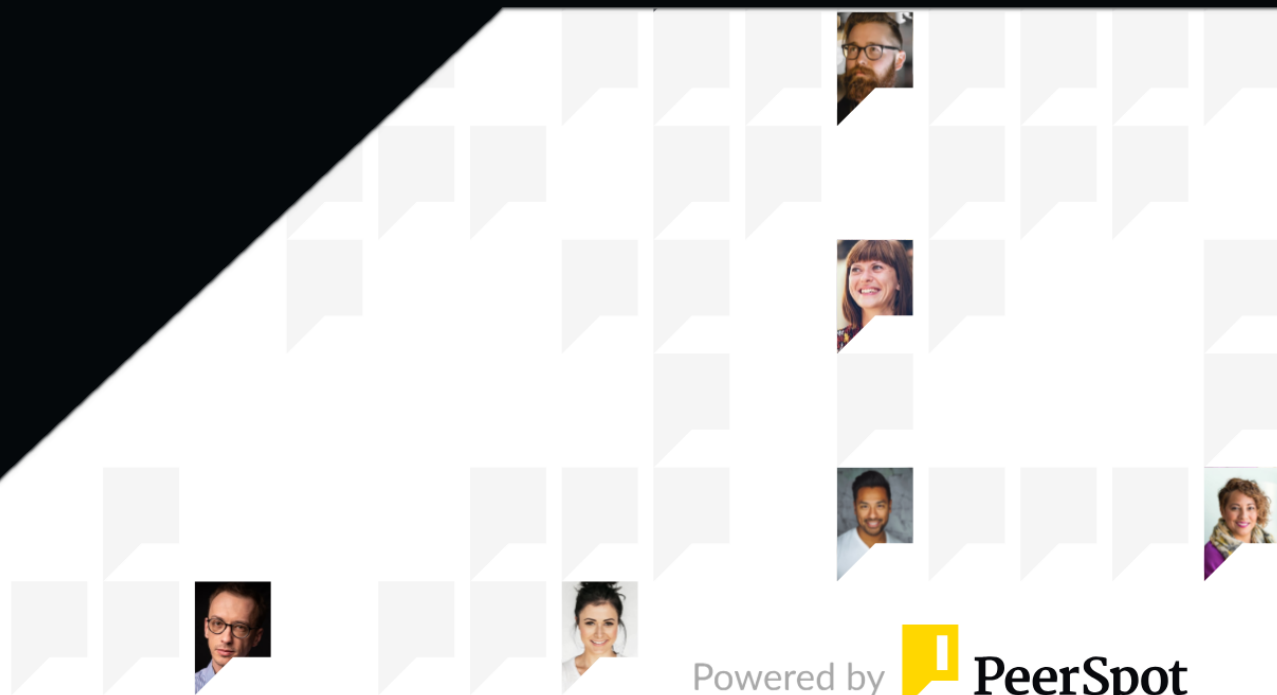




Netgate pfSense

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap



Netgate pfSense

Netgate pfSense Recap

Netgate pfSense is an open-source firewall and router software known for scalability, cost-effectiveness, and community support. It includes customizable packages for varied network management needs, offering solid performance and straightforward management for diverse setups.

Netgate pfSense provides an impressive range of functionalities including firewall capabilities, VPN options, and extensive customization through packages. Its low resource usage and high availability make it viable for businesses of all sizes, especially when dealing with tailored network demands. Despite its strengths, users suggest improvements in ease of use, mobile compatibility, and support for plug-ins. Enhanced centralized management, better documentation, and additional security features are frequent requests.

What are the key features of Netgate pfSense?

- **Scalability:** Suits any network size from small home setups to large enterprises.
- **Open-source:** Offers transparency and flexibility, allowing for community-driven development.
- **Firewall Capabilities:** Provides robust protection against unauthorized access.
- **VPN Options:** Supports secure remote connectivity with various VPN protocols.
- **Customizable Packages:** Allows users to personalize functionalities to fit network needs.
- **High Availability:** Ensures continuous network operations with redundancy features.
- **Load Balancing:** Distributes traffic efficiently across multiple paths or connections.
- **Traffic Shaping:** Manages bandwidth allocation to optimize network performance.

What benefits should users consider in reviews?

- **Cost-effectiveness:** Significant savings due to low operational costs and open-source nature.
- **Performance:** Reliable service delivery with minimal hardware demands.
- **User-friendly Interface:** Intuitive design that simplifies complex network management.
- **Community Support:** Access to extensive community resources for troubleshooting and advice.
- **Comprehensive Documentation:** Detailed guides and tutorials to facilitate installation and configuration.

In education and healthcare, Netgate pfSense is employed for secure connectivity and efficient traffic management, accommodating distinct demands of remote access and content filtering. Organizations in these sectors often utilize features such as load balancing and VPNs to maintain secure and reliable network operations while integrating with services like Active Directory for streamlined identity management. Small to medium-sized enterprises benefit from its affordability and robust functionality, making it a go-to choice for managed service

environments requiring effective network security and control.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“What I appreciate the most about Netgate pfSense is the ease and straightforward nature of the platform; I can set up a new office in less than 10 minutes.”



Juan-Arias

Principal Cloud Architect - Software Engineer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees



“If you have full logging turned on you can get a pretty good idea of what kind of traffic is going in from where to where.”



Michael-Collins

Chief information security officer at Center for Information Management, Inc.



“The support is excellent quality.”



Jean-Pierre DAREYS

Director, Latin America at Bradmark Technologies, Inc.



“I really enjoy the flexibility of the interface setup configuration for my network VLANs; it is very easy to configure and set, and when I am doing multi-inputs with internet providers coming in, it is very easy to manage and set up with very little effort.”



Alexander Aguilar

Workday Reporting & Analytics Lead at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees



“The stability of Netgate pfSense is rock solid; I have never had any problems with stability.”



RajWurttemberg

CTO at Logix Computer Services



“pfSense's user interface is very nice for simpler configs and monitoring. It is very stable, and it works very well.”



Verified user

Works



“I definitely advise others to use this firewall device, as it is truly useful, time-saving, and money-saving.”



Sachin-Yadav

Network & Security Engineer at Arrow PC Network Pvt Ltd

What users had to say about valuable features:

“I appreciate the depth of what you can do with pfSense and the simplicity of the initial setup. One thing we've done is create an image, and when we get a new customer who needs a device, we can put that image on there. The image gets them up to 90 percent of what we need them to have, and we only have to customize the remaining 10 percent. PfSense is incredibly flexible. It's complicated, but it's incredibly flexible..”

Vincent Hamm

CIO and President at Aim High! Inc.

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“The best features Netgate pfSense offers in my experience are its firewalling and NAT. In firewalling, stateful packet inspection as well as advanced NAT are used. VPN support is also excellent, with IPsec, OpenVPN, and WireGuard all supported. For load balancing, failover, and SD-WAN, it is being used, and the best aspect is about its security services, for example, IDS, IPS, DNS filtering, and GeoIP blocking..”

Sachin-Yadav

Network & Security Engineer at Arrow PC Network Pvt Ltd

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“What I appreciate the most about Netgate pfSense is the ease and straightforward nature of the platform. I can set up a new office in less than 10 minutes.

“The benefits of using Netgate pfSense are that I can set up VPNs in less than two to three minutes, and then just deploy the file across my networks, where everybody would be connected in less than an hour.

“The dashboards of Netgate pfSense bring all the necessary information that I need at a glance, and it is actually a live update every three to five seconds. It is spotless, and I have been able to catch issues before they hit operations..”

Juan-Arias

Principal Cloud Architect - Software Engineer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

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“One aspect I appreciate most about Netgate pfSense is that it is easy to administer and very straightforward.

“I see the benefits of Netgate pfSense immediately due to cost. It costs significantly less than Ubiquiti, Cisco, or other firewalls out there, and it is just easy to manage, which saves me and my customers money.

“The packet inspection feature of Netgate pfSense is valuable; I have had to use it for troubleshooting and it provided the necessary data.

“The dashboards for managing network traffic patterns and security threats in Netgate pfSense are simple and give me what I need.

“Netgate pfSense's plugin ecosystem is very easy to manage; I simply point and click on the plugin and it installs directly, which is very well done.

“The stability of Netgate pfSense is rock solid; I have never had any problems with stability.

“The initial deployment of Netgate pfSense is very easy; you install it and it just works on the first try..”

RajWurttemberg

CTO at Logix Computer Services

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“I received a great deal of guidance and help from the technical user group, the forums are awesome and the community is outstanding.

Netgate technical support is also very good although it incurs a cost.

The software is easy to use and rather flexible, it is just a matter of getting to know it.

You can buy the appliance pre-configured, there are many models available, to suit your needs and your budget.

However, you don't need to buy the hardware, which is what I'm really excited about, in other words, you can buy the service on the AWS cloud.

Since I purchased the service, I have not had as many denial of service attacks, it minimizes downtime by reducing the number of computer crashes, so yes, it increases uptime.

The solution is very flexible, you can configure as much or as little security into it as you want, a lot is available right out of the box, you can fine-tune it.

I saw results of using the solution immediately. You can start restricting IP addresses by country right away. That's very useful. It's easy to restrict regions.

Overall, I have experienced fewer problems since using the solution.

pfSense does provide a configurable dashboard, CLI or web browser. You can view a large number of stats in a single pane, you can add or remove sections, it does what I need so far.

“It doesn't directly minimize downtime, however it does indirectly, by minimizing the number of DDoS attacks. This increases uptime. Since using pfSense, I don't have as many attacks.

I use pfSense on an Amazon EC2 virtual machine. It works well in the cloud. This

implementation optimizes resource utilization because it doesn't rely on static hardware which quickly reached EOL support, I can grow/re-size easily.

I can take it with me wherever I go – as long as I have a network connection, laptop or cell phone without being tied to hardware.

“Obviously, it is easier to insure redundancy and high availability by provisioning additional resources in the cloud.

Jean-Pierre DAREYS

Director, Latin America at Bradmark Technologies, Inc.

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“One of the features we use the most is the OpenVPN and IPsec VPN tunneling built within it. We have places that are headquarters and multiple locations where we create tunnels. We support police departments and stuff like that. Part of our use case is one of our police departments that does their own dispatching, so they have software that they run in-house. So we set their points out where the points themselves dial back in through OpenVPN using client certificates to create that always-on tunnel. Prior to us taking that over, they were using FortiGates, and the FortiGate FortiVPN was constantly dropping, and they were constantly having to re-authenticate. They would have to put 2FA back in. Since we've put in pfSense, we have the cradlepoints in cars establish the VPN connection, and we hardly ever hear from them since there seem to be no issues.

pfSense's flexibility is great. If you don't have the money to buy the NetGate hardware, anything works with it. You can toss it on any low-end piece of hardware or virtualize it if you choose to virtualize it. It is super flexible.

It's easy to add features to pfSense or configure them, especially if you're familiar with pfSense. They have a complete repository of apps that you can choose from and different types of monitoring packages you can put on it. They're all very, very straightforward and very easy to set up. I even run a pfSense for my home firewall. I've got AT&T fiber coming into my house. I bridge the public IP through, patch the modem into my pfSense, and have no issues whatsoever. I even run multiple VLANs off of it. I replaced a FortiGate with this setup.

The benefits are witnessed immediately after you deploy it. Immediately after you deploy it you're no longer having to read articles to figure out what flaw has been found in this version of FortOS or what flaw has been found in this version of SonicWall that's being run. You just you don't seem to have that in the pfSense platform.

pfSense provides with a customizable dashboard landing page. You can add widgets to show you any piece of information you want to see. I can add in a widget where, from the dashboard, it'll show me, what OpenVPN clients I have connected. It'll show me traffic graphs from LAN, optional ports, uptime, what version of BSD

I'm on, what version of pfSense I'm on, whether there's an update available for pfSense, IP information, et cetera. It gives me all this within the main loading dashboard screen.

To manage multiple devices, you would have to subscribe to a third-party service to have the ability to do that.

This is truly set it and forget it. We didn't quite run into that as much with FortiGate. Even with the third-party add-ons, we don't seem to run into issues with the pfSense product where we have to be so hands-on.

There are two versions of pfSense, the community edition, which is free, and the paid version, Plus. We run both. We're getting more away from the community edition since we're starting to just purchase NetGate appliances. We're buying it strictly through NetGate. At this point, we're even starting to add on the tech support, which is top-notch.

pfSense can help to minimize downtime. You can set them up in a high-availability cluster, and that pretty much minimizes all downtime. Your secondary appliance picks up if your primary appliance goes down. It makes it really easy to apply updates or reboot the one firewall. It switches over so seamlessly. Your users never know the difference. When the primary firewall comes back up, it'll take over the primary function again, and then you can reboot your secondary firewall.

The visibility in pfSense enables us to make data-driven decisions. You can use traffic graphs and the historical data of those traffic graphs, especially if you're monitoring your WAN connection, to know whether you're oversaturating your line and whether you need to update your bandwidth coming into your building or not. That way, if you're seeing slowdowns on the internet, you can go back to your traffic graphs and figure out if you are seeing the slowdown from your provider or just oversaturating the line. If that's the case, I just need to call and order some more bandwidth.

As far as optimizing the performance goes, I like the fact that you can take interfaces within pfSense and put bandwidth limits on them. If I have a guest

network, I can put a throttle limit on it to make sure that somebody doesn't hook to my guest and eat up so much bandwidth that my primary network can't function..”

Shawn Lambert

Senior Network Administrator at Elite Computers

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Other Solutions Considered

“I did not evaluate any other options aside from Netgate pfSense because it was the only solution I could find that effectively met my needs. It works for our use cases..”

AvilashBiswal

Information Technology Infrastructure Manager at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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“I did not look into other options. I knew of pfSense as being a leader in the industry, and that it is utilized by major corporations in large environments. To that end, I assumed it wouldn't hurt for me to have familiarity with the product and use it at home..”

Verified user

Client Solutions Advisor at a tech vendor with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“Over the years, I've played with quite a few different firewalls, but I always go back to pfSense. It's a leader in its field, with its direct competition being OPNsense. There was a feud when they forked off. pfSense is the leader in that sense..”

John Poznicek

Senior Network Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“At work, in our main office, we use SonicWall. I also use UniFi Firewalls, ranging from smaller to larger ones, and actively manage two or three of them.

As compared to SonicWall, the user interface of pfSense is much easier to handle. It is also faster even though our SonicWall is a much beefier device. pfSense is more well-organized compared to SonicWall..”

Verified user

IT at Hunor

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“In our organization, the whole point of moving to Netgate pfSense was that we wanted something that wasn't hard to use or where the licensing wasn't so expensive. We looked at different open-source options, but I can't remember their names. We also looked at UniFi's firewall, but Netgate pfSense came on top for us, considering the support provided and the fact that Netgate's team is the main set of people that keep up with pfSense's open-source project. With Netgate, we work directly with people who use Netgate pfSense, and it is great. We did look at other options, one of which was UniFi, but I cannot remember the name of the other alternative to Netgate pfSense. I think it is called OPNsense.

Suppose I compare the other tools I evaluated with Netgate pfSense, and I feel that the pros of pfSense revolve around the area associated with the product's cost in terms of hardware requirements and licensing. There are no existing costs for the licensing or the hardware. You can deal with the licensing part yourself and get it at a cheap rate from elsewhere or buy it from Netgate's boxes directly from the solution company. Another pro would be the ease of management the tool offers since it is possible to have everything that you need in the GUI, which is a little bit controversial because a lot of people like CLI, but sometimes you need to get something quickly without having to have hundreds of different things.

I haven't come across any cons in the product since most of our company's scenarios are simple and small since we are just a school compared to what other big companies have. Everything that Cisco's firewall was doing for us, Netgate pfSense's firewall does for us for a fraction of the cost and even offers a better performance. I would not know the tool's cons since I do not have anything on my mind right now..”

Juan San Martin

Systems Administrator at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

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“I looked at another Netgate option which also runs in the cloud on AWS. I haven't used/evaluated it. I don't remember the name of it although it looked very interesting. I settled on Netgate because my friends recommended it.

Malicious behavior is something that I've noticed over the years and it is growing.

I sought help and joined a nonprofit organization locally whose charter is to educate people about the dangers of being on the Internet and how to modify their behavior to minimize the risks and protect themselves.

This solution is very configurable, reliable and approachable open-source software. When I re-installed the latest version on my home device, I downloaded it for free, I got an invoice from Netgate for zero dollars.

Netgate makes money from subscriptions on the cloud or selling the hardware with the installed operating system. However, the operating system is still free. It's still open source.

The community is wide, and there's a lot of help available. It's relatively cheap if you buy your own hardware and very configurable.

I can't say that I went into a very exhaustive investigation of other options. When you're ignorant or inexperienced like me, it requires a huge time investment to make the evaluation, I discarded over the counter solutions.

So you try to approach people who have already evaluated a whole bunch of products, and ask them to tell you which one they think is best, most flexible and configurable, NETGATE pfsense was the overall winner..”

Jean-Pierre DAREYS

Director, Latin America at Bradmark Technologies, Inc.

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“Netgate pfSense costs significantly less than Ubiquiti, Cisco, or other firewalls out there, and it is easy to manage, which saves me and my customers money..”

RajWurttemberg

CTO at Logix Computer Services

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“I have seen a return on investment with cost savings after implementing Netgate pfSense, as other firewalls would cost me lakhs of rupees while pfSense is free..”

AvilashBiswal

Information Technology Infrastructure Manager at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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“The total cost of ownership is very good. It's low maintenance. Once you get it up and running, you really don't have to touch it. It's very favorable to have the inclusion of firewall, VPN, and router functionalities..”

Brad Hodge

Owner at SimpleIT

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“The total cost of ownership is good. We don't have too many pfSense subscriptions across our network. However, it's pretty cheap compared to other firewall subscriptions. Plus, the pricing is inclusive. .”

Fabio Montalto

IT Manager at IPSA

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“We are buying the Netgear hardware and we get the license along with it. The total cost of ownership is extremely low when you compare it to a lot of the other devices or other gateway appliances that are available on the market..”

Verified user

Operations Manager at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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“Compared to what we were doing with Sophos, it provides a great value financially and in terms of time savings. For the most part, I do not have to mess with it. It does not require me to go in and touch it unless I have something I want to change, and that is a win. The upgrades are easy, and they have been flawless. That is a good return on investment. That dollar is well spent.

We are probably paying about 30% of what we were paying previously..”

Patrick Emerson

Director of IT at a religious institution with 51-200 employees

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Use Case

“I have at least two pfSense routers at home in my home lab, serving my house. Additionally, we use it in my company. We have our satellite office in LA, and we use it as the main router. The use cases involve a router, firewall, and DHCP server..”

Verified user

IT at Hunor

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“We use pfSense as the main firewalls coming into most of the companies we support. I work for an MSP. We've used different things. Our higher-end customers even run pfSense high availability clusters, and those work like a champ..”

Shawn Lambert

Senior Network Administrator at Elite Computers

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“I primarily use this for a small single-site, multi-source setup with multi-WAN inputs. I have a main fiber connection and a couple of failovers, and I manage different networks across different segments..”

Alexander Aguilar

Workday Reporting & Analytics Lead at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“I use Netgate pfSense as a gateway device, where I manage network security, routing, VPN, and traffic management. I'm using the firewall for user authentication as a multi-WAN, or SD-WAN, and all those things are mainly used by the firewall only..”

Sachin-Yadav

Network & Security Engineer at Arrow PC Network Pvt Ltd

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“I use pfSense for my home network firewall.

I've installed pfSense on nearly every environment type, including Virtual Manager and most virtual machine hypervisors like Microsoft Hyper-V, ESXi, and even older versions like VM Player. Currently, it's running as a VM in Virtual Machine Manager on my NAS, showcasing its flexibility..”

John Poznicek

Senior Network Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“You can restrict IP addresses by country, which is very useful. If you don't have business traffic from specific region of the globe you block them.

You can loaded packages such as SNORT and configure rules.

Overall, I've experienced fewer problems since I started using it at home, It does what I need it to do so far, it is extremely flexible so I am very happy with it.

I can configure as much or as little security as I want. A lot of it comes out of the box and I can fine-tune it toward my needs as my knowledge allows, obviously. .”

Jean-Pierre DAREYS

Director, Latin America at Bradmark Technologies, Inc.

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“My experience with pricing, setup cost, and licensing for Netgate pfSense is that the pricing is good compared to other vendors, but licensing can be improved as it is a little bit confusing..”

Sachin-Yadav

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Network & Security Engineer at Arrow PC Network Pvt Ltd

“With their own devices, it was pretty easy. With third-party hardware, it was a little more difficult because certain devices are not as compatible. It is easier if people double-check compatibility, but in general, it is pretty easy.

It requires maintenance from me. I have to update packages and make sure that everything is running properly and the hardware is fine..”

Verified user

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IT at Hunor

“Installing pfSense should be relatively straightforward, even for a network engineer unfamiliar with the product. The process is user-friendly and guided, similar to installing an operating system like Windows. With a basic understanding of networking concepts, setting up pfSense can be accomplished within minutes. The main challenge arises when users need more fundamental networking knowledge, such as understanding IP addresses or the difference between DHCP and static configurations. For someone with networking experience, however, the installation process is quick and straightforward..”

John Poznicek

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Senior Network Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

“The deployment difficulty depends on what you need to do. Let's say you get a box and plug it into your network, but you can't get it to work, so you call the folks at pfSense. They will help you configure it so that you can ping a remote device. That's pretty easy.

I gave one of the pfSense boxes to one of my people who has minimal knowledge about setting up network devices. He could get it to ping in about 25 minutes. Then, I asked him to add a VLAN, and he's still working on that. That's been two and a half months. If someone needs something to put on their network, it's pretty easy, but if you want the full benefit of a firewall, it may take a while. One person is enough to do it. After deployment, you just need to do some periodic firmware updates. .”

Vincent Hamm

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CIO and President at Aim High! Inc.

“The initial setup in the cloud is easy and I received good instructions and a fair amount of coaching when I purchased the service.

The on-premise appliance, which was also pre-configured did not come with instructions, so it was less straight forward. I didn't have a guide. It didn't come with a manual. It was more difficult for me and I struggled a great deal.

The second time around, I already had seen the operating system its interface, configured it, reset passwords, the whole thing so I was more comfortable with that, received more help and had more documentation available online.

The cloud version was easier since even if I did not have a lot of experience, I had more help. Maybe it's just the perception. While it wasn't difficult for an inexperienced IT person, it might be a little more complicated for a regular user..”

Jean-Pierre DAREYS

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Director, Latin America at Bradmark Technologies, Inc.

“We buy the appliances and then install the appliances on our customer sites.

The initial deployment is easy. How long it takes depends on how simple or how complicated it is. As far as just a simple firewall goes, I can have one of them up and running in 15 to 20 minutes.

Even if you are not too knowledgeable, it would be very easy. When you first boot into it and go to the web interface, it has a wizard that walks you through setting the IP address on your LAN and configuring whether you're using DHCP or static on the LAN. That wizard that walks you right through what to do right out of the box.

Just one person is generally needed for deployment.

After the deployment, it's pretty much set it and forget it. I will go in and I will check quarterly if an update needs to be applied, however, they don't come up with updates that often. Maybe once a quarter, once every six months, an update has to be applied to the appliance. Other than that, I am only logging into these appliances if I need to make rule changes or if I need to bring up an additional VLAN in the network..”

Shawn Lambert

Senior Network Administrator at Elite Computers

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Customer Service and Support

“They are very responsive. Within an hour, two hours, or three hours, I generally get a response. I have only had to contact them maybe two or three times for very minor issues, but there is no issue there. I think they are very responsive..”

Alexander Aguilar

Workday Reporting & Analytics Lead at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“I rate Netgate support eight out of 10. They're great. I called about an issue with a bad box. They answered the phone and I got somebody who was highly familiar with the product. He had me try several troubleshooting things, identified that the box was bad, and got me a replacement. .”

Vincent Hamm

CIO and President at Aim High! Inc.

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“They answer promptly. However, I do not feel valued when I pay about \$150 a year, and they only include certain things for people without the Netgate hardware. They had some general first-time setup features but nothing that actually caused problems. For instance, when I imported my previous configuration to my new hardware, it was not covered. So, even if advertised similarly, it is not the same if I do not own the Netgate hardware..”

Verified user

IT at Hunor

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“Their paid support is top-notch.

With the community edition, and this probably is one of my gripes to pfSense, and this is more on the NetGate side, is that they don't make their images readily available to you. So you have to open a support ticket. You have to give them the hardware ID. You have to give them the serial number of the appliance, and then they will send you the file that you need to reload the operating system. Even so, we're talking about less than an hour of waiting time, and somebody will respond to the ticket and give you a link where you can download the software to reload it..”

Shawn Lambert

Senior Network Administrator at Elite Computers

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“I have not contacted technical support for any technical issues. I did contact them for a replacement box, and their support was fantastic. I received the replacement box within a couple of days. I do contact their TAC when they release a new version. That process is changing with their new Netgate, the store, and everything. Previously, if we had a Netgate appliance and wanted a new image to install natively, we had to contact TAC with a ticket. The turnaround time was always excellent, just a couple of minutes. They would provide a link where we could download the image. I've been surprised by how fast they respond sometimes. Even when they're in the middle of deploying a new version, I've reached out and received a download link within five minutes. So they're usually on the spot..”

John Poznicek

Senior Network Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“The support is excellent quality, yet it's expensive.

They're very quick to rule out things if they're not cutting edge. In other words, if it's not a new device, if the device is near its end of life, they tend to kind of say, "well, you know, no. We don't deal with that anymore."

My device was still supported, although older. In any case, it was clear that they were not going to give it as much effort as something in its main life cycle. My impression was that it I was summarily brushed off on account of age.

User groups helped me a great deal. Support offers a certain amount for free when you get the subscription in the cloud which I purchased. However, if you have a really big issue, then you have to pay for support. .”

Jean-Pierre DAREYS

Director, Latin America at Bradmark Technologies, Inc.

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Other Advice

“I rely on VPN the most in my daily operations because many of my users are working from home, so I provide the RA VPN to the users for remotely accessing my servers that are placed inside my internal network.

“I definitely advise others to use this firewall device, as it is truly useful, time-saving, and money-saving. My overall rating for Netgate pfSense is eight out of ten..”

Sachin-Yadav

Network & Security Engineer at Arrow PC Network Pvt Ltd

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“One person can do it, but you are going to need to be testing. Honestly, it is not anywhere near as complicated as a larger, more legacy offering, so I think it is very easy.

You are going to have manual updates in terms of the releases, checking those out, doing some testing, and confirming in non-prod environments. It is not that complicated. Even if you have the boot states, you can pretty easily do an operating system update and it is easy to manage. .”

Alexander Aguilar

Workday Reporting & Analytics Lead at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“If installing on your own hardware, you should definitely research compatibility

with FreeBSD, and use [ZFS](#), which I believe is the default now. This allows rollback capabilities. It is important to read what is included in the pfSense support package before contacting support, as you might not get answers, and it might be easier to go directly to the forums.

I would rate pfSense a nine out of ten..”

Verified user

IT at Hunor

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“I'm an MSP.

I'd rate the solution ten out of ten.

If you're going with the NetGate appliance, I'd let new users know that they are already optimized for pfSense. If it's something that you're looking to virtualize or if you're looking to use a community edition on your own hardware, my recommendation would be just to make sure that you use Intel network cards. I have never had a problem out of an Intel NIC for getting the OpenBSD underlying platform to recognize those network cards and load the proper drivers for them. That way, they show up within the pfSense software..”

Shawn Lambert

Senior Network Administrator at Elite Computers

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“Netgate pfSense requires a little maintenance on my end, as the maintenance part that I only get from them would be their software updates, and that is basically it. After that, everything is on my end: hardening, firewall rules, and all

that kind of work. Besides that, it is just their quarterly or twice-a-year updates.

“I have not really explored the packet inspection feature of Netgate pfSense that much, so I know I have it; I just have not played around with it right now.

“I use the integrated VPN provisioning of Netgate pfSense, and it has not affected my network security setup at all; it has been flawless.

“I would rate this product a 10 out of 10..”

Juan-Arias

Principal Cloud Architect - Software Engineer at a consultancy with 11-50 employees

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“I'm just a customer considering a partnership.

I now have a pfSense subscription on AWS, I've installed it on my laptop and mobile devices. I can use it at home and away from home. My cell can share Wi-Fi and extend the benefits to others around me.

I'm considering alternate architectures to split my home office network using an on-premise device here at home.

That will allow the mobile component on the AWS Cloud for my cell and my laptop if I travel, since the [OpenVPN](#) is installed on them, as well as the ethernet connection from the home appliance for wired access to repeater, TV, laptop.

It doesn't matter if it's Ethernet or Wi-Fi everything will be covered.

Overall the product rating is nine out of ten..”

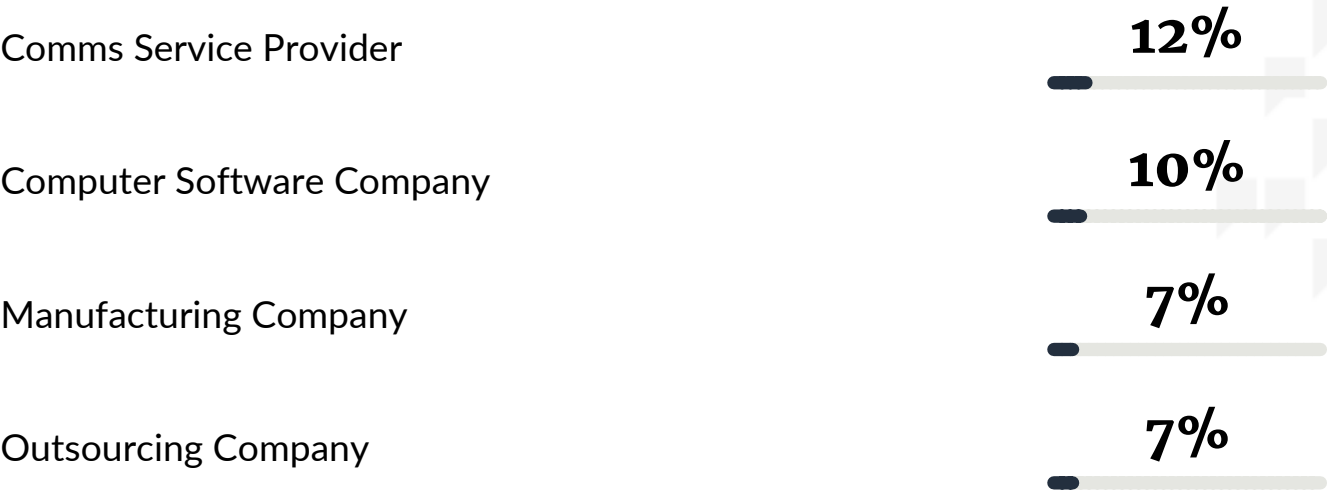
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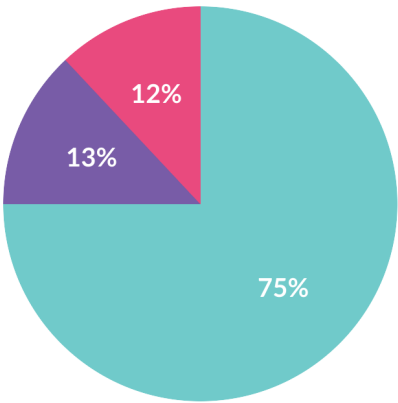
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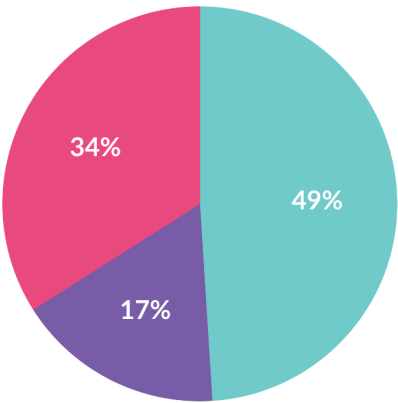


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