

# A Career in Payments: Past, Present & Future

CheckFree CPS – Payments Forum October 11, 2007 Today's Discussion:

- Personal Background
- The Evolution of Electronic Payments
- The Current State
- The Future
  - Account-to-Account
  - Business-to-Business



- Joined the New York Clearing House in August 1981 from Burroughs Corp (UNISYS)
- Technology and payments systems background
- Held numerous positions that included systems development, operations management, business development and overall management of payments systems
- Payment systems
  - Wire Transfer Clearing House Interbank Payments System (CHIPS)
  - Automated Clearing House (ACH) NYACH & Electronic Payments Network
  - Check Clearing Operations (NY, Chicago, San Francisco & LA)
  - Image Exchange SVPCO





# Electronic Payments Systems The Past

# Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Circa 1981

- Electronic payments systems were unreliable
  - Computerized wire transfer was 11 years old
  - ACH was 7 years old
- Wire transfer systems were mainly terminal based fully electronic
  - Settlement for CHIPS was next day
  - Fedwire & CHIPS transferring around \$200 billion per day
- ACH EFT stood for Extra Fast Trucks
  - Items were distributed via paper and magnetic tape
  - Items were originated via magnetic tape
  - A handful of banks were using data transmission
  - Primary ACH applications were direct deposit and direct payment neither application had much traction



# Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Circa 1981

- Checks were being cleared as they had been for decades
  - Very efficient
  - ECP was in its infancy pilot clearings with magnetic tape
- Technology begins to improve in the mid to late 80's
  - Mainframe computing is more reliable
  - Distributed processing using mini-computers
  - Telecommunications and modem improvements
  - Personal computers become of age in 1986
  - High speed dial-up comes on to the scene



- Wire transfer system becomes more automated with all large banks installing computer-to-computer interfaces
- NYACH embarks on a three year program to establish the first all-electronic ACH (No paper or magnetic tape)
  - PC software for receivers developed
  - Mandated all originators and receivers to have electronic connections project started in 1987 and completed in late 1989
  - FedACH become all-electronic in 1993
- Limited promotion of electronic payments direct deposit and direct payment begin in the 1990s acceptance for direct deposit less than 40%
- ECP gains wider use an all-electronic version created in 1992
- Image exchange pilot for returns conducted in 1992



- Wire transfer system focus in the 1990s was primarily on risk controls operational, credit and fraud
- ACH focus was on new ways to grow ACH volume business payments, cash concentration, customer initiated entries and in the late 1990s beginning to look at the check conversion applications (RCK, ARC and POP – RCK implemented in 1998)
  - In the last 10 years, NACHA focused on check conversion rather than native electronic payments
- Check focus continued primarily on ECP and the early stages of image exchange planning
- ECP's major flaw is the inability to carry payee information eliminating any possibility for check conversion paper or image must follow





## Electronic Payments Systems The Present

- May 2007 annualized rate of image exchange/share is in excess of 8 billion items approximately 25% of total
  - 66% of these items are being received and processed as images
  - 2.6 billion being cleared as substitute checks
  - Approximately \$10 trillion
- 42% of U.S. financial institutions are receiving images
- Federal Reserve, SVPCO, Viewpoint and EndPoint are the major exchanges



- Each of the existing networks should double their volume in 2008
- Financial institutions that have not converted will continue to face higher paper clearing prices
- Check clearing volume will continue to decline due to debit cards, ACH check conversion and native electronic payments
- Vast majority of the paper will be long gone by 2010



- Wire transfer is the golden goose of wholesale banking
- Fed & Clearing House Wire Transfer Study 2006
  - Highlights the need for more automation
  - Structured remittance is critical for future growth
- Fed is not providing the proper leadership and is looking for any expedient method to implement without significant work on their part
- Some global banks want to do nothing
- Doing nothing will cause golden goose to dry up over time



#### **Bill Payment**

- Accounts Receivable Conversion (ARC)
  - 2004 1.25 billion
  - 2005 1.62 billion
  - 2006 2.1 billion
  - Continued growth expected in 2007 with new industries adopting (telecommunications, insurance)
  - Volume grows slowly, flattens in 2008
  - Volume to decline in 2009
    - o Payments will move to direct payment, Internet and home banking
    - o Many payments will migrate to credit/debit cards
  - Image Exchange will not replace ARC inferior solution



#### **Point-of-Sale**

- Merchants like image exchange model except for cost
  - No signage
  - No customer confusion
  - Lower incidence of fraud
- Back-Office Conversion (BOC) NACHA implemented March 2007
  - Sign at point-of-sale stating that check can be converted to an EFT
  - Merchant converts check in a back-office environment to an ACH debit
  - Very slow take-up
- Volume will ultimately move to cards over time
  - BOC could result in accelerating movement
- BOC peaks in 2008 & 2009



#### **Business Check Conversion**

- Best application for image exchange
- Corporate customers do not want their checks converted to ACH debits
- Business checks without aux-on-us field eligible for conversion
- Receiving banks working on marrying ACH & Check systems
- The longer image exchange takes the more inroads ACH will make



#### **Native Electronic Payments Growth**

- Business-to-business payments (3-4 billion)
- Business-to-consumer (7.3 billion)
  - direct deposit (salaries, annuities, dividends, expense reimbursement)
- Consumer-to-business bill payment (7 billion)
  - Internet banking
  - Direct payment
  - Company Web sites
- Account-to-account (4.4 billion)
  - Transfers between accounts
  - Consumer-to-consumer
- Cross-border (Research indicates market small)





# Electronic Payments Systems The Future

Account-to-Account

- Consumers should be able to perform the following electronic transfers and payments from one platform using a credit push:
  - Transfer funds between accounts at the same institution
  - Transfer funds to your account at another institution
  - Transfer funds to stock and mutual fund accounts
  - Transfer funds to accounts of other family members within same financial institution or an external institution
  - Pay person to person
  - Pay any bill electronically
- Channel of choice Internet or Personal Banking, Mobile Banking, ATM & Telephone Banking



- Wire transfer real-time transfer with payment finality
  - Extensive reach but has high cost for origination and receipt
- EFT Network real-time transfer
  - Limited reach unless all switches participate
- ACH next day transfer
  - Ubiquitous

All methods should be available from **Personal Banking** platforms with pricing based on speed of delivery



# **Account Identifiers**

- Transit Routing Number and Account Number
  - High risk for consumer or business to publicize
  - Can be used illegally for demand drafts, fraudulent checks and ACH debits
- EFT Personal Account Number (PAN)
  - Limited risk but could be used illegally as off-line debit
  - May require credit only version
  - No current ability to pay business customers
- Universal Payment Identification Code
  - Safe identifier can not be used for debit (electronic or paper)
  - Portable
  - Mobile phone number
  - Currently only available for business customers but can be rolled out to consumers
- Email Address
  - Safe identifier
  - Closed networks (PayPal)
  - Needs to be supported with proper banking identifiers
  - Portability issues



# Limitations of Internet Banking



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# **A2A Solutions**

- Financial institutions must
  - Modify initiation platforms to allow transfers using account identifiers
    - Home banking
    - Mobile Phones
    - Telephone banking
    - ATM
  - Use railroad that makes the most sense for the customer
    - EFT network
    - Wire transfer network
    - ACH network
  - Price for the service based on value received



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# Electronic Payments Systems The Future

**Business-to-Business Payments**
U.S. Payment Systems – Wire Transfer & ACH Require Automation Enhancements



# What is needed for payment initiation?

- Bank systems require upgrades to provide more electronic payment automation
  - Automatic creation of electronic payments directly from accounts payable systems
  - Business customers ability to export from payables or key in structured remittance information
  - Elimination of faxed instructions to the bank for wire creation





# What is needed for payment receipt?

- Business customer receives enough structured information to automatically post to accounts receivable
- Bank information delivery systems need to be upgraded to transmit automated remittance reports
- Banks must supply business beneficiary with all relevant data for automated posting in a standard format





# The Standards

#### • ISO 20022

- International Standards Organization
- Universal Financial Industry message scheme (UNIFI)
- Extensible Mark-up Language (XML)
- UNIFI an effort to combine multiple XML standards
  - IFX
  - OAGI
  - SWIFT
  - TWIST
  - Rosetta Net



# The Standards

#### • STP 820

- American National Standards Institute
- Streamlined version of ANSI X12.820
- Defines minimum number of data elements for automated posting and reconciliation
- Does not deviate from original standard
- Full compatibility with companies and banks using 820 standard
- Simplifies coding for banking software vendors



# ISO 20022 – Remittance Information

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# **B2B** Payments Opportunity

#### • Domestic

- The Federal Reserve Study (2001) 4+ billion payments
- New study this year
- Global
  - The Clearing House Study 85 million payments
    - Includes payments already being made by wire and bank proprietary systems
    - Based on 75% of U.S. major trading partners





## ISO 20022 - Benefits

- Based on current technology
- Brings multiple standards together
- Global standard potential
- Currently being implemented in Europe
  - Key for implementing SEPA
  - No other viable alternative
  - Time frame for full implementation is extended





- Cost to the U.S. banking and business community to implement
  - No return on investment for payments system operators or financial institutions (over 15,000 FIs in the US)
  - Businesses of all sizes will need to implement it in their enterprise resource planning (ERP) or accounting systems
  - Cash management and accounting software providers will need to implement the complex standard into their accounting packages
  - Financial Institutions will need to develop remittance delivery capability using the new standard for their business customers
- 20 years before ISO 20022 is broadly adopted by US businesses
- The standard is unproven in any payments systems



- Speed to market large corporations are able to process the STP 820 in their ERP packages without any upgrades or changes
- Cash management software vendors are already implementing the STP 820 for their ACH offering
- Minor implementation effort for vendors for wires
- Banks already have EDI delivery platforms that can be used to deliver the STP 820 to their business customers today
- This is the first step to streamlining front-end applications for business customers
- Most corporations do not have XML in their five-year plan for payments



- U.S. Standard
- Some banks do not believe the wire transfer systems should be upgraded for B2B traffic
- Global banks only want to upgrade once



# **Corporate Expectations**

- Wanted a structured remittance capability for electronic payments for years
- Do not want to wait 10-15 years
- AFP Payments Advisory Group sent a letter of support for STP 820
- AFP group opposes implementation of ISO 20022 in the near term



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# Solutions

- Implement STP 820 for ACH & wires now
- Ensure that formats can be mapped using ISO 20022
- Include 9000 characters of remittance for Fedwire
  - CHIPS has it
  - SWIFT MT103 Remit
- Additional remittance space allows:
  - Reduced expense by all parties to implement
  - ISO 20022 to be carried by ACH,SWIFT, CHIPS or Fedwire
  - Banks that want to use ISO can



- Industry needs to solidify the course of action
- Need bank commitment for implementation of origination and remittance delivery
- Work with the software vendors to implement the standard
- Operators or others may need to supply a white label remittance delivery capability centralized or stand-alone





# Questions?