



Endpoint Access Manager

ABN AMRO Secures Trading Desktop Computers with Endpoint Security Software



ABN AMRO is a prominent international bank, its history going back to 1824. ABN AMRO ranks eighth in Europe and 13th in the world based on total assets, with more than 4,500 branches in 53 countries, a staff of over 110,000 full-time equivalents and total assets of EUR 999 billion.

exposure to the outside world through wireless modems, WiFi, Bluetooth and other interfaces. ABN AMRO has deployed Endpoint Access Manager to protect the PCs and laptops in its new trading floor from any viruses, malware or data leakage caused by external software or memory device.

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The Challenge

ABN AMRO Global Futures provides clearing and execution services on a global basis. In 2005, the division built a new trading floor in Singapore. The company’s challenge was to mitigate the security risks associated with remotely managing a professional trading center from its location in the United States. In order to do so, ABN AMRO would need to secure endpoints of all the trading computers in the new facility.

The Solution

ABN AMRO turned to endpoint security software from ControlGuard. Endpoint Access Manager, allows ABN AMRO to centrally control, monitor and record how data is uploaded and downloaded from removable media and portable devices to desktop and laptop computers. Unauthorized transactions are blocked, monitored and communicated in real time to the management consoles. The solution shields networks from malware copied to endpoints, and it secures networks from

Results

“Preventing unauthorized usage of removable media and portable devices is essential in order to manage a secure IT environment,” said Joseph Kelly, senior vice president and chief technology officer of ABN AMRO Global Futures. “ControlGuard’s innovative technology allows us to centrally manage security policies and authorize the use of removable media as needed.” With security measures in place, ABN AMRO is able to successfully manage the Singapore trading office from its Chicago, Illinois location. External devices, such as memory sticks or CDs that can be used to glean sensitive data from PCs or laptops are no longer a threat because users do not have the ability to use them to remove protected information from the corporate network. ABN AMRO is benefiting from the auditing features of the policies which help the company to comply with federal and global regulations like Sarbanes-Oxley that hold financial services accountable. For ABN AMRO, centrally controlled and enforceable policies create an excellent environment for secure trading.