

Update Bulletin

New ISS45 Release Numbering Scheme

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The ISS45 Code Distribution System is completing validation with both ISS45 V7 and Version 8. This will allow Dealers to automate software updates to their installed base using new Web tools provided over Connected Services.

CDS requires a common numbering standard for the releases – this allows it to understand the release level in the store and compare it to its own database of appropriate updates. Furthermore, each digit must be separated by a period, making a release number like “8.10.0” impossible. Obviously, however, such numbers will be necessary in the future as features continue to grow.

The combination of CDS and the requirement for a two-digit feature level designation has led to a new **A.B.C.D-EFG** numbering scheme for all releases, where StoreNext is inserting a new **B** position, and the **B** and **C** positions combine to form the feature release number. Also, the **-EFG** replaces the **_XY** from the previous patch designation. For example,

- The new 7.8.3_50 software will be released as 7.0.8.3-050
- The new 8.6.0_50 software will be released as 8.0.6.0-050

It’s likely that these releases will still be described as “seven-eight-three” and “eight-six-O” in conversation, but the new numbers will appear on the screens. You will probably need to explain this to users who may be confused into believing that their release levels are going backwards. Again, the new zero in the **B** location is just a placeholder so that StoreNext can freely move to releases like “7.10” or “8.10” in the future.

Please note that the software update routines for the 7.0.8.3 and 8.0.6.0 will also take the new number into account so that the upgrade will work properly. For example, early in the upgrade process, the 7.0.8.3 installer will temporarily downgrade the registered release number in the system to 7.0.0.0 and then it will upgrade from there. Version 8.0.6.0 will do the same when it’s installed over existing V8 releases.

To Your Success,

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