

SecTor hands out first Canadian IT Security Awards

The third year of [SecTor](#), billed as Canada's premiere IT security event kicked off Tuesday morning in Canada with the first-ever Canadian [IT Security Awards](#), honouring Canadian businesses for major security solutions or implementations.

Awards were handed out in the categories: best commercial product; best non-commercial product and best overall solution.

Toronto's Sentry Metrics took home the best overall solution category, while eSentire took home best non-commercial product, and Scorpion Software earned the nod for best commercial product.

[Sentry Metrics](#) was recognized for its Sentry dashboard offering that offers enterprise clients a view into their security position, both from a technology standpoint and a business standpoint. Dave Miller, CEO of Sentry Metrics, said the company was actually nominated for the award by a customer, a large mining company that uses Sentry's products to monitor the outsourcing of its IT infrastructure to a third-party partner, and to provide third-party service level agreement auditing.

"It's a huge validation for us," Miller said of the award. "We're a small company that's seven years old and relatively small on the security landscape, and this shows that the model works."

Cambridge, ON-based security consultant and managed service provider [eSentire](#) earned best non-commercial product for its open source and freely available framework for testing security on Nortel IP phones. Built from an existing framework for testing Cisco IP telephony products, eSentire founding partner Eldon Sprickerhoff said the solution filled a need in the market – similar tools were available for Avaya and Cisco products, but nothing was available for Nortel-based systems. Plus, it gives the company "decent critical acclaim" and calls attention to its core business.

"We're very surprised and pleased to take [the award,]" Sprickerhoff said. "It's a real honour for us in our third year here showing at SecTor."

Chilliwack, BC-based [Scorpion Software](#) took home the best commercial product award for its AuthAnvil software, which show organizer Brian Bourne described as "enterprise-class multi-factor authentication for SMB customers."

Bourne, president of Toronto-based CMS Consulting and co-founder of SecTor, told CRN Canada the addition of the awards this year were the next logical step in creating an event that promotes and develops the Canadian security community.

"It's the next evolution of supporting and being part of that security community, Bourne said.

Winners took home a special "Infiltrator: SecTor Edition" netbook, a special return of [Metasploit](#) founder HD Moore's special 'built-for-penetration-testing' netbook machine.

The Infiltrator starts with an HP Mini 5101 netbook, and as Moore says [on his Web site](#), is "pre-loaded with all tools necessary to perform a wireless audit or remote penetration test," including 300 Gb of rainbow

tables.

“HD’s a rock star in the space, and for him to put together a netbook with all the tweaking that you’d spend hours on, all done by the guy who can do it perfectly, is very cool,” he said.

SecTor 2009 continues through Wednesday at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.