

## Wearable scanners speed up picking at River Island

River Island, the successful fashion retailer, has over 200 outlets in the UK and a growing number of franchisees operating overseas. I2 Mobile (now Codegate) worked with River Island for a number of years, first developing a franchise order picking and packing system to ensure accuracy and to automate the preparation of data required for the completion of export documentation.

The solution utilised hand held laser scanning terminals linked via docking cradles to a Novell server. The software delivered the picking instructions from the mainframe to the terminals, displaying the pick requirements in "pick walk" sequence. The operation was further streamlined by the introduction of Symbol wearable terminals with hands-free scanning. The wearable system comprises a compact terminal worn on the forearm and a ring scanner which fits on the index finger with a thumb operated micro-switch. Over 100 units were rolled out to handle hanging garment and flat goods picking, as well as despatch and loading confirmation.

Now 12 years old, the relationship with River Island continues to flourish, with Codegate providing hardware and maintenance on fixed and cordless bar code scanners, Motorola wearable scanners and computers, and Zebra label printers.

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