



Blade server review: Dell PowerEdge™ M1000e. PCWorld

Best price/performance ratio
and a great value.

In our January 2007 blade server shoot-out, Dell was the dark horse candidate that posted impressive performance numbers, but fell short on features compared to the other solutions. In the intervening few years, Dell has clearly taken the time to polish up its solution. The Dell PowerEdge M1000e is far more attractive and functional than its predecessors.

In today's M1000e, a brand-new set of chassis management tools offers many features suited for day-to-day operations, and the chassis-wide deployment and modification tools are simply fantastic. The downsides include some lack of visibility into chassis environmental parameters and the absence of multichassis management capabilities. Unless you put external management tools to use, each Dell chassis exists as an island.

The main selling points of the Dell blades system are the density and price. The M1000e makes a great virtualization platform, but would do well in just about any situation. It doesn't offer some of the expansion of the HP chassis, but does offer similar features to the IBM solution, but if you have no need for internal storage or centralized multichassis management, it's a great solution.

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Dell releases virtualization-based secure browsing. Infoworld

The Dell KACE Secure Browser creates
a sandbox environment for Firefox
by using application virtualization technology.

"Viruses, malware, and trojans" — if this were the \$25,000 Pyramid game show (I could be showing my age here), a contestant might reply with something like, "These are bad things that can infect a PC while surfing the Internet." And they'd be right.

There are many endpoint security solutions on the market that focus on detection and clean up of these types of security breaches. But Dell is taking a different approach to security by looking to proactively contain these types of threats before they ever become a problem.

Back in February, Dell announced it was expanding its systems management offerings with innovative solutions that would provide customers with simple-to-use tools and comprehensive control for their daily operations. This expansion would be aided by its acquisition of KACE, a systems management appliance company that provided solutions for endpoint security, device discovery, system inventory, asset management, and even an application virtualization offering.

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