



We tested three solutions in our environment for a month and made our choice after the test session was complete. IronPort was the clear winner.



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Regional Bank's Investment in Email Security Pays Handsome Dividends

SITUATION

Personalized customer care is the cornerstone of 1st National Bank's relationship banking strategy. To continue building these relationships, the Arizona-based bank needed a secure, easily managed email system to meet current challenges and long-range demands. Backed by Chairman and CEO Ray Lamb's three decades of banking and mortgage experience, the bank has leveraged its customer care philosophy in a highly competitive marketplace. In support of its growth, the bank has placed a premium on protecting its email environment as well as the interests and confidentiality of its clients with the industry's best anti-spam, anti-virus and encryption resources.

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1ST NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA AT A GLANCE

Headquarters: Scottsdale, Arizona
 Services: Business and personal deposit and loan products with banking charters in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and California
 Employees: 1,800

THE IRONPORT ADVANTAGE

- Powerful, first line of defense for Exchange™ servers
- Virus Outbreak Filters and Reputation Filters for threat protection at network perimeter
- LDAP integration with active directories
- Robust, multi-layer, multi-vendor platform
- Manageability, scalability and reliability

TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

1st National Bank's email network required a first line of defense for its internal Exchange servers and easy manageability to service in-house constituencies, including its information security group. To meet these objectives the bank looked to replace its existing system with a new solution.

"We needed a solution that was easy to configure, had good reporting capability, and that provided a clear road map of where we are and where we were heading with our network," said Jason Wright, AVP, Technology Manager IT Engineering. Wright and his team analyzed their options and selected three solutions providers for one and half months of intensive in-house testing. Among that group was the IronPort C30. "The trial results were conclusive: IronPort was the clear winner," said Wright.

THE IRONPORT SOLUTION

The IronPort C30 delivers on its promise of comprehensive, centralized email security by eliminating threats posed by spam, viruses, DoS attacks, false positives, misdirected bounces and phishing attacks, while enabling users to scan content for policy enforcement and encrypted messages.

Virus Outbreak Filters

The Ironport C30 meets 1st National Bank's preventive security demands with the unmatched performance of its Virus Outbreak Filters, which shield the bank's network from dangerous infections at the initial outbreak stage. Drawing on the power of SenderBase®, the industry's largest, email traffic monitoring network, the Virus Outbreak Filters detect viruses in real-time as they begin to propagate – often up to 41 hours before reactive anti-virus vendors publish signatures. Suspicious mail is seamlessly quarantined and re-scanned through traditional anti-virus solutions once update signatures are in place.

“LDAP Active directory integration, preventive Virus Outbreak Filters and, the ability to integrate with best-of-breed encryption technology in the future were all very crucial to our decision and we are a 100% satisfied with the IronPort C30”

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LDAP Active Directory Integration

With 1st National Bank's previous email solution, linking notifications, drops and quarantines to its LDAP groups required cumbersome, time-intensive management. With the Ironport C30, the bank can create and execute policies on the fly by providing technology professionals, who were completely removed from the email network, enhanced ability to leverage the system with little administrative overhead.

A Best-of-Breed Solution

The IronPort C30 provides 1st National Bank with multi-vendor, multi-layer email security solution that integrates best-of-breed technology components including anti-spam, anti-virus, encryption, digital rights management and archiving technologies. This unique alliance in a single, integrated platform gives 1st National Bank a comprehensive resource that eliminates the hassles associated with deploying a variety of point solutions from multiple security vendors, or sub-optimal proprietary solutions from one vendor.



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ABOUT IRONPORT SYSTEMS

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