



First modelling software for new RFID for Libraries standard

CHIPPENHAM, UNITED KINGDOM, 9 FEBRUARY 2009 – ISO 28560 *Information and Documentation – RFID in Libraries – PART 2: Encoding based on ISO/IEC 15962* is a new standard that increases the opportunity for interoperability of RFID in libraries. The standard is still in development, but has passed its first ballot and is due to be published later this year.

Although the encoding rules of ISO/IEC 15962 are used in other sectors, this encoding method presents a radical change for the library community. The encoding scheme is highly flexible and allows the user – typically the library management – to:

- Select which optional data elements are relevant.
- Re-organise the data elements into a sequence that is appropriate for the library operation.
- Encode each tag with the appropriate data elements, for example, sets of loan items can carry different information from single items.

To support the standard, Convergent Software Limited announces the imminent availability of a free-for-use demonstrator of the standard. The demonstrator describes the encoding rules and enables librarians and other prospective users of ISO 28560-2 to input real data to a template to gain a better understanding of the flexibility that this new standard brings. Data that is entered onto the template is submitted to our central processor, which produces a detailed encoding report and e-mails this back to the sender free-of-charge.

Further details are available at:

<http://www.convergent-software.co.uk/libraries.htm>

We think that this demonstrator is probably a world-first for any sector in providing a free-of-charge access to anyone wanting to understand the encoding on an RFID tag.

Convergent Software Limited is a responsible company, and the demonstrator is being made available as a tool for users in the library community to learn and understand some of the implications of the standard. We plan to develop a fully compliant suite of software for ISO 28560-2, but this will not be available for sale to end-users until the ISO standard progresses towards its final form. This development will take place over the next few months, and Convergent Software Limited is interested in hearing from vendors and solution providers in the library sector who wish to integrate the new software into their systems. Contact us at ISO28560@convergent-software.co.uk

This is the second RFID application software launched by Convergent Software Limited. Other software from Convergent Software Limited is used in the airline industry in association with the IATA baggage handling standard.

About Convergent Software Limited

Convergent Software Limited is working at the leading edge of developing encoding and decoding software for RFID applications. Its directors have over 30 years experience with AIDC technology and computing. Convergent Software is currently working with partners on developing encoding simulators, diagnostic software, and component tool sets for RFID systems. The Managing Director of Convergent Software Limited, Paul Chartier, is Project

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