



ABOUT BREACH SECURITY

Breach Security, Inc. is the leading provider of real-time, continuous web application integrity, security and compliance that protects sensitive web-based information. Breach Security's products protect web applications from hacking attacks and data leakage and ensure applications operate as intended. The company's products are trusted by thousands of organizations around the world, including leaders in finance, healthcare, ecommerce, travel and government.

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Identified as a top priority within their technology strategy, Stephen S. Wise Temple decided to implement a web application firewall (WAF) to help protect their web applications. "The greatest interface we have with the world is the web," said David Lam, CIO/CISO for Stephen S. Wise Temple. "At every point with code, there could be an issue that you are unaware of. WebDefend provides reasonable, non-intrusive security. As an IS professional, it was absolutely necessary for our organization," he said. The WebDefend web application firewall security appliance provides organizations with continuous, real-time web application-specific security, going beyond vulnerability scanning efforts, secure coding initiatives and network security solutions.

Stephen S. Wise evaluated several other web application firewall solutions on the market. "Compared to the other products we evaluated, WebDefend was a better application and has a good UI," Lam said. "We found that the WebDefend solution was developed by a company that has good intellectual roots in the security field and that was important to us," he said.

"Overall, compared to the competition, we received excellent sales support and a better UI coupled with immediate response to our concerns. WebDefend's ability to see application defects was huge for us," says Lam. WebDefend uniquely identifies and reports on application security defects that impact web applications' security, functionality and availability. Defects include programming mistakes, application errors or failures and insecure code. These defects negatively impact the user experience by preventing application access or crippling the web server. "Now, I have the ability to look at application defects, which I didn't have before. It was a key differentiating factor from other products on the market," he said.

"The ability to analyze application defects has allowed me to understand what's going on in my application and make it run better. Normally, I can't see if a user gets an error message. It was a bonus to get this feature with WebDefend," Lam explained. Some of the benefits of using WebDefend include real-time, continuous web application security, non-intrusive and effective security, web application compliance to regulations and industry standards, such as the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard (DSS), identification of security defects that vulnerability scans miss and detailed reporting. Lam stated, "WebDefend makes it easy for us, provides fabulous reports and is easy to use."

"WebDefend gives me protection on everything that goes down this port. It understands what it needs to do and can see what applications are doing. It alerts us on things we wouldn't normally see, such as what the client is looking at on their browser. "WebDefend has provided me with a whole new paradigm of defense that I didn't have before that is non-intrusive," he continued. The WebDefend solution gets around a significant problem. It's rare that I find a product that addresses such a big hole. Most companies have no idea how exposed they are, WebDefend is huge in pointing out vulnerabilities," he said.

Lam is quick to recommend WebDefend to other companies deploying a web application firewall. "WebDefend hands down is the leader for a lot of reasons and it has continued to work nicely for our organization," he stated.