



Developing systems for small businesses

Ammann UK install enormous asphalt machines which produce the material used to build our roads. They had many uses for computers but no time or skills to develop their own system. Check-Tek was asked to update their old system and soon provided a solution to ensure minimum maintenance and maximum features.

The issue

Ammann's old IT system did not work with any other areas of the business. The MD's computer had e-mail and he could produce documents but administration staff could not share them. The accounts were also run on one computer that was not accessible from the MD's desk.

A new system

Ammann dealt with many countries in Europe and transferred many documents by e-mail. They also had some specific accounts software that ran on an old computer and they were not sure if they could run the accounts software on a new system.

Check-Tek discussed various options with them and established that the solution would need to include a central server to allow sharing of information plus internal and external e-mail. Check-Tek recommended Microsoft Back Office Small Business Server which is ideal for companies of this size. It provides a server based operating system with e-mail, diary, contacts, shared and logged web access and many other useful features.

Fraction of the cost

If the individual components were purchased separately they would be too expensive for smaller businesses, but with 'Small Business Server', Ammann could have all the benefits at a fraction of the cost.

Check-Tek included a secure system with back-up, anti-virus and power protection and then set up the new system and trained the staff to understand areas they needed to ensure everything would run smoothly.

Extensive knowledge

Check-Tek's extensive knowledge of the Accounts Software market enabled them to ensure the old accounts system worked on the new technology so disruption was minimised. Ammann now have a stable system that requires minimal maintenance. All staff are able to run their individual applications but also share the information and e-mail from each desk, giving greater access to the information superhighway whilst their business stays on the road.

"Check-Tek enabled us to update our system by providing the best solution for our business and training for staff to ensure minimal disruption and maximum benefit." Ammann UK Limited



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