

Case Study

The Banco di Sardegna, a major Italian bank, deployed the following iSecurity Power i Security products from Raz-Lee Security:

- User & Password Management
- Firewall
- System Control
- Screen
- Visualizer
- Action
- Audit
- Assessment

Marco Tersigni, Production & Systems Service Manager of the IT Department in Sassari, describes the Banco di Sardegna's experience with iSecurity as follows.

Selecting a Solution

Q What was the problem/business need that led you to look for a solution?

A We wanted a simple implementation, but when we checked the native security tools on the AS/400 system, we found them to be highly complex and not very user friendly.

Q What was the process for finding a new solution? What key requirements were you looking to fulfill?

A We turned directly to IBM, who recommended that we use Raz-Lee's iSecurity software.

Q Did you look at competitors' products?

A We did not check other products, since we fully trust IBM's recommendation of Raz-Lee.

Q Why did you choose iSecurity? What key features/specific advantages did iSecurity have compared to other solutions?

A One of our considerations in choosing iSecurity was the strong security expertise typical of Israeli software. Additional advantages include features for tracking and automation of processes in the Power i infrastructure and applications.

Implementation/Rollout

Q How long was the implementation? How was the integration with the existing infrastructure?

A The installation time was relatively short. The native security system had already been implemented to accommodate the product, which then allowed us to monitor what was happening on the machine. There were no significant impacts on the existing infrastructure.

Q Who uses iSecurity? Describe the project scope (departments, users, etc.)

A The product is run by the Power i analysts, and is used for the operation of two systems: Leasing and Consumer Credit (Environment and Production Tests).

Q How is iSecurity being used?

A iSecurity is used to:

- monitor and regulate user access,
- send a daily report via email on violations of safety
- send alerts via email and SMS in response to critical system events and erroneous applications

Business Benefits

Q What results have you experienced as a result of using iSecurity?

A There are several advantages:

- Increase in overall level of security
- Improved response to system events
- Resulting improvements in service

Technical Support

The iSecurity implementation in the Banco di Sardegna was closely accompanied by Raz-Lee's technical support staff. Thus, network access control was implemented using iSecurity Firewall (using "FYI Simulation Mode" functionality) in order to keep company users under control while avoiding blocking their access.

A particularly important aspect of the implementation was the control of "job queues" such as QSYSOPR. The customer needed to monitor automatic jobs which took place over nights and weekends - this service was enabled using the iSecurity System Control module.

With such security rules, the bank staff is informed in real time regarding the status of jobs executed, and receives reports on the success of each procedure though email and SMS from the IBM AS/400.

About Banco di Sardegna

Banco di Sardegna is active in different sectors of banking, working with both private and corporate customers. With its core business based on crediting, the Bank has become an international bank, empowered to perform all operations, including short and long term activities. The Bank is a part of Group BPER, which operates in the market as a group with several subsidiaries and affiliated companies, active in various fields in the financial market. The Bank is present in Sardinia and other major Italian cities, with over 400 branches.

About BPER Group

The BPER Group (Gruppo Banca Popolare dell'Emilia Romagna) comprises the head company and the Banco di Sardegna, as well as 12 additional banks including: Banca C.R.V., Cassa di Risparmio di Vignola, Banca del Monte di Foggia, Banco di Sassari, Banca Popolare del Materano, Banca Popolare di Aprila, Banca Popolare di Crotone, Banca Popolare di Lanciano e Sulmona, Banca Popolare di Ravenna, Banca della Campania, Cassa di Risparmio della Provincia dell'Aquila and Eurobanca del Trentino.

About Raz-Lee Security

Raz-Lee Security, headquartered in Nanuet, New York, is the leading security solution provider for IBM's Power i (AS/400) computers. Drawing upon its 25 years of expertise in the Power i Performance and Optimization market, the company designs, develops and markets a comprehensive suite of advanced security software solutions - iSecurity.

Raz-Lee's iSecurity product suite is field-proven and has been successfully implemented in over 30 countries. iSecurity features three product sets: the Prevention pack, a complete security solution covering user/password management, anti-virus protection, detection of harmful events, protection of workstations and more; the Compliance pack, which comprises auditing and compliance solutions, providing automatic reporting security related information; and the Application Security suite, which provides information on all changes in business-critical data using real-time alerts and timeline reports.