

## Aktia Bank

300 000 customers secured with rWeb



### Aktia Bank in figures...

- Founded in 1825
- 90 Branch Offices, more than 1 000 employees
- Banking Business, Asset Management, Life Insurance, Non-Life Insurance and Miscellaneous

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« Deny All is the only company able to provide a unique solution including both Web Application Firewall and XML »

Thomas MALMBERG, Security Consultant at AKTIA

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### Aktia, a major finnish player in the financial sector with flawless IT security.

Founded in 1825, Aktia Bank plc is today **one of the largest banks on the Finnish market**. Aktia operates in retail banking, asset management and life & risk insurance. With its 90 branches spread over the whole territory of Finland and efficient customer service, Aktia Bank plc daily manages the bank accounts of nearly 300 000 clients.

In 2008, after the acquisition of several companies operating in the financial sphere during the last two years, Aktia Bank plc had to continue to **guarantee a level of optimal security** for its clients but also for its own data.

To take up this challenge, Aktia Bank plc has chosen a common security solution to all its components: a **Web Application Firewall (WAF)**.

It should address the following issues:

- Protect all Aktia's entities against cybercrime with a **security solution reliable and comprehensive**,
- Comply with the requirements for **PCI-DSS standard**,
- Enable a secure and reliable SOA-architecture.

*"Rather than letting each entity of Aktia Bank plc choose its own WAF, we wanted to standardize all applications using a common security solution, impeccable, robust and reliable."* said **Thomas Malmberg**, Security Consultant in Aktia Bank plc.

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## **rWeb, Deny All's Web Application Firewall chosen by Aktia to secure its applications**

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Following a call for tenders launched two years ago, **Deny All has been selected as the company offering the best WAF** to address Aktia needs. The Proof of Concept (POC) lasted a week and then after a short test period of one month in-house, rWeb has been implemented in the whole structure of the group.

The Finnish consultancy company, nSense, partner of Deny All, has played an important role in decision-making of Aktia Bank plc: *"nSense knew how to advise us in our choice and accompanied us step by step in deploying Deny All's solution, rWeb"* said Thomas Malmberg.

The Finnish Bank, from the beginning, respected the **PCI-DSS standard imposed** on all Internet sites whose activities involve the existence of bank data. Therefore, its various entities, acquired over time, have been required to also meet this standard. **The choice of the Deny All's Web Application Firewall, rWeb, stood out again, obviously** : *"rWeb corresponded to our expectations regarding the PCI-DSS standard, it is a **natively compatible, transparent, evolutive and future-proof solution**"* said Thomas Malmberg.

### **The serenity of 300 000 customers guaranty by rWeb**

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The rWeb solution is gradually deployed in front of all the applications of Aktia Bank plc entities. Today Aktia Bank plc continues to install **new applications, including XML and Web Services. Again, the choice of rWeb is reinforced** because it provides sufficient protection to such applications, without additional installation.

Thomas Malmberg described Deny All's technical, support and advisory teams as *"extremely responsive and available."*

**The quality of this relationship** was instrumental in the POC phase and Thomas Malmberg stresses *"the attention that we met at this period, and that influenced our choice, is still a strength of the relationship between Aktia Bank plc and Deny All."*

*« our experience with Deny All support team is excellent. The response time is very short and the know how of the engineer is very high. Access to support is a valuable asset when setting new applications»*

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