A Simple BYOD Approach

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In June 2007, Apple released the iPhone. It took nearly a quarter for the iPhone to reach one million sales. Five years later, iPhones and Androids dominate the market; BlackBerry devices are almost a memory; and in a single quarter, 169 million smartphones were sold worldwide. Compounding the mobile phenomenon is the explosion of tablets. Apple arguably paved the way again, releasing the iPad in April 2010. Now we have the option of the Nexus, Surface, Galaxy and a host of other tablets, which are estimated to reach worldwide sales of more than 180 million in 2013.

There has never been a more profound consumer-driven technology craze than mobile devices. You see it everywhere. You can’t go through the grocery checkout lane without being delayed by a distracted shopper. You can’t see a film at the local movie theatre without seeing a preview about turning off all your devices. Nowhere is sacred — not even the bathroom, where 75% of Americans admit to using their mobile phones. We reach for them so often that there are laws preventing usage, such as no texting while driving.

And just as mobile devices have altered the way we live, they have also altered the way we work. No longer restricted to desks, people freely work after hours, with 44% even admitting to conducting work during meals. And while people may be willing to take that call, respond to that email and work the extra hours at home to meet that deadline, they are not willing to give up their privacy or be smothered by inconvenient security. In fact, a 2012 Enterasys Networks survey reported that 91% of users had disabled the auto-lock on their tablet and 75% did the same on their smartphone.

Equally as important is the fact that people are not willing to give up their devices at the office. They don’t want a corporate-issued smartphone or tablet. No matter if offered the most popular device, it’s still the company’s device. Employees want to use their own, and they want to use them to conduct work and access your corporate data. Businesses have begun to accept this reality, otherwise known as bring-your-own-device (BYOD). Six out of 10 companies already have BYOD programs, and another three out of 10 companies plan to move to BYOD programs soon. Now, it is IT’s uphill battle to manage BYOD.

“There’s nothing hotter for consumers than tablet devices and smartphones. There’s also nothing more terrifying for IT than tablet devices and smartphones.”

—Mark Fidelman
Forbes

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With 81% of employees using their phones at work, companies have stopped asking: “Is corporate data leaking from personal devices?” and started asking: “How do we effectively prevent corporate data from leaking from personal devices?” The answer has not been simple.

Mobile Device Management (MDM) monitors employee devices and wipes all data when devices are lost or stolen. MDM solutions are complicated and costly for business, and they are nightmares for employees. The user experience is beyond frustrating, requiring password protection on every function, whether your employees want to call a friend or take a photo of their kids. Add on the idea that all personal data, from messages to photos, could be erased from your employee’s device without a moment’s notice. It’s easy to understand why employees would be upset when forced to use an MDM solution on their devices. Worse yet, MDM solutions leave data on the device. When a device is lost or stolen, the business can disconnect access if the device is online. However, if disconnected, the device and its data are jeopardized.

Policy controls with native devices, such as connections to Exchange ActiveSync, are a type of MDM. They secure specific functions but offer fewer management capabilities with the same employee frustrations. Again, because policy controls allow data to reside on the device, any stolen or lost devices are vulnerable and unprotected if taken offline.

Containerization offers a modicum of the user experience employees demand—a separation of work life and personal life. However, the user experience has flaws. Container solutions do not automatically integrate corporate contacts into the phone, so if you receive a call or text, your phone can’t identify the person. In addition, some container solutions lack the ability to notify users about upcoming events or inbound email and can only provide access to the most recent corporate emails. The worst flaw however is the most significant for business. Similar to MDM solutions, containerization leaves corporate data on the device and vulnerable. If stolen or lost devices are taken offline, corporate data is left unprotected.
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Virtualization can be an effective manner of managing corporate data, but there are tradeoffs. The solution enables the employee’s whole desktop to be accessible on their device. If a device is lost or stolen, the connection is broken, and the data is secured. However, those occasions are overshadowed by the impairment of everyday use. A desktop is easy enough to navigate on a laptop; placed on a tablet or a smartphone where screen real estate is limited, the virtual desktop becomes an overwhelming experience for employees.

Browser-based services, such as Outlook Web Access, are another method of managing corporate data. However, similar to virtualization, they too offer a poor experience for employees. Designed for a desktop environment, browser-based services do not recognize the mobile device and adjust the screen layout to maximize visibility for employees. They also require full credentials, making access to corporate data inconvenient and cumbersome, which discourages employee enablement. In addition, like MDM and containerization, browser-based services expose companies to vulnerabilities, leaving unprotected corporate data cached on the device.

None of these approaches are truly effective. They either sacrifice corporate data or the user experience. If corporate data is unsecure, then the BYOD approach is useless. If the user experience is ignored, then the success of the solution will be impaired. “Many organizations have learned from BYOD projects that the success or failure of IT choices hinges upon user acceptance of the solution and whether it’s perceived as having a productive and pleasant user experience,” said Trent Henry, Vice President, Identity and Security for Gartner Research. An approach that meets the needs of business and the demands of employees is the only truly effective solution.
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A Unique Comparison

Our home is a safe place where we keep our most valuable possessions. To fully comprehend the BYOD challenge and current solutions, we’ll use the metaphor of working from home as compared to BYOD solutions.

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<td>Monitors your employees’ devices and can wipe all data. In work-from-home terms, MDM installs the locks and security system on your employee’s whole house. Their every move is monitored, and all their personal belongings are destroyed when the company decides it needs to remove its files from the home. Think your employees would be upset if they lost all their furniture, clothes and family photos?</td>
<td>A local key secures data: In work-from home terms, containers would put a lock and security system on your employee’s home office. When they leave, they always lock up, but the key has to stay under the mat. If thieves look where they need to, all corporate files are gone.</td>
<td>Like hitting a nail with a sledge hammer: In work-from-home terms, your employee’s office is crammed into a small bin and buried in a coat closet. Ever have a hard time finding something in a packed closet?</td>
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It may seem inappropriate to compare a home to a mobile device, but to most users, their device is their next most valuable possession. It houses photos, videos and personal data, and it enables connections to bank accounts, social media and the office. Clearly we wouldn’t expect employees to tolerate either of these intrusions or inconveniences in other business contexts, so it’s no surprise they won’t tolerate it in a BYOD setting.
A SIMPLE SOLUTION THAT BALANCES WORK AND LIFE

Zix simplifies the BYOD challenge. We recognize that easy mobile access to corporate data is more powerful and secure for business and more convenient and productive for employees. We also recognize that employee buy-in is critical to the solution’s success. ZixOne is a BYOD solution that both business and employees can accept with ease. ZixOne enables easy access in a simple environment to the most used business application on mobile devices—email. Of all activities performed on mobile devices, email still remains the most popular (79% for smartphones and 72% for tablets). In comparison, mobile users spent less time on every other function, including phone calls, text messages, social media, Internet browsing and shopping. And that trend isn’t going away. Forrester Research forecasts 78% of all U.S. active email users will also access their emails through mobile email clients by 2017.

ZixOne is a mobile app that enables corporate email access without allowing the data to reside on the device where it has greater potential for compromise. Most importantly, ZixOne provides the ultimate BYOD solution — uncompromised benefits for both employees and companies.

An Unrivaled User Experience
ZixOne does not offer mobile email in the same way your employees know it today. With ZixOne, mobile email is better. It combines a consistent look and feel with greater speed and security. After entering a simple passcode, employees read, compose, reply and forward corporate email as usual. Their calendar and contacts are intact. Best yet, attachments will no longer slow them down. Attachments are viewed instantly from the exchange server instead of watching the ticker as the whole attachment is downloaded to their device. Thankfully for you, the attachment can’t be stored on the device either.

Your employees will appreciate that their corporate email looks the same and operates quicker, but not nearly as much as they’ll appreciate that the added security does not impact the other functions of their device. Their apps and data remain under their control. They can switch to other apps, take a phone call or browse the Internet with ease. More importantly, their privacy is never jeopardized, because their company only controls access to their corporate email.
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Corporate Data Protection without the Downfalls
The benefits of other BYOD solutions are overshadowed by their shortcomings. With ZixOne, businesses do not have to compromise. ZixOne solves the greatest BYOD risk exposure by protecting the most-used mobile app—email—and it starts by delivering an easy user experience. The user experience may not be the first need that comes to mind for all companies, but it’s the most essential. After all, this whole movement started due to user demand. With an easy experience, ZixOne will be accepted by even your most demanding employees.

ZixOne also raises the bar on BYOD security by not allowing email data to reside on the device. Through a secure, mobile environment, employees interact with their mobile email as usual. If the device is lost or stolen, companies disable access. Because data does not reside on the device, companies do not have to manage or worry about thousands of copies of emails and attachments.

An additional benefit of ZixOne is the avoidance of corporate legal liability. By enabling access to corporate email, companies are merely presenting their data. Without access to other aspects of the personal device, ZixOne eliminates any legal liability in the event employees or contractors want to sue their company for illegal actions associated with monitoring personal data.
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Other BYOD Approaches compared to ZixOne
To fully realize how ZixOne best solves the BYOD challenge, please compare how each BYOD approach manages all the needs and demands of your company and your employees.

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THE LEADING BYOD SOLUTION

Zix has gained the trust of the nation’s most influential organizations by providing easy-to-use, reliable email encryption. If you don’t use Zix, odds are you know someone that does. We are used by all members of the FFIEC, the SEC, divisions of the U.S. Treasury, 30% of U.S. banks, more than 30 Blue Cross Blue Shield organizations and over 1,200 U.S. hospitals.

We understand secure email, and we understand why finding the right BYOD solution has been so challenging. Current solutions don’t offer an approach that meets all your business needs and your employees’ demands. Don’t compromise or your BYOD solution will be neither complete nor effective.

ZixOne is designed to offer a simple solution that meets every need and demand and provides benefits beyond industry standards. Bring Your Own Zix and see how easy BYOD can be.

NOTES

4. Research conducted by Varonis Systems.
6. Research conducted by Harris Interactive.