Ransomware can’t stop the presses at La Sentinelle

Malwarebytes prevents business disruption from advanced threats

Business profile

Founded in 1963, La Sentinelle Ltd is the leading media group in Mauritius. Its activities span media, printing, distribution, and logistics regionally and internationally. After ransomware disrupted operations for one of the company’s primary divisions, La Sentinelle added another layer of endpoint protection with Malwarebytes.

Business challenge

Turning the page on ransomware

More than one million people rely on La Sentinelle’s publications for information each week. The company produces more than 30 print titles and online sites, as well as specialized books such as manuals and textbooks. La Sentinelle’s printing division provides commercial, industrial, and flexography printing services for everything from magazines to packaging and wraparound labeling. La Sentinelle also owns part of a leading logistics company, simplifying distribution and delivery for its printing and media products.

Recently, ransomware infected a main server and interrupted operations. Mr. Lareine’s team had to disconnect all of the connected endpoints and conduct an investigation to isolate the source. Once they tracked down the ransomware, they had to re-image the server and bring the network back up. The entire process took two days and stopped one of the divisions from doing business.

“The Symantec antivirus solution did not detect ransomware,” said Eddy Lareine, IT Project Manager for La Sentinelle. “We were able to mitigate the impact, but the ransomware attack made it clear that we needed more protection on our endpoints.”

OVERVIEW

INDUSTRY
Media

BUSINESS CHALLENGE
Eliminate downtime associated with ransomware and other malware

IT ENVIRONMENT
Symantec antivirus, layered enterprise security

SOLUTION
Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection

RESULTS
Stopped ransomware infections
Prevented infections from malicious websites
Simplified endpoint protection deployment and management

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The solution

Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection
Mr. Lareine began looking for a solution that could stop ransomware and simultaneously work with the company’s Symantec antivirus solution. He considered Malwarebytes, Sophos, and Check Point. After several tests, the company chose Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection.

Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection uses multiple layers of technology to address advanced threats that leverage different attack vectors and techniques. With PCs and Macs to protect, Mr. Lareine liked the fact that he could protect all systems with a single, cloud-based solution.

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After a short consult with Malwarebytes, Mr. Lareine deployed Malwarebytes to the company’s endpoints. In almost two days, 75% of all endpoints—desktop PCs, laptops, Macs, Windows servers, and the virtual server environment—were protected. Systems that had been powered off were immediately protected when they came back online.

Identifies and stops multiple threats
Since Malwarebytes was deployed, La Sentinelle has not experienced any ransomware infections. Malwarebytes detects and blocks ransomware before it can encrypt files.

“Malwarebytes also prevents our users from accessing compromised websites,” said Mr. Lareine. “It’s great. Before Malwarebytes, we had systems become infected by malicious websites. Now these threats are identified and blocked before they can infect our systems.”

It fits right in
With all endpoints, including Macs and servers, covered by one solution, Mr. Lareine can manage them quickly and easily through the cloud console. At a glance, he can see and remediate any infections without affecting users. Even when laptops are not connected to the network, they are protected through the cloud.

“Malwarebytes fits right into our environment,” said Mr. Lareine. “It’s simple to deploy and manage, it runs smoothly without affecting users, and I don’t have to manage on-premises equipment. And, of course, it works.”

Malwarebytes proactively protects people and businesses against dangerous threats such as malware, ransomware and exploits that escape detection by traditional antivirus solutions. Malwarebytes completely replaces antivirus with artificial intelligence-powered technology that stops cyberattacks before they can compromise home computers and business endpoints. Learn more at www.malwarebytes.com.