



## On screaming phones and ISD pranks

If you've ever lost a phone before, to carelessness or thievery, you'd know how shitty it feels.

For me (and I speak from loads of experience), I'd come up with a lot of wishful thinking about getting my phone back. Like making it scream for help. Or somehow finding out the number of the new SIM card that has been plugged into it.

Then I'd be thinking about what I'd do with the thief when I find him...

But that's irrelevant. My point is, there's now a service that can do just what I had wished for. Yes, like making my phone scream. In fact, I just tried it out in the office and nearly scared the shit out of my colleagues (including me).

I'm talking about [WaveSecure](#), a service just launched today by a local startup company.

They've already got a host of accolades for their invention - they were named one of the top 10 wireless innovations in the Asia Pacific by Frost & Sullivan.

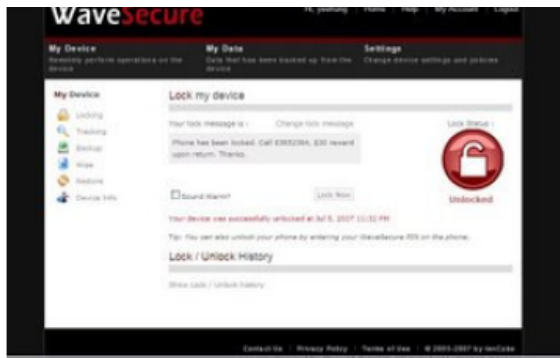
Credit to them, this application is really useful. It's a wonder why no one has ever done it yet. Installing the software on your phone allows you to control it remotely.

You can lock it, make it scream continuously at full volume (even in silent mode), and, for the business types, you can wipe out all your data on it - all through the PC interface.

Best of all, you can see what SIM card numbers have been using your phone! So if the thief, as he i wont to do, replaces your SIM card with his, you'll be able to call the thief on your phone!

I've been playing scenarios in my head over and over again all day - "How the hell did you get my number?" "You know how many years' jail it is for stealing ISD property? Not just any jail too." - thinking of all the cool ways to make use of the function.

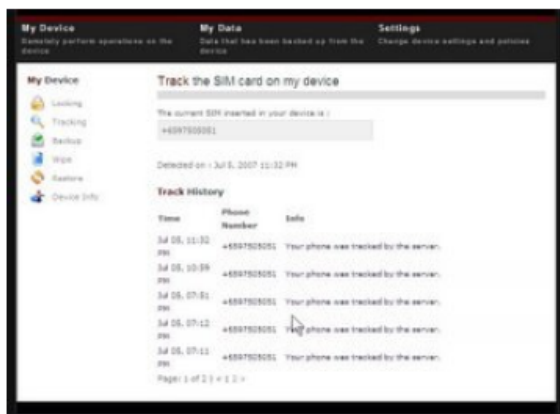
Here's what the main screen looks like, once you log in:



As you can see, you can set a warning message when you lock the phone. So once the thief turns on the phone, regardless of the SIM card he's using, the phone will lock up and the message will be as shown. I included a \$30 carrot inside the deal, just in case :)

Notice the sound alarm box? Check that and your mobile phone goes screaming Sadako style - not a pleasant surprise at all for the thief, who'll probably be convinced he stole a bomoh's handphone.

Here's the screen where you can tell the number of the SIM card inserted into your phone. Indeed, one's mobile phone is like his wife, he doesn't like other people sticking their cards into her.



You can backup your SMSes, contact lists and call logs online as well.

All in all, the potential for this startup is amazing. There is obviously a big demand for this kind of application, plus the growing importance of mobile phones in one's daily life as a business tool and entertainment gadget makes it the #1 device you don't want to lose - but which it currently has the dubious honour of holding.

The service is currently on trial and is only available on an invitational basis. You can request for an invitation on the [website](#), or drop me a comment and I'll try to get one for you. The trial period is three months and is totally free :)

I'm now using it on my e61i, and everything works fine. I've already locked it a few times and made it scream abit to test it out.