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Make Bring-Your-Own-Device Policies Work for You and Your Employees

When your employees introduce their own mobile devices into your workflow, how can you provide them the data they need while enforcing information security? And how about controlling costs? Let the SAP Afaria mobile device management solution help you manage your BYOD policy to connect people affordably with your applications and with each other to boost productivity and collaboration.

Summary

With a sound bring-your-own-device (BYOD) policy, you can increase the productivity of your employees, reduce procurement and support costs for mobile devices, and gain greater visibility into network usage. The SAP® Afaria® mobile device management solution helps with BYOD implementation by making mobile device management simple and effective.

Business Challenges

- Centralizing control of applications and devices across the enterprise
- Setting a firm enterprise mobility policy while satisfying employee expectations and sharpening competitive edge
- Addressing liability, privacy, and security issues in the mobile enterprise
- Keeping up-to-date with rapidly evolving mobile technologies
- Controlling costs of device acquisition and usage

Key Features

- **Remote device lifecycle management** – Provision, deploy, support, maintain, and decommission devices from a central location
- **Strong security controls** – Protect your data with device power-on passwords, data encryption, and partitioning policies
- **Remote protection** – Lock or wipe lost or stolen devices
- **Application management** – Push critical applications to users and create pick lists for self-service
- **Status oversight** – Identify and flag noncompliant usage

Business Benefits

- **Faster and wiser business decisions** through real-time remote access to corporate information
- **Lower costs** for device acquisition and support, user training, and technology research through the use of personal devices
- **Initial savings** based on price per user rather than per device
- **Streamlined collaboration** through fast connections for employees
- **Increased productivity** through deeper engagement of employees using their preferred devices

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It's no secret that when you arm employees everywhere with critical information at their fingertips, they can make smart business decisions more quickly, increasing overall productivity and boosting operational efficiency. Enterprise mobility also increases the pace and frequency of communication among teammates, paving the way for a collaborative business process that fosters innovation.

If you've begun building a mobile enterprise by establishing a list of approved mobile devices, you've probably seen that list fail to keep up with user preferences. The busy consumer electronics market offers a new mobile device every few months, and your people become attached to their handpicked instruments. They introduce a wide array of devices into your workflow in a trend known as bring your own device (BYOD). How can you capitalize on BYOD cost-effectively, without sacrificing security and privacy?

With the SAP® Afaria® mobile device management solution, deploying enterprise mobility technologies affordably – and keeping up-to-date as they evolve – is a lot easier. You can implement best practices for provisioning devices, supporting them while they are in use and decommissioning them at the end of their lifecycle.

With SAP Afaria, you can also maintain visibility into mobile network usage and monitor compliance with company policies. And you save a significant portion of the purchase cost because employees buy their own devices. Even if you provide a fixed allowance for device purchase, you typically see a significant reduction in procurement costs. Employees who use a device they choose themselves are also more likely to be familiar with its operating system and functionality. That makes them better able to troubleshoot on their own, which lowers your cost to support them.

One of the biggest challenges in addressing BYOD trends is implementing and enforcing a strong usage policy. SAP Afaria helps you execute a sound strategy through power-on passwords, on-device and over-the-air data encryption, and segregation of personal and corporate data. If a mobile device is lost or stolen, you can lock it remotely to prevent unauthorized access. If the lost device remains missing after a specified period of time, you can wipe it clean of confidential corporate information.

SAP Afaria also helps you push mobile applications to appropriate users through the creation of groups based on employee role or device type. And the best news of all may just be this: the pricing for SAP Afaria is based solely on number of users, no matter how many devices each user may field.

Join the BYOD revolution – safely, productively, and affordably – with SAP Afaria.

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