

ChipNet3 PC Time Billing Software



Description

Increasingly, allowing student access to the Internet has become a costly exercise and campus administrators have been searching for a method of recouping costs for use of PCs connected to the web. The ChipNet PC Time Billing application facilitates charging for time spent using a PC. The PC Time Billing software is installed on each client workstation, and a PC smartcard reader is connected to a serial port on each PC or internally mounted using the special Infeer mounting bracket.

How does it work? When the user logs on to the PC, a prompt will appear detailing the cost per period (both the cost and the period of time are configurable by the administrator) and asking the user to insert their card. If accepted the users card is debited the amount for the time period and access through the screensaver is granted.

When the specified time period has elapsed, the system can be configured either to prompt the user again, or to automatically deduct the required charge from the card. If the system is configured to prompt the user when the time has run out, then he or she has three choices:

- Pay for the next time period
- Log-off from the PC
- Opt for a grace period

The grace period, which is also configurable, allows the user enough time to either save their work before logging off, or to go and revalue their card, if necessary. The administrator can set up an unlimited number of pricing schemes, which define both the charging period and the charge per period. In addition, it is possible to define when each pricing scheme applies. This facilitates "happy hour" pricing or other incentive schemes.



Simple To Install...

A simple PC Smartcard Reader is all that has to be attached to the PC and this can be internally mounted in a convenient drive bay using a special Infeer mounting bracket. The ChipNet3 PC Log-on application will run under Windows NT 4.00+, Windows 2000 & Windows XP

ChipNet3 – Putting Smartcards to Work!