

PROTECT YOUR NETWORK

CHALLENGES

★ How to Control and Secure Your Network

A lot of people out there are working tirelessly, day and night, on creating computer viruses and ways to break into your IT network. You really want to be in control of your IT security measures to ensure that there is an adequate level of security in place at all time.

★ How to Limit the Resource Usage in Your Network

Dealing with the viruses, attacks and other threats require a fair bit of processing from the equipment that does the job. Your servers, PCs and other equipment have a lot to do and are better off not struggling with security scans and processes.

★ How to Reduce Operating Expenditure

The security solutions in your infrastructure need to be managed and monitored - their security subscriptions need to be up-to-date, the latest firmwares installed, the logs checked to verify that status is ok, and so on. If this is not done in an effective way your operating expenditure may grow dramatically to cover the efforts and maintenance costs.

ANSWERS

Unified Threat Management (UTM) is a way to combine several security measures in one cost effective solution. It is typically one appliance that can protect against viruses, spam, hacker attacks and more at the Internet gateway of your infrastructure. There are numerous UTM solutions out there and your requirements will determine what to go for.

★ Unified Security Provides More Control and Security

By not having your security solutions spread around in your infrastructure, you gain more control by having less to manage. Having a unified solution also makes it easier to manage the overall security situation with the benefit of a smaller chance of security holes.

★ Centralised Security Offloads Your Network

A UTM solution at the gateway will offload the rest of your infrastructure dealing with viruses, spam, attacks etc. Email spam traffic alone can be enough to eat up a significant portion of your network's bandwidth and make your server work overtime.

★ UTM Reduces Operating Expenditure

A UTM solution can give you significant savings in terms of both capital and operating expenditures. They are cost effective solutions that are easy to manage and maintain in comparison with distributed systems. Professional IT skills are expensive, so less effort required will give significant savings. A distributed system also implies more license agreements and other operational cost items, which can be reduced by having a smarter solution in place.

