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In Brief

The OpenFox[®] TCP Proxy Server allows users to access secured information from unsecured locations such as the internet, without exposing the server application. It is an extremely cost effective, easy-to-maintain tool that allows law enforcement and criminal justice users lacking traditional private network connectivity the ability to access secure law enforcement information without exposing the system to internet threats.

Overview

Application Example – State officials propose a Messenger workstation in the lobby of all Sheriff offices in order for their personnel to register sex offenders via the Internet.

Other users who are not true law enforcement personnel, such as prosecuting attorneys or homeland security employees, generally do not have broad access to the system. Using the Proxy Server, they can access the information they are cleared to receive. Casual law enforcement users can run queries for investigative purposes without disturbing a busy dispatcher.

Technical Information

In general, the function of a proxy is to perform connections and access requests on behalf of a requesting client without the client directly accessing the services being requested.

The TCP Proxy Server is a stand-alone application running on the public-facing gateway server. The proxy front-ends the unsecured locations and provides a pathway to connect these locations to the Desktop launch page and the FoxTalk protocol port without allowing a direct Internet connection to the application server. Because the TCP Proxy Server is developed in JAVA, it can execute on a Unix, Linux or Windows platform.



The TCP Proxy Server will listen on both the Tomcat Web server port and the FoxTalk protocol port for connection requests from the Internet. When these requests arrive, the program grants the connection and inspects the security file to determine if the requestor is valid. If the originator is valid, the proxy will request a connection to the resource requested; either the Tomcat port or the FoxTalk port on the application server. The application server will see all inbound connections from the unsecured locations as arriving from the proxy server IP address and will identify the device from the license data exchanged after connection.

Once the communications session is established, the proxy program will function as a transparent tunnel, channeling data between the client connection and the application server. The connection from the client to the server traverses two TCP sessions, one from the client to the proxy program and a matched session from the proxy program to the application. The proxy program will not alter the traffic in any way. It will only forward the data between the paired TCP sessions. The server applications provide security for the traffic itself.

Security for the Tomcat Web server is accomplished by installing a Web server security certificate and placing the Tomcat server in https mode so that all Web traffic to and from Tomcat is protected by SSL/TLS encryption.

Security to the FoxTalk port on the OpenFox® System is provided by one-way authentication through a 2048-bit RSA (FIPS approved asymmetrical encryption algorithm) certificate, random and protected session key negotiation, 128-bit AES in CBC mode (AES is the Advanced Encryption Standard, which is a FIPS approved symmetrical block cipher encryption algorithm. CBC is Cipher Block Chaining which is a FIPS approved method of operation for symmetrical block ciphers) and SHA-1 (SHA-1 is the Secure Hash algorithm which is FIPS approved).



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