



AVG Anti-Virus



AVG LINUX FILLS GATEWAY PROTECTION GAP AT THE RNIB

The Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) is the UK's leading charity offering information, support and advice to over two million people with sight problems. With the RNIB's help and support, each year thousands of people devastated by sight loss are able to start rebuilding their lives. The charity's pioneering work provides imaginative and practical solutions to everyday challenges for anyone with a sight problem.

RNIB has an extensive computer network spread over more than 30 sites across Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England. From its hub at RNIB's National Customer Service Centre in Peterborough the network supports more than 1,000 employees and volunteers. A variety of Microsoft products provide the main applications on the charity's servers. All Internet-facing systems are Linux-based.

Linux was selected partly for its perceived robustness in comparison to Microsoft operating systems but principally for reasons of cost. As a charity, RNIB is keen to save costs wherever practical. Linux is open source, hence low cost, plus it can run on less powerful servers. Some of RNIB's older servers that are no longer powerful enough to run Microsoft operating systems, still have the ability to run Linux.

RNIB was running an antivirus product on its desktops and mail servers. The problem, however, was that the gateway server had no virus protection. The network receives one virus-infected e-mail every two minutes. However, it is not uncommon for this to rise to more than 1,000 infected e-mails per day. The RNIB was effectively relying on the desktop antivirus product and even end-user vigilance to distinguish between legitimate and infected attachments.

In early 2004, the RNIB decided to improve network protection by blocking incoming viruses at the gateway. In addition, RNIB's legal team was particularly keen that all emails sent from the organisation should be virus free. AVG was selected on account of its effectiveness and, just as importantly for the RNIB, its ability to support Linux. The charity decided that all email - incoming and outbound - would be routed through the gateway server where it could be scanned by AVG. After a very short period of configuration and testing, the RNIB introduced the enhanced protection into operation.

With the RNIB's use of AVG now well into its second year, the charity is delighted with the protection afforded. Les Thorley, the RNIB's Corporate Network Security Manager, enthused, "AVG fulfills our specific need. The software bears the brunt of the e-mail scanning load and, moreover, it does it very well. It is extremely effective in preventing viruses entering our network. In my opinion, it would be very difficult to find a more cost-effective antivirus solution than AVG."

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KEY BENEFITS OF AVG:

RELIABILITY:

The dependable AVG Anti-Virus Linux Email Server Edition employs a network of thousands of high-speed servers located around the world to ensure regular virus discovery searches and timely delivery of virus signatures and program updates.

LOW SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

AVG is extremely efficient in terms of processing overheads and users are generally unaware of the software having any impact on the responsiveness of their applications.

COMPETITIVE PRICING:

AVG UK is committed to providing competitively-priced antivirus protection and has a growing reputation among users for delivering excellent value for money.

ACCESSIBLE TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

Friendly, professional technical support is available via telephone Monday to Friday, 8.30 am–5 pm and via email 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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