

## What Tools Are Growing?



# SIX DEFENSIVE WALLS for a Layered Approach to Security

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Security pros recognize the need for a layered approach to security, but not everyone knows which technologies result in a comprehensive defensive posture. The SANS WhatWorks user-to-user program lets you learn from actual users of security products before talking to vendors. Don't risk buying a security product that doesn't work. Start your search at the WhatWorks website to find a list of proven tools that will help your organization build and maintain the six defensive walls. [www.sans.org/whatworks](http://www.sans.org/whatworks)

**WW** You can hear users talk about how this product actually works by visiting [www.sans.org/whatworks](http://www.sans.org/whatworks)

- Users of this vendor's products have described their successes at SANS WhatWorks Summits.
- No users have come forward to explain why these products work so well and should be on their short list.

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## DEFENSIVE WALL 1: Proactive Software Assurance

**Summary:** The application layer is now the number one vector for attackers. However, in most organizations application security is in its infancy and development groups are not yet integrating security into application design and programming. If we want to turn the tide against the attackers, our highest priority must be to help programmers design applications and develop code with fewer security flaws.

**1.1 Source Code and Binary Code Testing Tools and Services (White Box Scanners)**  
These tools search through code with the goal of finding potential vulnerabilities.

- Once5
- Coverity Prevent
- Veracode Enterprise Security Review
- Fortify 360
- Klocwork Insight
- HP (SPI Dynamics)
- IBM (Watchfire)
- Cenzic HallStorm

**1.2 Application Security Scanners (White Box Tools)**  
These tools detect common programming errors in Web-based applications and source code. While tools should be part of the solution, skilled humans are the key to doing this job well.

- Internet Security Systems (now IBM)
- IntelGuardians
- Stach & Liu
- Digital
- Ernst & Young
- WhiteHat Sentinel Services

**1.3 Application Penetration Testing**  
In addition to automated tools, traditional penetration testers usually need new skills to do application layer penetration testing.

**1.4 Application Security Skills Assessment & Certification**  
Application security managers can ensure that programmers are able to identify and eliminate common security flaws from code by using assessment tools and having outsourced programmers prove their knowledge through certification.

Assessment of Secure Coding Skills through online measurement in Java, C, and .NET (SANS GSSP Assessments)  
Certification of Secure Coding Skills in Java, C, and .NET (SANS GSSP Certifications)

For full information on best practices in application security, see [www.sans-ssi.org](http://www.sans-ssi.org)

## DEFENSIVE WALL 2: Blocking Attacks: Network Based

**Summary:** Although many of the most damaging attacks will come from insiders, malicious traffic from the outside makes up the vast majority of all recorded attacks – and those attacks can be launched from anyone, anywhere in the world. Effective cyber defense starts with technology that makes it very hard for those external attacks to get in.

**2.1 Intrusion Prevention (IPS) & Detection (IDS)**  
IPS and IDS work together – you have to detect something before you can block it. IDS monitors network traffic looking for the characteristics of known attacks. IPS provides high-confidence recognition of the unique characteristics of attack traffic, and blocks it. Its strength over typical stateful firewalls is that IPS can recognize the "content" of network traffic at a high enough rate to block malicious connections and allow legitimate traffic to get through.

- Airtight SpectraGuard
- NitroSecurity NitroGuard
- IBM/ISS Proventia & RealSecure
- StillSecure Strata Guard
- Arbor Peakflow

**2.2 Wireless Intrusion Prevention (WIPS)**  
These tools monitor traffic to and from wireless networks and provide reporting and analysis for compliance.

- BlueLANe's Virtual Shield
- Symantec Endpoint Protection
- TrendMicro Interscan Security Solutions
- Palo Alto PA-4000 Series Firewall

**2.3 Network Behavior Analysis and DDoS Monitoring**  
These tools monitor traffic looking for patterns that are abnormal and suspicious – especially those that might be associated with denial of service attacks.

- CheckPoint VPN-1
- Juniper Netscreen
- Cisco IronPort
- BlueLANe's Virtual Shield
- Symantec Endpoint Protection
- TrendMicro Interscan Security Solutions
- Palo Alto PA-4000 Series Firewall

**2.4 Firewalls, Enterprise Antivirus and Unified Threat Management**  
Firewalls are the first line of defense. Traditional firewalls do not look inside the packets but rely on information in the packet headers: ports, source and destination addresses, and protocol state. Next generation firewalls incorporate traditional firewall functionality with IPS and Web security gateways (anti-malware such as viruses, worms, spyware, etc.)

**2.5 Secure Web Gateways**  
Enterprise applications and collaboration systems increasingly use HTTP as the underlying protocol. Secure Web Gateways provide inbound filtering of malware and spyware, as well as outbound URL blocking and other forms of policy enforcement.

- McAfee Secure Web Gateway
- BlueCoat Proxy SG
- Finjan Vital Security Web Appliances
- Iron Port S-Series Web Security Appliances

**2.6 Secure Messaging Gateways and Anti-Spam Tools**  
Spam continues to waste productive time for millions of increasingly angry Internet users. Secure email gateways block inbound spam as well as viruses, worms and other malicious executables and can enforce outbound policy control as well for email and instant messages.

- Webroot E-mail Security SaaS
- Google Postini E-mail Security & Anti-Spam
- Symantec Endpoint Protection
- Sophos ES E-mail Appliances
- TrendMicro Interscan Security Solutions

**2.7 Web Application Firewalls**  
These appliances block typical attacks against Web applications, while allowing normal user interaction to continue. These products should be used in addition to strong application development security processes, particularly Web application penetration testing and intense training of Web application developers.

- Secure Computing Webwasher/SmartFilter
- IBM/ISS Professional Services
- IBM/ISS Managed MSS
- Symantec Managed Security Services
- BT Counterpane Enterprise Protection Suite

**2.8 Managed Security Services**  
MSS ensure that trained eyes are watching the firewalls, IPS and IDS systems, Web security gateways and even the logs from inside systems. They provide rapid analysis and quick notification. More advanced services provide automated vulnerability scanning services, give early warning, and help determine when and where to act to protect against new vulnerabilities and exploits.

## DEFENSIVE WALL 3: Blocking Attacks: Host Based

**Summary:** If an attack gets through the network defenses, the PCs, workstations, and servers should be prepared to stop it or at least minimize the damage. On PCs individual protection products are being replaced by broader endpoint protection platforms that use common engines and management interfaces to provide equivalent or stronger protection with reduced acquisition and operations costs.

**3.1 Endpoint Security**  
Endpoint security includes anti-virus, anti-spyware, personal firewalls, host-based IPS, and related technologies.

- McAfee Endpoint Encryption (formerly Safeboot Encryption)
- Cisco Security Agent
- Symantec Endpoint Protection
- Microsoft Forefront/Microsoft NAP

**3.2 Network Access Control (NAC)**  
NAC verifies secure configurations and patch levels and should also determine if malicious software is present on an endpoint. Personal computers that do not meet the enterprise standards can be denied access until their configurations have been corrected but more commonly NAC is used to accelerate getting those vulnerabilities remediated.

- Symantec Sygate NAC
- StillSecure Safe Access
- CheckPoint NAC
- Cisco NAC
- Microsoft Network Access Protection

**3.3 System Integrity Checking Tools**  
Checks for unwanted changes to files.

- Tripwire
- AIDE (free)
- Easy Integrity Check System (EICS) (free)

**3.4 Configuration Hardening Tools**  
Tests security configurations for variance from standards.

- Center for Internet Security templates (free)
- Bastille Linux (free)
- Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer (free)

## DEFENSIVE WALL 4: Eliminating Security Vulnerabilities

**Summary:** Vendors sell software and hardware with vulnerabilities baked in. Your own programmers and system administrators also make mistakes. That means every user organization has the never-ending task of finding, removing and replacing the bad code or reconfiguring the misconfigured systems.

**4.1 Network Discovery Tools**  
Actively scan networks and/or analyze network traffic to determine what hosts are active on a network. A second class of tool passively watches the network, constantly finding and characterizing all hosts that are active. Both can find evidence that new devices have appeared or that existing hosts now have vulnerable or infected software active.

- Nmap (free)
- DHS/NSA Trickler (free for government agencies)

**4.2 Vulnerability Management**  
Vulnerability assessment tools discover vulnerabilities and monitor the organization's progress in eliminating the vulnerabilities that are found.

- QualysGuard
- nCircle IP360
- Nessus (free)
- eEye Retina Network Security Scanner

**4.3 Network Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking**  
Penetration testing tools go beyond vulnerability discovery; they exploit the vulnerabilities to prove to system administrators that their systems are vulnerable and to determine what the impact of a vulnerability could be.

- CORE Impact
- Metasploit (free)
- SAINTEXPLOIT
- IO Active
- Neohapsis
- IntelGuardians

**4.4 Patch and Security Configuration Management and Compliance**  
To reduce exposure to attacks, known vulnerabilities, (both patches and misconfigurations) should be fixed as quickly and as efficiently as possible. Patch management systems automatically deliver and install the correct patches; security configuration management systems automatically eliminate configuration weaknesses from weak passwords to unnecessary services.

- BigFix Discovery
- IBM/ISS Professional Services
- IBM/ISS PatchLink
- Shavlik NetChk

## DEFENSIVE WALL 5: Safely Supporting Authorized Users

**Summary:** Solutions in this group help ensure that authorized users are not unduly impacted by security requirements while unauthorized individuals are blocked.

**5.1 Identity and Access Management**  
These products verify that the right people are allowed to use a system, that they are allowed to perform only those tasks for which they have authorization, and that their access is blocked when their employment is terminated or when their status changes. Advanced IAM systems include workflow and provisioning capabilities to make sure access controls are consistent across applications.

- Oracle
- A10 Networks
- IBM-Tivoli
- Quest Software

**5.2 Mobile Data Protection and Storage Encryption**  
Credit card information and other sensitive, private information would be a lot safer if it were encrypted. In addition, most breach disclosure laws do not require losses to be reported if the data was fully encrypted.

- CheckPoint (formerly Pointsec Mobile)
- PGP Whole Disk Encryption
- Ultimaco SafeGuard
- Guardian Edge Encryption Plus
- Seagate Momentus, MobileMax
- Credant Mobile Guardian (CMG)
- GuardianEdge Data Protection Platform

**5.3 Storage and Backup Encryption**  
Sensitive information has been lost on unencrypted back-up tapes and through unauthorized network penetration. Encryption appliances, or backup drives with built-in cryptography, encrypt data stored on those tapes or file systems.

- NetApp's DeCru DataFort
- NCipher NeoScale CryptoStor

**5.4 Content Monitoring**  
Content monitoring and filtering tools are used to enforce acceptable use policies, as well as detect information leakage. They inspect local storage and internal network traffic looking for sensitive information stored inappropriately or exiting the enterprise.

- Symantec (formerly Vontu)
- WebSense (formerly PortAuthority)
- Tiversa Enterprise Monitoring Services
- SafeMedia Clouseau Network Security

**5.5 Data Leak Protection and Digital Rights Management**

- Vontu (now Symantec) Enforce Platform
- Vericept Monitor, Protect, Discover, Edge
- Reconnex Data-in-Motion, Data-at-Rest, Data-in-Use
- Oakley (now Raytheon) SureView, CoreView, SureFind

**5.6 Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)**  
VPNs save communication cost by enabling users to access their corporate networks through low-cost Internet connections, but they encrypt the data when it travels over the network. VPNs should be used in conjunction with network access control to ensure the endpoints are secure. Most new installations are SSL VPNs.

- F5 FirePass
- Microsoft Forefront
- Citrix Access Gateway

## DEFENSIVE WALL 6: Tools to Manage Security and Maximize Effectiveness

**Summary:** This area focuses on the tools that manage and improve security processes, as well as on tools needed to reduce the damage done in a successful attack.

**6.1 Log Management and Security Information and Event Management**  
These solutions bring together data from server logs, IDS, firewall, vulnerability management, and other tools to enable an enterprise to find out what actually happened after an attack takes place.

- LogLogic 4 LX
- ArcSight Log Management Suite
- SenSage Enterprise Security Analytics
- Prism Microsystems EventTracker
- TriGeo Security Information Manager
- RSA (EMC) enVision Platform
- NetIQ Security Manager

**6.2 Media Sanitization and Mobile Device Recovery and Erasure**  
Tools to empty all information off storage media before discarding them, and to recover or disable mobile devices.

- Darik's Boot and Nuke
- Absolute Software Computrace
- SANS Institute
- BlackHat Briefings

**6.3 Security Skills Development**  
Effective security skills development is training that can prove it enables individuals to develop and demonstrate mastery of the skills and knowledge that are essential for their jobs.

- Security Tip of the Day: US AID (Users cannot sign on unless they answer a security question correctly)
- Monthly Security Awareness Newsletter: SANS OUCH!

**6.4 Security Awareness Training**  
End users cannot be "trained" into protecting their systems and networks, but once security staff have ensured that all systems are configured securely and networks safely protected, then this training can help users know about mistakes they must avoid. Here are some of the most highly valued, free tools that security professionals use in awareness programs.

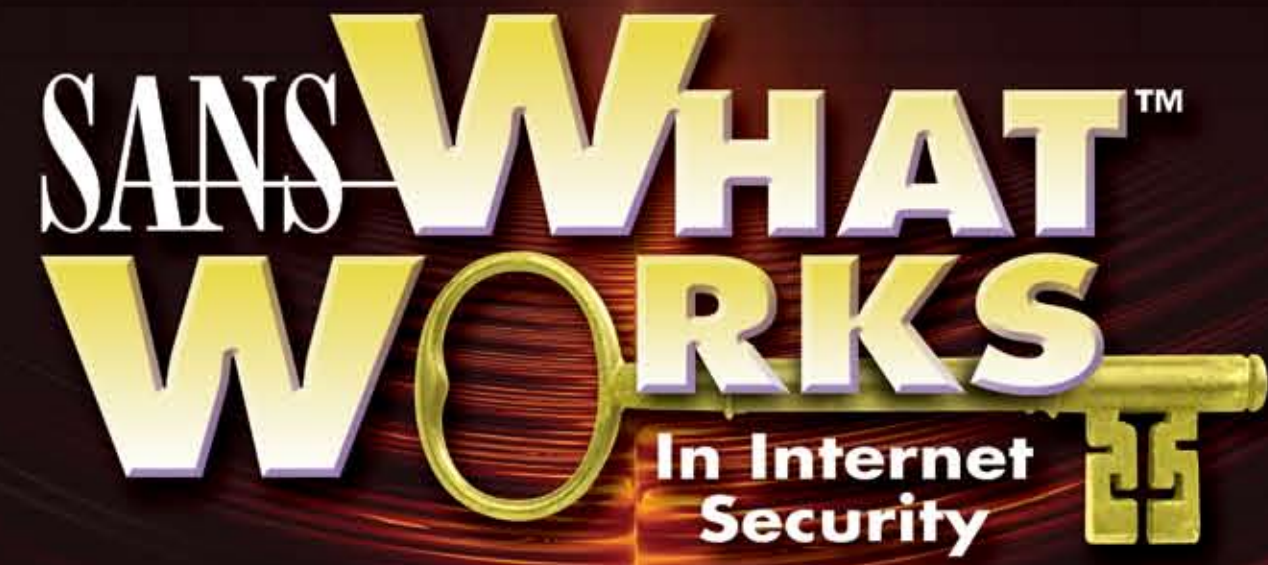
- Videos: US Department of Veterans Affairs and US Department of Defense
- Security Tip of the Day: US AID (Users cannot sign on unless they answer a security question correctly)
- Mu Security Mu-4000 Security Analyzer
- Guidance Software (Encase)
- NetWitness Investigator
- Access Data Ultimate Toolkit
- Technology Pathways

**6.5 Forensics Tools**  
Some attackers get through and when they do, enterprises need to find out what they accessed, what they damaged, and how they got in. Finding those answers is a task made easier through forensics tools that intelligently and rapidly study the disk images and other evidence available after an attack.

**6.6 Governance, Risk and Compliance Management Tools**  
GLB, FISMA, SOX, PCI, Basel, DITSCAP, DIACAP, and HIPAA each generate enormous documentation burdens for companies, universities, and/or government agencies. GRCM tools help automate creation of necessary reports, support the update and dissemination of security policy, and provide consolidated means for tracking disparate compliance efforts.

- EMC
- Sungard

**6.7 Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity**  
Bad things happen – flooding, cyber attacks, bombs. Being ready to respond means having alternative sites with data and systems ready; it also means testing those recovery capabilities.



Six Defensive Walls for a Layered Approach to Security & Cyber Attack Threat Map Here's what you have to defend against (On reverse side)



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