

RS PLATOU



Established in 1936, RS Platou is a leading international ship and offshore broking Group. The Group serves the shipping and offshore industry worldwide by providing services within chartering, sale and purchase and contracting of ships and offshore units. In addition, it provides investment banking services and project financing with a core focus on the shipping and offshore industries.

Objectives

“Whilst the objects of RS Platou’s business may sail the seas, its day to day business is conducted online. RS Platou receives emails from almost every corner of the World and all our negotiations are conducted over email, it is an integral part of our business and security is of utmost importance” says Chris Chasty, Chief Financial Officer at RS Platou LLP, London.

The Group required an email security solution that would combine multiple layers of protection in one platform for inbound and outbound web traffic as well with a Web Security subscription for comprehensive protection across protocols.

Solution

With a steady growth in the number of emails being sent and received, RS Platou needed an IT solution that would take the heat off of its email and web servers by blocking threats at the perimeter.

Chris Chasty, adds “We entrusted YellowSpring to find a solution that would deliver stringent security and privacy for inbound and out bound email for up to 1000 users globally.

After careful consideration and a thorough analysis of our needs, our in house team of trusted IT technicians worked with YellowSpring on the installation of Watchguard XCS 570”

Content, images, and sender information is inspected and examined thoroughly to provide a context based, weighted score determined by the sender, message content and structure as well as action needed from the recipient. This establishes the threat suspect level ensuring only safe communications pass through RS Platou’s network.

For the IT department, a major bonus has been the addition of the spam manager service. This quarantines messages identified as spam in a location accessible for review by the organisation’s employees. Users are able to manage detained messages, safe lists, and block lists from an easy to use, web based interface.

It was also essential that the chosen solution was utterly reliable in differentiating between unwanted mail and genuine business email communications.

After all, with all of negotiations carried out online, it could be disastrous if emails carrying crucial information did not reach the intended recipient.

Seamless Email Encryption secures confidential messages for delivery to any recipient. Available for all XCS appliances as an easy to add, optional security subscription, it does away with the need for a dedicated server, avoiding the costs associated with most encryption technology.

Benefits

Yellowspring's installation of the Watchguard technology ensures RS Platou's inbound and outbound email traffic undergoes multiple layers of deep inspection 24/7.

Quite simply, the system blocks over 98% of unwanted email at the perimeter with 99.9% accuracy, using real time, cloud based reputation services.

This goes beyond simple sender reputation, providing an all encompassing view of the behaviour of an IP address in real time. By cross referencing and analysing data across multiple protocols, it ensures malicious and unwanted traffic never enters RS Platou's network.

With Watchguard in place, the IT team has been delighted to see a significant reduction in the load on RS Platou's mail servers, freeing up precious bandwidth that would otherwise be hijacked by incoming spam. From a business efficiency point of view, the management of email filtering is much less time consuming, as Chris Chasty of RS Platou comments:

"The installation and set up of Watchguard XCS 570 enables us to apply set policies to control traffic. Essentially, this means we spend less time defending our borders and more time focusing on higher business value IT projects."

An enhanced level of security is achieved as the window of vulnerability is closed between when an attack launches and when scanning filter updates are developed and distributed for zero hour threat outbreak protection.

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Our aim is to be a seamlessly integrated part of our client's organisation; fully understanding their business needs and using our knowledge and experience to deliver exceptional IT. We focus on what we are good at, leaving you to focus on what you are good at - your business.

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