

Whichever the device, the importance of securing assets that attach to your infrastructure continues to rise, say [Nathan Ouellette](#) and [Derek Thomas](#).

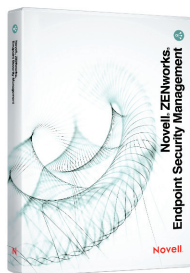
Whether your company embraces the consumerization of IT or your policy states that only organization-managed assets are allowed in the enterprise, protecting the endpoints is probably high on your list. Whichever the device or wherever the employee, the importance of

securing assets that attach to your infrastructure continues to rise.

Even if your goals are to incrementally increase the security posture of your endpoints, chances are you're experiencing all sorts of challenges with regard to making this happen in any sort of expedited manner. With so many security

vendors offering varying degrees of encryption, data leakage prevention, anti-malware, device control, application whitelisting and other features, you may find yourself looking for one or many endpoint security components based on where you're at with your current product lifecycles.

Novell ZENworks Endpoint Security Management 11



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Price \$85 per seat

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ZENworks Endpoint Security Management is a client/server endpoint solution that works off of Novell's ZENworks Control Center platform (ZCC). The ZCC platform centrally manages many of Novell's other products and the Endpoint Security solution is simply unlocked through licensing. The offering provides VPN and wireless security enforcement, client firewall, device control, file/folder encryption and other features. It can be deployed physically or virtually to Windows or Linux platforms using a number of compatible database backend systems and directory services. Endpoints

can be deployed to Windows client operating systems.

Both the backend server and client components were easy to deploy. We found ourselves up and running in a short amount of time. The solution can be deployed to a number of platforms and easily integrates into a number of different heterogeneous environments. The solution is very policy-centric and provides a number of useful features to control endpoints. Managing the environment and deploying client agents and policies is intuitive, and we were impressed with its enterprise-class look and feel. It is highly customizable and can bolt into existing ZENworks environments with ease.

Although anti-virus and data leakage protection capabilities are not included, virtually every other endpoint security feature is present. Additionally, the ability to use a number of backend databases for events, data reporting and other features is impressive as well.

One feature we noted was the way the solution manages encrypted files and folders. The policy language for encryption enforcement labels these hosts as "safe harbor," which

can help organizations understand which hosts can help them comply with breach reporting laws.

Lastly, the Flash-based graphical reporting engine helps to summarize the current state of the endpoints in an easy-to-understand and polished format.

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

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★

Strengths Integrates easily into existing ZENworks environments by enabling a license. A good number of important endpoint protection components are included.

Weaknesses No anti-virus or DLP, which may not be a weakness at all depending on the need.

Verdict A flexible, enterprise-class endpoint solution that fits well into many different types of environments.



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