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Slovak Government Authority Secures Public Finances with Symantec

The security of the Slovakian Republic's public finances is safely in the hands of Symantec. DataCentrum, which IT processing services associated with the country's state budgets, treasury, and tax, standardized on an integrated portfolio of Symantec endpoint security and encryption technologies almost a decade ago. The solution protects critical government fiscal information, mitigates new risks, and lowers the cost of government IT infrastructure security.

Budget management in Bratislava

Occupying both banks of the Danube River and as the only national capital to border two independent countries (Austria and Hungary), Bratislava is the political and economic hub of Slovakia. The city is also home to a key government institute: DataCentrum. This organization is the information center for the Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic, processing data associated with state budgets, state treasury, tax, and customs affairs.

As a key government department in Central Europe, DataCentrum operates strict rules governing threat management. However, it is a continual struggle for the organization to keep up with changes in the threat landscape, maintain adequate visibility of the IT infrastructure, and manage alerts. To this end, the organization standardized almost a decade ago on Symantec solutions.

As the chief operating officer of DataCentrum, Peter Cichra is at the forefront of safeguarding the public finances data. "DataCentrum—together with the Ministry of Finance itself—is constantly evolving and new infrastructure trends, such as mobility, virtualization and cloud-based solutions, can open up new avenues for attacks. With Symantec, DataCentrum benefits from 'edge-to-endpoint' visibility across the Slovak infrastructure. This mitigates new risks and protects our critical information."

For Cichra, one of the most important benefits of standardizing on Symantec is the knowledge that the government organization is partnering with a global leader in data security. "The breadth of the Symantec portfolio, market leadership, and the gradual evolution of the Symantec technology is what stands Symantec apart from other vendors," he says. "With such a strong security solution stack, Symantec is gathering huge amounts of threat data that cascades down into improved protection for customers like DataCentrum."

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Website: www.datacentrum.sk

Industry: Public Sector

Headquarters: Bratislava, Slovakia

SYMANTEC SOLUTIONS

Endpoint Security

Encryption

Why Symantec?

- Breadth of the Symantec portfolio and market leadership
- Evolution and development of Symantec technology
- Global intelligence gathering by Symantec results in improved protection

World-class security for government authority

Symantec Endpoint Protection¹² for example, provides best-in-class protection for some 216 Windows-based workstations and 30 servers. Introducing antivirus, antispyware, and firewall protection in one unified solution, the endpoint security solution provides the government department with world-class security. Interweaving layers of protection, including Symantec Insight and SONAR, add a sophisticated layer on protection against new and previously unknown threats.

An integrated deployment of Symantec encryption technology also enables DataCentrum to optimize and centralize its data protection. All of DataCentrum's inter-departmental email is automatically encrypted and decrypted as it is sent and received, for example, without affecting the end-user email experience. This enables the authority to improve compliance with Slovak and international policies and regulations without hindering productivity. The solution also reduces the cost of deployment and policy management.

Cost is a major issue in all of DataCentrum's affairs. Like every public sector organization, DataCentrum is looking for a security solution that blends reliability, high performance, and ease of use with low total cost of ownership. And that's exactly what Symantec Endpoint Protection and the Symantec Email Encryption solution deliver. "The great benefit to DataCentrum is that we have a suite of best-of-breed tools, from a best-in-class partner, to combat threats and maximize security," says Cichra.

SOLUTIONS AT A GLANCE

Key Challenges

- Ensure Slovak public finances secure and uninterrupted by threats
- Lower cost of data security
- Reduce complexity

Symantec Products

- Symantec™ Endpoint Protection 12.1
- Symantec™ Email Encryption

Technology Environment

- Employees: 300
- Hardware: 216 workstations running Windows XP and Windows 7
- Servers: 30 running Windows 2003 and 2008
- Applications: Domain, Web, email
- Operations systems: Win Server 2003 2008, Win XP and 7
- Data: Internal documents
- Storage: Sun, MSA1000
- Database: MySQL, Oracle

BUSINESS VALUE AND TECHNICAL BENEFITS

- Provided seamlessly integrated suite of 'edge-to-endpoint' endpoint security and encryption solutions from one vendor
- Managed new threats emerging from mobility, virtualization and cloud-based solutions
- Mitigated new risks and protected critical government information
- Lowered cost of government IT infrastructure security
- Delivered transparent encryption of email communication

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