

Paragon Application Systems Increases Testing Automation with New Releases of WorkSmart Suite

Automated Testing, 24/7, and unattended Web-based Testing available in new Paragon releases

(Holly Springs, NC— November 14, 2006) Paragon Application Systems, the leading global provider of ePayment configuration, simulation and testing software announces the latest releases of its flagship WorkSmart Suite including ATMulator 2.4, ConfigBuilder 4.4, FASTest 2.4 and Web FASTest 2.0. The new releases will increase testing productivity by enabling customers to run tests automatically, 24/7, or test on-demand via the web. In addition, customers will be able to quickly debug and test ATM configurations using Paragon's new capture/playback tool.

"With increasing transaction volumes, new payment instruments and on-going mandates, financial institutions today need to maximize their testing bandwidth to ensure that errors don't get into production," says Mark Medlin, Vice President of Product Development for Paragon Application Systems. "Paragon's new releases give users the ability to conduct testing at any hour—day or night—without requiring that the technical resources be there."

FASTest 2.4 offers customers an added level of automation to allow testing 24/7, with immediate email notification of results. Users simply create scripted test groups and schedule them to run at pre-selected times. This feature is especially useful for automating regression testing of regularly scheduled software releases.

Payment networks, card associations, and financial institutions are now able to offer their users QA and regression testing worldwide, 24-Hours-a-Day, with Paragon's Web FASTest 2.0. Web FASTest runs unattended, without requiring a dedicated on-site technical resource, and offers remote users true on-demand testing. Using Web FASTest, network members will be able to conduct pre-certification testing on their schedule.

Debugging and testing ATM configurations is easier than ever with the new capture/playback tool in Paragon's ATMulator Plus ConfigBuilder 2.4 which allows users to record and play back each step of a transaction. Users will be able to preview the entire ATM screen flow in real-time to confirm the accuracy of their ATM configurations or fast forward through a recorded transaction to quickly reach a desired screen.

About Paragon Application Systems

Paragon Application Systems is a leading global provider of epayment simulation, configuration and testing software tools to the financial industry. More than 375 financial institutions in over 70 countries use Paragon tools to improve quality, and reduce time-to-market. Paragon's broad customer base includes major interchanges, such as NYCE, STAR, Transacty Slovakia and SHAZAM; processors, such as eFunds, Elan Financial Services, Metavante, TSYS and Fiserv; leading software providers, such as ACI Worldwide, CSF International, S1 and XP Systems; banks such as BB&T Corporation, Citibank, and US Bank; and more than 75 credit unions. Visit Paragon Application Systems at www.paragonedge.com.

