



## GlobalSCAPE EFT Server™ Fuels a Secure, Reliable Supply Chain for Sweden's OKQ8

With approximately 750 fuel stations, OKQ8 is one of Sweden's largest fuel companies. In addition to fuel, their distributed stations offer a wide range of goods, including groceries, fast food, and auto accessories. To maintain its market share and profitability, OKQ8 must operate efficiently with its network of suppliers and trading partners.



OKQ8 and its trading partners rely on Internet protocols like FTP to execute the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transmissions essential to business operations. The company exchanges a wide range of documents, including invoices, orders, inventory, currency and lending documents, with a large number of trading partners, using a variety of systems, applications, and file transfer protocols.

Using an FTP server that was part of a broader automation platform, OKQ8's file exchanges were cumbersome and required manual processes susceptible to error. According to Andreas del Pino, OKQ8's IT coordinator of infrastructure, "Maintaining the different scripts and batch files for the various file transfers was an administrative nightmare."

### The Search for a Reliable, Secure File Transfer Solution

OKQ8 needed a file exchange solution that was both secure and reliable to handle vital supply chain processes. Specifically, OKQ8 needed a solution that met the following requirements:

- Support for multiple secure protocols, including SFTP (SSH2), FTPS (SSL/TLS), HTTPS, PGP, and AS2
- Event-driven automation to reduce administrative tasks around regular file exchanges
- Simple administration
- Integration with Microsoft BizTalk Server and back-end mainframes, AS400 systems, and Windows and Unix servers



The search led to GlobalSCAPE Enhanced File Transfer (EFT) Server, a secure FTP server that combines security with usability. EFT Server™ gives OKQ8 a secure gateway for external file transfers with partners while integrating with the company's Microsoft BizTalk Server and back-end systems on diverse platforms.

EFT Server helps OKQ8 track and audit all data transfers while meeting strict security standards and protecting transfers with strong encryption (AES 256). It supports a wide range of secure transfer protocols, and offers easy-to-use interfaces for administrators and users alike.

### **A Secure Gateway for Exchanging Files with Partners**

Today OKQ8's trading partners use EFT Server to exchange the files that fuel OKQ8's business and supply chain. Partners can efficiently transfer files using SFTP, FTPS, or HTTPS protocols. OKQ8 maintains, audits, and manages all file exchanges easily, without cumbersome scripting and batch file maintenance.

According to del Pino, "We are pleased with the choice of GlobalSCAPE EFT Server for supporting our critical file exchanges, and with the support that GlobalSCAPE has provided."

OKQ8 uses GlobalSCAPE's EFT Server Enterprise with DMZ Gateway, which acts as a communication proxy to process requests, replacing inherently insecure inbound connections from the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to its network.

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Says del Pino, "EFT Server with the DMZ Gateway proxy creates an external, secure B2B interface for partners, who can use the file exchange protocols of their choice. And EFT Server reduces the manual effort involved in maintaining file transfers with partners, reducing the possibility of error, and making our lives easier."