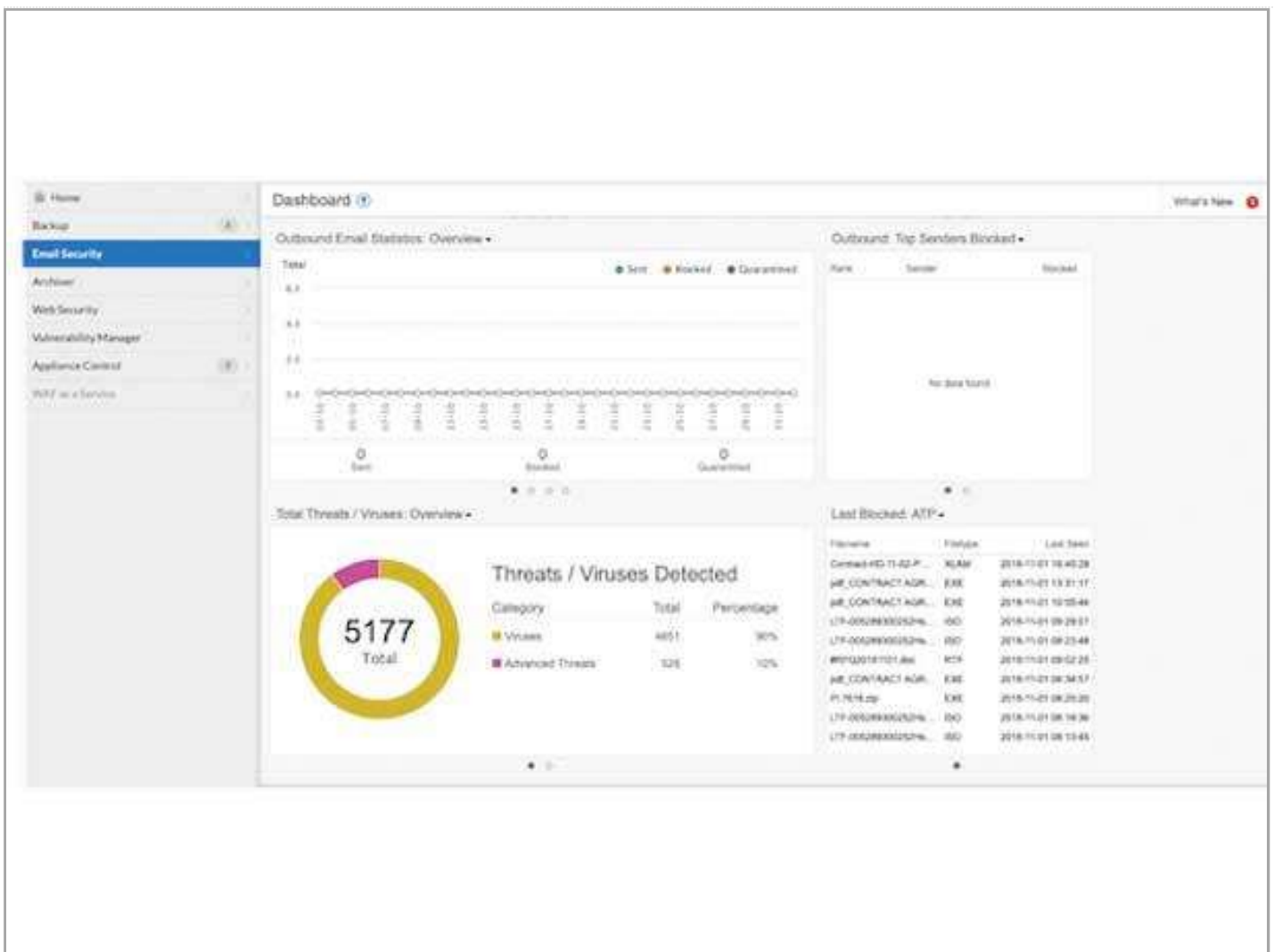# CRN's 2020 Products Of The Year

CRN editors compiled the top partner-friendly products and services that launched over the past year, then turned to solution providers to choose the winners.

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SECURITY-EMAIL

BARRACUDA ESSENTIALS

WINNER: OVERALL

As a comprehensive offering for Microsoft Office 365 email protection, Barracuda Essentials provides everything from security, to backup and archiving, to cloud-based management. In security, Barracuda Essentials offers advanced threat protection, which scans attachments and blocks those that are suspicious; anti-phishing capabilities; malware protection; AI-driven defense against spear phishing and cyberfraud; and numerous other email protection features. Barracuda Essentials also goes beyond security by addressing the need for email archiving capabilities (which enable granular retention policies); compliance and e-discovery features; backup, recovery and business continuity capabilities; and email management via a centralized cloud platform for managing configuration and policies.

Finalist: Cisco Cloud Mailbox Defense

Cisco's Cloud Mailbox Defense offers a simplified method for deploying security for Office 365, ideal for organizations with smaller security and IT staffs. The offering leverages the Cisco Talos threat intelligence team to add an additional layer of security around blocking URLs and threat files.

Finalist: Mimecast Email Security

With the launch of Mimecast's Email Security 3.0, the company has rolled out key updates such as security awareness training integration. Mimecast Awareness Training is now fully integrated into the cloud-based Email Security platform, making it easier for awareness training to be deployed as part of an organization's broader security ecosystem.

Finalist: Proofpoint BEC/EAC Integrated Solution

Earlier this year, Proofpoint debuted what it called the first offering to address both business email compromise (BEC) and email account compromise (EAC) attacks. The offering combines Proofpoint's secure email gateway with capabilities such as advanced threat protection, email authentication, threat response, cloud account protection and security awareness training.

Finalist: Zix Secure Modern Workplace

Leveraging its acquisition of AppRiver, Zix recently launched its Secure Modern Workplace offering, powered by the company's Secure Cloud offering. Advanced threat protection capabilities in Secure Cloud range from sandboxing and messaging protection to integration with SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) platforms. Previously, Zix's technology had been mostly focused on protecting against phishing, malware and business email compromise attacks.

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