



## Customer

Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt Ltd

## Industry

Entertainment

## Website

[www.setindia.com](http://www.setindia.com)

## Netwrix Auditor Applications

Netwrix Auditor for Active Directory, Windows Server, Windows File Servers, SharePoint

## Customer Profile

Sony Pictures Networks (SPN) India (formerly Multi Screen Media Private Ltd.) is a leading television network in India and a subsidiary of Sony Corporation, which owns and operates the Sony Entertainment network of television channels. SPN comprises Sony Entertainment Television (SET), one of India's leading Hindi general entertainment television channels; MAX, India's premium Hindi movies and special events channel; MAX 2, a second Hindi movie channel showcasing great Indian cinema; SAB, a family comedy entertainment channel; PIX, an English movie channel; AXN, the leader amongst English entertainment channels; AATH, the Bangla movie channel; MIX a refreshing Hindi music channel; SIX and SONY ESPN, a cluster of sports entertainment channels; LIV, a digital entertainment channel; and SPN's Motion Pictures division (formerly MSM Motion Pictures). Sony Pictures Networks India is in its 22nd year in India.

# Sony Pictures Networks India Expects to Slash Time Spent on Audits & Compliance

## THE CHALLENGE

The IT department at SPN India has a broad set of responsibilities. First, they have to maintain the security of sensitive data, since any compromise of that data could lead to severe legal repercussions and non-compliance penalties, as well as make the headlines and taint the larger Sony brand. Second, to enable the business to run smoothly and entertain millions of viewers daily, the IT team must ensure the availability of business-critical systems like Active Directory and SharePoint. On top of that, they must pass a SOX audit every quarter, which required at many days of preparation each time. To complete these tasks more efficiently, the IT team needed to establish cross-platform monitoring of the IT environment.

## NETWRIX SOLUTION

Dinesh Vora, Associate Vice President of IT infrastructure and Security at SPN India, liked Netwrix Auditor for its single-pane-of-glass approach. "It provided a centralized view of all the systems and applications and enabled us to easily track the activity in a cross-platform way," he said. He highlighted the following tasks that his team can now perform more effectively with Netwrix Auditor:

**Tracking data manipulations.** With daily reports on access events, file modifications and deletions, as well as alerts on abnormal events, Netwrix Auditor provides clear insights into what happens on the company's file servers, so the IT staff can better manage risks to sensitive information. He said, "Having actionable audit data at hand, I can address potentially risky situations in a timely manner. Plus, given all the ransomware cases of the last year, Netwrix Auditor is extremely valuable too: It alerts the Infosec team to activity that could be a sign of crypto intrusion, such as bulk file modifications or failed access attempts, so we can step in and keep the infection from spreading."

**Achieving sustainable compliance.** Dinesh explained how he leverages the software to validate the company's ongoing compliance with SOX: "In just several minutes a day, I review reports on changes to our IT systems, as well as access and modifications to critical documents, files and many other things required by the standard." Moreover, he expects that Netwrix Auditor will reduce the time spent on both audit preparation and the audits themselves. "Before, it usually took us 5 days to gather all the information that auditors needed, plus 1-3 days to find answers to their additional questions. With Netwrix Auditor, preparations should not take more than one day, and to answer additional questions I will just run an ad-hoc query in Interactive Search — and get answers in minutes instead of days," Dinesh noted.

**Improving control over business-critical systems.** Active Directory provides authentication across the whole network and SharePoint is used for most business workflows — and Netwrix Auditor enables Dinesh to gain better control over both. He checks for changes made to Active Directory so he can immediately detect and investigate problems. As for SharePoint, he can track changes to both farm configurations and content in order to make sure that the system runs smoothly and the information there is correct.



## KEY BENEFITS

- Enhanced data security
- Ensured compliance & streamlined audits
- Minimized risk of business downtime

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*It is not possible for a human being to track and control absolutely everything that is happening across the IT environment. But Netwrix Auditor can do that. It monitors all the activity in a cross-platform way, helping my team streamline compliance and audits, ensure the security of highly sensitive information, and avoid disruptions to business operations. This software is brilliant.*

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