

Enhancing Support to Mobile Devices

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Synopsis	Valuation of Mobile Support Services
This report examines the role of support, configuration, and troubleshooting services for mobile devices, specifically smartphones. It provides primary consumer data on the current use of and interest in a variety of smartphone-based support services, including Internet security, lost/stolen phone recovery, set-up and configuration, and more. It also provides insight on major vendors currently offering solutions for this market.	Most-valued Mobile Support Services
	Remote PC support service as value-added feature to mobile serviceAssistance with basic phone featuresInstallation of wireless security featuresHelp with new phone set up (contacts, etc.)Installation of software allowing e-mail synchronizationAssistance personalizing phone (ringtones, etc.)
	0% 30% Source: Customer Support in the Digital Home Percentage of Consumers (%) © 2010 Parks Associates Percentage of Consumers (%)
Publish Date: 1Q 11	"With increased storage, processing, and mobile broadband access, today's smartphones are computers," said Kurt Scherf, vice president, principal analyst, Parks Associates. "This would suggest that technical support in the form of enhanced security, configuration, and troubleshooting will increase in accordance with their expected penetration."
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