EverLink Suite 2.0

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For
With a direct connection between two computers, information is not stored on a server during transmission, avoiding the risk of data interception off the server.
Against
None.
Verdict
This product, with its multi-platform capabilities, peer-to-peer communications, SMTP, POP3 and MIME support plus granularity and browser accessibility, makes it suitable for the smallest and simplest to the largest and most complex network configuration. The needs of local, remote and mobile workers are taken into account, and transparently included in the security configuration.

THE EVERLINK SUITE, WITH ITS CROSS-platform operability and end-to-end security, provides secure file transfer, email and chat facilities over the Internet, intranets and extranets. A client/server application with a browser-accessibility feature, *EverLink Suite*, comprises of two components *EverLink Client* and the *EntryGuard Server*, like other products in this *Test Centre* has built-in public key infrastructure, digital certificate and encryption technology.

Highly scaleable, granular control and excellent leveraging are some important terms that come to mind when examining this product. This is especially true when one considers the range of operating systems *EverLink Suite* will work on, made feasible because it is written using Java. *EverLink Client* runs on all Windows platforms, Solaris, Linux, MAC and OS/2. The *EntryGuard Server* runs on any operating system that supports a Java Virtual Machine, including Windows NT, Solaris and Linux. It further widens its brief by being able to operate on most mini/mainframe computers running with UNIX.

To return to the main components, *EverLink Client* enables secure file transfer, email and messaging, all with encryption and decryption. A global URL link enables end-to-end communications (made possible because *EverLink* works at the applications layer) between users. An address book allows users to import contact information from the server, as well as from other email client address books such as Microsoft *Outlook*.

The *EntryGuard* is the sentinel for point-of-entry access on an organisation's intranet, but allows authorised parties to communicate with sites behind the firewall under supervision. Besides the standard monitoring and logging capabilities, it also contains an address book, LocatorOne, which holds the URL addresses of *EverLink* users and provides a stalwart global search function. This eliminates the need for client software on remote users' systems, allowing secure communications through a standard web browser. Put more simply, if you are a remote user who does not have *EverLink* software, you can access another *EverLink* user's computer via a web browser, obviously, seeing only what you are authorised to see.

End-to-end communication is further enhanced by the granular control features of *EverLink*. Not only can systems administrators authorise the access of individual outsiders to designated computers behind the firewall, rather than granting blanket access to the network, but control can be administered right down to file level, giving access only to the particular resources that an outside user is allowed to see. All other folders and network resources are completely hidden, so that not even the structure of your internal network can be exposed. This is achieved through a feature called Double URL Mapping, whereby an authorised user connecting to an *EverLink* client inside the firewall actually connects to the *EntryGuard* server, which in turn relays the connection to the client providing the information requested by the user.

Features	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★★
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★
Overall Rating	★★★★★

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