Overview
Starfish allows Advising, Tutoring and other service centers on campus to enable a waiting room kiosk that allows students to sign in for meetings with providers at the center. Students may sign in by manually entering their name and Student ID in a form or by swiping their student ID card in a swipe card reader that is connected to the computer running the Starfish Kiosk. Allowing student to sign in by swiping their student ID card speeds up the sign-in process at service centers where many students are being seen on a daily basis. For very high-volume centers, it is a good idea to have one or more PCs, each with their own card reader, running the Starfish Kiosk to allow more students to sign in to the service at once.

Swipe Card Reader Features
The Starfish Kiosk currently integrates with the MAGTEK USB HID SureSwipe (Product #: 21040140), a card reader that is designed to read any magnetic stripe card regardless of the direction of the stripe when swiping, eliminating confusion when swiping a card. Major features of the card include:

- Connected to any computer with a USB interface, running Windows XP or higher versions and running the Starfish Kiosk on Firefox 3 or higher or Internet Explorer 8 or higher.
- Powered through the USB
- Bi-directional card reading, allowing the card to be swiped in either direction and facing either way
- Reads data encoded on either track 1, 2 or 3
- LED that displays green light when card is successfully read

Purchase
The MAGTEK USB HID SureSwipe card reader is not sold directly by Starfish and should be purchased separately from a retailer of the institution’s choice. The reader is readily available at a number of online retailers and generally retails for around $50-$60 per reader.

Mounting the Card Reader
The card reader should be mounted to the computer monitor, keyboard or the counter or some other location close to the computer running the Starfish Kiosk. The reader can be mounted with screws or fastening tape, both of which come with the purchased card reader.

Installation
The first time the card reader is plugged into the kiosk computer’s USB port, Windows will pop open a dialog box that will guide the user through the process of installing the device driver. Contact your Starfish Technical Support for more detailed instructions on installing and configuring the reader to work with the Starfish Kiosk.

More Information
For more detailed information and specifications about the MAGTEK USB HID SureSwipe card reader, read the manual: http://www.magtek.com/docs/99875191.pdf.

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