# Top Security Products

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**#1   HPE Fortify On Demand** / 88.77 Total Points

**52.50**                                     **10.77** / 8 Reviews            **25.55** / 8.5 Avg. Rating

Buyer Intent Index
weighting factor = 52.5%

Total Number of Reviews
on IT Central Station
weighting factor = 17.5%

Average Rating Based on Reviews
weighting factor = 30%
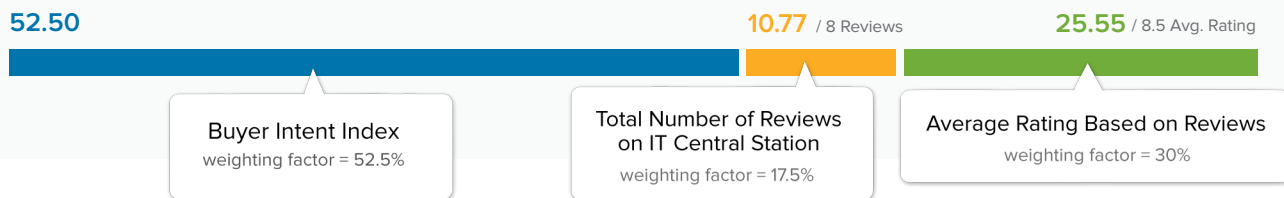
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## Application Security

**#1   HPE Fortify On Demand** / 88.77 Total Points

**52.50**                                    **10.77** / 8 Reviews            **25.55** / 8.5 Avg. Rating

★★★★☆

" I've used Fortify since 2007, and I think the most valuable feature is its ability to address the source code scanning and dynamic scanning in a known, correlated way. I think the best way to address application security is to have multiple types of scanning and a unified view for the customer.

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**#2   CheckMarx** / 77.88 Total Points

**39.11**          **17.50** / 13 Reviews          **21.27** / 7.1 Avg. Rating

★★★★⯪

" For manual code testing, Checkmarx has been very helpful discarding false positives, filtering and removing a lot of files that are not presenting any threat, as well as indicating the files or functions that should be focused upon.

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## Cloud & Data Center Security

**#1   Trend Micro Deep Security** / 84.14 Total Points

**40.73**                          **17.50** / 11 Reviews                  **25.91** / 8.6 Avg. Rating

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## Database Security

### #1 Imperva SecureSphere Database Security / 86.89 Total Points

**44.51**                    **17.50** / 18 Reviews        **24.88** / 8.3 Avg. Rating

★★★★☆

" The most valuable feature of this product is vulnerability management since you don't need to run different scans by logging into different databases. Everything can be done and monitored through the centralized console by a few clicks and without any hassle. Also, the report generation option on a daily/weekly/monthly basis comes in very handy to the top management.

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### #2 IBM Guardian / 86.18 Total Points

**51.22**                    **10.69** / 11 Reviews        **24.27** / 8.1 Avg. Rating

### #3 Oracle Audit Vault / 63.94 Total Points

**28.68**              **12.64** / 13 Reviews        **22.62** / 7.5 Avg. Rating

★★★★☆

" Great Oracle Database Security Management Tool, minimal processing overhead and great GUI.

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**Points Key** (weighted values): ■ Buyer Intent  ■ Reviews  ■ Average Rating

## Firewall Security Management

**#1  Tufin** / 94.85 Total Points

**52.50**          **17.50** / 75 Reviews          **24.85** / 8.3 Avg. Rating

★★★★★

" We can check policies against past policies. It does a kind of compliance check or risk analysis if there are unused policies or unused objects. It highlights them and it gives you a good view of what doesn't need to be there.

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**#2  AlgoSec** / 70.36 Total Points

**38.73**          **6.07** / 26 Reviews          **25.56** / 8.5 Avg. Rating

**#3  FireMon** / 63.44 Total Points

**33.42**          **4.67** / 20 Reviews          **25.35** / 8.5 Avg. Rating

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## Firewalls

**#1  Fortinet FortiGate** / 89.36 Total Points

**52.37**                                    **13.12** / 24 Reviews            **24.26** / 8.1 Avg. Rating

★★★★★

" FortiGate is optimized to avoid bottlenecks or delays while the various controls are performed. High availability is also part of the available features, with different solutions to avoid single points of failure.

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**#2  Cisco ASA** / 82.08 Total Points

**39.98**                                    **17.50** / 33 Reviews            **24.52** / 8.2 Avg. Rating

**#3  pfSense** / 65.28 Total Points

**26.32**                    **13.67** / 25 Reviews            **25.7** / 8.6 Avg. Rating

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## IoT Security

**#1  ForeScout CounterACT** / 94.64 Total Points

**52.50**                                    **17.50** / 15 Reviews            **24.64** / 8.2 Avg. Rating

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**Points Key** (weighted values):  ⬛ Buyer Intent   🟧 Reviews   🟩 Average Rating

## Identity & Access Management

### #1  Oracle Identity Manager / 88.90 Total Points

**51.93**                    **15.40** / 22 Reviews                **21.57** / 7.2 Avg. Rating

★★★½★

" I have seen an organization benefit through the automation of mundane repeat tasks related to setting up user identities, and managing user access as per a defined role. One of the key business driving factors for OIM implementation has been SOX compliance. End User Self-Service like password reset and access request is another feature that helps to reduce helpdesk calls.

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### #2  CyberArk Privileged Account Security / 81.60 Total Points

**43.94**                    **11.90** / 17 Reviews                **25.76** / 8.6 Avg. Rating

### #3  CA Identity Manager / 74.41 Total Points

**33.40**                    **17.50** / 25 Reviews                **23.52** / 7.8 Avg. Rating

★★★★½

" I would say the most valuable feature is provisioning where we are able to provide user access to all the resources they need in a uniform way that we can audit. We don't need to spend a month going to every individual server, every individual database granting user access. We can do it from one central place.
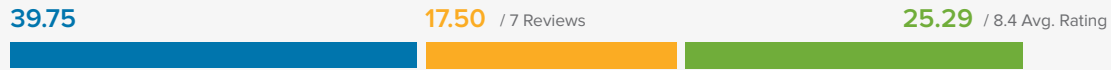
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**Points Key** (weighted values): ■ Buyer Intent  ■ Reviews  ■ Average Rating

## Mainframe Security

**#1  CA Top Secret** / 82.53 Total Points

**39.75**                    **17.50** / 7 Reviews                    **25.29** / 8.4 Avg. Rating

★★★★☆

" The most valuable features are authentication and authorization. It is a security manager, so it has to validate all accounts that use the mainframe. In terms of authorization, it controls what access those accounts have with the two resources on the mainframe. That's the primary function of the product.

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## Network Security Software

**#1  QualysGuard** / 94.80 Total Points

**52.50**                    **17.50** / 16 Reviews                    **24.80** / 8.3 Avg. Rating

**#2  Fortinet FortiWeb** / 49.29 Total Points

**9.88**   **16.41** / 15 Reviews          **23.00** / 7.7 Avg. Rating

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**Points Key** (weighted values): ■ Buyer Intent ■ Reviews ■ Average Rating

# Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)

### #1 HPE ArcSight / 70.20 Total Points

**28.89**                **17.50** / 31 Reviews                **23.81** / 7.9 Avg. Rating

★★★★★

"
Having a SIEM solution in general improves the way an organization functions, especially in the SOC part. With HPE ArcSight, we were able to deploy multiple dashboards, reports, and use case views that combine different views, data, and variables.

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### #2 LogRhythm / 65.95 Total Points

**32.14**                **9.60** / 17 Reviews                **24.21** / 8.1 Avg. Rating

★★★★★

"
LogRhythm allows our IT/IS teams to quickly identify issues across the enterprise. Searches can be performed using any known value, IP address, hostname, user-name, event. The results are then used to "open a case". The case is assigned to an analyst, who can add additional info during the research and remediation efforts.

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### #3 IBM Security QRadar SIEM / 61.76 Total Points

**28.70**                **7.90** / 14 Reviews                **25.15** / 8.4 Avg. Rating

★★★★★

"
These features make it easy to operate the application: the integration with multiple platforms, the ease of rule making, and IBM manufacturer support.

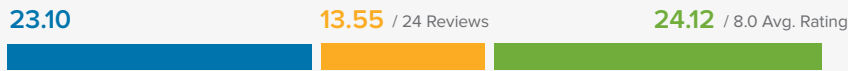*- Review Excerpt from a Real User* | Read full review

Points Key (weighted values): ■ Buyer Intent    ■ Reviews    ■ Average Rating

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## Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)

### #4 AlienVault / 60.77 Total Points

**23.10**

**13.55** / 24 Reviews

**24.12** / 8.0 Avg. Rating

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## Web Application Security Vendors

### #1 Imperva Incapsula / 84.07 Total Points

**40.60**

**17.50** / 33 Reviews

**25.97** / 8.7 Avg. Rating

★★★★☆

" Thanks to Incapsula, we got easily manageable DDoS protection; HTTP2 and SSL certificates for all the services; CDN in good locations; and we're now sure that our web services can't be exploited remotely because of the WAF feature. Also, we can chose to whitelist/blacklist network(s) access to specific services/resources.

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### #2 CloudFlare / 71.16 Total Points

**37.30**

**17.50** / 15 Reviews

**25.91** / 8.6 Avg. Rating

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