



Onward Technologies gains visibility and control with ManageEngine DataSecurity Plus



Company:
Onward Technologies



Industry:
IT Services & Solutions



Location:
Chicagoland area and beyond

About Onward Technologies

Onward Technologies is a trusted IT services provider based out of Illinois, United States. It has been serving businesses across the Chicago area and supporting clients nationwide for over 35 years. Specializing in infrastructure and cloud services, managed IT services, managed security services, and strategic technology consulting, Onward Technologies empowers businesses of all sizes with dependable solutions that keep operations secure, efficient, and future-ready.

The company continually adopts innovative tools to boost visibility, optimize infrastructure, and strengthen governance, ensuring its clients stay protected and productive in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

Data visibility challenges faced by Onward Technologies

Like many organizations managing large volumes of business data, Onward Technologies faced difficulties in understanding the makeup of its file storage. The company's file servers hosted a mix of operational and historical data, and Reginola, a systems engineer at Onward Technologies, found it incredibly hard to gain visibility into the age and size of files. He was also unable to track file changes and file activity. With data growing each passing month, he needed clear answers to a few key questions:

1. How old and big are our files?
2. Which files are no longer relevant to ongoing business operations?
3. Are there opportunities to optimize storage?
4. Who is accessing or modifying our files, and how often are changes being made?
5. Could access rights be better aligned with user roles and data sensitivity?

Without the ability to analyze file data at scale, decision-making around storage optimization and long-term governance was severely limited.

Why ManageEngine DataSecurity Plus stood out

When Onward Technologies explored solutions to improve file analysis and storage management, DataSecurity Plus emerged as the top choice for the following reasons:

✓ **Modular design:**

Unlike many security platforms that bundle every feature together, DataSecurity Plus is divided into stand-alone modules, allowing organizations to enable only what they need.

✓ **Focused deployment:**

Onward Technologies could activate just the File Analysis module to gain visibility into file storage—without deploying the full DLP or data risk assessment components.

✓ **Efficient and cost-effective:**

This modular approach let the team use only the capabilities relevant to their goals, avoiding unnecessary complexity and costs tied to unused features.

We asked Reginola how DataSecurity Plus helped strengthen file security and visibility. He said:

DataSecurity Plus helps me to have relevant data for making file archiving decisions. The extra visibility it provides is great for being able to track changes and activity. It has allowed us to better plan space allocations and fix rights issues proactively.

How DataSecurity Plus helped

After deploying the File Analysis module, Onward Technologies quickly gained the insights it needed to make smarter data management decisions.

✓ **Informed file archiving:**

By surfacing file age and size data, the platform enabled Reginola and his team to confidently decide which files could be archived or cleaned up, allowing them to better plan space allocations across storage environments.

✓ **Visibility into changes and activity:**

The module offered clarity into how files were being used, helping to track changes and monitor ongoing activity with greater confidence.

✓ **Improved permissions hygiene:**

The platform highlighted rights issues, allowing the team to fix them before they could lead to larger problems.

Even though Onward Technologies does not currently use the DLP features of the suite, the value derived from File Analysis alone has proven significant.

When we asked Reginola about his overall experience with DataSecurity Plus and our support team, he highlighted:

- ✓ Great support
- ✓ Continuous engagement
- ✓ Consistent follow-up calls
- ✓ A knowledgeable team

Conclusion

For Onward Technologies, ManageEngine DataSecurity Plus has delivered exactly what the company needed: clarity, control, and confidence in managing its file data. The File Analysis module helped the IT team simplify file management, improve governance, and strengthen their data security posture.

With a 10/10 rating and a strong likelihood to recommend, Onward Technologies' experience highlights how even selective use of DataSecurity Plus can bring transformative results for IT operations.

Like Onward Technologies, you can also deploy specific modules of DataSecurity Plus to address specific needs or integrate all the capabilities of DataSecurity Plus to enhance your data security posture.

From file server auditing and data risk assessment to DLP and cloud protection, DataSecurity Plus can serve as a one-stop data security posture management platform. To try these capabilities for yourself, schedule a free, guided demo. Alternatively, you can download DataSecurity Plus and use it for 30 days with no limits to preview all the features in your environment.

DataSecurity Plus

ManageEngine DataSecurity Plus is a unified data visibility and security platform. It audits file changes in real time, triggers instant responses to critical events, shuts down ransomware intrusions, and helps organizations comply with numerous IT regulations. It analyzes file storage and security permissions, deletes junk files, and detects security vulnerabilities. Users can assess the risks associated with sensitive data storage by locating and classifying files containing personally identifiable information (PII), payment card information (PCI), and electronic protected health information (ePHI). It also prevents data leaks via USBs, email, printers, and web applications; monitors file integrity; and audits cloud application usage. Together, these capabilities ensure the all-round protection of data at rest, data in use, and data in motion.

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