



Ernst & Young AB Using WebMarshal to Stop Web Mail Viruses Before They Do Damage

Client:

Ernst & Young AB

Web Site:

<http://www.ey.com/SE>

Requirements:

Webmail Filtering

Filtering Solutions:

WebMarshal

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Financial consultancies and professional services companies are only as good as their communications. Whether written, spoken, posted or emailed, these companies live or die by how well they can transfer words and concepts from one person to another. The Internet has revolutionized the whole industry and has opened a number of new opportunities. But with opportunities comes risk.

Global companies have come to rely on their Internet-based communications for any number of client-based and internal functions and have to ensure that these information networks remain operational. They can’t wait for an incident to take place... they have to stop all threats before they become a problem.

Background

Ernst & Young AB is the Swedish branch of Ernst & Young. It is a global professional services company offering clients expert advice and consulting in auditing, accounting advice, tax compliance, planning and corporate finance transactions. As a global organization with global clients, it is essential that their systems are kept up and running and operating at peak efficiency.

Ernst & Young AB, were acutely aware that there were many external threats to their network and wanted to ensure that they could continue to provide uninterrupted support to their client base. “We hadn’t experienced any problems,” says Ludwig Brogård, ITManager at Ernst & Young AB, “and we wanted to ensure that it stayed that way.

We have a written security policy that specifies how our users should use digital information, but there was the possibility that perhaps something might slip through the cracks. We already had an anti-virus program in place” says Brogård, “but it didn’t go far enough.

The growing popularity of web-based email has opened up very real risks that viruses and other threats to the network can sneak in past our traditional anti-virus defences. Again, we hadn’t had any incidents, but we wanted to guarantee that we would have no incidents in the future. With more than 2000 users on our network, it only takes one person to circumvent the rules and cause irreparable harm to the network and our reputation.”

So Brogård started a process of investigating what solutions on the market could prevent these types of threats from infecting their network. “We were fortunate in that we knew exactly what to look for in the solutions we examined,” says Brogård. “We undertook some very basic benchmarks and identified key features and benefits in the various solutions. After looking at the available solutions, we selected WebMarshal due to its web scanning capabilities and the fact that it provided the best cost / performance ratio.”

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The Ernst & Young AB network consists of a Windows 2000 network that connects approximately 80 offices throughout Sweden. The various offices connect to the Internet at speeds ranging from 384 Kb to 4 Mb.

Key Reasons for Selecting WebMarshal

- Best performance of all solutions examined
- Easy to set up and operate
- Can support extended operations from centralized management

Key Benefits

- Prevents viruses from entering the network via web mail
- Enforces formal Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- Ensures that the network remains virus-free and operational

“Setting up WebMarshal across the network went very well,” says Brogård. “We installed and configured WebMarshal with our existing Internet Authentication Service (IAS) Server. We had a few questions with the exact configuration for the rules set up, but a few calls to our WebMarshal supplier, Inuit AB, cleared up all of the issues. We tested the rules and then went live.”

Conclusion

Since installation, WebMarshal has performed excellently. “We are still virusfree,” says Brogård. “It’s hard to put a value on threat prevention, but the software has done exactly what we wanted. It is great software for content scanning of proxy traffic, one of the hidden threats that can cause damage if undetected. We undertook some very basic benchmarks and identified key features and benefits in the various solutions and are very happy with Marshal8e6.” Ludwig Brogård, NT-Manager at Ernst & Young AB.

About Marshal8e6

Marshal8e6 is a global provider of Secure Internet Gateway products for organizations of all sizes. Marshal8e6 is the only security company capable of delivering comprehensive content security across multiple delivery platforms, including software, appliances and Software-as-a-service (SaaS). The company’s complete security portfolio delivers the tools necessary to manage and secure email, Web and the endpoint as well as protect against data leakage. Today, more than 16 million end users in more than 20,000 companies in 96 countries rely on Marshal8e6 solutions to protect their businesses at the email and Web gateway.



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