

Situation

Trinity Episcopal School's need for a firewall and email filtering solution that actually worked inspired them to search for a new solution for their 125 user/150 PC environment. Most of the school's users are internal. They run Microsoft Exchange and therefore needed a solution that works well alongside Microsoft products.

Cisco Pix and Symantec Mail Security for Exchange were not working well for the school. Trinity could not get support from Cisco for the Pix firewall and the Symantec appliance failed in providing what the IT department needed. Necessary and legitimate emails were frequently blocked while potentially harmful emails were let through. Significant amounts of needed email never reached destinations, creating tremendous work effort for Trinity's IT admin in locating missing emails.

Enter AccessEnforcer

Trinity Episcopal School took advantage of the evaluation period offered by Calyptix to test the AccessEnforcer™ in their environment. During their trial, they learned that AccessEnforcer fulfilled their needs. The product blocked all spam and potentially harmful elements and placed questionable emails in quarantines where they could be retrieved, if necessary, without any intervention from the administrator.

Trinity also implemented the Calyptix Mobile VPN available through AccessEnforcer (beta mode) for six or seven users and found that it is more secure and clean than their previous VPN set-up. AccessEnforcer's firewall worked much better than the firewall included in the Cisco Pix product and email filtering proved to be head and shoulders above what could be done using Symantec, as evidenced by the IT department noticing a decline in requests to find missing emails.

Implementation Details

Trinity's implementation took about four hours to remove the Cisco Pix firewall and activate all of the features on the AccessEnforcer.

Solution Statistics

Email filtering:	200% improvement
Firewall performance:	Complete turnaround
VPN performance:	100% improvement in security and cleanliness

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“ Calyptix provides a phenomenal product.

AccessEnforcer does everything they say it's going to - at a fair price point. It has been responsible for a tremendous improvement in the health and well-being of our IT environment. ”

Fred Pellechia, IT Director, Trinity Episcopal School

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