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ISS45 Version 7.2

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ICL is very pleased to announce the upcoming release of **ISS45** Version 7.2. This is the **fourth** major feature release in 1995, clearly demonstrating the great speed at which **ISS45** can be enhanced due to its clean, object-oriented "C" code and advanced development tools.

The system documentation continues to keep pace with the software: several updates of the user and technical documents will be concurrently released. These latest versions include a Glossary of terms and abbreviations, and the Indexes have been expanded and made even more comprehensive.

ISS45 7.2 includes an update option so that 7.0 or 7.1 terminals can be quickly upgraded to version 7.2. If you have used the **ISS45** Presentation Manager to modify the screens, you will only have to edit the screens changed in the system; the rest of the Presentation Manager work you've done will move right over. Also, your Support folks will be very pleased with the improvements made to the Controller/Terminal ("PIP") installation routines, documentation and instructions. 7.2 also features a number of behind-the-scenes memory management enhancements to further improve these configurations.

Master copies of **ISS45** Version 7.2 will be shipped at no charge to all **ISS45** RETAILpartners in good standing. You will receive your copies of the software and documents near the end of the month. In addition, the **ISS45** Customization Tools have been enhanced to keep pace with the core software; Customization RETAILpartners will receive updated software and documentation at the same time.

ISS45 VERSION 7.2 NEW FEATURES

Heading the list of new features is the **ISS45 Reorganized Receipt™**. The Reorganized Receipt system holds off printing the receipt until the entire order is complete. Then, using the high-speed thermal printing option, the entire receipt zips out of the printer **at 20 lines per second**. But it's much more interesting than that. The items on the receipt will be sorted and the order will be reorganized:

- You can sort the receipt a number of different ways, including by value or alphabetically;
- Two different levels of sorting are supported, so for example you could sort by department then alphabetically within that department;
- You can specify that all credits, coupons, discounts etc. be printed immediately after the triggering/affected item;
- Coupons and other discounts can be selectably summarized (in whatever order you like) and totaled in a new special "You Saved..." section below the tender information;

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- An item which is voided can be printed sequentially with its void, or the two can cancel each other out and not appear on the receipt at all, cleaning up the appearance and adding readability;
- Multiple quantities of the same item can be combined, regardless of when in the order they were scanned. So, all the cat food will appear in a single “9 @ ...” line.

The customer service benefits are obvious. Other Reorganized Receipt features include a replacement “printer noise” since the clerks subconsciously validate their scanning and pace themselves to the print line confirmation. Also, a “force print” option can be activated anywhere within the order if the tape is required for any reason before the order is finished.

One or two other POS companies have taken a stab at this kind of feature over the past few months, but **ISS45** really does it right. In fact, there are two screens of parameters so that you and your customer can set up the feature to work exactly the way they want it to.

Here is a partial list of other features in 7.2. References to the manuals are (of course) references to the updated guides shipped with **ISS45 7.2**:

- **Thermal printer support:** (obviously required for the Reorganized Receipt feature above).
- **Enhanced “Bad Accounts” system.** The option now holds lots more data and has significant new features such as store where bad checks were tendered, multiple check summing and others with new parameters to match. Affected system areas include File Maintenance, Tender Maintenance, POS Tendering, System Parameters. Documentation will be found in Back Office User Manual File Maintenance, Back Office User Manual Tender Maintenance, Back Office User Manual System Parameters/General and POS User Guide Tendering Check/Credit.
- **Customer Information Input:** a new key can be defined on the keyboard to allow entry of a customer name and address at any time during the sale. The details of this information is logged, and can be viewed, for example, from the Electronic Journal. (In POS Transactions, see POS User Guide, Sales.)
- The **133PQ keyboard:** it’s now fully—and automatically—supported by the system. No settings are required. (In System Maintenance, see Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance and POS User Guide, Getting Started.)
- There’s a new **Scanner Parameters system:** now, you can connect virtually any type of scanner individually to any terminal in the system, mix-and-match. You can also individually configure communications rates, parity, etc. on a terminal-by-terminal basis. If that sounds like too much work, a useful feature lets you copy the configuration from one terminal and paste it into the parameters for another. (In System Maintenance, see Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance, POST Configuration.)
- **Manager Accounting System:** A User Access History Log (Security Maintenance) is now available which tracks the user name and number, date/time and menu options accessed. This is especially useful for auditing back office management activity, and 100 days of activity is stored. (See Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance.)
- A new set of **Security Maintenance parameters** work in conjunction with the Manager Accounting system to specify which options should be reported in the User Access Log. This way, the log won’t be cluttered with entries that are of no particular interest to that user. (See Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance.)
- **Electronic Journal:** new options for sign-on, sign-off, and training mode transactions can be displayed. Some other new events have been added to the list. An update of the Electronic Journal User Guide explains the complete operation of these features. (See Electronic Journal User Guide, Searching.)

- Another new feature can **disable printing of POS reports** during End-Of-Day. (It's a General POST parameter, #2, see Back Office User Manual, Systems Parameters and POS User Guide, Sales.)
- A new parameter toggles use of the **second Family Code field** in PLU maintenance. **ISS45** now supports dual family code fields, so the item can select from two optional code fields when performing family code validation on a scanned coupon. (In PLU Maintenance, see Back Office User Manual, PLU Maintenance.)
- The **System Parameters Menu and Options** have been reorganized. So many new features have been added that it was time to put things into logical and meaningful groups to make it easier to locate and access parameters. (In System Maintenance, see Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance.)
- New **Vendor Coupon Totals Report**, lays out your coupons by vendor—a good start for electronic reconciliation and an important new reporting tool. (In Reports Menu—Option #10, see Back Office User Manual, Reports.)
- New **Over Limit Cashiers Report**, shows cashiers exceeding the cash over drawer limits. (In Reports, see Back Office User Manual, Cashier Reports.)
- A new systems parameter allows the use of **“zero price” PLUs**. Some users want to lock this out, while others make good use of zero price PLUs for implementing rain checks or other triggers. Either way, enforcement of data integrity is maximized. (See Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance.)
- Another new parameter for a training system option: you can now set the system to print the **Training Report in the EOD Job Stream**. (In System Maintenance, see Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance, POS User Guide, Getting Started.)
- A **“pre-override”** function, used before entering an item, has been added. The effect of the change does not show on the receipt. This is different than the existing “post-override” feature. The feature works in the POS software and is documented in the POS User Guide. (Note that a similar feature was available in RPS/Supermarket 6.4.)
- **Coupons** can now be allowed in departments that have no sales in the order. There's also a CC to allow more coupons than items. (See Back Office User Manual and POS User Guide.)
- A nice enhancement to the **Suspend/Recall system**: it can now chain to two options, the Daily Saved Transaction Report plus the History Reports. (In Reports, see Back Office User Manual, Reports.)
- **Bar coded suspend receipts**: in the Suspend/Recall transaction, the suspend receipt stub prints with a bar code. To recall the transaction, all you have to do is scan the receipt. This requires the ADT 40 printer to print the bar code. Because of the overall system speed, this feature demonstrates extremely well. In POS, see POS User Guide, Transactions.)
- **Bar coded in-store coupon printing**: a parameter now allows a bar code to be printed for in-store printed coupons at the end of the receipt. There's a new field for the user-definable bar code number. Also a nice feature for demonstrations. (In POS Transactions, see POS User Guide, Tendering and Back Office User Manual, System Maintenance.)

Plus, of course, the usual host of small enhancements and changes that make the system ever better. Now back to work on 7.3.

To your success,

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