspection product or application-layer firewall. It is simple to set up and manage, is broadly scalable, and is brutally effective at blocking content that could do as much damage to a company's reputation as it could to its network.
DataPower XS40 XML Security Gateway	EXCELLENT 8.6	Oct. 20, page 28 infoworld.com/480	The DataPower Security Gateway requires no extra ports or buttons exposed and no rotating media. Hardware-based XML processing allows pervasive Schema validation and enables flexible programming via XSL stylesheets.
Reactivity XML Firewall XF2150	VERY GOOD 8.3	Oct. 20, page 28 infoworld.com/480	The Reactivity appliance is very close in feel and philosophy to other Web service intermediary products. It's a good choice for creating a secure interface to Web services. The management console is very intuitive.
eEye SecureIIS Version 2.0	VERY GOOD 8.1	June 23, page 44 infoworld.com/14	SecureIIS wraps itself around an IIS server at the ISAPI layer, protecting servers from known and unknown attacks. This frees security admins from constant reactive analysis and patch management. Protection is quick to implement, effective, and has a minimal impact on performance.

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SECURITY: APPLICATION SECURITY (continued)			
Forum Sentry 1504	VERY GOOD 7.9	Oct. 20, page 28 infoworld.com/480	It may be an XML firewall, but the Forum Sentry 1504 feels most like a traditional firewall, with an IOS interface and policies selected according to XPath criteria. However, the Sentry's multiple user interfaces can be confusing.
Akonix L7 Enterprise 2.0	VERY GOOD 7.3	March 10, page 39 infoworld.com/589	This IM management 17 proxy server addresses security and productivity concerns around using public IM in the enterprise. It works with a firewall to authenticate IM users, apply access policies, and log communications in SQL Server.
SECURITY: DATA SECURITY			
NetBotz WallBotz 500	EXCELLENT 9.1	Dec. 8, page 28 infoworld.com/675	The reasonably priced WallBotz 500 is an outstanding addition to a network management and monitoring system. This small, easily-managed appliance includes a camera pod and sensor pods to monitor audio, temperature, hi-res video, and more at a very reasonable price.
Cyber-Ark Software Inter-Business Vault 2.0	VERY GOOD 8.5	Oct. 6, page 30 infoworld.com/478	Cyber-Ark's Inter-Business Vault provides a trustworthy, secure, and reliable infrastructure for sharing proprietary or confidential files with employees, customers, and partners. The wide variety of connection methods are useful.
Decru DataFort E440	VERY GOOD 8.4	Feb. 24, page 30 infoworld.com/81	Decru's security appliance encrypts sensitive business data on network storage devices, providing the ultimate protection against intrusions with minimal impact on servers, applications, and users.
SECURITY: FIREWALLS			
Snap Gear SME550	EXCELLENT 9.0	Oct. 6, page 33 infoworld.com/477	The SME550 provides exceptional value, including a large feature set and easy setup. It is ideal for remote or larger offices. The clear interface provides simplicity for beginners and plenty of control for advanced users.
Toshiba Magnia SG20	EXCELLENT 8.6	Aug. 11, page 36 infoworld.com/206	Combining Toshiba's well-muscled hardware platform and Astaro's secure Linux distribution, this product not only surprised us in benchmark testing, but also had the most polished and easy to use Web-based management system we've seen.
Check Point NG Enterprise	VERY GOOD 8.5	Jan. 12, page 35 infoworld.com/938	Check Point combines the Firewall-1/VPM-1 kernel with application proxies capable of blocking both known and unknown layer 7 attacks. Though it's an easy-to-manage solution that provides significant protection against application layer attacks, critical Web apps may warrant more safeguards.
WatchGuard Technologies Firebox V80	VERY GOOD 8.5	Nov. 3, page 28 infoworld.com/587	The V80 won hands-down in the muscle portion of our VPN capabilities testing. Coupled with respectable firewall performance capability under duress, it's the obvious choice for those who value high-volume VPN delivery.
Fortinet FortiGate FG500	VERY GOOD 8.3	Nov. 3, page 28 infoworld.com/587	The FG500 delivers rock-solid performance and protection from attack. If you value management features combined with reasonable VPN support and unmatched persistent connection numbers, this firewall is worth the price.
Zyxel Zywall 100 Internet Security Gateway	VERY GOOD 7.8	June 9, page 33 infoworld.com/694	The Zywall 100 is a comprehensive Internet security gateway for small businesses connecting to the Internet via DSL or cable modem. If a company does not have a router in place, this device (combined with a broadband modem) might well be all the access control and routing hardware required.
Enterasys XSR-3250 Security Router	VERY GOOD 7.7	Aug. 11, page 36 infoworld.com/206	A classic security gateway, the Enterasys XSR-3250 is powerful and pricey. If you don't require appliance-like ease of configuration and management, this machine is worth a look. Thanks to GbE capability, it easily led the field in our performance tests, including performance under attack.