MAKING THE GRADE

Company, product	Astaro Internet Security Astaro Security Gateway 320 www.astaro.com	Check Point Software UTM-1 2050 www.checkpoint.com	Fortinet FortiGate-1000A www.fortinet.com	IBM Internet Security Systems Proventia Network Multifunction Security MX5010 www.iss.net	Juniper Networks SSG 550 www.juniper.net	SonicWALL SonicWALL Pro 5060c www.sonicwall.com
Price as configured	$12,465	$15,500	$14,995	$14,890	$18,375	$10,995
Enterprise management, control	B	B-	B	A	C	B-
Daily operations, reports	B	B	A	B	B-	B
Authentication and security	B	B	A	B	B	A
Feature integration	B	B+	B	C	C	A
Verdict	B	B	A-	B	C+	B+
	Feature-rich, nice Web interface, relatively simple to set up. Pros: Numerous antispam and antivirus features; authenticates to both AD and eDirectory Cons: Confusing method of entering security policies	Licensing is its big weakness Pros: Flexible and extensive firewall and IDS Cons: Too many individual pieces of management software	Flexible and capable product Pros: Solid reporting and security features Cons: IM protection obscure	Easiest to set up and manage; nice arrangement of commands and policies Pros: Default settings are a big help Cons: Feature integration needs some work	A complex product made more so with a bad interface Pros: Feature-rich Cons: Miserable management interface and messy menus will confound configuration	Solid feature integration, reports and security features Pros: Web application firewall features, unlimited file attachment size for scans Cons: Complex configuration menus and a tired user interface