scaftech NEWS

welcome
from Andrew Yeung

Scaftech celebrates 20 years of service to scaffolding companies.

In 1988, one of our smaller customers came up with the idea of writing a software program to track the deliveries and returns from a scaffold yard. Now with over 1000 customers worldwide in 25 Countries, Scaftech celebrates 20 years of service and support to the rental and scaffolding industries.

I am proud of our experience and reputation in the industry and we have continued to achieve significant growth during the past two years. This is something that could not have happened without the good service and support that we provide. I get tremendous satisfaction from the positive feedback we receive from customers who use our software.

You can't beat that sort of experience!!

iScaf, iRent & iSite are now benchmark software packages to help scaffold companies grow and with the new releases for 2009 and Windows Vista, there's never been a better time to move forward.

Have you ordered your 2009 upgrade yet?

New Employee

I would like to particularly welcome George Kelzi as Sales Manager of Scaftech.

George brings 11 years of scaffold design and engineering experience to Scaftech having worked with our iScaf design software on projects throughout Australia. George started with Scaftech earlier this year and with his knowledge of our software, has already conducted a number of seminars and training sessions throughout Australia and parts of Asia.

Scaftech Product Seminars

Scaftech successfully conducted iScaf seminars in the Philippines, UAE (Dubai) & Portugal during June and July 2008. Please let us know if you are interested in attending one of our free seminars in the coming months.

iScaf seminars showcase the latest iScaf scaffold design software including a preview of what can be expected in 2009 and 2010.

iScaf

When it comes to scaffold design and estimating, iScaf continues to lead the way with many new features in 2009.

iScaf latest features:
- Floating toolbars with different user options for fast access to items and functions.
- Area and volume calculations are now a lot more accurate and easier to use.
- Enhanced the solid representation of components in sectional views.
- Ability to number bays and show height within each scaffold bay.
- Added support for changing Workspaces in AutoCAD 2008/2009.
- Portuguese, French and Spanish language added to existing English, Italian, Dutch and German options.
- Major upgrade to iScaf Lite to use most of the AutoCAD features.
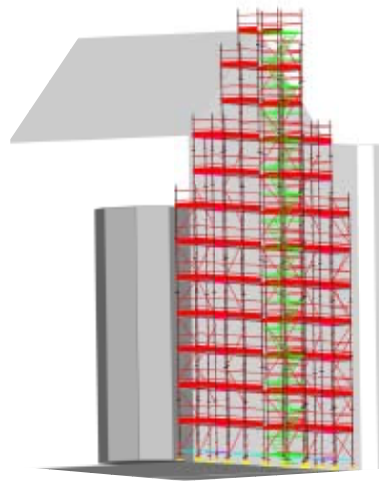- Plus many more….

iScaf Versatility

iScaf can produce drawings in both metric and imperial measurements and can work with almost any type of scaffold system.

iScaf is easily customized by Scaftech's programming division and is integrated with iRent by converting an iScaf quotation into an iRent order.
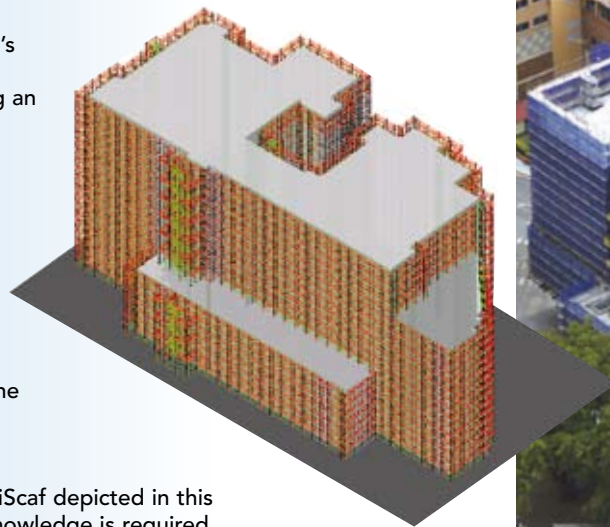
iScaf is available in two versions: Full and iScaf Lite. The full version works together with the full version of AutoCAD™ while iScaf Lite currently contains AutoCAD 2004 built in.

Please Note: iScaf and iScaf Lite are design and estimating tools. At the moment, iScaf does not perform any engineering calculations.

To reproduce the 3D drawings using iScaf depicted in this newsletter or similar, AutoCAD 3D knowledge is required.

"Turn your scaffold drawings into reality."

Scaftech Service & Support

Scaftech makes very good use of remote control software that uses the internet and allows Scaftech to connect to your computer.

This means that a Scaftech technician can view and operate a customer's screen no matter where they are in the world.

By doing this, Scaftech can troubleshoot any aspect of customer concerns and ensure that the customer gains maximum training and support from their Scaftech products.

This software is more sophisticated than normal remote control software because it does not involve compromising the customer's internet security or firewall.

This continues to be an integral part of the latest iRent and iScaf programs and is supplied at no extra charge.

iRent - The latest news

Scaftech has continued to invest in development of the iRent software suite and our philosophy has been to listen to our customers with regards to what they want included in the new releases.

Our Customers have given us great feedback over the years, and that feedback has helped us create a better product all round.

The iRent and iSite software have always been able to handle large quantities of items so they are also well suited to many other industries other than scaffolding. Many temporary fencing and prop rental companies are making good use of iRent. In particular, more formwork companies are purchasing the software. "iRent has always been very well suited to formwork inventory control, but our marketing department never really made formwork companies aware of this during the 90's. Since 2003, our customer base for formwork companies has tripled."

iRent - The latest features

Microsoft Windows Vista

iRent is now fully compatible with all versions of Microsoft Windows Vista. Windows Vista clients connected to Microsoft servers are also fully compatible with iRent.

Microsoft Office 2007

iRent is also compatible with exporting spreadsheets to be viewed with Microsoft Excel 2007. iRent will also open Excel automatically when the spreadsheets are created and will also allow you to save your documents in any folder of your choice.

Enhanced Camera Image support for Returns

The ability to capture still images of a return truck has been a feature of iRent for some time. It has always been a great feature for dispute resolution since all photos are date and time stamped and automatically linked to the corresponding ticket/docket. iRent has now been enhanced to support fixed IP Cameras.

Delivery and Return date check

The Order Processing Module now checks the process date, and now warns the user if the date is more than 3 months before or after the date in the login screen. This enhancement is simple and yet extremely effective to help eliminate data entry errors with dates when entering deliveries and returns.

This is a rental system so the correct entry of delivery and return dates are critical.

Delivery and Return History table report

Three enhancements have been made to this popular report: The first allows you to order the Tickets/Dockets by Ticket/Docket number or by transaction date. The second enhancement allows you to select how to display returns: normally, prefixed with a "-"or enclosed in brackets. The third enhancement is for the export to Excel option to include a balance column which is calculated by summing all deliveries and subtracting all returns for that item.

Delivery and Return screens enhancement

The delivery and return screens have been enhanced with additional fields. The new "Delivery Type" and "Return Type" fields can be used to identify a delivery as an "Extra", "Contract" or "Variation". This enhancement is improved further in Version 8.
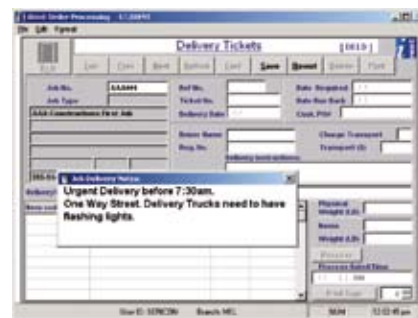
Site Messaging Alert System

The job screen has been enhanced with additional fields.

The **"Job Delivery Notes"** memo field will allow the user to include Job Notes in the job screen. These notes can be made to appear as a useful Alert message at the time of delivery.

The **"Show Delivery Notes"** checkbox can allow the user to control whether or not the message appears at the time of the delivery. If this check box is ticked, the notes will always be shown when adding a new delivery for that job. If this check box is off, the notes will not be shown.

The **"Job Delivery Hold"** checkbox can allow the user to prevent deliveries to a specific Job. If this checkbox is ticked, deliveries will not be allowed to this Job.

There have been numerous enhancements similar to the above based on customer requests.

Coming soon

The iRent Enterprise module will allow large companies to fully manage inventory across many regions and yards all through one integrated system. Stay tuned.

The iRent Story

iRent is a powerful Windows based Rental Management Software System that had its origins in the early 1990s and has been "developed specifically for the Scaffolding and Formwork Industries".

iRent provides the user with wide functionality, including Quotations, Delivery Tickets/Dockets, Billing, Job Control, Inventory Control and Sales Analysis.

iRent is capable of handling multiple yards, provides flexible, easy to understand invoicing, handles over-returns and under-returns for inventory control and billing.

One of the best features of iRent is that it is extremely user friendly and therefore reduces training costs.

Invoicing

The job billing methods offer the following options: Advance Billing, Arrears Billing, Minimum Rental, and Contracts at daily, weekly or 28 day rates.

The invoicing procedure processes all deliveries and returns for all jobs at the press of a button, taking into account delivery and return dates, and all job rate information and bill cycles, to produce an invoice file ready for printing or modification.

Order Processing

The Order Processing module can produce yard picking tickets/dockets and delivery and return tickets/dockets with full integration with inventory control and invoicing.

A return count sheet can be printed. Digital images can be automatically taken in the yard and charges for lost or damaged goods can be invoiced.

Inventory Management

iRent provides complete inventory quantity information including yard and ownership quantities, re-rent and job/site quantities for multiple branches.

iRent can also create yard to yard transfers, sales, repairs and damages that automatically update inventory quantities.

Job Details

iRent's Job Details module allows for an unlimited number of jobs per customer and jobs per site. Invoicing can be performed for an individual job or a range of jobs or customers. The user can easily search by Job and show the items and transaction history on any Job.

Interface to iScaf

iRent can easily import an iScaf quantity list and convert it to a quotation or delivery which reduces the amount of data entry required.

Customer Profile

Cape (SEQS) Pty Ltd, a Brisbane based company and a member of the Cape group of companies, supplies the hire of scaffolding equipment and associated services to the Construction and Building Industry. Cape is acknowledged as being one of the largest suppliers of scaffolding in Australia with an enviable scaffolding stock.

Cape (SEQS) Pty Ltd has had considerable growth, not only in market share, but also in aligning itself with like minded clients who are also experiencing and taking opportunity of a bullish Queensland environment.

Craig French, General Business Development Manager Qld at Cape (SEQS) Pty Ltd says, "Scaffolding can be an onerous trade for builders and developers alike. This is why the iRent software is perfect for our inventory control, billing and sales analysis. Ultimately iRent aids us in the management of our work flow, allowing us more time to be market competitive.

iRent compliments the normal day to day running of our business, and its ease of use also means minimal training for our employees with the added bonus of receiving upgrades automatically each year.

In addition to iRent we also use the iScaf estimating product from Scaftech. In 2002, we purchased the product to streamline our drawing office. We were so impressed that we purchased a further 2 licenses. We have set ourselves apart from our competitors by partnering with loyal clients who appreciate our use of the iRent and iScaf systems."

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