

LowendalMasai enhances the security of its network with SecurActive NSS

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Three years after acquiring SecurActive NSS, Xavier Zenou, Head of Security of Information System in LowendalMasai (Cost optimisation and business performance consulting) gives us his feedback about this network behavior analysis solution.

SecurActive: Can you briefly describe LowendalMasai and its network?

XZ: LowendalMasai is the only operational consulting company able to reply to all needs in terms of cost optimisation and business performance at an international level. LowendalMasai is based in Germany, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Portugal, the Netherlands, the United State, China, India and Japan.

LowendalMasai develop a range of services focusing on 5 groups of expertise: Social, Fiscal (VAT, capital assets, poll tax, Innovation funding), Purchasing-and-strategic-costs (Global Sourcing, Supply Chain, Strategy / Organisation, Overheads, Investments), Environment and Cash.

LowendalMasai has got a unified information system, used by all its employees, to provide effective support to the company development.

SecurActive: Can you tell us why you were attracted to the SecurActive NSS solution in the first place?

XZ: The reason for this purchase was first to optimise the management of our network. We therefore decided to implement this network behavior analysis solution in our network in order to get both a better visibility of our network flows and to make the supervision of our network security better.

SecurActive: You mentioned that you have recently solved several problems thanks to SecurActive. Can you give us additional information about the problems you encountered and what SecurActive allowed you to do?

XZ: We recently had the opportunity to use the SecurActive solution in another context.

A few weeks ago we had a virus attack, which materialised by locking into cascade directory accounts throughout the organisation. This could block access to significant resources and hence the problem needed rectifying straight away. From a system perspective, any log available allowed us to determine the source of this problem.

With SecurActive NSS, we managed to quickly identify the origin of this attack, identify the infected device in our Italian subsidiary and quickly halt its activity. Even our antivirus could not detect the worm and, to my knowledge, is still unable to do so a few weeks after the incident.

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