

Solution Case Study

Reflex Security Helps Financial Institution Improve Network Security and Achieve GLBA Compliance



Organization Profile

Flag Financial Corporation
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The Challenge

- Distributed data centers, seven critical networks, and multiple access points.
- Required advanced network access policy enforcement.
- Needed to pass security audit for GLBA compliance.

The Reflex Solution

- Seven Reflex IPS sensors deployed at critical points.
- Reflex Command Center provided centralized management and reporting.

Key Customer Benefits

- Comprehensive, automated security.
- Enhanced network access control and policy adherence.
- Central management and advanced reporting.
- Facilitated GLBA compliance.

Overview

The modern banking environment places tough operational and legal challenges on financial IT managers. Today, financial data isn't locked away in a steel vault. It must be easily accessed online by consumers and bank employees in various locations.

At the same time, information security is a top priority. In addition to their internal standards, financial institutions are legally bound to protect sensitive information. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) requires financial institutions to develop, implement and maintain security measures that protect customer data from online threats and unauthorized access. Failure to comply with GLBA can result in institutional and personal liabilities.

Flag Bank engaged Reflex Security to help it improve network security and facilitate GLBA compliance. Flag Financial Corporation is the publicly traded parent company of Flag Bank, a 75-year-old community bank in Georgia. As of June 30, 2005, Flag Bank had \$862.5 million in assets and 24 offices in 15 counties.

The Network Security Challenge

At the time of the Reflex engagement, Flag Bank was in preparation for an external security audit required in their GLBA compliance process. They needed a network security solution capable of enforcing network access policies, proactively preventing attacks and providing centralized management and reporting controls.

To complicate matters, Flag Bank's data centers are located in various branches throughout Georgia connected by seven critical networks. With distributed data centers and multiple points of access, securing Flag Bank's network required multiple deployments at various locations on the network.

The Reflex Security Solution

After evaluating several solutions, Flag Bank selected Reflex Security to secure its network because of its superior intrusion detection/prevention capabilities, centralized management and reporting tools. Seven Reflex IPS appliance sensors were deployed at critical points and were centrally managed by the Reflex Command Center console.

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Key Customer Benefits

The Reflex IPS solution provides Flag Bank with a highly accurate, manageable and cost-effective security platform. Reflex's ability to scale appliances based on the requirements of each location makes it feasible for Flag Bank to deploy a consistent solution across their network. Combined with Reflex's automated intrusion response and central management capabilities, this helps Flag Bank improve security, reduce demands on branch personnel and minimize their Total Cost of Ownership (TCO). Reflex's reporting tools also provide essential documentation on network activity.

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As a result of the Reflex solution, Flag Bank was able to acquire superior protection from network attacks and enforce internal network access policies. In addition, the Reflex IPS controls and reporting documentation made it easier for Flag Bank to achieve GLBA compliance.

About Reflex Security, Inc.

Reflex Security, Inc. is a leading provider of network intrusion prevention solutions. The company's flagship solution, the Reflex IPS™, delivers network intrusion prevention through deep packet inspection and a comprehensive suite of detection and prevention techniques that block internal and external security threats. Powered by Sentrion™ disk-on-a-chip technology, Reflex IPS provides improved security, increased reliability and performance to prevent today's most serious network security threats. Scalable to thousands of sensors, the Reflex IPS provides effortless enterprise security for businesses of all sizes.

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Key advantages and benefits of the Reflex IPS solution include:

- Comprehensive, Automated Security
- Superior Performance
- Superior Manageability
- Enhanced Reliability
- Cost Savings

Reflex Security's solutions help organizations achieve compliance with recently-enacted regulations, including:

- Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX)
- Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)
- VISA's Cardholder Information Security Program (CISP)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA)
- California Senate Bill No. 1386 (SB 1386)