

EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY

A CASE STUDY IN EDUCATION



Kevin Gallagher

Senior Systems Administrator

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User base of 18,000

Based in Edinburgh, UK

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Education Industry

Huge volumes of PII Processed

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Why Edinburgh Napier University Chose Lepide to Enhance the Security of Their Data and Meet Compliance

This case study was created to show how an large education organization in the United Kingdom was able to use Lepide Data Security Platform to improve the security of their Active Directory, Group Policy and SQL Servers whilst simultaneously driving down costs.

The Need For a Solution

As with IT teams in most universities, Kevin Gallagher (Senior System Administrator) was faced with the challenges that come from an ever changing and evolving user base as students enrol and leave every year.

Kevin knew they needed to find a better way of keeping track of critical system changes, access rights and file and folder level activities. He recognised that trying to audit and report on these changes manually was not an effective use of his time. He found it to be too reactive and it became a challenge for him to maintain a secure environment.

Napier's key requirements were to achieve a means of quickly seeing who, what, where and when changes were made to their Active Directory, Group Policy and SQL Servers. They specifically wanted a means of auditing and monitoring logons and Active Directory object changes.

The Results

Lepide provided before and after values of changes being made, with extensive reporting and threshold alerting. Lepide presented this data in a readable format with an option to subscribe to certain reports as needed. Lepide also enabled Napier to delegate specific reports to a secure web console.

After evaluating three different solutions, Lepide was chosen as Napier found that it offered the best performance, most detailed reporting and all the real time alerts they needed. It managed to address all their core requirements whilst being the most competitively priced option – also offering a site licence to account for the fluctuating user counts. The responsive assistance that Lepide offered towards deployment and ongoing support was also a tangible benefit.

Napier now feel they have a more secure environment and are able to address systems management issues more effectively. Overall they were delighted with the functionality of the Lepide Data Security Platform and the commitment Lepide had to their successful deployment.