



AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition Delivers Rock Solid, Easy to Manage Protection for US Construction Firm



“ *AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition is a great product. If you are looking for a dependable, full featured anti-virus solution, with centralized management, that is easy to configure, AVG is a great option. You can have it installed and up and running across your domain in just a few hours.*

Jim Sisco, Network Administrator, R&O Construction.



CUSTOMER PROFILE

Client: R&O Construction

Industry: Construction

Country: USA

Location: Ogden, Utah

Users: 150+

Web site: www.randoco.com

AVG solution: AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition

BUSINESS PROFILE

Founded in 1980, R&O Construction is one of the top five general construction contractors in the state of Utah, and one of the top ranked contractors nationally.

IT ENVIRONMENT

Eight HP BladeSystem, servers, 20 desktops and workstations, approximately 130 laptops and other mobile computing devices; Cisco switches and routers; Cisco VOIP lines; VMware's server virtualization solutions.

THE CHALLENGE

- Large number of laptops and mobile devices in use remotely.
- Increase in the number of security threats infecting the company's IT infrastructure.
- Existing solution overtaxing both system and human resources.

THE SOLUTION

AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition

- Ease of configuration, deployment, and management.
- Single solution for protection against viruses, spyware, rootkits and other malware.
- Unique real-time protection against poisoned websites and infected IM file transfers.
- Central management and monitoring makes ongoing administration simple.
- Updates can be performed centrally on all clients and scheduled according to specific requirements.



The Situation

Founded in 1980, R&O Construction is one of the top five general construction contractors in the state of Utah and a top-ranked contractor nationally. The company is headquartered in Ogden, Utah, has a regional office in Las Vegas, Nevada and operates throughout the Western United States.

R&O employs 150 people, of whom 100 are based at the company's headquarters in Ogden. A further 10 are based in the Las Vegas office, and 40 are working remotely at client construction projects at any given time.

All of the company's IT needs are supported by network administrator Jim Sisco and one other IT professional operating out of the Ogden offices. The IT team is responsible for the smooth operation of eight servers, 20 desktops used primarily by administrative staff, and around 130 laptops used by the project managers, estimators, marketing and sales teams, and individuals operating on site at client projects. The network infrastructure of Cisco switches and routers and Cisco VoIP lines also need to be running smoothly at all times. In the last two years, the IT team has deployed VMware's server virtualization solutions to enable a leaner and more flexible IT infrastructure.

R&O's software applications include project management, construction imaging, archiving, compliance, the full Microsoft suite including Exchange Server, and Citrix Metaframe for external access. The company also operates a secure web server which hosts customer specific microsites containing up-to-date job-site photographs, catalogs known safety issues, and keeps customers informed on project progress.

The Challenge

Security and intrusion protection have always been a top priority for R&O, particularly given the large number of laptops and mobile devices in use. Sisco, who has been with R&O since 1997, has been closely involved with the evolution and growth of the company's IT infrastructure, and in recent years has seen a rapid increase in the number of threats to the security of the company's IT infrastructure.

Symantec's Norton Anti-Virus had been the company's anti-virus solution of choice for many years but, over time, Sisco had grown increasingly frustrated with the product. As half of a two-person team, he was acutely aware of the amount of time IT had to devote to ensuring that the company's anti-virus protection was working effectively.

"Symantec's product was getting more bloated with every version, which was causing a growing number of performance problems for client systems and it became more and more time-consuming to upgrade. These problems began to impact our estimating system, getting in the way of our ability to respond to clients with new and updated project estimates in a timely manner."

Not surprisingly, Sisco decided it was time for a change, and so he began to lay out plans for a replacement to the Symantec installation.

The Solution

With just two people supporting the IT needs of 150 employees, R&O's new security solution needed to be low-maintenance, manageable remotely, and non-intrusive for users. And, of course, Sisco had to be able to depend on the product to catch viruses before they became a problem that required significant manual intervention.

The first product put to the test was Kaspersky Anti-Virus, a solution with a great reputation for catching viruses. But the administrative interface appeared overly complex.

"The admin console interface in the Kaspersky product was far from intuitive, and was going to require a high degree of hands-on configuration. We simply did not have time to manage that level of complexity in a product."

Then Sisco learned from a colleague that AVG had a network product. Sisco had been using AVG's Internet Security at home for some time, but he was not aware the company had a business version. Given his familiarity and existing level of trust for AVG security software, he went ahead and downloaded a 30-day trial version of AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition from the company's website. Sisco was so impressed that, within an hour, he was pushing the trial product out to R&O's client systems.



Why AVG?

- 110 million business and home users worldwide
- 1 million more users every month
- Trusted by the world's most demanding businesses
- Comprehensive business protection – file server, email server, workstation
- Multi-award winning performance
- Engineered for no-compromise protection that is easy to live with
- Unique LinkScanner® technology delivers real-time protection
- Comprehensive support and service.



“During our evaluation of AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition, I was hugely impressed with its ease of configuration, and the smooth deployment to my client desktops,” says Sisco. “I could get a lot of information about the security status of my client desktops through the remote administration console, and fix anything I needed to fix without having to visit any individual machine. Clearly AVG could bring us significant economies of time.”

The Experience

Today, AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition provides R&O with a robust solution for protection against viruses, spyware, rootkits, and other malware. Its WebShield and LinkScanner modules also protect against online threats from infected instant-message file exchanges and malicious websites – scanning for threats before they can be inadvertently downloaded onto a user’s PC and spread across the network. This capability was particularly important with the large number of staff R&O had working remotely on construction sites as they were spending more time on the Internet than office-based users in the course of their work.

But it was AVG’s unified administration console that was the key for Sisco. It provides centralized management and monitoring, making monitoring and maintenance a simple background task. The console enables Sisco and his colleague to remotely deploy, update, and configure AVG across the network without the need to visit individual desktops. With access to a continuous overview of the security status of all client machines, Sisco can centrally control and modify AVG client settings as needed.

To keep the protection at a high level, updates can be performed centrally on all clients and conveniently scheduled according to R&O’s specific requirements. AVG also enables full support for automatic updates for remote staff, even when they are disconnected from the network. Sisco can even run control tests on remote workstations if there is a potential problem, and target a virus update to a specific machine or group of machines. Sisco also likes the graphical reports AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition generates that show a summary of the clients’ security status, clients exhibiting the highest potential infection rates – indicating that additional training may be required – and other reports that can help to justify the software to management.

In the two months following the initial deployment of AVG Anti-Virus Network Edition, R&O has not had a single infection problem and Sisco has not had to place a single call to AVG support.

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A strategy of closely matching product and support to the real world needs of both business and home has rewarded AVG with more than 110 million active users worldwide. A multitude of awards and the recommendation of experts in business protection bear testament to the benefits of the AVG approach.

AVG Business Edition products support all the major operating systems and platforms and cover email, file servers and workstations. This range is distributed globally through a carefully selected reseller base and directly via the web.

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