

First Security Bank turns to PowerTech to meet security and compliance challenges

The Challenge

First Security Bank of Bozeman, Montana, has over 150 users on a System i 525 that runs banking applications from Fiserv CBS Worldwide. The firewall they had in place for their iSeries was protecting their network from the “outside,” but they knew that was only half the battle.

First Security Bank users accessed the network through interfaces such as FTP and ODBC. Monitoring and controlling these types of activities were necessary, but extremely time consuming. The consequences included inconsistent enforcement of their corporate security policy throughout their network. To effectively enforce compliance of their own internal policies, they needed a solution that would provide constant and efficient access monitoring, as well as provide automated reports.

“Network Security is an intuitive exit point control software that allows us to really lock down our iSeries.”

—Emily Shellabarger, Vice President, First Security Bank

The Solution

First Security Bank chose PowerTech, a Fiserv CBS Worldwide partner, to resolve their iSeries security challenges.

PowerTech Network Security provides the tools that allow First Security Bank to efficiently enforce a standard corporate privacy policy. They can set rules to restrict access to their servers without impacting daily operations, including rules that limit the use of FTP and ODBC to specific users, groups, and IP addresses.

In addition, Authority Broker gives First Security Bank the ability to let users change their “active user” from the command line and gain higher authority on a temporary basis.

With PowerTech solutions in place, First Security Bank enjoys the control and flexibility to ensure the best security and compliance.🌐



The Results

For First Security Bank, PowerTech delivered:

Control. Consistent monitoring and control of internal access to their iSeries.

Flexibility. Users can change their “active user” from the command line and gain higher authority on a temporary basis, using Authority Broker.

Compliance. Audits and reports track the temporary authority changes to maintain compliance with regulations.

Alerts. Automated, real-time alerts notify managers of security violations.

About First Security Bank

First Security Bank is one of Montana’s largest, locally owned community banks. They provide business, real estate, consumer and agricultural loans, Internet banking, brokerage services, and a full range of deposit accounts.