



Topaz Launches Easier Access to Software With Breakthrough "Web Portal" Entry Point

Known as "Web Portal" the revolutionary module is so named because it provides easy access points – effectively personal kiosks – into which users can "step" to source information to which they are entitled and also process and authorise requests.

In more conventional IT terminology, the package offers a wider range of access and flexible data browsing capability.

Web Portal has been designed specifically to open up the key areas of Topaz Financials and Topaz EMS by providing additional functions outside of the traditional restrictions of a companies infrastructure - and also extends access and processes to non core system users.

Although many users enjoy controlled access via a corporate intranet, the ability to extend access via an Extranet or the Internet provides an even wider potential audience.

The module provides clean and intuitive screens that maybe launched from within an existing corporate web site.

Now users can gain flexible access to information and processes such as:

Topaz EMS	Topaz Financials
Personnel details	Sales and Purchase ledger enquires
Payslips	Purchase order workflow
Holiday and expense processing	Authorisation kiosk
Time sheet entry	Sales order enquiries
Planning diaries	Job costing

Within Topaz EMS, the module's 'self-service' approach also allows employees to view their current and historical payslip's and quickly view or amend their own personnel data and reduce the paper and manual-based systems normally associated with holiday and expense processes. They may even key in hours worked using the time sheet entry facility for authorisation by line managers prior to a direct update into the payroll and HR modules.

Topaz Financials' users and trading partners alike may see a summary of account details that includes - as standard - account number and name, address and telephone number, credit limit, on stop indicator, last invoice, payment and statement date, account balance and aged debt summary. They may also view all current and historical transactions, not to mention the invoice and credit note documents themselves.

Purchase requisitions and ordering may also be extended to web users with budget controls and authorisation processes as standard. Requests are entered via the portal and submitted to the core system for authorisation. Web users may track the progress of each request and all users are alerted via email of any actions required

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Central to both Financials and EMS are published documents and the authorisation kiosk. Published documents may take any traditional format and is an ideal method of circulating management information to system users not to mention the ability for trading partners to download statements, remittances and copy invoices/credit notes.

The authorisation kiosk not only covers all aspects of the purchase ordering process but also includes EMS related functions, including time sheet, holiday requests and expense claim authorisation.

Benefits of the web portal include-

- Improving HR strategies and planning
- Development of employee relations
- Reduction in paperwork
- Increased information to areas of the business that have been previously been untouched due to infrastructure costs
- Efficient business processes

“This is an exciting module because it opens up access to information that would previously be time consuming to get hold of and has the ability to transform staff relations by creating a ‘self-service’ approach,” says Eddie Stanley of Topaz.

“It also reduces paperwork and provides customers or suppliers with their information as and when they require it, without person-to-person contact.”

The latest addition to the web portal is the inclusion of the Topaz eCommerce solution. Shopping via the Internet is now firmly established as an effective and efficient means of acquiring goods or services. The Topaz eCommerce module now sits with the portal and fully integrates with the Topaz Financials Stock and Sales Order Processing modules.

The modules include comprehensive functionality such as

- Client server web administration
- Browse and search facilities
- Order templates and customer favourites
- Order tracking
- Credit card or account based orders

“With proven success with the eCommerce module, the inclusion within the web portal offers new and existing users alike the opportunity to trade via the Internet,” commented Eddie Stanley

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