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Remember us? We provide off-the-shelf and bespoke software solutions for the business community.



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"It's arrived. It's not just hype, it's a major step forward. No it's not Windows Vista, it's the new [Terrabase website](#) and it uses the latest in free (well [Open Source](#)) software technology..."

But first, Windows Vista, what's our ha'pennorth?

Well, erm, it looks pretty. Erm, it's kind of more secure (and more irritating [*MORE* irritating, surely not!]). Oh, and it will run a few of your existing programs!

However, there is at least one really BIG and really good thing about Vista... [Windows Cardspace](#). Rather than having a username and password, you can log in to websites with id-cards stored on your own computer. We, of course, are perfectly poised to develop your website to take advantage of it.

The new Terrabase website – why the hype?

It is run by an open-source [content management system](#). We can manage the website online rather like a teenager manages their [MySpace](#) page, except with more taste (hopefully). It's now very easy for normal(?) staff to keep the website up-to-date and the design is completely separate from the content. [Take a look](#) and, if you feel so inclined, give us some [feedback](#).

RSS – allow people to anonymously subscribe to your newsletters

The new [Terrabase website](#) allows [RSS](#) feeds. What RSS means is that anyone landing on your website can use their [RSS reader](#) to subscribe to whatever news events you think

might be relevant without them having to give away their email address. You can practice by subscribing to the RSS feed of our news items (maybe not the most interesting thing in the world, but hey, why not).

Buy2Let 2.0 is on the way

Web-apps (web-based applications like [Google's calendar](#)) are a rapidly growing market.

Our desktop based systems never compete when a good web-based solution is available, so we are concentrating on moving our own systems over.

[Buy2Let 2.0](#) will be released soon, which, having a web-front-end, provides landlords with an online mechanism for making sure rent is collected. We'll let you know when it's available.

Quickfuel and Quickline

You may have heard us mention [Quickline/GoGet](#) before (the reverse auction system designed to reduce lorry journeys). Well, we are due to launch its sister system, [QuickFuel](#), in the next couple of weeks. We can't tell you too much yet, but its principles may well apply to your systems.

Next month

Spring is well on the way and the clocks will have gone forward by then, but more than that, we'll be able to demonstrate [GoGet](#) business to business procurement to you. It's more exciting than it sounds and is likely to be directly relevant to you. Have a good month.

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