



Avenda Systems Stands Out In Network World's NAC Clear Choice Test

Avenda's full-feature solution, ease of use, and simplicity for network access control cited as competitive strengths in head-to-head competitive review

Santa Clara, Calif. – July 12, 2010 – Avenda Systems, the innovation leader in identity-aware network access security, today announced that its eTIPS Policy and NAC platform was named a test favorite for enterprise NAC deployments in the recently published Clear Choice Test results in *Network World* magazine. Product strengths highlighted in the competitive roundup included its simplicity, ease of use, and demonstrated well-balanced NAC features.

Network World evaluated 12 access control systems on the following criteria and key pieces of any full-strength network access control solution: authentication, access control enforcement and end-point security posture checking. Other test criteria included the ability for a NAC solution to work in heterogeneous environments, deliver comprehensive reporting and logging features, and support emerging standards, such as 802.1X.

Some direct comments regarding Avenda's solution from the Clear Choice Test:

- eTIPS is a prime candidate for 802.1X and MAC-based deployments
- eTIPS is head and shoulders above the rest in regards to transaction logging and visibility
- eTIPS makes the shortlist for enterprises looking at NAC

"The Avenda team has added a ton of features specific to NAC deployments," wrote reviewer Joel Snyder. "(Avenda's) eTIPS includes the ability to do posture checking by actively scanning devices as they come on the network, or by interpreting posture information from end-point security software. Avenda has done a great job of bringing a policy server and all the associated pieces required to successfully deploy NAC in a typical enterprise network."

For the entire summary of Network World's Clear Choice Test regarding Avenda's eTIPS:
<http://www.networkworld.com/reviews/2010/062110-network-access-control-test-avenda.html>

In addition to its focus on NAC functionality, integrated RADIUS and TACACS+ servers, a guest access application, reporting tools, and device profiling are all built into the base product. The solution also includes a host of features specific to NAC deployments, troubleshooting, and day-to-day management.

"Avenda eTIPS is head-and-shoulders above the other products we tested when it comes to transaction logging." Snyder added. "The ability to look at what happened, in detail, as someone tried to come onto the network was amazingly useful — and something we missed in other products."

“We are very proud of the published results in this head-to-head competitive testing of NAC products from Network World,” said Santhosh Cheeniyil, VP of engineering at Avenda Systems. “It’s validation that we’ve built our NAC solution to satisfy organizations’ evolving access needs, that it works across a variety of environments and in multiple use-cases, and that it’s easy to deploy.”

About Network World

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About Avenda

Avenda’s Identity-based access control solution delivers industry proven employee, guest and endpoint access management for multi-vendor wired, wireless and VPN networks. Avenda has been recognized for innovation excellence, including being named a Gartner Cool Vendor in Identity and Access Management, 2010. Further information: <http://www.avendasys.com>

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