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Our experience with this group has been more than satisfactory and yes they did sign off on any legal disclosures and security policies we have at the bank. We have used them for close to two years and see no reason to bring this particular part of security back internally.

But you're right it will vary greatly company to company but that seems to be true of anything in this business.

-----Original Message-----

From: Strand, John (Mission Systems) [mailto:John.Strand@ngc.com]

Sent: Friday, January 07, 2005 3:19 PM

To: Jamie Fullerton

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Subject: RE: suggestions for proxy server to run on w2003 box.. :VSMail mx3

Oh god no.

It can be a big (and very expensive) pain in the ass.

I have been in this situation before at one of the client sites I worked at.

If there were any changes that needed to be made you had to call the company, wait on hold, then describe the change you needed to make to a help center then wait for someone to get back to you. Many times the person who was making the change was not a security or networking expert and made the situation worse. And no, this was not some small fly by night security outfit.

People who offer this type of service often tell you that you will get prompt, expert service instantly. And, maybe some providers actually do provide prompt, expert service, but I have yet to see or hear about it.

What is worse is that they may start out great. They are jonny-on-the-spot will all your security needs and desires. But companies change...

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Finally, can you completely trust their company? I know they will say you can. But can you? Did their employees sign off on your rules of behavior? Is their network secure? Remember that you are basically handing off the keys to your kingdom to a bunch of unknown individuals.

If cost is an issue there are great open source resources. In the long run it may be cheaper to train someone to manage it internally.

This is strictly my opinion based on one bad experience and a few stories. But, sitting their on hold while my client's network was vulnerable gave me allot of time to think.

john

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From: Jamie Fullerton [mailto:Jamie.Fullerton@ndbt.com]

Sent: Friday, January 07, 2005 12:07 PM

To: focus-ms@securityfocus.com

Subject: RE: suggestions for proxy server to run on w2003 box.. :VSMail mx2

Good morning,

Would the possibility of outsourcing your company's firewall be viable? Currently our company uses a group called MessageSecure Corporation to handle our major firewall and proxy services. They ship us a firewall/proxy device (Unix based I believe) to put on site and it generates reports that we may monitor. Their group also monitors performance and alert us to any suspicious activity via cell phone or email.

-Jamie

-----Original Message-----

From: Murad Talukdar [mailto:talukdar_m@subway.com]

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To: focus-ms@securityfocus.com

Subject: suggestions for proxy server to run on w2003 box.. :VSMail mx2

Hi, I was hoping I could get some suggestions as to what kind of proxy server would be best to use to control access (as well as be used as proxy server) for sharing a 2Mb connection. We have a LAN with 30-40 users and need to control 10-15 of them to the point of only allowing certain sites.

I was thinking of loading it onto a W2003 box.

I was thinking ISA but not sure if I can convince bean counters of the benefit.

Thanks

Kind Regards
Murad Talukdar

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