



Focus on: Web security

Best practice for safe, productive web browsing

1 Category does not equal security

URL filtering solutions are great for controlling website access, but aren't equipped to deliver timely and effective security against the expanding range and source of web-based threats. Incumbent URL filtering vendors "have considerable gaps to fill in their strategy and product road maps before they can meet enterprise requirements for broader gateway malicious code protection".*

2 Anti-virus or spyware scanning alone is not enough

The range of web-based threats is increasing and "organizations will ultimately turn to integrated anti-virus, anti-spyware and URI filtering solutions to protect against internet threats".*

3 Dedicated solutions deliver superior security and better performance

The more focused an appliance is, the more likely it is to do its job well. In covering many security areas in one box, unified threat management appliances run the risk of delivering inferior security with unreasonable latency.

4 Security should be simple

Network security is a non-strategic function for most organizations, and as such should free up administrative resources to focus on more strategic business functions. This includes liberation from the often management-intensive approach to acceptable use policy enforcement.

5 Choose a vendor with 20:20 vision

Your web security vendor should demonstrate superior visibility into the source and behavior of threats, regardless of where they originate (email or web page). Sophos, for example, scans billions of web pages a day and proactively discovers thousands of new malicious URLs a week.

6 Speed is king

Effective web security comes from rapid, proactive protection, efficient single-engine scanning for the full spectrum of threats, and a managed appliance platform that eliminates or streamlines time-consuming administrative functions.

7 Don't give up the endpoint

Optimal security depends not just on first-rate web security but also on easy to manage, up-to-date endpoint security.

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* Marketscope for URL filtering 2006. Lawrence Orans and Arabella Hallawell. Gartner, Inc. March 2006

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