Deutscher Steuerberaterverband

To combat an enormous amount of daily spam, this tax consultant society chose Micro Focus® Secure Gateway, which sits at the perimeter of messaging systems.

Overview
DStV (Deutscher Steuerberater-Verband) represents the members of the tax advising profession in Germany. The company advocates for tax consultants and provides information and services to its members.

Challenge
Deutscher Steuerberaterverband (DStV), a professional tax consultant society in Berlin, had two problems: too much spam in the Exchange inboxes and its internet connection was bogged down. DStV's previous anti-spam and anti-virus solution collected all email in POP3 accounts and then fetched them via a POP connector. Afterwards, the emails were checked for spam, and then the data was forwarded to the internal server. This method not only caused long run-times, but all emails were downloaded instantly—even those with spam and viruses. As a consequence, the internet connection was strained.

Solution
Sven Hornbruch-Vandrey, the system administrator for DStV, contacted the IT reseller NOVAGO from Berlin for help. NOVAGO has worked with Micro Focus solutions for years and recommended that DStV implement the Secure Gateway security solution for Microsoft Exchange.

Secure Gateway scans at the perimeter of the messaging system, catching spam before it reaches Exchange. Plus, the anti-spam technology used in Secure Gateway is constantly updated with new spam signatures and is constantly up to date, which means that very little spam gets through.

Results
Because Secure Gateway sits at the perimeter of the system, no test installation was necessary. NOVAGO installed it quickly on DStV's system. Not only did Secure Gateway instantly solve the spam problem, but DStV's internet connection is also no longer strained. Now users no longer have to deal with hundreds of spam emails and can focus on their actual work. System Administrator, Sven Hornbruch-Vandrey is impressed with the solution: “Since we’ve been using GWAVA (now Secure Gateway), we receive our emails without any delay and spam is no longer clogging our mailboxes.”

“The perfect compliment for a smoothly working system, thanks to GWAVA (now part of Micro Focus), came from my colleague on the Monday after the implementation: ‘Our mail server must be broken, I haven’t got a single spam mail in my mailbox!’” said Hornbruch-Vandrey.

At a Glance
- Industry: Financial Services
- Location: Germany
- Challenge: The organization struggled with spam, which clogged up user inboxes.
- Solution: Use Secure Gateway to scan emails at the perimeter of the messaging system, catching spam before it reaches Exchange.
- Results:
  - Eliminated spam
  - Increased the speed of the internet connection
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