A large restaurant chain collecting customer data at more than 200 locations across the U.S. and Canada experienced a breach of its point-of-sale (POS) systems. Though a secure connection was used to send customer information to a main data center, several of the POS systems were compromised with data-stealing malware that was siphoning off credit card information to an external system.

Because PCI standards require compliance at the highest level after a breach, the company needed to become compliant quickly and cost-effectively, in addition to addressing its overall security program.

What was the best way to approach this challenge?

- Remediate affected point-of-sale systems and create a cost-effective solution.
- Identify and address additional security gaps.
- Create a plan for the future based on a layered security approach.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

**Organization Size:** 200 locations

**Organization Industry:** A large North American family restaurant chain

**Challenge:** To remediate a recent breach for PCI compliance while reducing associated time, costs and allocated resources.

**IMPACT**

- Implemented holistic security strategy by augmenting IT resources.
- Safeguarded customer payment card information across the network.
- Increased protection from malicious attacks.
- Helped ensure ongoing PCI compliance.

*Bouncing back from a breach can be costly – this client used the opportunity to create a holistic and manageable security program.*
SECURITY ASSESSMENT SERVICES:  
Creating a Holistic Security Program

**Breach remediation**

After the breach, Optiv pinpointed and fixed the affected POS systems. They also scanned unaffected systems to help ensure they were clean.

**Ongoing security program**

Optiv then helped the restaurant chain create a manageable, ongoing security program that met PCI requirements and provided regular monitoring and updates.

**Program Components**

The new security program included:

- Regular penetration testing
- New vulnerability management technology
- A file integrity management solution
- Wireless intrusion detection and prevention system
- Patch and configuration management software
- Next generation firewall appliances

**Compliance Management**

After new processes and technology were in place and the company was PCI compliant, Optiv worked with the client to develop an efficient ongoing compliance management strategy.

**Maximizing a cost-efficient and manageable strategy**

Optiv’s quick reaction to the breach and the subsequent complete security strategy put the restaurant chain on the offensive, ensuring a preventative approach to information security management and ongoing PCI compliance.

Now threats are identified and thwarted before they strike—satisfying compliance auditors and establishing trust with diners. In addition, the client:

- Created an ongoing partnership with Optiv for compliance and technology consultation.
- Saved time and money through a holistic and efficient new security program.
- Met complex and strict PCI compliance requirements post-breach.
- Safeguarded customer payment card information across the network.
- Increased protection from malicious attacks.

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