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## ISS45 7.7.0

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Fujitsu-ICL is very pleased to announce the General Release of **ISS45** Version 7.7.0. This new product, with its option of Windows PoS for the terminals, marks a major step in the ongoing development of the industry-leading **ISS45** software set.

### PHILOSOPHY

Many users believe that Windows (whether NT, 98 or 2000) provides a superior user interface at PoS, although they do not feel the need for the SQL database provided in **V8**. The new **ISS45 V7.7** provides important middle ground where Windows can be offered end-to-end without the heavyweight requirements of the **ISS45 V8** system. Note there are no pricing differences for the Windows version of the Version 7 application.

With the huge feature set and options available in **ISS45** Version 7, memory constraints in the original DOS configuration can be overcome with the WinPoS configuration. V7 WinPoS will also enable long-term development and enhancement of the V7 platform. As a result, certain features available on WinPoS will not be available in the V7 character-based terminal set. For example, the MicroTrax "system-based" payments interface is not available on DOS but is available on the WinPoS version.

The opposite, however, is not intended to be true. In general, there should be no features available in character-based DOS that are not in the WinPoS feature set. Please notify Fujitsu-ICL of any cases where you believe DOS has a feature that WinPoS does not support so the discrepancy can be rectified as soon as possible.

### PLATFORMS

Please see Marketing Bulletin 1118 for the PoS terminal platform requirements for the WinPoS feature set. V7 and **V8** WinPoS have the same platform requirements (although **V8** WinPoS does not yet support Win2000). SQL is not required for Version 7.

**News:** that you will be able to order the Fujitsu-ICL "pre-load" OEM Windows2000 for TeamPoS at a very reasonable price — \$250 list price less applicable discounts. This is approximately half the cost of Windows NT, and Microsoft's policy clearly states that users may order the Windows 2000 OEM license from Fujitsu-ICL but install NT 4.0 if they so desire. The Windows 2000 license covers either Windows 2000 or NT 4.0.

### AVAILABILITY

**ISS45 7.7.0** master CD-ROMs will be provided to Fujitsu-ICL personnel and Fujitsu-ICL Dealers in current standing. Shipments are expected to take place this week.

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Version 7.7 was originally scheduled for release on July 7, 2000. Contrary to Fujitsu-ICL's successful schedule performance in the recent past, this four-month "slip" has been extremely frustrating. The schedule discrepancy has had nothing to do with Fujitsu-ICL's reorganization, staffing levels or any other such issues. Rather, the difficulty of redeveloping the WinPoS software over the V7 platform and supporting this architecture — together with the necessary thorough validation — proved to be far more difficult than originally scheduled.

## LICENSES AND PRICING

There are no pricing changes with **ISS45** 7.7.0. Users may install either the GUI (Windows NT, 98 or 2000) or character-based (DOS) versions using the same license PINs as used in all previous versions. WinPoS and character-based terminals may be freely mixed within the same store system, although all terminals must be at level 7.7.

## ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

**ISS45** V7.7 supports the same payments systems as V7.6 when using the character-based terminal version. Regarding 7.7 with WinPoS, Fujitsu-ICL recognizes the importance of these associated interface products and will provide them as soon as complete. The status is:

- "Chicago" (traditional) Concord payments coding has been completed and is currently being tested this week.
- MicroTrax (Hypercom) coding has been completed and is in testing.
- The new Concord (Payments2000) software will use the same interface with the WinPoS and character-based terminal software as "Chicago" Concord. Testing will be done on these products as soon as Payments2000 is ready and available for testing.

## NEW DOCUMENTATION

A new Electronic Library is being released along with 7.7. All **ISS45** manuals have been updated and/or re-released. In addition, the **ISS45** V7 Back Office User Reference was getting very large, and to make it more convenient the System Maintenance and Utilities, and the Reports have been given their own separate manuals.

## NEW FEATURES

- **WinPoS** — **ISS45** V7 now is released with the WinPoS capability for full GUI, dual/split screens, etc. at PoS.
- **Windows 2000 Support** — **ISS45** V7 supports Windows2000 in the office and at PoS (WinPoS version only). WinPoS supports Windows2000, NT 4.0 or Win98.
- **Enhanced Printer Support** — for the Epson 6000 and Axiohm 758. With the WinPoS version, full support is provided for the 6000 and 758. You may need to fine-tune the check template for the 758. On the DOS/character-based version, the 6000 is now fully supported, and the 758 is also supported with the exception of the check-flipping feature.
- **Frequent Shopper and Net Sales** — a new parameter allows the user to handle the netting of Frequent Shopper discounts on the Control Report as well as the Department and Extended Department reports.

- **Coupon Printing Controls** — now the user can control the printing of end-of-order coupons with a second parameter that affects the Control Check. When combined with the existing order total parameter, this parameter avoids the unnecessary appearance of Control Checks when the ticket is nowhere near the minimum total required for the coupons.
- **Second ID Number for Check Authorization** — on the character-based version only, the clerk may be prompted to enter a second ID number if the first one fails. This feature will be added to the WinPoS installation in a subsequent patch or release.
- **Screen Saver and Automated EOD** — the system may now start its automated EOD even if you leave the system in a maintenance screen before Automatic EOD is due. In addition, when the Screen Saver starts, you may have the screen automatically exit to the previous screen, or the sign-on screen (or stay where it is).
- **Ad-Loss Report** — may now be sorted by ID.
- **Printer and Peripheral Installation** — several enhancements and additions.
- **Non-Merchandise Sales Reporting** — you may now exclude non-merchandise sales from department reports totals.
- **Bar coded Tender** — **ISS45** now has features and parameters to handle Coinstar and other bar coded tenders.
- **Zero-Priced Items** — a new parameter allows the user to automatically reset all zero-priced items to “Manual Price” mode at EOD. This can prevent give-aways when items are improperly entered with a zero price.
- **Enhanced PoST Parameters** — a new PoST configuration Screen provides the following:
  - Added scanner COM and Baud Rate
  - Hardware types set in groups
  - Added IRQ for Scanner and Customer Pole display
  - Auth/APT opens up in a separate window
  - Added scale type: 'MDL scanner scale'
  - Added printer types: 'EPSON H6000' and 'Axiohm 758'
- **Media Income Report** — this new report provides media type amounts used by customers for payment on any date range within a year. The report is similar to Media Payment and Total Report. Report data is sorted by media type and then by number, and each media type is totaled.

To Your Success,

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