

There's been a lot of convergence in email security and content management tools. Look for the granular differences, says **Nathan Ouellette**.

Traditionally, our email security reviews were separated into two categories: email security and email content management. In previous reviews, email security products focused mostly on encryption and digital signatures, while content management, usually focused on protecting email content

from an outbound and inbound perspective through a series of AV, anti-spam and content filtering engines. These focused more on threat management and ensuring malware, phishing and data leakage issues were kept in check.

Readers who are looking to investigate possible email security solu-

tions will have to make decisions regarding their existing infrastructure to decide which features are most important.

Even though most of our products cover both security and content management domains, there are granular differences associated with almost all of them.

Sentrion MP 4.0



Vendor	Sendmail
Price	\$8,600 for base hardware; \$13 per user for cumulative licensing (minus IBE).
Contact	www.sendmail.com

The Sendmail Sentrion MP 4.0 ships in either a virtual appliance edition (MPV) or as a 1U/2U hardware appliance configuration. Sentrion MP is both an email security and email content management solution and contains several security services, which are unlocked via license modules.

Overall, the tool has an impressive feature set for both email security and content management. It has myriad processing options in terms of how it handles inbound and outbound messages, and the various policy elements are applied using conditions and conditional logic. With the full licensing that we tested, the appliance had tremendous capabilities with regard

to anti-spam, anti-virus, policy management, content filtering and encryption. Encryption support includes S/MIME, STARTTLS and Voltage Identity-Based Encryption (IBE), which is a unique way of applying encryption rules to particular messages.

The number of features and administrative control over message processing is very impressive. It is definitely aimed at larger organizations with subject matter experts who need flexible control over routing, networking and additional aspects of the email security architecture. If we had one complaint about the ease of use, it would be the overall UI, as well as the fact that several changes to the system have to be saved, committed and deployed.

Documentation is excellent. Support levels include Silver, Gold and Platinum contracts with respective SLA agreements and are available

at various pricing tiers. It's worth noting that Sendmail's pricing tiers vary greatly depending on whether or not a hardware appliance is used and what licensing features are unlocked. For the IBE encryption module that we tested, users may expect to add \$25 per user on average.

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Features	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★☆
Documentation	★★★★★
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★

Strengths Excellent set of encryption and content management features. Granular configuration and administrative options.

Weaknesses The UI is a bit more complex than others of this type. Pricing can be a bit high if choosing a hardware option and all licensing features (including encryption).

Verdict An excellent enterprise-class email security and content management solution.



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