

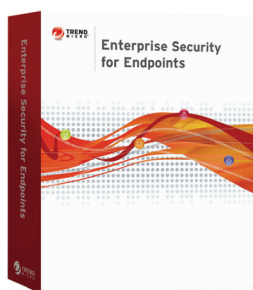
Corporate stakeholders, weary of managing a multitude of software components, are opting for one agent offering multiple security functions, says **Nathan Ouellette**.

Whether it's applying the latest patches or updating signatures, as new threats emerge, the bar is being raised with regard to ensuring a higher level of information protection. This means keeping data secure, keeping the bad guys out and avoiding excessive operational overhead.

Endpoint security is yet another sector in the security product space that has seen some growth and convergence. One of the primary drivers is the fact that managing multiple agents for each host is becoming more cumbersome and unacceptable for IT programs. As new technologies and protection mechanisms are

available, operations stakeholders are weary about having to deploy and manage a growing number of host-based software components, especially in larger and more complex environments. Vendors recognize this challenge and have been integrating more features and protection options into one agent.

## Trend Micro Enterprise Security for Endpoints v10



**Vendor** Trend Micro  
**Price** \$32 for 1,001 users  
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Enterprise Security for Endpoints is software solution comprised of Trend Micro's OfficeScan suite of modules, as well as a series of plug-ins, which customers can enable depending on the level of protection required. The solution consists of a backend server product, centralized web-console for administration and various client endpoint packages. The client and server software both run on Microsoft Windows and the client agents can also be installed on Macs and a number of mobile operating systems.

Installation was quick. We were using the web-based administrative console in a matter of minutes. The console interface communicates to the management server through a series of ActiveX controls for a more granular and interactive experience. Overall administration is easy and we found everything we were looking for without any problems. From a management perspective the solution has all the enterprise features.

Deploying agents to client machines is also easy. Agents can be fetched from a URL or pushed using the management console. Trend has opted to take a plug-in approach to its solution.

An intrusion defense firewall plug-in is available, which adds a granular firewall and HIPS protection to endpoints. This includes controlling access to removable media and protecting web browsing and monitoring for non-compliant application use. The solution also integrates with Cisco NAC, which provides host integrity and compliance checking. Additionally, Trend provides real-time cloud-based threat intelligence and distributes the reputation data to the client endpoints. All of the features are controlled through an easy-

to-use policy management interface. Overall, we were impressed with the ease of use, management features and endpoint protection options.

Documentation is available via PDF documents or accessed through the server console itself. We found all of the information to be helpful.

Standard maintenance is included with the purchase of the product and includes phone and email support during business hours (12-hour day). Three additional support levels are also available. We honor this product with our Best Buy.

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Features	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★★
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★
<b>OVERALL RATING</b>	<b>★★★★★</b>
<b>Strengths</b>	Easy to implement, easy to use and provides a very strong set of protection features for endpoints.
<b>Weaknesses</b>	None that we could find.
<b>Verdict</b>	A great value for the money given the overall features and options included. Would satisfy both SMB and enterprise needs.



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