

This year's crop of policy management tools is showing more automation for enterprises of various sizes and types, says **Peter Stephenson**.

It is time to get serious with policy management. Regulatory requirements never have been greater or more complicated. Cybercrooks never have been more sophisticated. The enterprise never has been so large or widely disbursed. All-in-all, we live in complex times, and any tools that

we can find to help us manage that complexity certainly are welcome. Managing complexity is exactly what this month's policy management products are all about.

We look at policy management tools every year, and with each survey we notice that they are trying hard to keep up with the

current stable of threats and other challenges. Although more available choice means more choices that must be made, we saw some nice strides this year. Overall, this crop is showing more automation, and we have niche tools for enterprises of various sizes and types. These are important steps forward.

Tufin Technologies Security Suite



Vendor Tufin Technologies

Price \$20,000

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The Security Suite from Tufin Technologies provides a two-piece approach to managing network device policy and auditing. The first piece is

SC MAGAZINE BEST BUY SecureTrack, which enables administrators to track and audit firewall and network infrastructure policy and to maintain compliance. The second piece is SecureChange Workflow, which helps to automate policy changes throughout the network infrastructure. With these two pieces combined, the Security Suite can provide powerful network security auditing that can be automated for solid accuracy in maintaining network policy.

Setup and installation of the appliance is simple and straightforward. Once the product is connected to the network, the first step is to go to the web-based setup wizard on the device. This takes just a few minutes and gets the tool up and running. At the completion of the wizard, all further configuration is done through a solid web GUI, which we found to be well-organized with an intuitive layout.

This solution shows its greatest strength when it comes to maintaining compliance through automation. With SecureChange Workflow, a policy change can be automated from start to finish without the possibility of missing steps. This allows for solid policy compliance and security auditing on many network devices, seamlessly and with little effort.

Documentation included well-organized quick-start and user guides. Tufin provides no-cost email- and phone-based support during regular business hours. Customers also can purchase extended support options, as well as additional services, through an agreement.

At a price of \$20,000 for the package and hardware, this product seems expensive on the surface, but we find it to be an excellent value for the money based on its ability to easily manage and maintain policy compliance across network devices.

SC MAGAZINE RATING

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

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★

Strengths Policy compliance management, as well as automated change management on network devices.

Weaknesses None that we found.

Verdict A solid product we make our Best Buy.



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