

Customer Case
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Aktia Bank plc of Finland, looks after the serenity of its 300 000 customers through rWeb of Deny All

Aktia, a major finnish player in the financial actor with flawless IT security

Founded in 1825, Aktia Bank is today one of the largest banks in the Finnish market. It 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.

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

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 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."*

About Deny All

Pioneer of WAF (Web Application Firewall), Deny All is now the European leader in the protection and accelerating Web applications, XML and FTP. Deny All provides solutions to large accounts globally, on all sectors. Its products, available as software or appliance, ensure protection, authentication and transaction acceleration on Internet, extranet and intranet. The Deny All solutions are easy to install and guarantee the highest level of protection against known and unknown attacks through a filter of HTTP(S), SOAP / XML and FTP(S). Today, Deny All solutions protect more than 10 000 web applications around the world.

With headquarters in Paris, Deny All is present in most European countries through local teams in Germany, Benelux, Spain and Nordic countries and through its network of partners.

Deny All is a member of CLUSIF, the OWASP, the OSSIR, the SAP Global Security Alliance and Liberty Alliance.

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