

# University of Illinois

## Introduction

This case study of University of Illinois is based on an August 2019 survey of SonicWall NSa firewalls customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service.



“My SonicWall NSa firewall is meeting or exceeding my performance and security expectations,” says Kenneth Lloyd, Senior IT Manager, University of Illinois.

## Challenges

The university used or evaluated Cisco/Meraki before selecting their SonicWall NSa firewall(s). It chose to deploy SonicWall NSa firewalls because they were challenged with consolidating security and networking features in a single solution.

## Use Case

The key features and functionalities of SonicWall NSa firewalls that were important in selecting their SonicWall NSa firewall included:

- Deep Packet Inspection of Encrypted Traffic (DPI-SSL)
- An integrated VPN

## Results

Lloyd is extremely satisfied with the NSa Series firewall solution. “SonicWall NSa provide the best security value.”

The university has realized the following operational benefits from their SonicWall NSa firewall:

- Improved efficiency of a business process
- Improved overall system uptime
- Lowered total cost of ownership
- Increased the number of blocked attacks by 76-100% since deploying SonicWall NSa firewalls

### Organization Profile

Organization:  
**University of Illinois**

Industry:  
**Educational Institution**

### About SonicWall NSa firewalls

SonicWall has been fighting the cyber-criminal industry for over 25 years defending small, medium-size businesses and enterprises worldwide. Backed by research from the Global Response Intelligent Defense (GRID) Threat Network, our award-winning real-time breach detection and prevention solutions, coupled with the formidable resources of over 10,000 loyal channel partners around the globe, are the backbone securing more than a million business and mobile networks and their emails, applications and data.

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