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How the Council of Cádiz Transformed its Security Management and Service Delivery

INDUSTRY	HEADQUARTERS	COMPANY SIZE
Government	Cádiz, Spain	44 Municipalities

OVERVIEW

The Council of Cádiz is the public administration organization responsible for providing services to 44 municipalities in the province of Cádiz. The Council delivers services directly to citizens as well as technical, economic and service coordination support to each municipality.

OUR SOLUTION

Quantum
Secure the Network

CHALLENGE

Within the Council of Cádiz, the Provincial Information Company of Cádiz manages all information and communication technologies. It is also responsible for cybersecurity, user training and awareness, and auditing compliance with the Esquema Nacional de Seguridad (ENS) — Spain's national framework for building trust in the provision of electronic services and ensuring the security of data and services. The company also provides security support to local councils in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents.

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As the global cyber threat landscape continued to evolve, the company's previous firewall could no longer keep pace. The security team lacked visibility and the ability to easily manage security solutions, threats and remediation. "We needed effective protection for today's threats," said Juan Manuel Camacho, technical unit leader for cybersecurity at the Provincial Information Company of Cádiz. "We also needed visibility across our entire network and a unified way to manage our entire security posture, including SIEM integration."

SOLUTION

With these requirements in mind, the security team evaluated several vendors and ultimately chose Check Point. "Check Point has all the capabilities — and more — of other solutions," said Antonio Galán, technical director, Provincial Information Company of Cádiz. "Not only is it at the top of the Gartner Magic Quadrant for firewalls, it was also more price-competitive."

The company relies on Check Point Quantum Maestro Hyperscale Network Security for its high availability, resiliency and performance. The Quantum Maestro intelligent load-balancing firewall cluster gives the team leading-edge protection with access control, IPS, antivirus and web application firewall (WAF) capabilities. "Quantum Maestro transformed our service delivery," said Mr. Camacho. "It consolidated all management on a single platform, which helped us securely configure our entire network perimeter. We can allocate resources dynamically, scale as needed and ensure ongoing high availability and resiliency with an active/active configuration."

The underlying Check Point Quantum Cyber Security Platform provides unified AI-powered threat prevention and security management through a single pane of glass. This allows the team to easily manage firewalls and analyze logs and events for all Check Point security solutions — and to export all logs and events to the SIEM.

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OUTCOME

Quantum's automation and unified management have greatly simplified security for the small team. "Quantum has been our first-level defense," said Mr. Camacho. "In spite of increasing attacks, we've reduced management time while improving response. We're managing security for 200 servers and 3,500 devices far more easily than we did before." Quantum Maestro and the IPS blade effectively block attacks — more than 250 in the first months of 2023 — without the team's intervention.

With Quantum Maestro securing the network perimeter, the company can rely on its flexible hyperscale architecture to easily secure more citizen and municipality services without having to add staff. Mr. Galán views this as a competitive advantage. "We provide services for the whole province," he said. "Check Point gives us security, visibility and a very simple way to grow. We can deliver our services reliably and securely using few resources. We have peace of mind, despite the large number of attacks and threats that exist today."

The Council is also testing Check Point Harmony Endpoint to defend thousands of endpoints against cyber threats, particularly ransomware, attacking Spanish public administration groups. "Check Point has helped us grow," said Mr. Galán. "Its cutting-edge technology is incredible, but we were especially pleased by the Check Point support team. They always have a solution for any problem that arises."

ABOUT CHECK POINT

Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. (www.checkpoint.com) is a leading AI-powered, cloud-delivered cyber security platform provider protecting over 100,000 organizations worldwide. Check Point leverages the power of AI everywhere to enhance cyber security efficiency and accuracy through its Infinity Platform, with industry-leading catch rates enabling proactive threat anticipation and smarter, faster response times. The comprehensive platform includes cloud-delivered technologies consisting of Check Point Harmony to secure the workspace, Check Point CloudGuard to secure the cloud, Check Point Quantum to secure the network, and Check Point Infinity Core Services for collaborative security operations and services.

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