

United States Tennis Association

CUSTOMER:

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LOCATION:

Queens, NY

INDUSTRY:

Sports

SOLUTION:

iPrism Web Filter

(3 boxes, M3100 and 2 50h appliances)



"iPrism effectively protects our network and provides top-of-the-line Internet filtering that is compliant with all of our Web surfing policies, while providing detailed reporting on user online activity that we need to store in case of legal implications. It's a flexible solution that allows us to change rule sets quickly, greatly freeing up hours of unnecessary work for our IT staff."

Larry BonfanteChief Information Officer,
United States Tennis Association

Objective

Located in White Plains, NY, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the largest tennis organization in the world, promoting the sport worldwide and serving over 700,000 individuals and 7,000 organizational members. The non-profit group coordinates the US Open every year, one of the highest-profile events in the sport. The USTA hosts hundreds of visitors, athletes and media representatives requiring Internet access and provides online services to USTA staff and clients year round. In 2008, the organization provided two on-site locations for the first time in Queens, NY to cater to these needs.

Larry Bonfante, chief information officer, had a goal to partner with a leading Web filtering solutions provider to safeguard the USTA network at its on-site US Open locations open to visiting staff and media. Primarily, the IT department was also charged with finding an effective solution to detect and monitor potential gambling activity on its network during the event.

Challenge

Following increased illicit online gambling throughout the sporting industry, the USTA mandated that a Web filtering solution be put in place to proactively prevent this activity during the US Open. Specifically, the USTA wanted to block access to gambling sites to prevent unfair betting and further preserve the integrity of the sport.

The USTA's challenge was to find an easy-to-use solution that offered flexible policy management and powerful reporting tools that track and log data for legal purposes.

About St. Bernard Software

St. Bernard Software develops and markets Internet security appliances and services that empower IT professionals to effectively, efficiently and intelligently manage their enterprise's Internet-based resources. Originally founded in 1995 as a market-leader in data security with its flagship product, Open File Manager™, the company is now recognized for delivering today's #1 Web filtering and security appliance, iPrism®. With millions of end users worldwide in more than 5,000 enterprises, educational institutions, SMB, and government agencies, St. Bernard strives to deliver simple, high performance solutions that offer excellent value to our customers.

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Solution

After researching and testing several other Web filtering solutions, the USTA concluded that St. Bernard's iPrism Web Filter provided the best combination of value and performance based on its seamless integration with Active Directory. This feature allows clients to make specific override requests for authorization without third-party involvement, saving administrator time and resources.



Result

Through its partnership with St. Bernard, the USTA was able to block numerous attempts by users on its Internet network to access online gambling sites, protecting the organization from any potential conflict that could arise from inappropriate activity. In addition, St. Bernard's iPrism provided the organization with granular reporting and data, showing each user's Web surfing in real time. iPrism's tools allowed IT to quickly change and manage rule sets, saving the IT team hours of manual work each week.

About USTA

The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the US and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level – from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. It owns and operates the US Open, the largest annually attended sporting event in the world, and launched the Olympus US Open Series linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns the 94 Pro Circuit events throughout the US, and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. A not-for-profit organization with 725,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com.