

# CASE STUDY

IBM i EDR Visibility & Threat Response

European Banking Institution *Anonymized | Confidential*



## Client Profile

<b>Industry</b>	Banking
<b>Region</b>	Europe
<b>Environment</b>	IBM i — 4 LPARs supporting core banking, transactions, and customer services
<b>Security Scope</b>	Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR) Visibility for IBM i
<b>Assessment Type</b>	Internal Cybersecurity Modernization & Security Operations Integration

## The Challenge

The client's Security Operations Center (SOC) had enterprise-grade EDR coverage across Windows, Linux, and cloud infrastructure, but the IBM i environment remained a visibility gap within the organization's cybersecurity monitoring framework. As IBM i systems hosted critical banking applications and sensitive financial data, the absence of IBM i-native monitoring and response capabilities created operational and compliance concerns.

### Security Visibility Gap

Traditional EDR platforms deployed within the organization could not provide:

- Real-time monitoring of IBM i user activity, Detection of suspicious command execution
- Visibility into privileged operations
- Tracking of unauthorized access attempts
- Correlation of IBM i events within the centralized SOC environment

The SOC lacked actionable IBM i telemetry required for modern threat detection workflows.

### Threat Detection & Response

The organization required the ability to:

- Detect abnormal or unauthorized IBM i activity in real time, Identify privilege escalation attempts
- Monitor sensitive object and configuration changes
- Trigger automated alerts and response procedures
- Integrate IBM i security events into enterprise SIEM workflows

Without IBM i-native event intelligence, the security team could not achieve consistent detection and response coverage across the enterprise.

### Compliance & Operational Requirements

The solution needed to:

- Operate natively on IBM i, Require no application modifications

- Integrate with the bank's centralized SIEM platform
- Support rapid deployment across multiple LPARs
- Minimize operational impact on production banking systems

## Solution Deployed

Raz-Lee deployed the following iSecurity modules across all IBM i partitions::

### iSecurity Audit

Implemented centralized real-time monitoring and auditing of IBM i security events.

Capabilities included:

- Monitoring of user sign-ons and authentication activity
- Tracking of command execution and privileged operations
- File and object access monitoring
- Detection of security policy violations
- Real-time alerting for suspicious or unauthorized behavior

The solution provided detailed IBM i activity visibility required by the SOC and security teams.

### iSecurity Action

Implemented automated incident response and policy enforcement capabilities. This allowed the organization to introduce active threat response capabilities within the IBM i environment.

### iSecurity SIEM

Integrated IBM i security events into the bank's centralized SIEM platform. The implementation enabled IBM i to become fully visible within the organization's enterprise cybersecurity operations.

## Results

- Achieved enterprise-level EDR visibility for IBM i environments
- Integrated IBM i events into centralized SOC monitoring and SIEM correlation
- Improved detection of suspicious user and privileged activity
- Reduced incident response time through automated alerting and actions
- Eliminated IBM i visibility gaps within enterprise security operations
- Deployment completed without application changes or production disruption

The organization significantly strengthened its IBM i security monitoring and response capabilities while aligning IBM i systems with enterprise cybersecurity standards.

## Key QSA Feedback

*“For years, IBM i operated outside the visibility scope of our enterprise EDR and SOC processes. Raz-Lee enabled us to integrate IBM i into our centralized detection and response strategy with real-time monitoring, actionable alerts, and SIEM correlation.”*

— Head of Cybersecurity Operations (paraphrased)