



Arcopedico Modernizes IT Infrastructure and Security

Check Point Prevents Advanced Threats Across Network, Cloud, and Mobile with Zero Day Protection and Consolidated Management

INDUSTRY

Manufacturing

HEADQUARTERS

Portugal

COMPANY SIZE

101-500 employees

OVERVIEW

Arcopedico is a Portuguese company that produces ergonomic footwear. It exports to around 50 countries and has an annual business turnover of €15 million. It has its own stores and distributors and works directly with the Portuguese and Spanish retail markets.

OUR SOLUTION



CHALLENGE

Faced with increasing cyber security threats, Arcopedico believed that its corporate firewall had limited functionality and was reaching its end-of-life. With an increasing number of devices connected to the corporate network, Arcopedico decided it needed to partition the network.

“We have some corporate devices that connect to an external network, and we didn’t want them to introduce vulnerabilities to a network where there might also be servers,” says Arcopedico’s Information Technology



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The decisive moment came when Arcopedico was faced with a phishing incident introduced by an external email account on the network. Fortunately, it had no impact on the business and was quickly contained, but the incident made it very clear that there was an urgent need for a change in corporate policy.

SOLUTION

Advised by its hardware partner, Pamafe IT, Arcopedico saw a demonstration of the latest Check Point solutions and concluded the best fit would be a high-performance Quantum Security Gateway with Check Point Security Management. To ensure complete threat prevention against known, unknown, and zero day attacks, Arcopedico chose our Zero Day Threat Prevention for Quantum.

Check Point architecture provides the IT department with a new level of security they never had access to before. “With Check Point, we are now taking a pre-emptive approach to our IT security. We are preventing cyber attacks from even entering the network. Plus, we know that every aspect of our business is covered: networks, cloud, and mobile.”

Zero Day Threat Prevention for Quantum provides Arcopedico with the added reassurance that the business is prepared for even the most advanced threats. Endpoints are protected using threat emulation and threat extraction capabilities. Anti-ransomware technology blocks ransomware and automatically reverses any damage caused.

The entire Check Point solution is managed via a single console, providing Arcopedico’s IT department with excellent visibility and complete control over the network security, making managing security simpler and more efficient.

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OUTCOME

Check Point Security Management has made it easier to reinforce security policies throughout the business. “We recently had an instance when a user wanted to work from a conference room and have remote access to his area on an RDS server, something that is blocked by our security policy. With Check Point, we were able to create a temporary rule allowing him to do this, install the policy, and, at the end of the day, remove the rule again. Network policy management has become much more dynamic,” states Serafim Couto.

A Single-Pane of Glass

“The centralized Check Point Security Management provides an overview of the traffic and threats over the network,” says Serafim Couto. “It’s important for us to have a single platform to manage the whole security system at a corporate network level. All services we make available to employees are on a single management platform. This avoids task fragmentation and helps with automation of some tasks. Having a number of applications, each doing one thing, is not the best policy. Thanks to Check Point Security Management, we can manage all the rules for our network in a centralized way.”

Protecting All Devices on the Network

Serafim Couto refers to the case of a visitor who had a mobile phone connected to the guest network. Since Check Point provides shared threat intelligence across all parts of the network, it quickly identified the closest access point, the brand of phone, and that it was infected with a banking Trojan to share data with China. “This is an example of the level of protection that is possible with Check Point, which was able to transmit the information to us almost transparently.”

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ABOUT CHECK POINT

Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. (www.checkpoint.com) is a leading AI-powered, cloud-delivered cyber security platform provider protecting over 100,000 organizations worldwide. Check Point leverages the power of AI everywhere to enhance cyber security efficiency and accuracy through its Infinity Platform, with industry-leading catch rates enabling proactive threat anticipation and smarter, faster response times. The comprehensive platform includes cloud-delivered technologies consisting of Check Point Harmony to secure the workspace, Check Point CloudGuard to secure the cloud, Check Point Quantum to secure the network, and Check Point Infinity Platform Services for collaborative security operations and services.

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