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Solution

Peddler’s Son found Scalefusion as the right solution for their requirements. With Scalefusion, the company support staff could lock every driver’s Android tablet so that its activity can be closely monitored for security purposes. The multi-app kiosk mode ensured the drivers only had access to the electronic logbook app and just a handful of other related apps (if needed). Therefore, drivers need not be tech-savvy to use the tablets; the kiosk mode helped the company to easily meet the mandate of switching the paper-based logbooks used for driver RODS to electronic logbooks seamlessly. The IT staff could manage all devices remotely, which helped reduce downtime costs to the company. Since Peddler’s Son involved logistics operations, Scalefusion’s geofencing and location tracking functionalities helped them monitor a device’s real-time location on site. If the device was carried to a prohibited territory, IT admins would receive a report via email in real-time. The company could also enroll its Android tablets in bulk, which helped reduce the time spent to manually enroll each device.

Key Results

Working with Scalefusion has brought out the following proven results for Peddler’s Son:

• Remote management of devices from a centralized dashboard
• Geofencing and location tracking of devices
• Whitelisting of applications
• Bulk enrollment to reduce manual IT efforts
• Real-time reports and alerts
• Security settings in case of loss of devices or theft

Testimonial

“Scalefusion helped us lock the Android tablets which are mounted in our fleet of trucks. It enabled the electronic logbook system for our drivers which is required as per the mandate.”