Pentagon Heightens Security With InTrust

Network manager Kenny Warren, an on-site consultant at the Pentagon, needs to know more than a little about network security. He needs to be a security expert.

Kenny uses InTrust to collect event logs on the half-hour, provide automatic email notification of out-of-norm events, and provide daily reports on events of special interest.

"InTrust allows us to be more proactive, rather than reactive," Kenny said. "We collect security, applications and systems logs on the half-hour and use InTrust's automatic notification capabilities to generate emails that notify the responsible party whenever we experience a pre-defined number of invalid logins, failed file attempts and other events that might signal a problem."

InTrust is a sophisticated event log collection software that uses Microsoft SQL Server for data warehousing, mining and analysis. Each of the program's 400 reports can be customized to provide specific information on security, resource usage, system failures, hardware problems, remote access services, and other network events.

"We like the low overhead of the program, which allows us to collect event logs almost continuously without bogging down our operations," Kenny said. "Plus, the SQL backend simplifies management and the automatic notification feature improves our speed of response to potential problems."

In addition to the email notifications on the half-hour, Kenny has an email sent to his desktop each morning that lists selected events he is monitoring at any particular time, such as number of emails received and viruses detected by the network's anti-virus package.

"InTrust gives us a window into the network so we have the information we need to make intelligent decisions about security, performance and resource utilization," Kenny said. "It has become an important part of our day-to-day operations."

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