AAA New York

Customer Testimonial

Software Blades: Application Control, URL Filtering, IPS, Anti-Spam & Email Security, Firewall, VPN, SmartEvent

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QUICK FACTS

Customer Profile

- AAA New York provides automotive, travel, and financial services to nearly 1.6 million members in New York City and 15 counties across New York State
- AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago

Industry

- Service Industry

Business Challenge

- Uphold customer confidence
- Maintain industry, state, and federal regulatory compliance
- Reduce network security management complexity
- Maintain network integrity
- Improve employee productivity

Check Point Solutions

- 1 UTM-1 2050 with Check Point R75.20 running Application Control, URL Filtering, IPS, Anti-Spam & Email Security, Firewall, and VPN Software Blades
- 3 open servers with Check Point R75.20 running Application Control, URL Filtering, IPS, Anti-Spam & Email Security, Firewall, and VPN Software Blades
- 1 open server with Check Point R75.20 running SmartEvent and SmartReporter security management Software Blades
- 1 Check Point IPS-1 9070 appliance
- 8 Check Point UTM-1 Edge X appliances running URL Filtering, IPS, Firewall, and VPN Software Blades

IMPACT

"Security is important to us and obviously Check Point brings that, but the big thing is how it makes it easier for us to manage our environment. Check Point simplifies and streamlines our security management and reporting, enabling us to do more with less."

– Fred Komoroski, Chief Information Officer, AAA New York

"We take pride in securing our members' information; Check Point gives us confidence that it's doing what we need it to do. I haven't seen anything out there that compares with the Check Point products."

– Eugene Leslie, Network and Communications Manager, AAA New York

CUSTOMER CHALLENGE

With a diverse network that includes multiple branch locations, call centers, and an ecommerce site, AAA New York requires powerful security features and robust management and reporting capabilities to ensure network security and data integrity.

- Protect the network from next generation and Web 2.0 threats
- Adhere to strict industry, state, and federal compliance guidelines
- Reduce management complexity
- Improve visibility of traffic across multiple network segments

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Criteria

- ✔ Centralized management
- ✔ Simple reports and audit trails
- ✔ Robust and reliable security
- ✔ Best-in-class security features

"We were looking to gain visibility and control at the web and application layers. The Check Point URL Filtering and Application Control solution gives us the ability to granularly control the use of specific URLs and applications, determine whether they pose a security or productivity risk, and block or limit access to them, all from a central management console."

– Eugene Leslie, Network and Communications Manager, AAA New York

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THE CHECK POINT SOLUTION

AAA New York deployed a variety of Check Point security and management Software Blades to protect its network and the data traversing through it while providing centralized management and reporting

1 Application Control and URL Filtering Improve Security and Increase Productivity

AAA New York has processes and procedures in place when employees need to bring information into the system and network. "In the past, applications such as Dropbox were a concern as they enabled people to get around our processes and allowed them to send out or bring in documents and files which could compromise our security." – Komoroski. The Check Point URL Filtering and Application Control Software Blades integrate with one another to provide AAA with unified enforcement and management for all aspects of its web security strategy. The solution provides AAA with the granular ability to identify, block, or limit applications, widgets, and URLs that pose a threat to its network environment or employee productivity.

2 Check Point IPS Protects Member Data

As an organization with approximately 1.6 million members throughout New York State, AAA's customers rely on the company to keep their information safe, secure, and confidential. "We have a number of applications including web apps and internal apps where we collect member information; one of our main priorities is to make sure this information is always secure." – Komoroski. Additionally, because AAA collects personally identifiable information the company must adhere to strict compliance policies as well as industry, state, and federal privacy regulations. To safeguard this information and ensure regulatory compliance across its call centers, branch locations, and ecommerce site, AAA makes us of a comprehensive IPS solution consisting of Check Point IPS Software Blades and appliances.

3 Software Blade Architecture Provides Comprehensive Security, Management, and Reporting

The Check Point Software Blade Architecture means AAA New York can consolidate multiple security functionalities into a single appliance with the flexibility to add additional layers of protection as needed. This flexibility and consolidation enables AAA to reduce hardware costs as well as decrease the amount of time spent on maintenance and management. Additionally, AAA leverages Check Point SmartEvent and SmartReporter security management Software Blades to monitor and log traffic and events on its network. "Software Blades consolidate everything and give us a single centralized management console. Without this, I'd have to sift through 14 different reports to try to piece together the whole story. The Check Point solution makes security management much easier for my staff and definitely improves productivity because it's easier to manage, report, and analyze." – Komoroski

CHECK POINT BENEFITS

Comprehensive Control Over URLs and Applications

- "Prior to URL Filtering and Application Control we had issues with bandwidth, security, and employee productivity." – Leslie
- Enables control over 100 million websites, 4,500 Web 2.0 applications, and 225,000 widgets to achieve the highest level of web security

Superior Security

- Best-in-class NSS recommended IPS solution ensures comprehensive and reliable security
- "Security is always on our minds and we take pride in securing our members information, Check Point plays a big part in this." – Komoroski
- "The Check Point Anti-Spam and Email Security Software Blade works great. We cut down on a lot of Spam mail on our SMTP gateway and offloaded it to the firewalls which now do a lot of the heavy lifting." – Leslie

Software Blade Architecture

- Consolidation of technologies simplifies management and maintenance
- Integration of policy configuration and management along with log analysis in a single interface reduces time for management and minimizes total cost of ownership

SUMMARY

Secure • Flexible • Centrally Managed

- Comprehensive solution secures network and member data with multiple layers of protection
- Software Blades reduce complexity, enable a flexible architecture, and increase productivity
- Central management simplifies a complex network environment and improves security

Total Value – Cost Effective Solution

- Centralized management reduces maintenance and management and simplifies reporting
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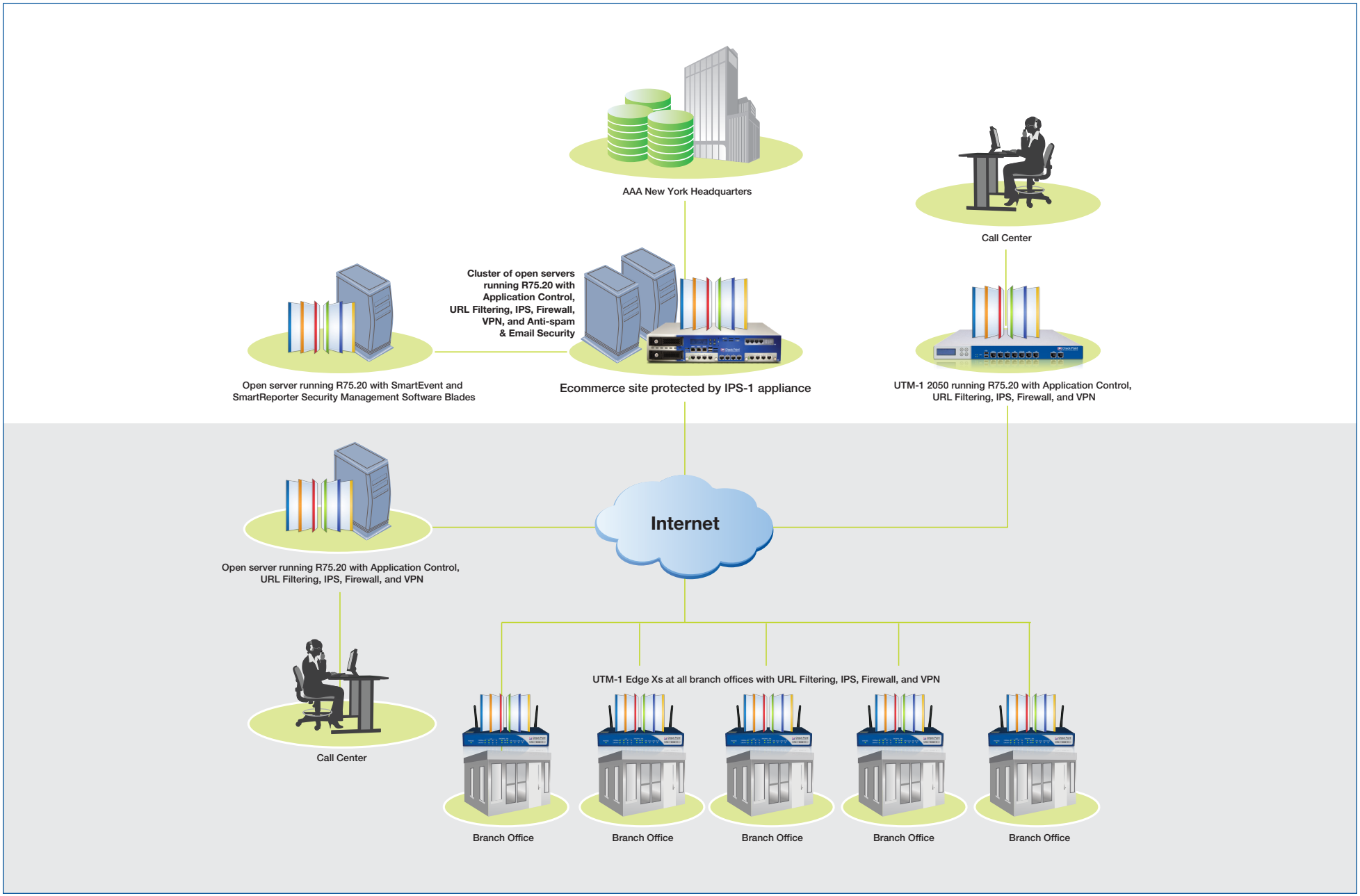

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