

Dacon Launches MCK EXTender PBXgateway II - Connecting the PBX to Remote Communications Devices

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New solution from MCK bridges between legacy PBX systems and next-generation networks and applications

Dacon has introduced the MCK EXTender PBXgatewayII, a new telephony bridging solution that allows existing corporate telephone system functions to be extended from the PBX over a variety of network types.

The PBXgateway II is a remote voice platform that will support virtually every emerging technology, including standards-based IP protocols. It is intended to serve as the remote voice platform of choice for branch offices, telecommuters and remote workers.

A single PBXgateway II can support all of MCK's EXTender family of remote access and networking products, including the EXTender 6000, 4000, 3000 and the new MCK Mobile EXTender.

Mobile EXTender is a key new application developed for the PBXgateway II. It enables mobile / cellular phone users to access PBX features including conference, transfer and hold. Long-distance or international calls can be put through the company's voice network via mobile phone, saving on costs. Access is password protected for security.

Using PBXgateway II, existing PBX phones can be extended from the PBX over a variety of networks. This avoids the need to replace current sets with new IP based sets in order to take advantage of new packet-based networks. PBXgateway II also allows a customer's existing PBX to be used in a packet environment without further hardware upgrades.

PBXgateway II does not require software upgrades to the PBX to support new transmission methods or new features. A company network can add voice applications to their remote communications network without further investment in the actual PBX. The product also ensures that voice traffic is prioritised on IP networks.

Dacon managing director Roy Strutt said: "This new platform complements and broadens the MCK EXTender range, and will help companies to address the communications needs of expanding numbers of remote workers, and will enable them to maintain investments in existing voice systems while taking advantage of next-generation services and applications."

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About Dacon

Dacon is a leading distributor of contact centre solutions that complement a wide range of switching systems.

About MCK Communications

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