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 Messaging Gateway security solution for Microsoft Exchange.

Results

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Challenge

The organization struggled with spam, which clogged up user inboxes.

Solution

Use Secure Messaging 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

“*The perfect compliment for a smoothly working system, thanks to GWAVA (now Secure Messaging Gateway), 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.
“Since we’ve been using GWAVA (now Secure Messaging Gateway), we receive our emails without any delay and spam is no longer clogging our mailboxes.”

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