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International Retail Property Specialist, NEINVER, Selects the Forescout platform to Optimize Security and Control of Network

COST

of operation has been reduced

TCO

much lower than competitors

TWO

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Industry

Retail

Environment

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Challenge

- Need for a network access control (NAC) solution to strengthen its real-time security and control of all devices on the corporate network.
- Ensure product compatibility with NEINVER's existing and future heterogeneous network infrastructure.

Overview

Benefiting from over 40 years' experience, NEINVER is a leading international retail property specialist, focusing on the key areas of development, asset management and funds. With a presence in Portugal, France, Germany, Poland, Italy and Spain, NEINVER is currently the second largest European outlet company, managing 15 centers and 311,000 m2 of GLA (gross leasable area), under the brands FACTORY and The Style Outlets.

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Business Challenge

On the advice of Spanish security service provider, Secura, and Spanish distributor, Ingecom, NEINVER considered two NAC solutions before making its decision: Cisco ISE and the Forescout platform. José Miguel Collantes, IT director at NEINVER, said, "It is difficult to maintain a proper level of security when the number of remote sites grows continuously. This is why it was very important for us to have good visibility of our network and verification of its security posture. We needed a solution that would let us know in real time what, who, how and when devices were connecting to the corporate network and, of course, to control access and enforce policy."

Security Solution

- Forescout platform

Use Cases

- Device Visibility
- Network access control
- Incident response
- Device compliance

Results

- Real-time visibility and inventory of all devices (authorized and unauthorized) connecting to the network
- Automation of security actions on individual devices, based on specific criteria (e.g. antivirus update; block unauthorized application use; patch distribution)
- Seamless integration with NEINVER's heterogeneous network infrastructure enabling fast, easy and flexible deployment
- Reduced operating costs due to automated delivery of network security control across international sites (without needing to deploy extra technicians)
- Lower total cost of ownership (TCO) than competitive NAC products due to the Forescout platform's manageability, superior performance and agentless approach

Why Forescout?

NEINVER opted for the Forescout platform because of its manageability, superior performance, the simplicity of its agentless approach — all of which equated to lower TCO and more assured implementation success. Collantes added, "It was critical for the tool to be versatile and easy to deploy while also providing us with real-time visibility of all devices connecting and attempting to connect to the network. Additionally, it needed to be able to assess and take action on devices before blocking them."

Further, the Forescout platform enabled a transparent deployment without adding the complexity of 802.1X and without NEINVER having to upgrade its infrastructure or deploy additional network devices at remote sites to deliver the visibility and control it required.

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Business Impact

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Threat Prevention

The Forescout platform incorporates Forescout's patented ActiveResponse™ technology, which analyses the traffic flowing through NEINVER's network and identifies anomalous or malicious activity, such as zero-day threats or worms.

Fast & Easy Deployment

In collaboration with Secura, the initial implementation took just two weeks. Once connected, the Forescout platform automatically started the detection and classification of all devices found on the network.

Reduced Operating Costs

NEINVER's IT costs have been significantly reduced since the Forescout platform's employment, due to the delivery of network access control across international sites without the need for hiring extra technicians.

The Forescout Difference

"An innovative feature of the Forescout platform is its agentless approach that allowed us to view and control, in real-time, any devices that are attempting to connect, or are connected to the network in tremendous depth – we can see the configuration, security elements and even the applications they were running. We could set policy according to any of this information, including negating the use of unwanted applications and USB sticks. The policies were easy to set and could be adapted to any condition. The agentless and flexible approach stood out from other NAC vendors," commented Collantes.

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