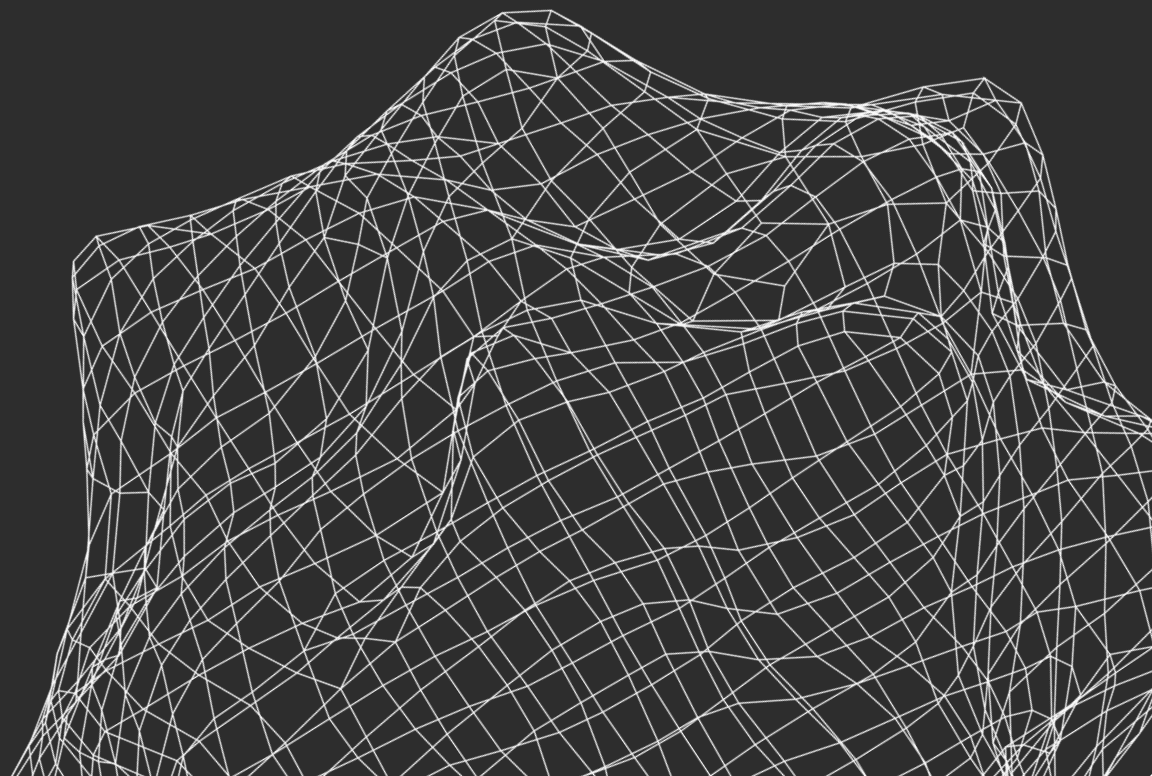


Use case

Reliable Web Filtering Service & Traffic Monitoring for the Church





Kevin Anderson, Network Engineer and Technical Support specialist for Bellaire Baptist Church, tells us about his work with SafeDNS.

Organization overview

Bellaire Baptist Church

Location

Bossier City, Louisiana, US

Challenge

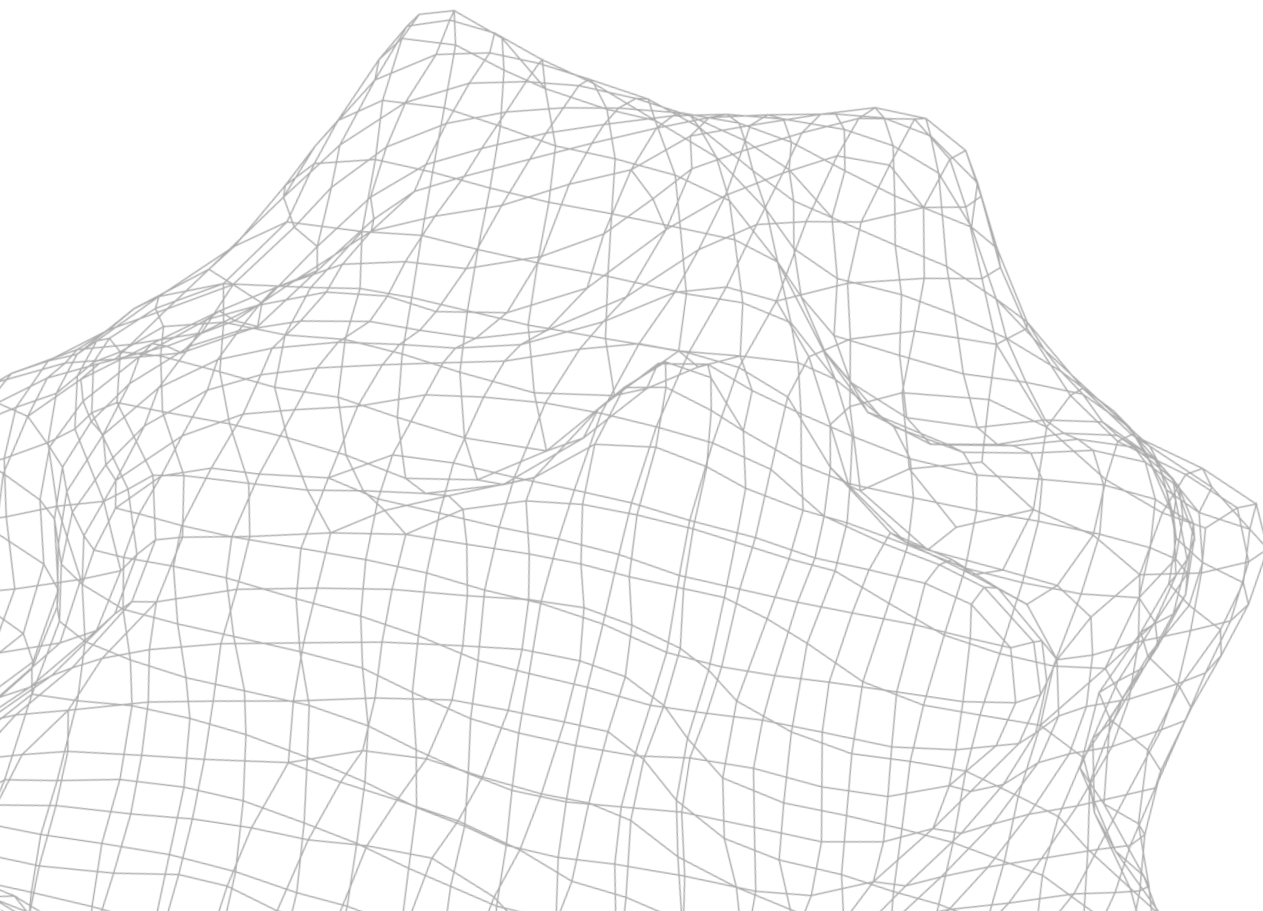
Finding a single solution to protect three Wi-Fi hotspots and monitoring traffic from them.

Solution

SafeDNS web filtering service on Safe@Office plan

Impact

The goal was reached at no cost for the church



Problem

Network-wide web filtering is necessary

Bellaire Baptist Church has two campuses, North and South. The latter has two networks, one is for public Wi-Fi and another for church business. The north campus has a single WiFi network for public and private users. Apart from PCs used for church business, there are lots of web-connected devices brought to the locations by church members and the public. One of the locations includes a health club that has a lot of visitors all week.

Regarding the traffic use, Kevin Anderson says, "We do not want to encourage the abuse of our Internet service." He adds, "I have long worried that the church could be involved in something that would reflect poorly on the church and feel filtering Internet usage is a must."

For that purpose the church has used Trend Micro Worry Free Security as a Service. Anderson says about the solution, "We have Trend Micro Worry Free Security for some time. It works well, but the limitation is that protected devices must have the client software physically installed on them. As I mentioned before, we have a lot of traffic moving in and out of our facilities and there is no filtering for them at all."

Solution

SafeDNS cloud service for filtering the internet proves to be the best among analogues

Anderson had a look at several other filtering solutions but was not quite satisfied with them. Upon learning about SafeDNS's free offer of its web content filtering service for places of worship, Bellaire Baptist Church IT consultant decided to go ahead with it.

He says, "I found implementation process pretty easy and straightforward. I entered our static IP addresses into your Internet console, and then changed the DNS servers in our routers, and Microsoft SBS server. It appears to be working well."

This way SafeDNS filters the web on the level of entire networks. No client software is necessary on network users' devices.

Result

Monitoring traffic is no less important than blocking inappropriate content

Having deployed SafeDNS filtering system, Anderson notes, "I find it useful to be able to separate the three networks, each with its own public IP address, and see what is going on with each one. For example, if content was being blocked for public users, that is one thing, but if staff is involved in those sorts of things, it is important to know this".

"Here is a practical example. During the week the main campus is not heavily used by staff or members of the congregation. We have no security key on that public Wi-Fi, so I surmise that what I am seeing blocked is likely nearby neighbors using our Internet. This is useful information to know." Kevin Anderson is "happy to work with SafeDNS in evaluating and improving its product", which is much appreciated by the company.

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The SafeDNS filtering technology received a prestigious award from the world-famous test lab, Software Suggest. SafeDNS solutions are recognized as having a good value for money.

SafeDNS blocks a whopping 98.5% of requests to adult content.

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