

Success Story

More protection, less risk: How Frutura secures its Microsoft 365 environment



Microsoft 365 is much more than an email platform today – and its security requirements are equally diverse. Together with Bacher Systems, Frutura added an additional layer of protection to its Microsoft 365 environment, covering both email and collaboration services. Read our customer success story to learn how the project was implemented and what benefits the solution delivers in day-to-day operations.

„Bacher Systems quickly understood our requirements and worked with us to implement a solution that integrates seamlessly into our existing environment and strengthens our security strategy for the long term. With Check Point Harmony, we have significantly enhanced the protection of our Microsoft 365 environment – not only for email, but also for our collaboration services.“

Thomas Gangel, IT Security Officer

The Challenge

With around 500 user accounts and an IT landscape built largely around Microsoft 365, email and collaboration services such as Exchange Online, Teams, SharePoint and OneDrive are becoming increasingly important. At the same time, the requirements for securing these services continue to grow.

Frutura therefore wanted to enhance its existing security solution to provide users with even better protection against phishing attacks, malware, malicious links and compromised user accounts. In addition, the scope of protection needed to extend beyond email to all relevant Microsoft 365 collaboration services – with an integrated, scalable solution that could be seamlessly incorporated into the existing infrastructure.

The Solution

Together with Frutura, Bacher Systems implemented Check Point Harmony Email & Collaboration Advanced. The solution adds an additional layer of protection to the existing Microsoft 365 security architecture, covering both email and collaboration services.

In addition to protection against phishing, malware and malicious URLs, the solution focuses on detecting compromised user accounts and securing Exchange Online, Teams, SharePoint and OneDrive. DMARC and SPF management were also introduced to help ensure email authenticity and further reduce the risk of email spoofing.

Bacher Systems not only handled the technical implementation, but also worked with Frutura to develop an overall approach covering security architecture, the operating model and ongoing support.

Phased rollout without disrupting operations

The solution was initially introduced as part of a proof of concept within Frutura's existing Microsoft 365 environment. Following the technical integration and configuration of the core security policies, the solution was first operated in Detect Mode. This made it possible to analyse threats transparently and evaluate the protection mechanisms under real-world conditions.

Prevent Mode was then activated gradually, first for individual user groups and ultimately across the entire organisation. Workshops and knowledge transfer enabled the IT team to efficiently take over administration, reporting and ongoing operations.

The Result

Today, Frutura has a comprehensive security solution for its Microsoft 365 environment. Email and collaboration services are protected across the organisation, while IT and security teams benefit from greater visibility, centralised reporting and a significantly reduced security risk.

Thanks to the structured rollout and ongoing support from Bacher Systems, the solution was implemented efficiently and successfully integrated into day-to-day operations for the long term.

Customer benefits at a glance

Additional layer of protection for Microsoft 365 and all relevant collaboration services

Protection against phishing, malware, malicious URLs and compromised user accounts

Greater visibility through centralised logging, reporting and administration

Scalable security solution for around 500 users

Stronger protection for digital communications through DMARC and SPF management

Ongoing support from Bacher Systems – from technical support to vendor coordination

About Frutura Obst & Gemüse Kompetenzzentrum GmbH:

Frutura Obst & Gemüse Kompetenzzentrum GmbH, headquartered in Hartl near Kaindorf, is one of Austria's leading producers and marketers of fruit and vegetables. The company combines regional production with an international network of more than 1,000 producers and supplies over 1,600 SPAR stores every day. Sustainable production, modern logistics and innovative solutions are integral to the company's entire value chain.

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