

Fin-tech innovator streamlines configuration management

A “cloud-first” financial startup installs peace of mind in 30 minutes

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Making sense of the madness

As cloud deployments grow more diverse and service-intensive, the task of ensuring secure and compliant policy configuration has grown extremely complex. As a result, Gartner projects that misconfigurations will be responsible for 80 percent of all security breaches within the next two years.

For a cloud-native company like FinLocker—which offers a feature-rich, cloud-delivered platform to simplify and secure transactions between lenders and consumers—this represents an increasingly acute challenge.

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Profile

- Provides a white-box, online secure transactions platform to help lenders do business with consumers.
- Founded in 2014 and headquartered in Clayton, Missouri
- ~50 employees

Challenges

- Adding an extra layer of protection for an all-public-cloud platform.
- Protecting sensitive company and consumer finance information
- Adopting a next-generation cloud security system to automatically configure, detect, and prevent cloud attacks, data loss, and hackers

Solution

Barracuda Cloud Security Guardian

Results

- 30-minute installation with no further special training required
- Automatically analyzed entire cloud deployment across multiple infrastructures, and recommended predefined policy configurations that are easy to customize.

“The security of our customers’ data is absolutely critical to our success and reputation, along with those of our customers,” says Jamie Adams, technical operations manager for FinLocker. “So we needed an extra layer of protection beyond what Azure was already doing. We needed a solution that could enhance our monitoring and further optimize our existing security configurations within Azure.”

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No news is good news

To get started, Adams participated in a 30-minute setup call with Barracuda. “That was it,” he says. “After that, I already started getting feedback on my predefined policies and am able to make improvements or fix any overlooked configurations.”

Now Adams says he’s tweaking Cloud Security Guardian’s settings to help him get the most from the platform. “But I haven’t required a single support call,” he says. “Everything is very easy to use and follow. I’ve used Barracuda support in the past and they were very responsive and supportive. But I haven’t had to use them with Cloud Security Guardian so far.”

And that’s as it should be. The software discovers and analyzes a company’s entire cloud deployment and lays it out graphically—even if a deployment straddles multiple cloud infrastructures. From there, it recommends appropriate predefined policy frameworks, while also letting Adams create customized policy settings that best suit his company’s business and security objectives.

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