Case Study - Blackfen School for Girls

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Blackfen School for Girls is a Secondary School based in the London Borough of Bexley. The institution, for students aged 11 - 19, successfully implemented an easy to read geolocation with a system information panel to manage and locate their laptop computers, and other multi platform devices, using Prey for Education.

« The main features that we were looking for when considering an anti-theft application were being able to provide the external IP of a missing laptop, and its location. Prey has both these features available, as well as the ability to record screenshots and even a snapshot from a webcam. »
Challenges
One of the primary goals the school was striving to achieve was to implement an easy to manage, all-in-one solution to keep track of the different devices used by students, managers, and teachers within the school premises. Blackfen needed to feel their devices were safe and easy to retrieve with a simple install, besides having the tools to check for any pirated software in them.

How Prey helped
By using its single account interface, Blackfen was able to integrate Geofencing to track the location of their devices, getting timely reports and notifications via Email when any device left the delimited areas. An easy-to-read location report based on Google Maps was provided, giving them data on their active devices and a last-seen alert for any missing laptop or mobile phone. Prey’s single account system helped them consolidate all their devices into one web interface. School managers don’t need to install Prey on each new device, as an API key was added to their batch file for an automatic installation as part of their laptop rebuilding process.

Results, return on investment and projections
By discovering Prey, Blackfen was able to integrate the location of Android-based phones and tablets to their electronic assets. Prey turned out to be not only a device recovery tool but a strong asset manager. By using Prey’s “Last Seen” value, they can know how frequently devices are being used, get snapshots of running applications and obtain hardware information for each device. With that at hand, Blackfen has successfully completed its test run of the application, with accurate and speedy response in terms of external IPs, GPS-location and system information.

« The technical support is excellent. We have received responses to all our requests within a few hours in the majority of cases. »

Tony Fishpool, ICT Support, Blackfen School for Girls.

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