

Ohio State University's - College of Humanities Finds an Integrated Security Solution to Unite the College's Art of Communication

On top of a low hill in Columbus, Ohio resides Ohio State University home to more than 59,000 students, nationally ranked football and basketball teams, and one of the best public research universities in the country. The College of Humanities includes ten buildings and over 4,000 students and faculty members. The college is dedicated to the study of world history, cultures, languages, and literature.



Tim Smith is Director of Information Systems for the College of Humanities. Tim will tell you that in an era where more and more academic collaboration is done electronically, his largest concern as an IT manager are planning for growth and protecting data from misuse, loss and inaccessibility. Tim discovered Astaro while attending a Novell conference for Higher Education. His assignment: to find a fully integrated, single platform security solution that would offer virus and spyware protection, consolidate and filter network traffic from ten separate buildings, be easier to manage, and affordable. Mission Accomplished.

Astaro the leader of Unified Threat Management security solutions partnered up with JP Wilson, Senior Account Executive of JDM Infrastructure of Chicago, IL to work with Tim and his team to help implement this network security solution of OSU. Wilson says, "We at JDMI began a great partnership with Astaro about four years ago and both companies continue to flourish because of the great technological features and benefits we provide, but more importantly because of the great service, support and our persistent effort to assist the success of our clients in the realm of internet security".



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Tim Smith a 13 year veteran at OSU heads a team of 14 full time IT professionals and 5 part time students. Smith says, "We were looking for an all in one solution, robust, multi-textured. We wanted to reduce the number of times our staff had to go and clean off PC's, viruses, spyware. We were tired of people downloading malware and wanted to find something that would stop it".



Smith had researched other network security options, but liked the fact that he could manage multiple locations with one set of rules using an Astaro Security Gateway versus multipoint solutions from the competitors. "We had five firewalls running and found that we had some holes in some of the buildings. We didn't like having to manage all of the different programs and we didn't have the

protection we needed. The Astaro Security Gateway provides real time visibility in one platform. It helped us save resources and ultimately reduce costs".

JDMI Astaro Certified Engineers worked with Smith and his team to consistently and persistently provide support and answers to OSU's questions during the thorough and comprehensive testing that OSU put the Astaro Solution through during the next 6 months.

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JP Wilson of JDMI says, "While satisfying the rigorous technology demands that OSU required of the Astaro Solution, we worked to provide creative options for the financial / service and support components of the sale that would fit in the OSU environment and needs. We earned their business in February of 2006 with their purchase of an Astaro ASG 525F and related equipment and services. Following a successful implementation of the ASG 525F, we provided



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an ASG 220 at another location of the university In March of 2006. It's been a great partnership for all of us".

The Astaro Security Gateway ASG525 and ASG220 appliances were the tools needed to solve the College Of Humanities internal communications. Smith notes, "We have experienced greater productivity, reduced risk and cost savings, it is working very well for us".

Astaro's Unified Threat Management network security solutions provide full perimeter protection against a wide variety of Internet threats in ten security applications. Hackers, viruses, worms, spyware, spam, phishing, botnets, Trojans, application exploits, and identity and information theft, all which can infect computers, reduce productivity, and increase costs. The need for protection has never been greater.

Astaro's security technology, as incorporated in the Astaro Security software and in the Astaro Security Gateway appliances, employs a server-side or gateway approach. Placed at the point where the Internet connects to your organization's network, it minimizes maintenance and provides full web, email and network protection. The easy-to-use Astaro Command Center™ allows for central management of Astaro Security Gateway appliances. It provides real-time data visibility via a graphical web-based interface offering various view options which allow the management of multiple devices from one central system saving time and money for your organization.

Smith says, "Astaro was different from the competition. Astaro's technology can be deployed and managed with minimum effort. It is affordable and easy-to-use. It provides us with the most security solutions and we couldn't be happier".