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Click Reply is a Reply Group's company leader in advanced solutions for supply chain execution, based on its suite Click Reply™, developed using the most advanced and safe technologies, deployable on traditional environment or in cloud architecture.

Click Reply™ consists of several integrated modules:

- → Click Reply[™] Warehouse Management: to control the movement and storage of materials in a warehouse
- → Click ReplyTM Yard Management: to control trucks and trailers in a facility (gates, yard, dock doors)
- → Click Reply™ Labor Management: for the management of man power, optimizing productivity and efficiency
- → Click Reply™ Warehouse Performance: for the guided, realtime and self-service analysis of warehouse performance KPIs
- → Click Reply[™] Warehouse Billing: to account and billing the cost of logistics services in a warehouse

The solutions developed by Click Reply are successfully used worldwide by more than 300 companies and more than 30,000 users.



Supply Chain Management's latest challenge is to integrate end-to-end solutions in order to remove the barriers between suppliers, companies and final customers by developing current models into real Collaborative Networks where the relevance of the correct planning and implementation of Execution components is continuously increasing.

In this scenario, among the Auto-ID (automatic identification) technologies, which include those systems capable of automatically acquiring data identifying objects and persons, the use of RFID (RFID: Radio Frequency IDentification) Labels or Tags is becoming more and more widespread.

The availability of an applications framework for the management of RFID allows for a further step forward: the combination of new wireless and mobile technologies in real-time management of the supply chain. This enables sharing and using RFID tag information on products, pallets or containers, in real-time.

For this reason Click Reply™, Reply's suite for Supply Chain Execution, has been enriched with a new proprietary module called Click Reply™ RFID Layer, capable of managing and easily controlling a wide range of devices that read tags based on RFID technology. The solution architecture, entirely geared towards services and based on open standards, allows integration with both ERP systems and SCE and MES systems.

In particular, Click Reply™ RFID Layer is based on four main components, capable of managing the



entire interaction with tag readers and RFID tags: Event Handler, Task Manager, Monitoring e Field Interface.

Event Handler - For the management, collection and dispatching of events.

- Defines the events to be managed and the management rules
- Defines the applicable filters on events data
- Dispatches towards tasks and filters





TASK DEFINITION

Task is a sequence of actions

Any action is an elementary step

ALARMS AND LOGS DEFINITION

Alarms and logs are defined as objects

An alarm is an object that interrupts a task flow and can require and external intervention.

A log is a specific recording of events and does not interfere with the flow.

Task Manager - Allows modeling of operational processes, activates and controls the integrated transactional systems.

- Defines the tasks
- Controls the workflow
- Collects data and executes transactions of external systems **WORKFLOW EXECUTION**

Through the Event Handler tasks can be

external functions provided by ERP or gather data for external applications. Communication and interaction with external system rely ▶ Writing data on a tag The module applies task workflow and manages ► Activation of an external function possible exceptions on services provided by Universal Link Reply (the application for layer integration) Synchronous reading click

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Monitoring - Allows the monitoring and management of exceptions and warning alerts.

- Alarms and logs definition
- Monitor definition
- Management and dispatching

DEFINITION MONITOR

Monitors are "positions" for visualization of the logic flow. Monitors can be linked to one or more alarms, receiving in this way a signal when alarm is activated.

Monitors can visualize inquiry and statistics about events, logs and alarms.

MANAGEMENT AND DISPATCHING

DATA DISTRIBUTION

During task execution it can be r

Dispatching of alarm messages to linked monitors It manages the user interaction and data gathering addressed to task manager.

It manages inquiry data presentation.

Field Interface - Provides the possibility of connecting different tag readers and handles data cleaning.

RFID – Best References

Reply has been among the first companies investing in RFID technology. The target was to present to potential clients a complete and integrated offer ranging from consulting for operational processes improvement, to development of a specific project methodology, up to the definition of an application framework - Click Reply™ RFID Layer - able to simplify system integration activities.

Automotive // Spare Parts Management

The Italian branch of one of the main world automotive groups, together with Click Reply Reply specialists, has decided to evaluate the introduction of RFID technology into its spare parts management processes. By putting RFID tags on the metal cages used to handle the materials inside the central warehouse, a significant improvement in efficiency and in the tracking of spare parts has been accomplished. After a complete field test aimed at verifying in practice the scenario and the best tag mounting modalities (use of insulating separators for the metal cages, most appropriate positioning), the project has involved the configuration of the new RFID devices and its subsequent integration, based on Click Reply™ RFID Layer, with the existing warehouse management system.

Fashion // Product Tracing and Campaign Inventory Management

An Italian fashion group, world leader in the production of jeans, casual clothing and accessories, has decided to implement an RFID pilot system to track product handling, with the aim of guaranteeing its originality and making the process of sample items preparation and shipping safer and more efficient. The project has seen the Click Reply™ RFID Layer framework as the engine of the new system: Reply has worked closely with the client to identify the solution that best respond to the client's specific needs in terms of tags (resistance to several subsequent washing and ironing cycles, compatibility with product design and removability after sale), RFID tag readers and to define the right technological and application component capable of guaranteeing the control of 100% of sample items through single item reading during the packing phase of products before shipping.

Healthcare // Installed Base Management

For a multinational company operating in the bio-medical field, Reply has developed a solution based on Click Reply™ RFID Layer, for the management of sophisticated sanitary equipment rental to hospitals and nursing homes. In order to guarantee high service quality, complete safety, efficiency and rapidity, the company needs to follow the entire life-cycle of each piece of equipment, certifying the inspections and the sanitary cleaning cycles the appliance is subject to. Reply has developed a value added logistics system, putting on every product a different RFID tag, depending on the treatment carried out. The process progression is constantly monitored, thus reducing the possible errors. The integration with the CRM system also allows real-time updating of the warehouse availability status.

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