

Case Study :

Series 4 Limited – Totton, Hampshire UK

Customer Profile

Series 4 Limited are a successful and established manufacturer of wire processing equipment. Based in Totton in the UK, the company employs 14 people and occupies over 40,000 sq foot of space.

i-Catcher CCTV Solutions

i-Catcher Console is the most functional/cost effective solution for digital CCTV available today.

Using i-Catcher products, you can build advanced CCTV systems using your company's existing I.T. infrastructure, getting the best value from your hardware investment. With over 10,000 systems installed worldwide, we are a market leader in this new technology.

Cost of Solution

The total cost of implementing the i-Catcher solution at Series 4 was less than £3000. This includes the new PC, capture cards and cameras.

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(Above) All activities at the Series 4 car park are now recorded and monitored.

Summary

The managing director of the company was going to spend more time working from home, developing their web presence. Whilst removed from the office he wanted to stay in touch with day to day events and ensure that health and safety measures were enforced. In addition, several of the local businesses had equipment stolen at the week ends, mainly from parked vehicles. It was decided to investigate the possibility of implementing a CCTV system. The company already had an IP based telephone system and so investigated an IP CCTV system.

The Choice

All the mainstream solutions were evaluated, including the market leader and several packages from camera manufacturers. The final choice of i-Catcher was made based on a combination and value and functionality, but it's stability was also a deciding factor when compared to some of the other offerings.

"We wanted a solution that ran on a networked PC, we also wanted to integrate the streams into the company web site. We ordered the PC then evaluated all the systems we found on the internet, i-Catcher was the winner in terms of functionality and stability even before cost was taken into account.

"We consulted our installer about the choice of cameras. The IP cameras were very neat, but also quite expensive. In the end we went for a conventional set up, but the inclusion of i-Catcher means we have all the benefits of an IP-based system".

The solution

A Dell PC was purchased, specified with large hard disk and performance graphics card. This was installed in the office and connected to the office LAN. The PC was installed with Windows XP, i-Catcher Console and video capture cards: Two 4-port capture cards and a single Osprey card. 10 Day/Night cameras were installed around the building 3 external and 7 internal, and wired back to the "i-Catcher Console" PC. The company's internet router was then configured to allow remote access to the system.

The Result

The solution has been running for about 6 months now, and during this time its value has been proven on a number of occasions:

- **Reduced risk of insurance claims**
- **Reduced insurance costs**
- **Improved management control**
- **Increased awareness**

"Since installing the system some time ago, we have recorded 3 car accidents, all of which were resolved as a result of the footage. Potential security threats were also highlighted. Overall I am delighted with the solution we have," explained David McClure, managing director of Series 4 limited.

It's Online NOW

David McClure, the managing director of Series 4 Group, is very pleased with the solution and has allowed it to be showcased on our website. At the time of writing the system is live on:

<http://series4.demon.co.uk:9000>

Have a look and see first hand the obvious benefits an i-Catcher solution can bring.

To learn more about i-Catcher, and solutions that can be built using i-Catcher technology, visit our web site at the address below or give us a call on +44(0)1329 835335.

