

# Staffing company boosts productivity for employees

Group Konvert enhances its network security and facilitates easy, secure remote access with SonicWall solutions



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## Customer profile



<b>Company</b>	Konvert
<b>Industry</b>	Professional services and consulting
<b>Country</b>	Belgium
<b>Employees</b>	320
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.konvert.be">www.konvert.be</a>

## Challenge

Konvert wanted a state-of-the-art firewall and SSL VPN secure remote access to ensure its network security, scalability and speed, and it looked for an all-in-one solution that would also be easy to use.

## Solution

Konvert chose the SonicWall Network Security Appliance (NSA) 3500 next-generation firewall with gateway anti-virus, content filtering, real-time monitoring and anti-malware capabilities to secure its network. For secure remote access, Konvert selected the SonicWall Secure Remote Access (SRA) 4600 appliance.

## Benefits

- Consolidation of security, monitoring and content filtering devices
- Optimized bandwidth use with efficient content filtering
- Gave on-site and remote workers easy-to-use remote access with a unified look and feel
- Gained centrally managed secure remote access

## Solutions featured

- Network Security
- Secure Remote Access

Headquartered in Kortrijk, Belgium, Konvert is one of the country's leading service providers for temporary staffing. More than 320 employees work in 64 agencies across the country, and the company has additional staff working on location at the offices of approximately 15-20 corporate clients.

For Konvert's six-person IT department, it is essential that both on-site and remote employees have secure access to the company's network, and that they have identical user experiences no matter where they are stationed. All inbound and outbound traffic must be protected against viruses, malware and hacker attacks at all times, and the IT staff needs the ability to monitor traffic and bandwidth use.

#### Time for a single, streamlined solution

For five years, the Konvert IT team utilized a firewall solution that required separate devices for network monitoring and content filtering. When it came time to upgrade its firewall architecture, the team placed a high priority on finding a single box that integrates both capabilities.

"The SonicWall NSA 3500 next-generation firewall was the best match for our needs," explains Konvert ICT Manager Koen Vanneste. "We decided to add-on security services to create an all-in-one solution." Konvert added such powerful SonicWall security options as gateway management, anti-virus scanning, botnet filtering, stateful failover clustering and synchronization.

#### A seamlessly integrated firewall-secure mobile access solution

Another reason Konvert chose the SonicWall NSA 3500, explains Vanneste, was "the seamless integration with the SSL VPN access solution — our SonicWall SRA 4600. Having the same user interface on both devices facilitates and empowers our monitoring of the network every day."

The SonicWall NSA 3500 also enables Konvert to extend its firewall protection to employees who work offsite at clients' offices. "We want to have our employees, wherever they are working, to have the same ease of use, without having to worrying about authentication or security protocols. That's why we like to manage our firewall at all times ourselves, and the NSA 3500 lets us do just that."

#### Use — not abuse — of web applications

Like most employers today, Konvert wanted to take advantage of content and media streaming without introducing security risks and bandwidth problems, and it found that the SonicWall NSA 3500 with application intelligence and control capabilities helped them to achieve this balance. Vanneste explains, "In order to limit the impact of streaming video on bandwidth and on security, we have this functionality blocked on our network. But, as we use presentation and training videos as part of an internal quality

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#### Technology at work

##### Hardware

SonicWall NSA 3500

SonicWall SRA 4600

##### Software

SonicWall Comprehensive Gateway Security Suite

SonicWall Content Filtering Service

improvement program, we can easily open access to those specific online videos with the SonicWall Application Intelligence and Control feature of the NSA 3500. And the rest of the content on YouTube or Vimeo remains closed.”

### Remote employees drive remote access enhancements

In addition to upgrading to a SonicWall firewall, Konvert upgraded its former remote access solution to a simplified, centralized secure remote access solution: the SonicWall SRA 4600.

“In the previous configuration,” says Vanneste, “a dial-up VPN tunnel was created on every portable computer. This meant a lot of maintenance and constant updates on every device. With our new SonicWall SRA 4600, we manage our SSL VPN access centrally — access, anti-virus, system updates — this reduces our workload significantly.”

### Centralized threat management for Wi-Fi networks

“At this stage, Wi-Fi access is not yet available in the satellite offices, but we opted for the NSA 3500 because we can integrate this option later. Centralized threat management of Wi-Fi networks is an important feature of the NSA 3500.”

### A stress-free migration

Konvert adopted its new SonicWall technologies with the help of its partner, Ferranti Computer Systems. “The installation and migration of our new devices went quickly and smoothly,” says Vanneste.

“We are becoming a very loyal SonicWall customer.”

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