

How Stadtwerke Dinslaken Secures Its Fleet of Employee Mobile Devices



INDUSTRY

Energy & Utilities

HEADQUARTERS

Dinslaken, Germany

COMPANY SIZE

400 employees

OVERVIEW

Stadtwerke Dinslaken (SD) is one of Germany's largest electricity, water, gas and heat providers.

CHALLENGE

As part of Germany's critical infrastructure, SD is subject to strict regulatory requirements. To avoid service interruptions and potential regulatory penalties, SD must maintain the highest data security standard. Of the vast ecosystem of connected devices that keep daily operations running smoothly, its fleet of employee smartphones, supplied by Everphone, a Check Point partner, is among the most critical. Because mobile phones are mostly unmanaged, achieving the same security posture as other corporate devices, such as laptop or desktop machines, can be difficult.

OUR SOLUTION



Harmony

Secure Users & Access

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Benjamin Wiehn, IT Director, SD, and his team of dedicated security professionals who oversee the firm's IT and OT (operational technology) systems needed a solution that would improve the security hygiene of employee mobile devices while fitting within his budgetary and staffing constraints. Efficiency and availability are of the utmost importance for an infrastructure company like SD, making it critical for the solution to fit seamlessly within its architecture. "We are looking for solutions that are easy to implement, easy to maintain and have very low impact on user experience," said Wiehn.

SOLUTION

When Everphone told Wiehn about their partnership with Check Point, he was immediately interested. SD had already implemented Everphone's 'zero touch for IT' approach with its initial rollout, so adding Check Point Harmony Mobile to the IT stack was a logical next step. "With the seamless integration from Check Point into the existing mobile device management solution, we were able to take this [zero touch] approach one step further and even include security for our devices without a single click made by IT," said Wiehn. Check Point pushed all security configurations directly to each device during rollout, and a wide array of actionable security findings were immediately visible within the intuitive dashboard.

With a wealth of security features that provide comprehensive protection from known and zero-day attacks, Check Point Harmony Mobile helps SD keep its critical infrastructure online and maintain compliance with business-critical regulatory frameworks like GDPR. "This brings desktop-class IT security to mobile devices for the first time," said Wiehn. "I was really amazed to see what Check Point makes possible even on Apple devices — things like preventative network security, zero-day phishing protection, URL filtering, safe browsing or even sandboxing." With Check Point Harmony Mobile's powerful features, intelligence database and artificial intelligence (AI) engines, Wiehn can quarantine and prevent malicious code from reaching his organization's digital environment.

OUTCOME

Check Point Harmony Mobile has exceeded Wiehn's expectations with its easy implementation, reliable threat prevention and light touch. "The best thing is, there is close to no impact on user experience," he said. "When we did a first trial with a test group, we rolled out a few devices, and most of the employees didn't even know that we were adding an extra layer of security to their devices — because there is no user impact. And this is exactly how IT security should work." Wiehn and his team saw immediate results. Within minutes of enrolling the first devices in the Check Point Harmony dashboard, Wiehn saw an alert for an unknown vulnerability in an app SD uses. "It was pretty amazing that these things worked so fast," he said.

Best of all, Check Point Harmony Mobile allows SD to meet its organizational security and compliance goals while also respecting its employees' privacy. "It was really important for us that Check Point complies with German GDPR laws — and for me, more importantly, that it entrusts the privacy of our employees," said Wiehn. Thanks to SD's partnership with Check Point and Everphone, the firm's employees can now benefit from world-class security features when using their business mobile phones — all while maintaining the privacy of their personal communications, application use and web browsing. "With the smartphones provided by Everphone and the security provided by Check Point Harmony, our employees are protected — no matter what they're doing for the business or in their private lives," he said.

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