



LEPIDE DATA SECURITY PLATFORM

A CASE STUDY IN RETAIL



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WHY UNITED DAIRY FARMERS CHOSE LEPIDE TO GET VISIBILITY OVER CHANGES MADE TO ACTIVE DIRECTORY AND GROUP POLICY

United Dairy Farmers (UDF) first opened in 1940, with the aim of providing quality dairy products to consumers at non-premium prices. Today the company employs over 3,000 people across 200 stores in three states, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. The rapid growth of UDF, coupled with the volume of employees, facilitated the need for better visibility over Active Directory and Group Policy changes. UDF chose Lepide to help them solve this problem.

THE CHALLENGE

UDF added new retail systems to active directory and wanted to delegate and allow another group within IT to manage them.

This group already managed the configuration of the systems when those systems were independent workgroups.

Adding the systems to AD made the management and changes much easier to do.

However, being able to make broad changes to these systems and expanding the personnel that can make those changes can be a catch-22.

UDF wanted a way to audit what changes were being made to their Active Directory and Group Policy, along with a way to reverse any unwanted changes.

By implementing a solution to do this, UDF were taking positive steps towards maintaining a clean and secure AD and GP environment.

THE SOLUTION

After searching on Google for Active Directory audit solutions, UDF discovered Lepide.

Lepide gave UDF almost instant insight into changes being made to their AD environment.

The Lead Systems Engineer for UDF was quoted as saying that, for auditing Group Policy, "Lepide's reports were hands down the most intuitive at the time."

As UDF did not have the staff to properly manage a SIEM vendor, or something similar, the fact that Lepide was installed and configured in under 30 minutes was a huge bonus.

Lepide does everything that UDF needed it to do straight out of the box. Built-in reports gave UDF exactly what they were looking for in terms of visibility of Active Directory and Group Policy changes, and the ability to reverse unwanted changes.

In fact, UDF were so impressed with the Lepide capabilities, that they ended up using it to troubleshoot SQL servers as well.