

Customer Story

# How Epidemic Sound *secures* music for millions

Reduced complexity and hidden IT costs

Eliminated dependency on shipped hardware

Enabled secure global workforce scaling

## ⚡ Impact Summary

Epidemic Sound replaced hardware-heavy security workflows with the Island Enterprise Browser, protecting intellectual property, simplifying governance, and enabling secure global scaling through a privacy-centric, cloud-first approach.



Swedish music tech company with 3.5B daily users

### Industry

Technology

### Team

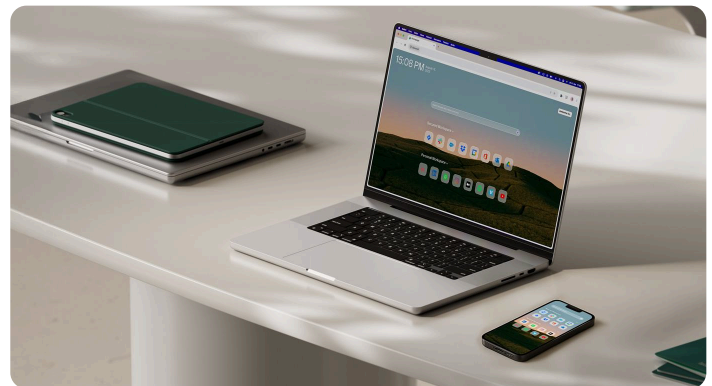
Secure access for global users

### Goal

Distributed workforce

### Use Cases

Secure global access, Cloud-first security and governance, Privacy protection, Tool reduction



### Challenges

- ✓ Expensive hardware and deployment
- ✓ Limited visibility into cloud activity
- ✓ Strict privacy requirements

## The Challenge

Epidemic Sound operates at the intersection of music and technology, supporting creators and artists around the world. As the company expanded internationally, traditional security approaches became harder to scale.

Prior to Island, Epidemic often shipped hardware to employees across regions to meet internal cybersecurity requirements—a process that was time consuming, expensive, and difficult to scale for a global workforce.

The company also needed stronger governance over intellectual property and cloud activity without introducing invasive employee monitoring.

“We need to have governance in place that can scale in both a cost efficient, flexible, but most importantly secure way,” said Sara Börsvik, Chief Financial Officer at Epidemic Sound.

At the same time, Epidemic Sound wanted employees and creators to have fast, seamless access to cloud applications without friction or complicated onboarding.

For Epidemic Sound, there had to be a more scalable, privacy-centric way to secure work globally.

**"Island gives us the visibility we need - without invasive monitoring. It's fast to deploy, cost-efficient, and lets our teams focus on what matters most: creating."**

**Dan Kritzing**, Director of Security, Epidemic Sound



## The Solution

Epidemic Sound selected Island to modernize secure access and simplify how employees work across the organization.

With the Island Enterprise Browser, the company replaced hardware-dependent workflows with a cloud-first browser experience that could be deployed globally in minutes. The browser became a secure workspace for employees, providing direct access to applications, systems, and company resources through a single controlled environment.

“We simply send a file to someone, they execute it, and there’s their browser,” said Dan Kritzing, Director of Security at Epidemic Sound. “Everything can exist in the cloud. We don’t need to deploy hardware.”

With Island, Epidemic Sound gained:

- Secure cloud-based access for global teams
- Visibility into company activity without invasive monitoring
- Simplified deployment and onboarding workflows
- Centralized governance for intellectual property
- Reduced reliance on multiple security tools

“The Island browser is your portal into everything you need to do at Epidemic Sound,” said Michael Pearce, Security Engineer at Epidemic Sound. “Nothing needs to happen locally.”

**“Without Island we couldn’t scale our business in the way we do today. It positions us for future growth, giving us the tools to focus on what matters most - providing secure solutions for our creators.”**

**Sara Börsvik, Chief Financial Officer, Epidemic Sound**



# Results

Island helped Epidemic Sound securely scale its global operations while simplifying security management and reducing operational overhead.

## **Faster Global Deployment**

Teams could securely onboard users anywhere in the world without shipping hardware or maintaining complex infrastructure. Employees gained immediate access to the tools they needed through a lightweight browser deployment model.

## **Reduced Operational Complexity**

Island consolidated capabilities previously spread across multiple tools, helping reduce hidden IT costs and simplifying security operations.

“Where we had many tools in the past we had to replace, Island bridges that gap,” said Kritzinger.

## **Improved Governance and Risk Reduction**

Epidemic Sound strengthened oversight of sensitive intellectual property while maintaining a privacy-centric security posture. Security teams gained the visibility they needed without relying on invasive monitoring technologies.

## **Enabled Continued Business Growth**

Island gave Epidemic Sound the flexibility and scalability needed to support future expansion while meeting the expectations of their owners, the board, and the audit committee.

“Without Island we couldn’t scale our business in the way we do today,” said Börsvik.

Today, Island helps Epidemic Sound focus less on infrastructure and security friction, and more on enabling creators, employees, and artists to move quickly and securely.

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**Michael Pearce, Security Engineer, Epidemic Sound**



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