

Creative Community Crafts Better Wi-Fi Experience with SonicWall

New SonicWall solution centralizes management and reduces IT overhead while increasing scalability, visibility and control.

Business Need

The Workshop & Artists Studio Provision – Scotland (WASPS) is a charitable organization that provides studio space for artists and creators. In the past 40 years, it's grown into the UK's largest creative community, consisting of 20 unique and historic buildings.

As it grew, WASPS found its previous access points weren't sufficiently scalable, and wanted a single-pane-of-glass management option that was both better performing and more flexible than their existing setup.

The more sophisticated Wi-Fi experience WASPS envisioned included granular control over the type of networks deployed and the methods used to connect. Control over bandwidth utilization was important, as was improving security while easing administration needs.

Solution

Along with SonicWall partner io IT Services Limited, WASPS chose a solution consisting of TZ Series NGFWs, SonicWave Access Points and SonicWall Switches. After designing the Wi-Fi deployment using the SonicWave Planner, the firewalls, switches and access points were deployed using the SonicWall Express mobile app and zero-touch deployment functionality.

Results

Since the initial deployment, the SonicWall Network Security Manager and the SonicWall Wireless Network Manager have proven very easy to use. The organization has even been able to enlist non-IT staff to quickly install additional access points at distributed sites while maintaining security and configuration integrity.

The new solution's centralized, single-pane-of-glass management has dramatically reduced IT overheads, and the better speeds and greater consistency have resulted in fewer IT service calls. It's also increased security posture, allowing admins to see and quickly respond to threats. And when admins have had a question, WASPS reports, the Knowledge Base has been superb, addressing all its technical queries.

Benefits

- Centralized, single-pane-of-glass management
- Improved speed and reliability
- Quick and easy installation
- Granular Wi-Fi access control

Solutions at a glance

- TZ Series NGFW
- SonicWave Access Points
- SonicWall Switches
- Network Security Manager (NSM)



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"Centralised cloud management of the whole WASPS estate has dramatically reduced IT overheads."

Emma Neilson

Head of Projects, Workshop & Artists Studio Provision – Scotland Limited

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