



Helvetia Secures Its VMware NSX Environment with Check Point

Check Point CloudGuard Network Security secures virtual environment in first step toward software-defined data center



INDUSTRY

Insurance

HEADQUARTERS

Switzerland

COMPANY SIZE

5,001-10,000 employees

OVERVIEW

Helvetia provides a comprehensive range of insurance services to more than 4.7 million customers, with a presence in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, France, Luxembourg, and Jersey. In Switzerland alone, Helvetia serves more than 750,000 private and business customers with its 6,700 employees.

Achieving high customer satisfaction and trust is one of Helvetia’s primary goals. The company is committed to delivering high-quality, secure services for customers and employees. Therefore, a secure IT environment is critical to Helvetia’s operations.

“The insurance business is based on trust,” said Andreas Hagin, Head of Corporate Network & Unified Communication Engineering in Corporate IT Operations at Helvetia. “Focusing on customers is firmly anchored in our values, and we set very high standards for ourselves and our IT security.”

OUR SOLUTION



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CHALLENGE

Like most IT organizations, Helvetia's IT team is always looking for ways to handle a rapidly growing volume of work with the same number of employees. That means minimizing the number of manual tasks required of team members, reducing the need to retrain and redeploy teams, and finding new ways to deliver services as efficiently as possible. Helvetia sees automation and adopting a Software-Defined Data Center (SDDC) strategy to increase efficiency.

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SOLUTION

As Helvetia began its SDDC project, it had several challenges: create a new internal IT team structure, extend its VMware virtualized environment, and find a solution to secure it. Helvetia initiated a proof of concept to test its first steps toward a new SDDC based on VMware NSX.

"We built a virtual team comprised of storage, security, VMware, and network specialists," Hagin said. "Then we scouted the market for a suitable security product and found what we were looking for with Check Point CloudGuard for VMware NSX."

Helvetia chose VMware NSX to reproduce its data center networking environment functionality in the hypervisor layer. Check Point CloudGuard Network Security integrates with VMware NSX to deliver multi-layered defenses. Check Point CloudGuard Network Security protects east-west traffic within the VMware-deployed data center. It transparently enforces security at the hypervisor level and between virtual machines, automatically quarantines infected machines for remediation, and provides comprehensive visibility into virtual network traffic trends and threats.

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OUTCOME

With involvement from stakeholders in all key departments, Hagin and his team executed the proof of concept on schedule and with pinpoint accuracy. Although Hagin had been concerned that it would be difficult to retain visibility across the entire virtualized architecture, those fears were soon laid to rest.

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Great Efficiency

With Check Point CloudGuard Network Security, Helvetia gains outstanding threat prevention efficiency without making additional firewall changes. Hagin’s team can import the same VMware NSX security tags they currently use for automated server deployment to the security policy, saving time.

“In addition to the threat prevention advantages the Check Point solution provides, we see a primary benefit in continuing to use a globally tested management interface integrated into a modern SDDN design,” said Hagin. “We don’t have to retrain our employees.”

Hagin concluded by saying, “We at Helvetia are pleased that by implementing this solution, we will increase the degree of automation, configure our service deployment faster, and maintain or improve the degree of security.”



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