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Smart card design software

A smart card resembles a credit card in size and shape, but inside it is completely different. First, it has an interior -- a normal credit card is a simple piece of plastic. The inside of a smart card usually contains a built-in microprocessor. The microprocessor is under a golden contact pad on one side of the card. Think of the microprocessor as replacing the usual magnetic stripe on a credit or debit card. Smart cards are much more popular in Europe than in the United States. In Europe, the health insurance and banking industries make extensive use of smart cards. Every German citizen has a smart health insurance card. Even though smart cards have been around in their modern form for at least a decade, they are just starting to take off in the United States. Magnetic strip technology remains in widespread use in the United States. However, the data on the stripe can be easily read, written, deleted or modified with equipment on the shelf. Therefore, the stripe is not really the best place to store sensitive information. To protect the consumer, U.S. companies have invested in extensive mainframe-based computer networks for verification and processing. In Europe, such an infrastructure has not developed -- instead, the card carries intelligence. The microprocessor on the smart card is there for security. The host computer and the card reader actually talk to the microprocessor. The microprocessor provides access to the data on the card. If the host computer read and wrote the smart random access card memory (RAM), it would no different from a floppy disk. Smart cards can have up to 8 kilobytes of RAM, 346 kilobytes of ROM, 256 kilobytes of programmable ROM and a 16-bit microprocessor. The smart card uses a serial interface and receives its power from external sources, it would be a card reader. The processor uses a limited set of instructions for applications such as cryptography. The most common smart card applications are: Credit cardsElectronic cashComputer security systemsWireless communicationLoyalty systems (such as frequent flyer points)BankingSatellite TVGovernment identification Smart cards can be beused used with a smart-card reader attachment to a personal computer to authenticate a user. Web browsers can also use smart card technology to complement Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) for improved Internet transaction security. Shopping questions about Visa smart cards show online purchases work using a smart card and a PC equipped with a smart card reader. Smart card readers can also be found in mobile and automatic phones. next page for more information. A smart card is a card that stores information on a microprocessor or memory chip, rather than the magnetic tape found on the ATM and credit cards. Deeper definitionSmart cards have built-in microprocessor chips that provide an additional level of security for users. Looks like a normal credit. Normal. or driver's licenses, but instead of being a single piece of plastic, they are actually constructed as small boxes containing the microprocessor itself. Since they do not use magnetic tapes would be regular credit cards and debit cards do, smart cards cannot be read in the same way as normal cards are. They are read either through physical slots for chip reading, short-range wi-fi, near-field communication, or NFC. Smart cards are not only used for the transfer of financial information and can be used for various identification purposes. Some companies offer their employees smart ID cards as an additional security measure for the organization and for the people who work there. Smart cards are important from a security point of view in all their applications. In an era of growing technology hacks and security challenges, smart cards provide users and institutions with additional protection for transactions and account information. Transactions with smart cards are encrypted to protect the transfer of information from one side to one side. Each encrypted transaction cannot be hacked or transfer additional information other than what is necessary to complete the single transaction. Example of smart cardIf you have a smart debit card, the card will display a small gold chip in one of the corners. When you visit a retail store and use the card, the salesperson or registrar will guide you to paste it into a special slot that can read the card or you may be able to swipe it ona special monitor that can read the chip without physical contact. Your employer may also use smart cards to identify employees. The smart card can be used to open doors by waving them in front of a small monitor that can read the data of the built-in chip and give you access to certain parts of the building where you work. Need some smart tips for using your credit card? Here are six ways to be smarter with your credit card spending. By now, you've probably heard of the stealth project called Coin. It is essentially a smart credit card that, with the push of a button, allows you to cycle through Visa, Mastercard, or Amex-up to eight digitally stored cards, which could otherwise make a hefty wallet. Say what you want about Coin as a solution for Silicon Valley 1%; Its interaction design is incredible, starting with the coin card itself: It literally turns into the book of choice through its magnetic property strip. And so, as the techie-futurist might Coin can be swiped by any standard credit card machine in existence. (That is, as long as it supports magnetic strips, which have become less common in areas like Europe.) But when news of the project broke recently, coin appeared had a severe capture: While its own battery lasted a whopping two years, the hardware required a smartphone, connected via Bluetooth, to stay active and and Payments. So if you lost your phone or even if it just died, Coin could become useless in as few as 10 minutes, putting its users in serious trouble. Talking to Coin's Creative Director Patrick Evans-the same esteemed designer behind HotelTonight I found out that this bleak future isn't quite the case, unless you want it to be. Because of the end of the product software, the currency can be anything from a stupid-simple credit card to what can be one of the safest payment platforms of all time. This decision will be at the end of the user. We're building Coin so it can be used as an independent device, Evans confirms for Co.Design. Not everyone has their phone with them all the time. And for someone like me, my phone dies constantly, I'd do something that better fits the way my life runs. [But] if you prefer the card to close when it's away from your phone, we want to offer you this option. We want to make sure you have the power to control how it works. The complicated software component of the currency will eventually define the experience. This, in essence, is the design perspective behind the Currency. The hardware was physically modeled after a credit card because almost everyone in existence knows how to use a credit card. But like any given coin customer pulls out that card anywhere from five to 10 times a day, some will be incredibly paranoid about security, while others won't. And, in turn, Evans is currently developing software that can customize safe use case scenarios for the client. (But exactly what these scenarios will be, which is still very much in the air.) One way coins could guarantee security is through the time-time card was in the Bluetooth range-so if someone lost their card, it would automatically disable after X minutes. But Evans shared that they are actually looking at much more nuanced use cases that could increase usability as well. For example, press a button on Coin to select the credit card you want to use. How do you know a waiter wouldn't press this button, even by mistake? Evans explained that the latest Bluetooth protocol can decipher the distance between the card and someone's phone. So one scenario that you are exploring is changing the behavior of the card by approaching you. From 10 meters away, maybe coin would block its settings, but could and should the same system work when handing the card to the cashier two meters away to the local bodega? The discovery of these significant thresholds through beta testing is much of Coin's current research. There are a lot of small details, that if not taken into account, will surface in everyday use, says Evans. If we don't think about these things now, they could create small friction points. At this point, everything seems on the table-Evans even mentioned painfully painful by typing a PIN into your phone to authorize each transaction on Coins–which means that Coin is willing to become so sure that it could more than exceed its achievements in easy-to-use. A critic might see this as a critical flaw. But we're not so sure it is: In such a scenario, Coin would just be a different product adapted to this consumer's resonant anal. For them, Coin would not be the easiest credit card to use in the world, it would be the safest. From what we've gathered, the Coin team focused on completing the hardware first, thanks to long production times, and plans to fill in the gaps through the software, which is still in its early stages. But for as stunning as Coin Stark's industrial design can be, it's really a red herring. Because it is the component of complicated coin software that will eventually define and customize its experience to come. The currency launches in the summer of 2014. The design of the business is changing. But there is an artifact of business life that seems immune to change: the business card. Gail Deibler Finke, 35, author of Fresh Ideas in Letterhead and Business Card Design 4 (North Light Books, 1999), urged business people to create smarter books. People collect cards wherever they go, she says. The problem is, most of them don't look at these cards again. Fast Company has found business cards that offer bold colors, interesting fonts, and interesting symbols — books that are designed to attract attention in an economy where attention is probably the only rare resource. A few warning words: If the card design hides the information on it, then it's a failure. And I don't give the impression that you spent a ton of money on the card (even if you did). Says Finke: People want to know that they can afford to do business with you. Contact Gail Deibler Finke by email (gaelscot@aol.com). 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