



Why should I use mobile computing?

It's a no-brainer! Here are the benefits in a nutshell...

Mobile computing technology offers you a quick and easy way to increase efficiency, productivity and profitability while gaining better control of your operations.

The power and data storage capacity of today's handheld PCs and Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) has made low-cost mobile computing a practical reality. The payback on investment is in months, not years, and performance improvements are measured in tens of percent for an effective project. The amazing ROI will put a smile on the face of the most sceptical MD.

Paperwork is eliminated when data is collected and transferred electronically. By freeing a tradesman or operative from cumbersome paperwork, 4 more hours of productive work each week could be gained. More 'tool time' to clear backlog and thinking time to resolve issues can lead to higher equipment availability and customer satisfaction. Similar gains can be made in stores and materials control. In all cases admin office tasks are slashed as in-trays and box files disappear. Profits go up.

Efficiency improvement from the elimination of paper forms is not the only benefit that can be immediately realised. Electronic transfer of data is fast and accurate. It avoids repetitive, error-prone keyboard data entry: transcription and interpretation errors arising from manual re-keying of data are eliminated. Automatic time and date stamping of records - linked to the originator - assures transparency, accountability and traceability. There's also the immediacy of management information - the lead time from data collection to the availability of control and KPI information is radically reduced. You're in the driving seat.

If you deploy barcode labelling, you can save even more time and prevent more errors. Using a handheld computer with a built-in barcode scanner, you can automatically capture the ID of a person, location, asset or any marked item, like a special tool issued from store. If barcode labels won't survive in an environment, you can use low cost, encapsulated Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) transponder tags and a scanner-equipped handheld. RFID has the added advantage that each tag is embedded with a unique digital serial number which can provide incontrovertible proof-of-presence of a data collector at an asset or location. That's just what's needed for due diligence regulatory compliance checks - and your peace of mind.

If you have a geographically dispersed workforce, you can use Shire's wireless option to transfer data remotely – so further boosting your productivity and slashing the lead time of critical management information.

The benefits of mobile computing are compelling and guaranteed for organisations of all sizes. They're available to you when you use FrontLine on the Move. Find out more...

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