

Laurenty Unifies Security to Comply with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Belgian company chose Check Point solutions to unify its security infrastructure and achieve compliance with the highest security standards

INDUSTRY

Consulting

HEADQUARTERS

Liège

COMPANY SIZE

1,001-5,000 employees



OVERVIEW

Present everywhere in Belgium, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and France, Laurenty is a family group specialising in cleaning, road sweeping, building, and green spaces. With an annual turnover of over €120 million, the company serves around 5,000 clients thanks to its 4,300 employees.

OUR SOLUTION



Harmony
Secure the Workspace



Quantum
Secure the Network

CHALLENGE

In 2015, Laurenty realized its IT security infrastructure was technically outdated and fragmented. Several point products were used to address specific security challenges. Using products from multiple vendors means several consoles, different approaches, and no global visibility. "Instead of renewing the existing licenses, you might as well investigate the market to find the very best solution to secure both the network



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Responding to Strict Regulations

All European companies now need to demonstrate, at any given time, that all personal data they hold is protected and, in particular, that it could not be used in the event of theft. This new European regulation is known as the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), and when in effect, the company in question may have to pay severe penalties of up to 4% of its annual turnover for failure to comply.

To protect its laptops against data breaches, Laurenty needed a strong encryption solution.

SOLUTION

With the help of Shinka, an IT security integrator, and a recognized Check Point partner, a global solution was implemented, protecting both endpoints and networks while incorporating the principles of Check Point.

The first priority was to protect the company’s endpoint devices against zero day and other advanced threats. Check Point Harmony Endpoint protects Laurenty against all kinds of unknown malware, bots, phishing, and ransomware attacks. Anti-ransomware is part of Harmony Endpoint and not only stops the spread of ransomware but also recovers your data in case some files have already been encrypted.

Laurenty was also looking for a good solution to protect against data breaches caused by stolen or lost laptops. By using full disk and media encryption and port protection, all endpoint security requirements were met, which helped Laurenty achieve GDPR compliance.

Laurenty chose Check Point Harmony Endpoint, as it brings data security, network security, advanced threat prevention, forensics, and remote access VPN for complete endpoint protection in one package. Also, it’s manageable with one console. Phase two was the replacement of the old gateways with the new Check Point Quantum 5600 Security Appliances with Zero Day Threat Prevention for Quantum to defend the company’s network against zero day threats.

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“Zero day threat prevention incorporates two technologies,” explains Laurent Verhees of Shinka. “Each email attachment, such as Excel, PDF, etc., is now forwarded to the Check Point cloud for inspection. Zero day threat prevention emulates and scans the attachment for malware, and only if the file is clean, sends it back to Laurenty. While this process can take a few minutes, threat extraction strips out any active content that can be malicious and delivers a clean version of the attachment in a matter of seconds, without business delay, to the end user.”

Email recipients can access a safe, “static” version of the attachment only. “This static file is generally all our employees need, so there is no delay in getting our work done. We just know that data is secure,” adds Laurent Grutman of Laurenty.

Consolidated Management

Laurenty was one of the first customers in Belgium to implement the newest version of Check Point Security Management. The installation went flawlessly, and Check Point Security Management brings a lot of advantages, such as consolidated security, into one place with one console, along with integrated threat management and a unified policy.

OUTCOME

Laurenty already sees its advantages in choosing Check Point to protect both the endpoints and the network. Check Point focuses on delivering the most advanced threat prevention.

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Consistent Security and Shared Threat Intelligence

Check Point breaks down security silos by ensuring comprehensive and timely intelligence across the entire infrastructure. Check Point Infinity Platform Services ThreatCloud AI houses all threat intelligence derived from a broad array of sources.

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“For the near future, we are investigating how we can protect our corporate data on mobile devices, even on the privately owned ones,” says Laurent Grutman. “Harmony SASE – a secure container on the mobile device containing all business-related data – avoids data loss like the encryption solution we use on the endpoints. It allows you to separate personal and business content, and since all data in the container is encrypted, it also helps in achieving GDPR compliance,” explains Laurent Vanhees from Shinka.”

Unified and Efficient Management of the Entire Security Network Through a Single Pane of Glass

The main reason Laurenty chose a Check Point Harmony Endpoint Security solution, besides the advanced threat prevention capabilities, is the fact that all the endpoint suite products can be managed by one single console. This makes the task of managing the complete endpoint suite much easier.

Integrating endpoint and network security management is an additional benefit, as you can perform security forensics and analysis and search for security events from one management appliance.

“The collaboration with Shinka and Check Point was really successful. We have recently launched our own IT company, LGTech, and we will be working with Shinka to provide our customers with Check Point security solutions,” concluded Laurent Grutman.

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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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