

STIME Signs with TNS To Ensure Continued X.25 Network Services



Transaction Network Services (TNS) is one of the leading providers of fast, secure and cost effective data communication services for transaction-oriented applications

Background

STIME was founded in 1974 and provides services in France, Belgium, Spain, Poland, Portugal, Bosnia and Romania. It is responsible for the point-of-sale terminals and IT infrastructure of 7 major brands within its group, including Intermarché, Netto and Bricomarché.

Business Challenge

STIME uses the X.25 protocol across its 2,780 Intermarché grocery stores throughout France, transporting point-of-sale and ATM transactions between the retailer and its acquirers. The national X.25 network is due to be shutdown and STIME wanted to continue using the technology for their stores.



Solution

The agreement with TNS enables STIME to continue to use the X.25 protocol across its grocery stores throughout France, and the continuation of STIME's ability to provide a consistent, high quality and future proof service for shoppers, despite the forthcoming shutdown. TNS' X.25 offering will provide STIME and its members with a secure, efficient and reliable service. TNS recognises the continued importance of X.25 technology worldwide and will remain a major provider of these services in France.

TNS' X.25 service is monitored 24x7x365 and is part of a wide range of payments solutions offered by TNS, which also includes an extensive range of IP-based products, such as TNSConnect, the TNSPay payment gateway, and the TNS Secure SSL gateway.

Outcome

Annick Bodin, President of the Board of Directors at STIME, said:

We chose TNS for its reputation as a recognised supplier to the payment solutions in France, as well as the worldwide recognition it has gained from customers, its partners and of course its expertise with PCI DSS. The benefits of collaborating with TNS, including security, real time monitoring, and a good system of archiving, were decisive in our choice.



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Why Choose TNS' Managed Connectivity Solutions?

Features

IP, X.25 or VPN configurations - a range of connectivity solutions to suit high to low volume retailers and payment processors, with encryption options and integral IP/ X.25 conversion for delivery to banks and processors.

Industry leading service levels - supported by TNS' Network Operations Centres, dedicated to managing our resilient global transaction network, 24x7x365.

Access to the TNS File Settlement Service - for a faster, more resilient end of day file settlement solution utilising the same connectivity used for card authorisations.

Access to TNS message and protocol conversion capabilities - if the retailer or payment service provider uses a protocol not supported by the bank/ processor host, the TNS network can translate each transaction into an acceptable format so that no changes will be required on the retailer's host system.

Benefits

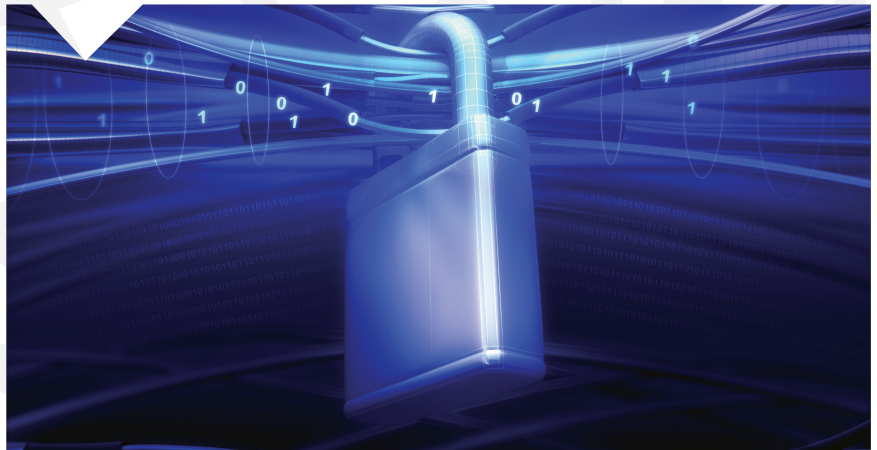
Cost Savings - Customers can enjoy immediate cost savings by paying a monthly flat rate fee instead of transaction-based fees.

Simplicity - TNS offers a simple way to communicate quickly with all processing partners without the complexity and management required for retailers and payment processors to design and manage their own connectivity.

Security - Our PCI DSS certified backbone network handles billions of transactions from POS devices and ATMs throughout the world.

Availability - TNS' proprietary, resilient network provides end to end visibility and monitoring, all the way through to the bank or processor, ensuring maximum uptime and availability.

Flexibility - TNS understands that each client has specific network and security requirements. Our experienced engineers will work with your internal network team to provide rapid, seamless integration of the TNS service into your network.



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