Grafisch Lyceum Utrecht Technical College

To protect email accounts from spam, viruses, and other harmful content, Grafisch Lyceum Utrecht Technical College implemented Micro Focus® Secure Gateway.

Overview
Grafisch Lyceum Utrecht is a creative technical college in the Netherlands with a history of providing quality education to students for over 100 years. Its training is geared towards those students wanting an education in creative media, design, and communication.

Challenge
When spam and virus emails started becoming a big problem at the school, IT began searching for an antivirus and anti-spam solution that would be easy to manage. At the time, the college was using GroupWise® and decided to supplement their investment with Secure Gateway, which is Micro Focus’s inbound and outbound message security solution.

Solution
With over 2,100 email users, Grafisch Lyceum Utrecht needed a cost-effective solution that let users manage their own spam. Secure Gateway fit the mold perfectly. It filters email content based on email address, subject, header, body, raw MIME, fingerprinting, attachment, attachment names, images (via Image Analyzer), black and white lists, message size, and IP address. Virus and spam definitions are updated frequently, in order to eliminate false-positives. End users are empowered to flag email addresses or entire domains into black or white lists, which helps them to customize which messages will reach their inbox. This enhanced customization capability really appealed to the college.

IT installed and successfully used Secure Gateway for GroupWise for some time, seeing great success and minimal spam.

MAKING THE SWITCH TO EXCHANGE
The time came, eventually, when Grafisch Lyceum Utrecht decided to migrate its email system to Exchange. The college had difficulty parting with Secure Gateway because the software had expertly handled its past spam problems, but it had questions as to whether Secure Gateway could perform the same function on an Exchange server. IT began running tests on the new Exchange mail environment, and after some minor tweaking, found that it worked great with Exchange. It was quick and simple—the actual migration took about two weeks.

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System Administrator
Grafisch Lyceum Utrecht Technical College

At a Glance

Industry
Education

Location
Netherlands

Challenge
The organization needed a solution that detects and blocks email spam and viruses.

Solution
Use Secure Gateway to filter content based on email address, subject, header, body, and more.

Results
+ Empowers users to flag email addresses or entire domains into black or white lists
+ Uses the latest technology to detect viruses, malware, spam, and pornographic images
+ Supports platforms such as GroupWise, Exchange, Gmail, and more
Secure Gateway supports platforms such as Microsoft Exchange and GroupWise, as mentioned, as well as Office 365, Gmail, Micro Focus Vibe, Lync, and IBM Domino. It is highly scalable, allowing users to add new resources if the system is being strained. The solution is available on premises or in the cloud. This adaptability makes it great for the majority of email environments.

**Results**

“In education, cost is critical to us. GWAVA (now called Secure Gateway) offered us a great price, plus we had no real hardware costs since GWAVA for Exchange runs on a virtual server. Netflex, our Micro Focus Premium Partner, was able to shift gears quickly and supply us with a new license right away,” states Martin Roberti, System Administrator. “We loved that GWAVA was able to make the switch to Exchange with us,” said Roberti. “The interface is familiar, and our users know how to use it, making the migration easier,” said Roberti. The college is also pleased that Secure Gateway has consistently provided outstanding protection against spam, viruses, and malware—crucial in any environment and even more so in education.

Secure Gateway stops cyber-criminals, spam, and porn before they ever enter your Microsoft Exchange messaging system. The secure message gateway uses the latest technology to detect viruses, malware, spam, and pornographic images and block them from your system.

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