

## Network management

# down a bundle

ed on a single Manage-  
er setup using the File

Node agents, and a  
sole. The installation  
needs to be performed  
ular sequence, or you  
yourself getting out of  
ate recommends you  
tall the required  
ents on your servers.  
install the manage-  
nt servers and load  
m, then load the  
stalled agents, and  
ally install the Con-  
le for Windows

en you come to set up  
e Management Server,  
u'll be asked for the  
mes and passwords  
signed to each agent  
en it was installed,  
d it makes the whole  
cess more manage-  
le. All the software  
mponents come on  
sk, and need you to  
ter a licence number  
d key. The Console  
ftware can be install-  
eparately on multiple  
orkstations, or on a  
ared network drive  
e users can run it. This  
ome resources on the  
station, but it is worth  
g, however, that if that  
server goes down, you  
to resort to a locally  
py. Each Console that  
quires a log-in and  
which makes it possi-  
ferent users to cus-

tomise the appearance. Two lev-  
els of security are possible; one  
allows the user to view alerts and  
re-configure agents, while the  
other only allows viewing.

This product is a compre-  
hensive offering, giving a choice of  
conditions to monitor, and how  
to view the data. The addition of  
the new NT and NetWare Expert  
Agents make it worth considering

upgrade if you are an existing  
user. A final note – the documenta-  
tion is good and presented in  
clear, logical subject areas.

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### LANAlert v4.0 Bundle

- Pros: ● Sophisticated, easy to get going, with loads of features for both Windows NT and Novell NetWare users. ● Package is supplied in distinct modules, so you only install what you need
- Cons: ● None that we could find
- Contact: ● Seagate Software (UK) Hayley House, London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2US 01344 360888 Fax: 01344 360910 <http://www.seagate.com>
- Prices: ● £1,000 for NetWare or NT ● Add-on for server expert agent pack: £800
- Others: ● None that allowed the scalability of this product

ta data – in the data ware-  
house group discovered that VIT's SecChain Portal was the  
only application that satisfied our requirements.



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**DELIVERABLES:** With VIT's SecChain  
Portal, Polaroid can improve access  
to information, making users aware  
of the information available to them  
and creating a collaborative infor-  
mation environment across product  
and organizational lines.

**VENDOR SUPPORT:** SecChain Portal  
integrates very nicely with the  
existing tools, and VIT's support  
is excellent.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Product docu-  
mentation is comprehensive and  
easy to understand.

the product name was changed from *deliver* MANAGER to SecChain Portal and *deliver* ADMIN to Portal Admin.

## Alarm

from page N16

used for administration. AlertPage  
requires that the stack support raw socket  
API calls, so not every stack works with  
it, but its installation utility tested our  
stack automatically to determine com-  
patibility.

Seagate LANAlert's documentation—  
both paper and online—were very helpful.  
AlertPage offers little online help, but its  
printed manual is good.

Seagate EWS's manual is mostly filled  
with a message/threshold reference  
guide and is quite scanty on setup. Alert-  
Track's manual was likewise pretty mar-  
ginal. □

My product