

University of Westminster Deploys Lieberman Software's Enterprise Random Password Manager™ for Privileged Identity Security

The University of Westminster deployed Lieberman Software's Enterprise Random Password Manager (ERPM), the company's privileged identity management solution, to control access to privileged accounts on the servers, workstations, and network devices in the University's multi-platform environment. ERPM was implemented throughout the university's seven network sites as part of an overall IT security and auditing strategy, and to assist with a new initiative to centrally manage its system administration.

The Situation

"We need to control and audit access to all of the privileged account passwords in our network, and decided on ERPM for its automated account discovery capabilities, auditing features, and productivity benefits," said Jonathan Hughes, User Systems Manager at the University of Westminster. "Among the solutions that we evaluated, ERPM is the only one that can automatically discover every privileged account on our network, providing real advantages over the less effective, less reliable manual alternatives."

The Solution

When ERPM is introduced into a large cross-platform organization like the University of Westminster, it automatically locates and tracks every privileged account that exists in the network. These privileged accounts hold elevated permissions to access sensitive data, install and run programs, and change the configuration settings of virtually every hardware and software resource. By identifying, updating, storing, and providing delegated recovery of privileged account passwords, organizations can reduce security threats, improve IT staff efficiency, and comply with regulatory audits.

Additional factors in the University's decision to implement ERPM include its ability to manage

multiple operating systems and directory services, support for multi-factor authentication, and central management capabilities.

The Result

With ERPM, IT staff at The University of Westminster will no longer have to rely on tedious and inefficient manual processes to manage privileged accounts. The staff will also be able to gain secure, remote administrative access on demand for conducting IT administration duties. And, ERPM's centralized control of all privileged accounts throughout the enterprise aligns with the University's initiative to restructure its IT service into a centrally managed operation.

"While there were numerous factors in our decision to install ERPM enterprise-wide at the University of Westminster, the implementation was primarily driven by regulatory compliance and security demands," Hughes said. "The product's access and control reporting will be valuable to our annual security audit. And, while we've never experienced a security breach, we are aware of the serious threat posed by unsecured privileged accounts. ERPM mitigates this risk."

About Lieberman Software Corporation

Lieberman Software provides privileged identity management and security management solutions that secure the multi-platform enterprise. By automating time-intensive IT administration tasks, Lieberman Software increases control over the computing infrastructure, reduces security vulnerabilities, improves productivity, and helps ensure regulatory compliance. Lieberman Software pioneered the privileged account security market, having developed its first product to address this need. The company is headquartered in Los Angeles, CA with a support office in Austin, TX. For more information, see www.liebsoft.com.