

F-Secure to safeguard MacGREGOR's IT operations



The MacGREGOR Group is the global market leader in marine cargo flow solutions and service for shipowners, ship operators and shipyards. The products include hatch covers, cranes, RoRo equipment, shipboard elevators and escalators, galleys, cargo securing systems and refrigeration systems. The Group operates in over 25 major shipping and shipbuilding countries and is constantly strengthening its local presence world-wide. The service network consists of more than 50 service stations offering 24-hour service around the globe to a fleet of 13,000 ships outfitted with MacGREGOR products.

The Group has offices around the world, and has since 1995 been centralizing functions and connecting offices to a network. There is need for further standardization, antivirus protection being one of them.

At MacGREGOR everything vital is in electronic format starting from email and extending to business processing ERP (enterprise resource planning). Whole concepts of crains and safety regulations are also designed electronically.

Why F-Secure?

To fully secure an entire corporate network from viruses, protection needs to be deployed at every point of the network. F-Secure Anti-Virus Total Suite includes antivirus products to safeguard workstations, file servers, e-mail servers and firewalls, all centrally manageable with one easy-to-use management solution, F-Secure Policy Manager.

"Initially decided to go for another supplier; based on price and globality of organisation," says Kimmo Lumme, Systems Expert. "A more extensive pilot phase, however, gave results that were not so good. We found in F-Secure a solution of solid quality at a good cost."

The e-mail scanning feature was very important for MacGREGOR, as most malware today spreads through e-mail. If a virus enters the corporate network, fighting against it can be very costly, difficult and time consuming. Virus infections often cause big financial losses due to network disruptions, decreased productivity, corrupted data and leaks of confidential data. Also, the company reputation can be in danger if it spreads viruses to its business associates.

The third important factor in MacGREGOR's choice of supplier was support and the service level. IT personnel is located only at the bigger offices. Therefore, the fact that F-Secure has trained IT staff was critical. "You need to trust that the system functions, so that you do not become paranoid when e-mails arrive," Kimmo Lumme continues.

Facts-at-a-glance

Customer: MacGREGOR Group
Industry: Marine Cargo Flow solutions
Utilized Product: F-Secure Anti-Virus Total Suite
Users: approx. 1,000

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