

Will you celebrate the millennium? Or will you be working through ...



New Year's Eve tracking down

yet another Year 2000 date problem in your applications? If your application is certified Year 2000: OK, join the party! If not, better consider migrating to a solution from a VAR using D³ from Pick Systems.

There's good reason to fear the millennium bug. Failure to deal with the problem will lead to forecasting miscalculations, billing system errors, backup utility failures, untimely file destruction, stalled production lines, and ultimately a raft of career-curtailling liability lawsuits against managers, directors, and trading partners.

The Pick System is isolated from the common Year 2000 problem of two-digit years that don't sort properly or compute accurately over the century transition. It manages dates by storing them as simple numbers, processed for external representation according to the algorithm known as Zeller's Congruence.

Pick Systems provides additional reassurance to users through a program of self-certification: VARs verify that their software uses this internal date handling and complies with the British Standards Institution DISC PD-2000-1, a definition of year 2000 conformity requirements. The definition reads:

Year 2000 conformity shall mean that neither performance nor functionality is affected by dates prior to, during and after the year 2000.

In particular:

- Rule 1. No value for current date will cause any interruption in operation.
- Rule 2. Date-based functionality must behave consistently for dates prior to, during and after year 2000.
- Rule 3. In all interfaces and data storage, the century in any date must be specified either explicitly or by unambiguous algorithms or inferencing rules.
- Rule 4. Year 2000 must be recognized as a leap year.

So users of D³, Advanced Pick, and R83 are assured that they'll actually *celebrate* the coming of the year 2000. They can confidently continue doing business into the next century with the knowledge that their VARs participate in the "Year 2000: OK" program. Of course, anyone shopping for a new application should look for this reassuring symbol. For a list of self-certified applications and further details on the program, call 1-800-FOR-PICK or visit the Pick Systems Web site at www.picksys.com. It's a first step toward making sure that the Year 2000 will be a happy new year for you, too.



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