



Notre Dame High School

Abaca® solves school's burdensome spam problem

Notre Dame High School in Belmont, California is an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women. The school has a staff of 110 educators and administrators.

Technology challenge

Frank Gurnee is the Director of Technology at Notre Dame High School and also teaches Calculus and Geometry. Balancing teaching and IT department responsibilities, Gurnee has little time to manage the school's massive spam problem. He was highly motivated to get rid of the more than 4,000 spam emails that were disturbing his staff every day.

Gurnee's frustration mounted with the first anti-spam solution he deployed, a spam-blocking software product integrated with the email server. When problems arose with the spam-blocking software, the entire system would go down. Only half of Notre Dame's spam was being captured. "It just didn't work, this was not the solution," he stated.

Abaca — a better anti-spam solution

Gurnee began a quest for a new and better solution. He initially found the Abaca™ Email Protection Gateway™ appealing because of the money back guarantee and the advertised spam filtering accuracy. With the added incentive of 99 percent accuracy guarantee, Gurnee enthusiastically agreed, "Sign me up."

Delivering impressive results from day one

The installation of the Abaca Email Protection Gateway appliance was easy. Gurnee prefers the appliance solution that Abaca offers. "The box does run by itself," he notes. The staff was impressed as well. They were surprised at how user-friendly the quarantine concept was and were pleased that it was non-obtrusive. Rather than adding the word "SPAM" to the subject line of suspected spam and sending it to the user's email box as many systems do, Abaca removes the junk email and places suspected spam into a quarantine system that users can then review at their leisure. It's unobtrusive and keeps the email box clean.

After Gurnee installed the Abaca Email Protection Gateway appliance, he reached his goal of eliminating spam from the school's email system. The Notre Dame staff was amazed by the positive impact the application had on their work, and the volume of spam it was able to filter. "It is the most simple and complete program to use on a daily basis. It is crisp, clear, and accurate. What more can you ask?" JoAnn Kozloski, Associate Principal of Notre Dame High School.

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PROFILE SNAPSHOT

Organization:

[Notre Dame High School](#)

Industry:

[Education](#)

Licensed Users:

100

Abaca Solution:

[EPG 1000 with ReceiverNet™ Premium Service](#)

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Customer Since:

2006



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About Email Protection Gateway™

Abaca's Email Protection Gateway supports thousands of users and requires no administrator tuning to deliver near-perfect filtering accuracy. Installed in front of the email server, the Email Protection Gateway blocks spam, viruses, trojans, and phishes — reducing the workload on email servers and administrators with a scalable, reliable, and flexible solution for email security. At the core is a disruptive technology that includes multiple ways to identify spam, delivering unprecedented filtering results that surpass 99 percent accuracy.

Email Protection Gateway's administration features include graphical reports, a secure web-based management console, and plug-and-play installation. End user features include per-user personalization and a searchable quarantine that has borderline emails prioritized and sorted making it easy to find potential false positives without having to scroll through pages and pages of quarantined emails.

About Abaca®

Abaca Technology Corporation is an innovator in email protection and messaging security. Abaca's patent-pending technology, ReceiverNet™, offers an advanced approach in the fight against spam — providing unprecedented levels of accuracy and guaranteeing 99 percent spam filtration. Abaca has created a portfolio of innovative products and services based upon this core technology, thereby assuring users unparalleled messaging protection from spam, as well as viruses and phishing attacks. Abaca is a privately held company headquartered in San Jose, California. For more information about Abaca, please visit www.abaca.com.

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