PROTECTION AT MULLER’S HAUSMACHER WURST
MÜLLER’S HAUSMACHER WURST PRODUCES PREMIUM QUALITY MEAT AND SAUSAGE PRODUCTS. KASPERSKY LAB KEEPS ITS IT SYSTEMS SECURE.

Whether for a store’s meat counter, refrigerators or specialist product shelves – Müller’s Hausmacher Wurst GmbH & Co. KG has been producing premium sausage products using traditional recipes for more than 60 years. The company’s range is primarily focused on conserved and canned meat products. Its specialty, the Heidefrühstück® (Heathland Breakfast), has made this medium-sized manufacturer from Germany’s Lüneburg Heath a household name across the nation. The company employs 90 people and supplies its products to both the wholesale and retail sectors in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Each day, it processes around 50 tons of meat and sausages in its largely automated systems. As a result of developing flexible production processes, internet-based ordering and a logistics system to manage daily deliveries and shipments, the company has become highly digitalized over the years. However, this has in turn made cybersecurity and IT availability that much more critical.
More and more small and medium-sized companies are becoming the targets of cybercriminals. The theft of sensitive production data and Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks on companies’ key online services are two of the most serious threats faced by practically every sector and every department.

The IT team at Müller’s Hausmacher Wurst therefore keeps a close eye on developments in the security market. The team’s top priority is to maintain a reliable solution that provides comprehensive protection for all of the company’s key business processes and the entire IT architecture, which includes 60 Windows-based workstations and six servers.

Problems with the previous solution
The IT team was no longer satisfied with the company’s existing security software. One particular factor of concern was the lack of user-friendliness in the administration console. “It was difficult to distribute and manage the security solution across all of the endpoints,” explains Athanasios Schreiber-Marinopoulos, System Administrator at Müller’s Hausmacher Wurst. “We had to access each individual computer separately.”

With the company’s license due for renewal, the team took the opportunity to look for alternative IT security software.

Wanted – user-friendly console
The Müller’s Hausmacher Wurst IT team first became aware of Kaspersky Lab during a webinar. A subsequent teleconference with the relevant Kaspersky Account Manager provided them with further details about the solution.

“The user-friendliness of the Kaspersky Security Center impressed us right from the start. It makes it very easy for us to manage the protection for all of our IT components centrally.”

Athanasios Schreiber-Marinopoulos, System Administrator at Müller’s Hausmacher Wurst
The user-friendliness of the Kaspersky Security Center, Kaspersky Lab’s management console, impressed them right from the start. “The Endpoint Security management console was one of the main reasons why we chose to go with Kaspersky Lab,” says Athanasios Schreiber-Marinopoulos. “In Kaspersky Security Center, you can quickly and easily define which computers need to have which software version, without having to access each individual device and the protection installed on it.” The cost-effectiveness of the Kaspersky Lab solution was also a key factor in the decision.

**Security for workstations and file servers**

In June 2016, Marburg-based Kaspersky Lab partner Infraforce GmbH implemented the Kaspersky Security for Business Select solution on 60 workstations as well as the Windows and file servers at Müller’s Hausmacher Wurst.

Due to the recent rise in DDoS attacks in Germany, the company also decided to install Kaspersky DDoS Protection.

**Kaspersky DDoS Protection**

The high degree of digitalization in the production, ordering and delivery processes at Müller’s Hausmacher Wurst means that all of the internet-connected business processes must be accessible to suppliers, customers and off-site employees at all times.

Kaspersky DDoS Protection ensures this availability. It does so by redirecting all internet traffic to the protected online services through the Kaspersky DDoS Protection Cloud and checking it there before passing it on to the company’s servers. The cloud environment comprises special sensors and the Cleaning Center. The powerful sensors use intelligent algorithms to analyze the metadata in the internet traffic and activate DDoS protection automatically in the event of an attack.

To carry out this kind of proactive analysis, it draws information from a global network of monitoring points. These constantly monitor the internet and the DDoS botnets that generate these dangerous attacks. This enables Kaspersky DDoS Protection Intelligence to help detect new DDoS attack technologies at an early stage so that they can then be monitored and analyzed by Kaspersky Lab specialists around the clock.

**Conclusion**

In this increasingly digitalized world of Industry 4.0, it is becoming more and more important to ensure that online business processes are constantly available. However, the threat of cyberattacks, and DDoS attacks in particular, is also growing. “We will definitely be expanding our range of internet-based processes further over the next few years,” says Athanasios Schreiber-Marinopoulos. “Kaspersky DDoS Protection protects us from having our online resources overloaded, losing our data and financial losses.”

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