

PfSense Project

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Key Advantages: Executive Summary

- PfSense is a free BSD based version of Unix-Cost savings
- Open source (publicly accessible-anyone can see, modify and distribute code as the see it. Cater to your own business liking.
- Full feature of a router and firewall
- Flexible and Powerful tool -Has ability to adapt to numerous applications (home router to a firewall for a large corporate network. From outdated computers to new ones.
- Useful web based interfaces-also well supported software

Problems Identified

- My corporation had a minimal budget \$\$
- Employees accessing policy prohibited websites ie facebook, espn; unapproved e-mails
- Servers were slow to load; network constantly crashing
- Current firewall was stale no plug-ins to improve efficiency
- Very vulnerable to hackers trying to infiltrate company resources, weak setup

Solution-Install PfSense

- PfSense is free-No licensing fee (big Savings)
- Load balancer (share load with multiple servicers); failover aggregation runs very well-allows traffic to continually flow-redundancy
- VPN solution (OpenVPN, IPsec, PPTP)
- Internet filter- block restricted websites, add allowable websites
- Usage Monitor-overall bandwidth utilized, size, type, origin and destination of each packet, website visited, how long, data download.
- Stateful firewall-tracks network connections traversing through it.

Explanation of the solution

- PfSense provided network security solutions (rules,user access, filters, monitoring and logs.)
- PfSense has the most advanced technology in protecting my companies network
- Platforms were reliable and stable.
- PfSense is very cost efficient
- Resolved my companies problems (\$\$, slowness, minimal security) in an instant
-Time is money

Solution-Cont'd

- Option to install packages with just one click:
- Security-stunner, snort, nmap, etc
- Monitoring-iftop, ntopng, darkstat, etc.
- Networking- netio, nut, Avahi
- Routing- frf, olsrd, routed, OpenBGPD
- Services-iperf, widentd, bind, acme,etc

Summary

- Very easy to install
- Free with easy to read graphs
- Attacks most or all company security issues with current technology-blocks viruses,has an intrusion detection,Failover tolerant(routers share a virtual ip address)
- PfSense is well supported-Constant updates, forums, & paid support