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NIKSUN is one of those companies that has stepped into an established market and, through forward thinking, carved a niche that they still control. When NIKSUN began to develop its platform, some thought that it was just another SIEM. But it's not a SIEM, it is a network forensic appliance and is evolving into a whole lot more. The big distinction is that it does its own data captures. Using an approach more like an IDS than a SIEM, NIKSUN's core Alpine platform collects data on the network and analyzes it in lots of different ways.

Whether one is using the tool for network forensics or as an alerting system, it takes a forensic-based approach. That means that it collects every packet it sees, analyzes it and saves it for future analysis. Such capabilities, as playing a violation of policy back after the fact, has been around since NIKSUN's earliest products. When it was introduced, it was one of those forward-looking capabilities that now are routine for this New Jersey-based Innovator.

We have tested the NIKSUN NetDetector – the core of the NetOmni enterprise suite – and used it in live applications. It provides the ability to see events at a distance and then to drill down to the packet level for more detailed analysis. As a network security analytic tool taking a forensic approach, it is without peer. Its ability to function at network speeds enhances its value, and its forensic approach puts it over the top.

**HALL OF FAME**

NIKSUN credits its people with making it an Innovator. Having met many of them, we couldn't agree more. The team that develops and brings NIKSUN tools to market is a dedicated group, driven by the pursuit of excellence and encouraged to develop new ideas. The NIKSUN tools are built on the company's Alpine codebase. This gives consistency and maturity to the products and allows the development of new solutions to new challenges. The combination of the people and the technology has proven to be a real winner for this Innovator.

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