

Consolidation of Email Boundary Functions— Starting to Happen

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There's been a trend over the last couple of years to integrate inbound email security. The market is now starting to buy a single product or service that implements anti-virus, anti-spam, anti-phishing, DoS protection, etc, rather than a series of point solutions. This is seen most clearly with hosted services and appliances.

So what about all the other functions that touch the email flow? In addition to inbound inspection of the mail flow, this includes:

- Outbound policy enforcement
- Archiving and discovery
- Regulatory compliance
- Reporting and analytics
- Encryption

It would be great if all these functions could be consolidated into a single integrated management environment. It's not clear that this will happen. But a very interesting early attempt can be seen from the newly announced MX2020, from [IntelliReach](#).

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