

An AVG Anti-Virus Solution for Immanuel Broadcasting Network



For Immanuel Broadcasting Network (IBN), keeping the organization's computer systems up and running virus-free is top priority.

"We have computer systems that are mission critical — meaning if they go down, we go off the air. And that's just not an option," says Billy Williams, Systems Administrator in charge of maintaining all of IBN's technology.

IBN's Challenge

IBN is a network of radio stations located in northwest Georgia, northeast Alabama, and southeast Tennessee. Headquartered in Cartersville, GA, the noncommercial organization began broadcasting from a single small, 100-watt station in January 1983. Today, IBN broadcasts across the region via satellite to a potential listening audience of several million.

IBN was one of the first radio stations to broadcast live on the Internet, in 1996. Today, virtually every operation uses computer systems, from on-air signal broadcasting to playing programs and music, to traditional back office functions such as accounting.

Williams is in charge of all technology except the transmitters — including everything from the mission-critical on-air systems, to the telephones, to everyday office systems and equipment. In addition to auxiliary generators and battery backup for the various systems, virus protection is crucial.

"In today's environment, you need to be sure that your systems won't catch a virus from a trusted source," Williams says. "Otherwise, an employee could check e-mail and unknowingly unleash a virus that could potentially knock us right off the air."

Finding the Solution

For years, Williams used Norton anti-virus software (various versions), both personally and at the office. At IBN, the most recent version license was about to run out, and Williams wanted to find an alternative.

"I found that Norton's software was cumbersome to use on our systems, some of which are older," says Williams.

"Keeping everything up to date and running the same way, correctly, was proving to be a nuisance."

After a friend recommended Grisoft AVG Anti-Virus software, Williams did some research and he found a free version of the software online.

"I downloaded the free version of AVG Anti-Virus to my laptop, just to try it, and was immediately impressed," he says. "Right away, AVG Anti-Virus detected a virus in an old file on my system that Norton had failed to identify. It made me even more insecure about the competitor's product — and very confident in AVG." He was also impressed by AVG's easy installation and small footprint.

Benefits of AVG Anti-Virus

Williams purchased the Network Edition of AVG Anti-Virus for IBN and installed the software on all 22 of the organization's Windows 2000 and Windows XP systems. "The installation was quick and painless — probably as easy an install as any I've done in 20 years in the computer industry," he says.

Williams praises AVG Anti-Virus for its:

- Control Center — a user-friendly interface he uses to centrally customize and administer the software for all of IBN
- Seamless interface with IBN's e-mail program — protecting a primary point of entry for viruses
- Fast scanning — two or three times faster than what IBN had previously with a competitor's software
- Virus Vault — a capability that isolates suspicious files for evaluation and action (delete/heal/restore)
- Fast, seamless update process — helping to make sure that the virus definitions are always up to date, automatically as well as on demand

Williams is so impressed with AVG Anti-Virus that he has taken every opportunity to recommend the product. "One friend tried the free version at home and had the same experience I did — the software immediately found a virus that another software program missed.

"So with AVG Anti-Virus shielding IBN's network, I'm confident that we have the best technology at work for us, covering every angle," Williams says.

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