

Perimeter, Host and Endpoint Security – Finding the Right Mix

Plagued by email spam and viruses? Worried about protecting your members' personal financial information? More and more credit unions are discovering that Proofpoint provides the ideal combination of email security and data loss prevention features they require.

It can be quite difficult for credit unions to find the right levels of protection for all of the ingress and egress points on their networks. They need to easily communicate with members and approved business partners while still maintaining adequate security levels. No credit union can afford to allow confidential personal financial information to leave the credit union – either accidentally or maliciously. Likewise, they must be diligent in blocking inbound threats including spam and malware-infected messages.

In addition to protecting credit union employees from inbound spam and virus attacks at the gateway, Proofpoint delivers comprehensive content filtering, monitoring, policy enforcement and email encryption capabilities. Our Proofpoint Regulatory Compliance™ module automatically detects non-public information and personal financial information such as social security numbers, account numbers, and credit card numbers. We then allow the credit union to determine the best action – block, re-route, quarantine or encrypt - based on easily configured policies using a point-and-click interface. Afterwards, there is a powerful reporting component that shows exactly the number of policy violations and who is committing them. These reports can in turn be used to train and educate employees, so that they do not continue to risk the credit union's reputation with these inadvertent breaches.

Flexibility is key for credit unions when it comes to securing their communications. They should be able to choose an in-house solution or a hosted service depending on their preferences, IT resources and budget. For those credit unions that prefer to install a hardened appliance in their data center we offer the Proofpoint Messaging Security Gateway™ which provides for a robust mix of perimeter security, anti-spam, anti-virus, secure messaging and outbound content security capabilities. Meanwhile smaller credit unions may want to choose our Proofpoint on Demand™ service that minimizes upfront hardware and software investments. It delivers our unified email security and data loss prevention features as a cost-effective, easy-to-adopt and easy-to-manage hosted service.

Of course there are times when the credit union needs to send critical data via email. This calls for robust encryption capabilities, which have traditionally been difficult and expensive to implement. Our solution is to use identity-based encryption, which utilizes no keys or certificates. It delivers extremely strong encryption levels, while still being easy to use for both senders and recipients. Our Proofpoint Secure Messaging™ module automatically and dynamically applies encryption or decryption based on the credit union's customizable policies, right at the gateway. IT administrators have the flexibility to have their employees use either a web-based interface or desktop client.

When it comes to maintaining compliance and protecting sensitive member data, we have a complete email security and data loss prevention platform. Most importantly, it is centrally managed, easy to deploy and affordable. Whether credit unions choose to deploy our solution as an on-premise appliance or with our Proofpoint on Demand™ service, they receive the same powerful capabilities and interface.

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