



InfoWorld's 2010 Technology of the Year Awards

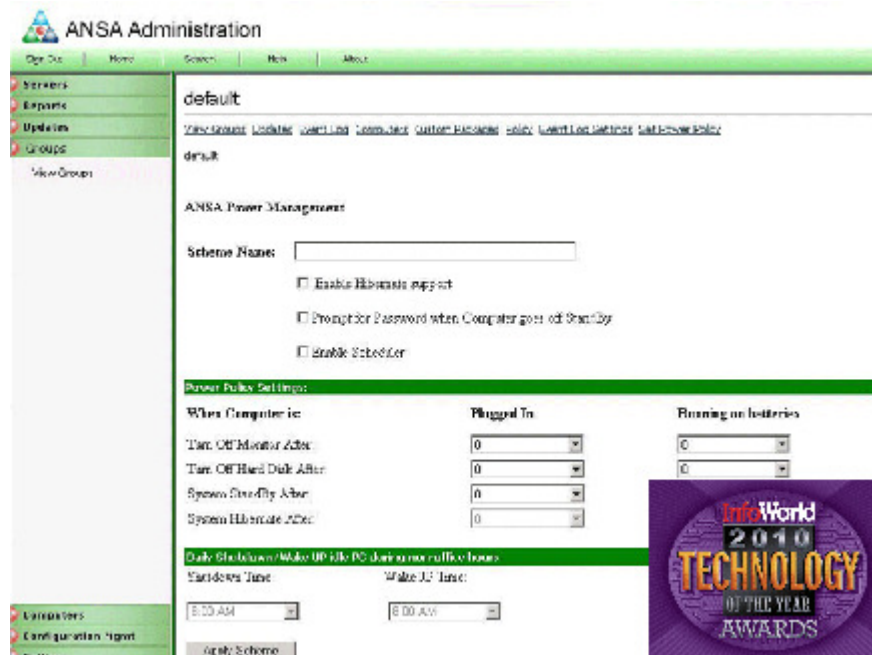
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If you caught "[InfoWorld's top 10 emerging enterprise technologies \[1\]](#)" in November, you had a running start on our 2010 Technology of the Year Awards. MapReduce, desktop virtualization, I/O virtualization, NoSQL databases, cross-platform mobile application development, and application whitelisting topped our list of high-impact technologies, and not surprisingly, all are represented in our list of top products as well.

Autonomic ANSA Platinum Suite

Autonomic Software provides an excellent power management product that won't cost anything to install, because pricing is a portion of the power savings. The flexible but easy-to-use policy engine allows settings for different times of day and days of the week, and flexibility far beyond what's available in the Windows control panel. The suite offers a plethora of other management functions, some of which are included free with the power management piece.

Other product categories yielding 2010 Technology of the Year Award winners include CPUs, blade servers, server virtualization, SANs, development tools, cloud services, social networking software, and smartphones. Some of the picks were no-brainers, such as Intel's amazing Nehalem processor and Cisco's revolutionary Unified Computing System; others required careful consideration and even debate.





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Like most centralized PC power management solutions, Autonomic Software's ANSA Platinum Suite is a general purpose PC management platform that can control power settings under the Windows client and server operating systems. As a rule, centralized PC power managers offer considerably more flexibility than trying to use Group Policy in Active Directory. The ANSA suite stands apart from competitors [44] with a very easy deployment and with the easiest and most granular power policy management we've seen. Best of all, the suite effectively costs nothing – Autonomic will take either the rebate from the power

company or 25 percent of the power savings to pay for the software.

The ANSA suite uses an agent on each system, which allows more control than agentless solutions. Deployment of the agents can be automated, and the entire process of creating and implementing power management policies is very straightforward and easy to do. It is also extremely flexible, with policies based on groups and the ability to set different policies for different kinds of systems. In short, admins should find all the options they need to turn PCs off and on according to users' schedules and system maintenance needs, thus saving the maximum amounts of power possible without inconveniencing users or requiring difficult scripting or compromises in security.

-- Logan G. Harbaugh

Other winners included:

- **Intel Nehalem Processor (Xeon 5500 Series)**
- **Microsoft Windows 7**
- **Microsoft Windows XP: A Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **Cisco Unified Computing System**
- **VMware vSphere 4**
- **Citrix XenDesktop 4**
- **Sun VirtualBox 3.1**
- **Compellent Storage Center 4.2**
- **Dell EqualLogic PS Series**
- **Amazon Web Services**
- **Apache Hadoop**
- **Amazon SimpleDB**
- **Eclipse**
- **Apple iPhone OS 3.0 and App Store**
- **WebKit**
- **Google Chrome 3.0**
- **Telligent Enterprise 2.0**
- **LifeSize Express 220**
- **Sophos Endpoint Security and Control**
- **Bit9 Parity Suite 5.0**

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