Netwrix Customer Success Story

Active Directory Auditing That Satisfies Requirements of Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong

CUSTOMER
Large Asia-based Hedge Fund

WEBSITE
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INDUSTRY
Banking and Finance

SOLUTION
Change Auditing, Compliance

PRODUCT
Netwrix Auditor

PROFILE

Since its founding in 2000, this Asia-based hedge fund specializing in real estate, equities and asset management has grown exponentially, now valued at over $2 billion. Under the guidance of proven managers and analysts with financial, quantitative, compliance, legal and risk management skills, the hedge fund has been able to adhere to its mission statement, which asserts a commitment to the best interest of its clients' success.

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- Joseph Chong,
IT Manager, leading Asia-based Hedge Fund

Challenge: Preventing Unauthorized Changes to Active Directory

Despite their success, the hedge fund struggled when it came to administration of the company's IT infrastructure. In order to react to certain requests of Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, the IT team needed something in place to keep track of the changes made by system administrators. "We were looking for a solution that would help us prevent unauthorized changes in Active Directory, as well as MS Exchange Server," said Chong.

"We needed something that would help us prepare for regulatory compliance audits, while also improving and simplifying our internal IT processes." Doing so would not be easy, and because the initiative was reactive, management was looking for a speedy resolution. That's when the IT department took to the Web in search of a solution for their pressing needs.

Solution: Streamlined Active Directory and Exchange Auditing Implemented in Less Than a Day

After exploring several options, the hedge fund's IT department was impressed with Netwrix, and decided to take a closer look.

"I had been searching the internet for technology that fit our requirements, and Netwrix was the only one that caught my eye," said Chong. "The main reasons were user-friendliness and ease of implementation. Since deployment, we have found that the reports are so comprehensive that even non-technical managers are able to understand them. These scheduled email reports have been particularly useful to us."

Netwrix Auditor for Active Directory has met the needs of the hedge fund's IT department by way of daily email reports that shed light on all changes made to Active Directory configurations. Reports notify the IT administrators of all changes, highlighting who made what change, when and where in Active Directory and Exchange infrastructure.

"The Netwrix sales representatives were very helpful and provided us with prompt and useful responses," Chong said. "Deployment only took me half of a day and I did not encounter any issues during the production tests. Since then, we haven't had the need for technical support."

"The cost is so affordable and the features are very useful for system administrators," Chong added. "I am happy with the decision that we made to go with Netwrix. My boss is happy with my decision too."

Proven Results: Enhanced Visibility that Prevents Unauthorized Changes

"When we implemented Netwrix Auditor for Active Directory, we got much better insight on what was happening in our Active Directory and started to detect unauthorized security-related changes proactively," Chong said. "We have prevented several major security incidents already."

Since implementing Netwrix Auditor, firm has enjoyed clear reports that make security and compliance simple. Unauthorized changes that previously posed as threats to the company are no longer dangerous because of the streamlined monitoring provided by Netwrix Auditor for Active Directory.

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About Netwrix Corporation

Netwrix Corporation is the #1 provider of change auditing software, offering the most simple, efficient and affordable IT infrastructure auditing solutions with the broadest coverage of audited systems and applications available today. Founded in 2006, Netwrix has grown to offer products that are used by more than a hundred thousand of companies worldwide. The company is headquartered in Irvine, California, with regional offices in New Jersey, Ohio, Georgia and the UK.