

Seetec Next Generation Firewalls keep confidential data safe from attack



Seetec is one of the UK's largest and most experienced providers of Government - funded employment and skills training programmes. Hundreds of dedicated and experienced staff, spread across a national network of over 60 training centres and offices, help thousands of individuals and businesses to find employment or gain qualifications each year.

Challenge

Seetec needs to store confidential data on individuals supplied by the Department for Work and Pensions. To do so it must comply with the requirements of ISO 27001, the international standard for information security. Seetec's existing Cisco and Check Point firewalls provided insufficient protection and needed to be replaced to meet their security requirements.

Link-Connect SMART Solution

StoneGate FW1030 Next Generation Firewalls were deployed at two core sites – Seetec's headquarters and its data centre. The use of this Next Generation Firewall technology detected 99.98% of the 54,000 attacks launched in their recent independent penetration test. StoneGate firewall technology is now being rolled out to all remaining sites to improve network-wide security. At sites with only one point of connectivity, an additional line can be installed for improved resiliency. Using these lines in an active-active configuration, with the StoneGate balancing traffic across them, allows Seetec to make the best use of all the available bandwidth.



In the penetration test the StoneGate Next Generation Firewalls detected all but 13 of more than 54,000 attacks launched. I am delighted with their performance – not only in securing our wide area network, but also in offering additional connectivity benefits.

Paul Fryer, Network Manager
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Business pain

Seetec needed to upgrade the firewalls across its network to Next Generation Technology to ensure that the confidential data it stores is secure.

Why Link-Connect?

Their provisioning team does an excellent job, making sure everything runs smoothly.

Link-Connect product or service

StoneGate Next Generation Firewalls, management centre, hosting and support.

Business benefits

Seetec uses the added StoneGate benefits to provide active-active connectivity to its sites to maximise bandwidth availability.