

Technology innovator ANADIGICS closes the circuit to spyware

Mi5 Webgate keeps ANADIGICS' confidential data safe from prying eyes.

Gerry Groundwater is Vice President and Chief Information Officer of ANADIGICS, a leading manufacturer of electronic components for the broadband and wireless industries. Gerry and his staff of 18 IT professionals are tasked with keeping the company's networked computers safe from viruses, spam, and spyware.

Gerry says, "We had state-of-the-art defenses against viruses and spam, and standard desktop anti-spyware applications like Spybot and Ad-Aware. But spyware was still getting through -- and the worst part was, we didn't know where it was or how to stop it. It was a case of 'not knowing what you don't know.' We needed something that would tell us what sort of issues we had.

"Although our biggest concern was data-mining malware, we were also seeing spyware that would redirect users to different websites, etc., and in every case we'd have to go fix it. So we were getting a lot of spyware-related help desk calls, and it was impacting productivity for us and, of course, for the users."

Gerry decided to test the Mi5 Webgate unit. "We requested a demo box, and we installed it ourselves -- we found it to be an easy setup. The onscreen reports immediately identified the spyware on the network, by name, type, and severity. The Mi5 reports were very meaningful, because they showed us where the infections were, and what they were. We had all kinds -- advertising, malware, data miners -- and the accuracy of the Mi5 box for detecting them was excellent.

"When you have directors and VPs with infected machines, it has a strong bearing on why it's important to have these tools in place. The Mi5 box told us what we had, so we were able to go straight out and fix the problems."

"The Mi5 box was the last piece of the puzzle. We had the leading antivirus and anti-spam solutions and were looking for a best-of-breed answer to our spyware problem. The Webgate was it."

– Gerry Groundwater, VP and CIO, ANADIGICS



Organization

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Industry

Manufacturing

Challenge

Spyware was impairing productivity threatening ANADIGICS' corporate data. The IT group needed a way to identify existing infections, and filter new spyware before it could enter the network.

Solution

Mi5 Webgate immediately identified the spyware present on ANADIGICS' network by location, name, and type. The Mi5 Webgate now prevents spyware from entering the network, so that the IT staff no longer have to play catch-up, scrambling to remove spyware after the fact.

"If we could summarize our experience of the Mi5 Webgate with a single word, it would be: 'Easy.' Easy to set up and get working, and get what you want out of it. A lot of security products often seem unnecessarily complex. It's not that we aren't technical, but too much complexity makes it a real challenge to run an enterprise."

The Results

Groundwater says, "In regard to improving productivity, the Mi5 box has definitely done a good job. Mi5's accurate monitoring is what we were looking for – it tells us what the problems are, so we can go out and do the remediation. It's reduced our help desk calls, and it's protecting our users from troublesome and dangerous spyware."

About ANADIGICS

Founded in 1985, ANADIGICS pioneered the cost-effective, high-volume manufacture of high-performance gallium arsenide (GaAs) integrated circuits. ANADIGICS products enable high-tech manufacturers to reduce the size of their products, increase power efficiency, improve reliability, and reduce manufacturing costs. ANADIGICS is featured in more high-tech industry leaders' reference designs than any of its competitors. The company has 500+ employees, with design and application centers in Warren, NJ, Dallas, TX, Denmark, and Taipei.

About Mi5 Networks

Mi5 Networks develops secure web gateways that transparently protect organizations against web threats including malicious URLs, spyware, botnet Trojans, and viruses. The company's Webgate product line detects, blocks, and removes malware concealed in web traffic without slowing down response times. Webgate appliances eliminate lost employee productivity, clean-up costs, and data theft associated with undetected infections. Mi5 is a privately held company based in Sunnyvale, California. For more information visit: www.mi5networks.com.



Why Webgate

"I come from a school of thought in IT that you always implement full measuring, full monitoring -- but done smartly. So my approach is to look for solutions through technology, rather than adding head count, which is always more expensive. To deal with spyware, I was looking for a smart technology that would stop spyware from entering from the Internet, and tell us when we were infected, and where and how. The Mi5 Webgate is the smart tool we were looking for."

Implementation and Ease of Use of Mi5 Webgate

"We had no trouble setting up the Mi5 box. In fact, I'm unable to comment on Mi5's tech support because we've never had to call them!"

Experience Working With Mi5 Sales and Technical Teams

"From the first contact, we knew we were dealing with good people."

Benefits Realized With Webgate

"The Webgate identifies machines that are infected with spyware, and the type, so that we can alert the user and instruct them how to fix it. It's definitely improved our productivity, by reducing the number of help desk calls and hands-on remediations."