



uniCenta and Woodforest Acceptance Solutions Expand Integrated Payment Capabilities for U.S. Merchants

New integration brings EMV, contactless payments and secure end-to-end payment acceptance directly into the uniCenta platform

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leading open-source point-of-sale platform, today announced an expanded U.S. payment integration in collaboration with MediaPayments and Woodforest Acceptance Solutions (WAS), bringing integrated EMV and contactless payment acceptance to uniCenta merchants across the United States.

Available as part of the uniCenta 5.5 release, the integration enables U.S. retail and hospitality businesses to accept chip cards and contactless payment methods,

including Apple Pay and Google Pay, through supported PAX payment terminals—all within a unified point-of-sale and payment experience.

The collaboration connects uniCenta’s POS technology with Media Payments Group and Woodforest Acceptance Solutions’ payment capabilities to provide merchants with a streamlined path from payment acceptance through processing and settlement. The solution leverages secure payment infrastructure to help businesses modernize the checkout experience while reducing the operational complexity often associated with managing separate POS and payment environments.

“This partnership with Media Payments Group and WAS represents a significant milestone for our U.S. merchant customers. By integrating EMV and contactless payment capabilities directly into our POS platform, we’re enabling American businesses to accept the payment methods their customers prefer—while maintaining the security and reliability they demand.”

— Hugh Stevenson, CEO, uniCenta

Powered by WAS's proven onboarding playbook and direct switch-to-issuer connectivity via the WAS VPC platform, the process delivered a seamless, expedited path from kickoff to live

production—reflecting WAS's broader focus on removing friction for ISV partners bringing payments into their platforms.

“The future of payments is integrated, intelligent and built around the needs of both the software provider and the merchant. Our partnership with uniCenta and Media Payments Group brings those principles together by creating a seamless connection between the point of sale and the payment experience. By removing friction from acceptance while delivering the security, reliability and infrastructure merchants need to grow, we’re helping uniCenta bring a stronger, more valuable payments experience to businesses across the U.S.”

— Todd Linden, CEO, Woodforest Acceptance Solutions

Modern Payment Acceptance Built Into the POS

Through the new integration, uniCenta merchants can access several key payment capabilities:

Integrated EMV and Contactless Payments

U.S. merchants can accept EMV chip cards as well as contactless payment methods, including Apple Pay and Google Pay, using supported PAX payment terminals integrated directly with uniCenta.

End-to-End Payment Processing

The collaboration between uniCenta, MediaPayments and Woodforest Acceptance Solutions creates a connected payment environment spanning the point of interaction through payment processing and settlement, supported by secure payment infrastructure.

Simplified PCI Compliance

Integrated payment acceptance reduces the need for employees to manually enter card information into the POS environment, helping merchants reduce exposure to sensitive cardholder data and simplify elements of their PCI DSS compliance responsibilities.

Enterprise-Grade Payment Security

The integrated solution incorporates technologies including tokenization and advanced fraud-management capabilities designed to help protect sensitive merchant and customer payment information.

Integrated Into uniCenta 5.5

The payment integration is included as a key capability within the uniCenta 5.5 release, extending modern payment acceptance to retail and hospitality businesses using the platform throughout the United States.

Creating a More Connected Merchant Experience

As consumers increasingly expect the ability to tap, dip or use a mobile wallet at checkout, payment acceptance has become an integral part of the overall customer experience. At the

same time, merchants and software providers are looking for ways to reduce fragmentation between their business-management technology and payment infrastructure.

The uniCenta, Media Payments Group and WAS collaboration addresses both needs by embedding modern payment capabilities within the POS workflow rather than treating payments as a separate function.

For merchants, that means a more streamlined checkout experience, support for the payment methods customers increasingly expect and a more connected approach to payment acceptance. For uniCenta, the partnership strengthens its U.S. offering with integrated payment infrastructure designed to support merchants as their businesses grow.

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