



3X Software News

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News in Brief

We are continuing to expand our skills and would like to introduce our latest employee, Steve Beech who is a Sun certified Java Developer. Steve has been developing in JAVA for 8 years and will be working with the team to develop the next generation of our Credit Card Payment software and Post Code Address software. The new generation software will still run on our trusty iSeries but will also be platform independent. We will keep you informed on our progress.

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3X Software is the UK's leading provider of Credit/Debit/Purchasing card payment and address management software for the iSeries

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

It seems the dust is starting to settle on the chip and pin front, well maybe as far as the media is concerned. For those of us involved with chip and Pin on a daily bases that certainly isn't the case.



Now all the major retailers have settled down, the rest of the businesses in the retail market are now attempting to catch up and we have been extremely busy over the last few months helping them progress. It looks like we will still be busy with chip and Pin for a while yet, so if you are considering looking into chip and Pin give us a call.



Latest News from APACS (14th August 2006)

- SIX MONTHS AFTER PIN DAY
UK IS THE WORLD'S FIRST CHIP AND PIN SUCCESS STORY**
- 99.8% PIN verification -
 - More than 150 chip and PIN transactions a second -
 - Counterfeit fraud down by a quarter -
 - Retailers report faster transaction times -

To read the whole article online please use the following link: http://www.chipandpin.co.uk/media/documents/chipandpin_consumer-aug06.pdf

EFT/400 gets IBM ServerProven

We are delighted that IBM have recognised our commitment to the iSeries platform and awarded our Credit/Debit card payment software, EFT/400, the ServerProven accreditation.



So how does this help our customers? Customers who purchase ServerProven and IBM System Storage Proven solutions with accompanying IBM Servers and System Storage products can take advantage of special offers and rebates from IBM. These can help reduce total solution cost and make choosing IBM eServer server products easier than ever.

For your credit/debit and purchasing card payment solution or address management software native to the iSeries contact 3X Software.

3X enables iSeries talk directly to Chip and Pin Devices

With the introduction of Chip and Pin into the retail environment we are finding that some of our iSeries (AS/400) users have found that connecting the devices to the iSeries has been a massive, and expensive, challenge.

The problem being that the devices have been developed with the assumption that all retail environments are using a PC based point of sale solution. The Chip and Pin devices are predominantly supplied with a serial or USB connection – neither of which exists on the iSeries! The drivers for these devices also reside on a PC.

When discussing implementation of Chip and Pin with some of our customers who are using the iSeries as a point of sale server what came across to us was; that they didn't want the expense of installing a PC into every retail site in addition to the cost of the Chip and Pin device. They also wanted to be able to attach and control multiple devices. It was from these discussions that we decided we would look at providing a solution for them.

The task turned out to be more complicated than we originally thought but through using iSeries Java Sockets we have developed a solution to allow the seamless IP interface (without the need for a PC) between multiple Chip and Pin devices and the iSeries. The PC driver functions are now resident on the iSeries. In conjunction with our EFT/400 Credit and Debit Card solution we can now provide a complete solution to our iSeries community without a PC in sight!

3X – you talk, we listen

ARVAL PHH Accreditation



3X Software Limited has achieved accreditation for processing Allstar purchasing cards from Arval PHH (www.arval.co.uk).

The authorisation of transactions, and submission of the payment file, is made directly with Arval's servers via the internet. As always, this solution is native to everyone's favourite platform – the iSeries.

Arval is Europe's leading fleet, fuel and accident management service provider.

The AllStar Network is the largest in the UK – 95% of filling stations accept the cards – including supermarkets and motorway services.

3X Skills offering

You may already be aware that in addition to our Software products, Credit/Debit card payment software and address management software, we have a number of other skills and services listed below that we offer to our customers:

- Bespoke development including RPGII,III,IV, 400,ILE and JAVA
- Application maintenance - for applications written for all levels of OS/400
- Application support, - for applications running on all levels of OS/400
- Interfacing iSeries applications to other platforms
- Webfacing and Legacy code modernisation
- Project management
- Business analysis
- Retail consultancy

Additional skills and services coming soon

- MQ Series
- Debit and credit card payment bureau service



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