PROTECTING VITAL RESEARCH AT BRAZIL’S TOP UNIVERSITY
UNICAMP, AS IT IS UNIVERSALLY KNOWN, IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SPECIALIST RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN LATIN AMERICA.

Originally established in 1962 in Sao Paulo as a center of medical research, the University of Campinas (UNICAMP) now has its own teaching hospital, which employs 3,100 people and treats half a million local people each year. In 2015 UNICAMP was rated as the best university in Brazil by the Ministry of Education. Undergraduates study medicine, dentistry, engineering, natural and human sciences, applied sciences, teaching and arts.

Challenge
UNICAMP is a large and dispersed university with dozens of research and teaching departments within the State of Sao Paulo. There are tens of thousands of students and staff using a diverse range of IT resources and services at any one time, accessed through large numbers of PCs, servers, mobile devices and applications.

They rely heavily on robust security arrangements to maintain their ability to stay connected, to work productively and to keep their valuable documents and data safe. This is especially important as UNICAMP is carrying out ground-breaking research of international importance for citizens and governments around the world.

At the same time the University wanted to maintain an environment in which there was easy access to data, although with controls. This preserves the ability of students and academics to work together collaboratively, in teams, to share information and ideas, to achieve their goals.
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But UNICAMP’s IT staff were extremely concerned about repeated malware attacks and other online threats to staff and students and it was difficult to achieve the level of control and consistency they needed in such a large and dynamic institution.

It wished to protect its overall IT infrastructure and the information assets belonging to its staff and students. It wanted a single consolidated solution that offered high detection rates, centralized management, easy administration and flexibility to cater for UNICAMP’s many different IT requirements and geographic locations.

Paulo Sérgio de Moraes, IT Director of Computer Center, comments: “As this is an academic and corporate environment, the most appropriate digital protection must have manageability and provide security against threats to equipment used in research and corporate activities. Users have easy access to digital content and need to know that the whole environment is safe, and that their credentials and data are fully protected.”

After a public procurement exercise involving a rigorous evaluation process to compare a range of security products, UNICAMP selected the Kaspersky Endpoint Security for Business Select platform, proposed by Kaspersky Lab’s Brazilian partner Microhard.

**The Kaspersky Lab solution**

The Kaspersky Lab platform is protecting 18,000 endpoints – desktops, laptops and mobile devices – used by UNICAMP students and staff, and 1,000 virtual servers too, all managed and controlled by a central management console – the Kaspersky Security Center (KSC).
The multi-layered solution is blocking malware and other malicious attacks, and enables IT managers to put policies and controls in place to prevent unauthorized or risky use of devices, apps or the Internet.

“The Kaspersky Lab platform provides the protection we need, is agile and easy to manage,” says Paulo Sérgio de Moraes.

“We use the KSC for the deployment of our endpoint security solution, with each unit within the University managing its own activities and defining its own management policies.

“The KSC uses the Portuguese language and we have a facilities inventory tool so that we can keep track of activity. These tools are intuitive and easy to use.”

**Quality of service**

“We protect all endpoints transparently, so that users almost never have to remember to have protection installed on their endpoints. Considering the huge use of individual desktops and the development and production environments that the Kaspersky Lab solution is protecting, the performance is at a satisfactory level and we are avoiding major hassles.

“It is reassuring to be able to rely on Kaspersky Lab’s protection. It provides security for our users to work without worrying about administrative tasks, the risk of contamination, information theft and malware of all kinds.

“Kaspersky participated in the implementation of the solution and stays in regular contact with us. They track the quality of service provided by Microhard, its authorized reseller, with whom we have a contract. Kaspersky Lab has shown that it cares about us, always asking where else it can help us. We appreciate their service.”

40,000
Students

10,000
Staff

1,800
Academics

Microhard is a Brazilian company headquartered in Belo Horizonte - Minas Gerais, with service throughout the country, completed 24 years of existence. Specializing in network and security networks, has a strong partnership with Kaspersky Labs, because KL deliver comprehensive and integrated protection, reducing the effort in serving the customer.

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