

# SECURITY DREAMER

## DreamerGear Evaluation

Aimetis Symphony



Exact Name and Version of Product	Aimetis Symphony Enterprise Edition 6.2
Manufacturer and Website	Aimetis <a href="http://www.aimetis.com">www.aimetis.com</a>
Type of Product	Video and Analytics management
Uses	Surveillance Video Management
What We Loved	Complete, unified video and analytics management
What We Didn't	Limited to Windows platforms
Price	Starts at \$13,600
Overall Rating	4.4 out of possible 5

### Overview

Aimetis Symphony Enterprise Edition is a very satisfying product, mainly because it does everything you hope it will, easily and affordably. I mean, if you've gone to the trouble to set up a surveillance environment using video analytics, you'd probably want a single, easy-to-use system: to manage the video received from many cameras; control pan tilt and zoom; select a variety of detections using analytics; manage storage; set up alerts on certain activities and detected behaviors; and create reports about those alerts. Simply put, you'd want a system that manages surveillance.

This product delivers. It installed easily with a comprehensive wizard and was populated throughout with help menus and contextual information. Configuration was a snap, and adding or relocating cameras and adjusting analytics settings couldn't have been easier.

I was especially impressed with the video analytics capabilities. I could turn analytics on or off on the fly, and could even drag analytics licenses over to another camera if I needed them elsewhere. The analytics was also interactive, allowing me to see the so-called "decorations" like tripwires and boundary lines, and move them with the mouse.

Like most physical security products, these days, the architecture is limited to Windows platforms, and tools for incident management and trouble ticketing are pretty weak. I'm also a bit frustrated that this product, like most others, is not oriented to the end user's regulatory compliance problems. There ought to be canned policies for PCI DSS video requirements, for example. However, Symphony did a good job of allowing me to create custom policies and configurations.

The icing on the cake is the price tag. For small installations of, say, 16 cameras with analytics, it is already less expensive than others. But as the system grows, so will the savings. Pricing is calculated on number of managed cameras. There are no complicated formulas for adding this module or that extra license.

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