

Conservas El Cidacos S.A. turns to Barracuda CloudGen Firewall for Security, Reliability, and Easy-to-Use Centralized Management



Profile

- Conservas El Cidacos S.A.
- Headquarters in Autol La Rioja, Spain with locations around the world
- 250 Employees

Challenges

- Hard to manage disparate products across distributed network
- Needed comprehensive analysis and reporting capabilities

Solutions

- Barracuda CloudGen Firewall
- Barracuda Firewall Control Center
- Barracuda Instant Replacement

Results

- Highly reliable and secure distributed network with centralized management
- Complete protection from cyber threats
- Complete visibility of all network communication
- Comprehensive reports

About Conservas El Cidacos S.A.

Since its founding in 1940, the Spanish company, Conservas El Cidacos has been providing the highest quality canned and jarred vegetables. The group's goal is to achieve complete customer satisfaction, which requires fresh raw materials. The company needed to expand to areas with the best produce to achieve optimal quality. Cidacos international added several locations in Peru and China to their locations in Spain to ensure a fresh supply of raw materials.

The Problem

The main issue IT Manager, Francisco Garcia was struggling with was not the size of the company, but its widely distributed network of warehouses and manufacturing plants. The systems in place (NetScreen, Juniper, Microsoft ISA Server Firewall, and WebSense) worked as intended but evolving requirements concerning management capabilities, Quality of Service, user awareness, and application control required an integrated, more robust solution be put in place.

The Search

Conservas El Cidacos' research included almost all leading brands. Some brands offered reasonable feature sets and performance but at very high investment costs. Others came with affordable pricing but lacked essential features and/or acceptable performance. Conservas El Cidacos was already familiar with Barracuda since it's been a Barracuda customer since 2007 when it implemented the Barracuda SSL VPN. Over the years, it added the Barracuda Message Archiver, the Barracuda Link Balancer, and the Barracuda Load Balancer ADC. Now, Garcia decided to add the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall as well.

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IT Manager
Conservas El Cidacos

About the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall

Barracuda CloudGen Firewalls feature advanced security capabilities, including integrated Intrusion Prevention (IPS), URL filtering and antivirus to identify and block evasion attempts that would trick traditional systems. Barracuda's security extends beyond a network to Barracuda's Advanced Threat Protection (ATP) cloud for both statistical and sandboxing analysis of zero-day and targeted threats that routinely bypass signature-based IPS and antivirus engines.



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The Decision

According to Garcia, the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall test deployment returned very good results and offered high reliability. The VPN capabilities, Quality of Service features, and high availability option, and affordable price made the decision to go with the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall and ditch their previous inefficient, multi-vendor approach, easy. Another reason for choosing the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall was the dedicated support provided by the award-winning Barracuda Customer Support Team based in Austria. And, Garcia adds, "One of the advantages of the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall is the consistent functionality over all model sizes and the performance of the hardware."

The Project

As a first step, Cidacos improved their intranet by adding central management and VPN. Additionally, Quality of Service levels for applications and protocols were implemented. Finally, the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall were rolled out in each factory, warehouse, and headquarters to secure the internal VLANs and add Application Control. Implementing URL filtering and SSL inspection, as well as, securing the perimeter, concluded the project. Garcia summarizes the deployment: "Any issue was solved in a smooth and quick way."

The Benefits

The centralized management via the Barracuda Firewall Control Center, as well as, the real-time analysis and high availability across the entire distributed network was key for Conservas El Cidacos. This, in combination with the scalability of a next-generation firewall deployment, the extensive options, the analysis tools, comprehensive reporting, and the unrivaled BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) capabilities made it clear the decision to implement the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall and the Barracuda Firewall Control Center was the right one.

"The hardware refresh program available with the Barracuda Instant Replacement subscription is definitely worth going for. Along with providing replacement units in case of equipment failures, it provides ongoing migration to the latest hardware platforms after four years at no additional cost," says Garcia.

To learn more about the Barracuda CloudGen Firewall or to request a free 30-day evaluation unit, please call us at 1-408-342-5400, or visit www.barracuda.com/products/cloud-generation-firewalls.

Barracuda CloudGen Firewall

Fast Facts

- Integrated next-generation security
- Full SD-WAN capabilities included
- Full user/group awareness
- Full application visibility and granular access control
- Advanced Threat Protection (incl. sandboxing)
- Built-in web security and IDS/IPS
- Connection-friendly and robust VPN
- QoS and link balancing
- Industry-leading central management

About Barracuda Networks, Inc.

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