

SkyView Partners helps International Rectifier tackle critical SOX issues

Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) is at the top of many executives' minds. Among other stipulations, it requires rigorous data integrity protection. That makes system security, which was always important, even more critical for El Segundo, California-based International Rectifier (IR). Because IR maintains a replica of its partitioned System i model 570 production server for high-availability purposes, it must also ensure that security policies on the primary and backup servers match. IR meets these and other security needs with solutions from SkyView Partners (skyviewpartners.com).

Founded in 1947, IR is a world leader in advanced power management technology. The company's 5,400 worldwide employees support operations in 20 countries. Annual revenues are approximately \$1 billion.

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IR looked at another vendor's products, but a number of PTFs had to be installed before it could be used, and, even then, it failed to deliver the promised functionality. Then, Roger Crawford, IR's global operations manager, and Suhas Narayan, assistant operations manager, spoke to someone from another company who recommended SkyView. A 30-day trial proved that SkyView's solution "had a lot of functionality and did all of the things we were expecting — and more," says Crawford. "And it didn't take the 30 days to find out what the product could do. It took one phone call with Carol [Woodbury, SkyView's president]. After about half an hour, I saw what SkyView was doing and immediately cut a PO."

IR contracted for a SkyView Security Check-Up and bought SkyView's Risk Assessor, which performed an automated risk analysis that provided comprehensive, unbiased security reports. For example, Risk Assessor showed that more than 500 files didn't have owners, and 114 user profiles hadn't had any log-in activity for more than 180 days.

More significantly, IR installed SkyView's Policy Minder, an IBM i and i5/OS security compliance tool that automates the

process of keeping IR's security configuration in compliance with its security policies. Policy Minder helps reduce the costs of enforcing security compliance and taking remedial action when necessary.

IR uses Policy Minder to create all of its security policies and to monitor compliance. For example, the software identifies any user profiles that have been inactive more than 90 days and automatically disables them. It also reports users who have been inactive for 180 days so those profiles can be manually deleted. (Policy Minder can automatically delete profiles, but IR does a quick manual verification first.) "That's helped us to clean up a lot of our profiles," reports Narayan.

In addition, IR uses Policy Minder to set *PUBLIC authority of files containing confidential information to *EXCLUDE and to limit who can execute commands from the command line, which are both requirements for SOX compliance. Policy Minder also alerts IR to the existence of new objects that shouldn't be in QSYS.LIB and other libraries. Those objects are then removed, and developers who were responsible for their presence are contacted so it won't happen again.

Policy Minder's import facilities make it easy for IR to copy policies from its production machine to the backup to ensure that the policies on each match perfectly.

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