

i-mate promises peace of mind for mobile businesses

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Company offers package to help centrally control usage of mobile devices.

Smaller businesses can now trust employees with mobile devices thanks to a new solution that provides businesses of all sizes with centralised controls, claims i-mate.

The company, which enables businesses to tailor and manage Microsoft Windows Mobile devices and applications, said its new i-mate suite provides a packaged solution that enables managers to keep control over all devices with network access from backup to security.

This company already offers several bespoke services and can cater for as few as 50 devices. Now, i-mate suite allows enterprises of all sizes to extend the network safely beyond the barriers of the office through mobile devices running Microsoft Windows Mobile.

The Suite has three modules that cover security and data: 1-View allows access to the network and files, and includes sharing facilities; i-mate Control enables remote updates and customisation, plus remote configuration and trouble shooting; while i-mate Backup allows back up of policies from every 15 seconds to once a month, as required.

Jim Morrison, CEO of i-mate, said one important example of how this centralised support system and control can work to a company's advantage is through security. An IT manager can remotely wipe all data from a stolen phone, after backing up and extracting the data for placing on a new device.

On the growth of his business, Morrison said: "My idea was just 'build it and they will come'. And they did. This idea was set up in BT when I worked there, to support BT's 15 carriers. But when BT got rid of its carriers around four years ago, it wasted a great opportunity in my opinion. So I decided to put my money behind it and go with it, and boy, what a return that was."

Consumers can buy i-mate Suite from www.clubimate.com and indirect resellers. i-mate 1-View is available now and the complete Suite will be here in June.