

MEISolutions Marches Forward



New Summer Release

MEISolutions issued a new enhanced release of its lead product: the SuperPOSS 2002 Backoffice System. This latest version 5.32.00 allows SuperPOSS 2002 software to communicate directly with any networked Windows printer, allowing retail grocers to print reports more efficiently to anywhere in the store.

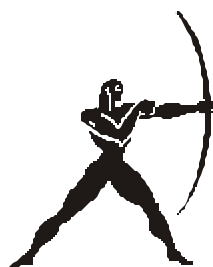
“Customers on Windows systems were restricted to having a printer physically attached to every PC on their system in order to run reports,” says Steven Hogeweide, Customer Service Manager. “With Release 5.32 they will be able to print to any printer defined in Windows. This includes setting up remote printers for things like DSD receiving.”

This new release will be offered at a discount to all existing users. Expanded printing capability is available for use on Windows 2000, Windows NT, Windows XP, Windows 98 SE, and Windows 95 operating systems. SuperPOSS 2002 software that runs on a UNIX platform is also available.

The Summer Release of SuperPOSS 2002 includes register interfaces to NCR 7448, ScanMaster, and ICL ISS45, with extended functionality to mirror these POS Systems. SuperPOSS 2002 works in conjunction with the packaged backoffices of ICL ISS45 and ScanMaster register systems to increase manageability of pricing and inventory movement.

The new release of SuperPOSS 2002 continues to address the issues surrounding 8- and 13-digit EAN numbers in the same way as previous releases of SuperPOSS. With the SuperPOSS 2002 PFM module, the last digit of the number - the “check digit” - is automatically dropped, resulting in a format that register systems will properly recognize.

Additional modules available for SuperPOSS 2002 include Extended Movement Reporting (see Module Spotlight inside), Frequent Buyer, Total Savings, Direct Store Delivery, PFM, and a variety of Third Party Hooks.



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Newsletter





<http://internetnews>

Due to the high level of interest in SuperPOSS 2002, we are introducing a new online program to our website: Virtual SuperPOSS 2002 Tour. This presentation will guide potential users and value added resellers through a variety of functions including batch maintenance, batch import, direct store delivery, managerial functions, and label printing. We hope that this will be a useful tool for those considering the SuperPOSS 2002 Backoffice System.

The Virtual SuperPOSS 2002 Tour can be found at www.meisolutions.com/sPossDemo.htm.

While online, be sure to fill out our survey. We use responses for quality assurance and to enhance our ongoing development efforts. Your input is valuable!

Instructions Included

The Windows Version of SuperPOSS 2002 includes an online user manual. It can be found in the same folder as your SuperPOSS program icon. If this icon does not appear, call our support line for assistance.

Module Spotlight: Extended Movement Reporting

The SuperPOSS 2002 Backoffice System's core software includes movement reporting for the following timeframes:

Weekly: movement reported for the current week and the previous three.

Periodical: movement reported for the current period and the previous three periods. A period is defined by the user.

The Extended Movement Reporting module adds 13-week and Quarterly movement reports. From these timeframes, seasonal trends can be easily identified and the appropriate adjustments made. This additional functionality allows store managers to make better informed decisions about inventory and ordering, having a direct impact on their bottom line.

Tech Reminder

Reorgs: Cleaning Your Files

Regular reorganizations of files should be part of every store's routine. Without this maintenance, End-of-Days may halt part way through, your system may operate more slowly, and error messages suggesting to call Technical Support may appear on the screen. To ensure smooth functioning, we suggest the following Reorgs:

- * The Plufile and the Velocity files on a weekly basis.
- * Batch Maintenance on a weekly basis if not running EOD (if running EOD, this process is automatic).
- * All other files in File Reorganization menu on a monthly basis.

Synchronization with ScanMaster and ICL Registers

Please Remember: All PLU maintenance should be performed via SuperPOSS. Maintenance performed from an ICL or ScanMaster register will not transfer to SuperPOSS and your PLU files will be out-of-synchronization (Error Message "004E").
Call (509) 232-3177 with questions.

Electronic Payment System

The EPS TRANSACTION ENGINE® is an electronic funds transfer and payment processing system allowing merchants to accept credit, debit, EBT, private label cards and checks. The integration of MEISolutions' Transaction Engine family of products with a corporate-wide network provides high reliability while driving down the cost of communications.

For more information about EPS, please visit our website at www.meisolutions.com.

EPS for ICL ISS45

MEISolutions is in the process of developing Direct Access for EPS, a direct link to the ICL ISS45 register. With Direct Access, EPS will be directly accessible through the register, instead of requiring a stand-alone system.

Upcoming Tradeshow

**ICRDA/SDA
Focus Advantage
Las Vegas, NV August 6-7 Booth 103**

We hope to see you there!

Market News

- * MEISolutions' New Release, SuperPOSS 2002, was featured in a Roll Out in the June issue of the California Grocers Association publication. Included was this quote from Bob Good, Senior Developer:

“Modularity has made our system accessible to a wide variety of users. We build in flexibility: any size retailer can purchase the modules of our product appropriate for him, and know that he has maximized his backoffice investment.”

Thanks CGA!

- * Check out our ad in the Progressive Grocer June and July Issues. We want everybody in the industry to know how proud we are of SuperPOSS 2002!
- * MEISolutions supports nonprofit organizations. Home and Family, a charitable organization in Atlanta, installed SuperPOSS software donated by MEISolutions, into their book-and-thrift store. This store serves the community and school facility in an underprivileged area. Register and scanning hardware was donated by POSTEC, a leading provider of point-of-sale systems to the Atlanta and North Georgia markets. MEISolutions would like to thank Home and Family for their community service, and POSTEC for partnering in charitable donation efforts.

Next SuperPOSS Training Class September 16-18th, Spokane WA

Day 1 & 2: general functions and maintenance.
Day 3: DSD module and handheld receiving.

**Call one of our sales representatives
for pricing and to reserve class space.**

Interface to IP-Based Handhelds Complete

We are pleased to introduce new compatibility of our Windows product with a line of the industry's finest Portable Data Terminals. These key-based computers have a wide variety of functions in stores including Direct Store Delivery, price changing and inventory reconciliation. We now interface with the following IP-Based Handheld models from Symbol Technologies:

* **3100 Series** The durable PDT3140/2 integrates 16-bit DOS processing capabilities with Symbol's advanced Spectrum24 wireless communications (either 1MB* or 2MB) in a lightweight (16.9oz) & flexible terminal. The PDT3140/2 incorporates a rotating scan head that adjusts for right or left-handed scanning, side-mounted alpha shift key, 4 or 8-line by 20 character display, rechargeable NiMH battery.

* **6800 Series** The durable PDT6846 (Portable Data Terminal) also integrates 16-bit DOS processing capabilities with Symbol's advanced Spectrum24 wireless communications, but offers 11MB as well as 2MB. The PDT6846 incorporates a “trigger handle” design for scan intensive applications, adding only 9oz in weight compared to the PDT3140/2. A large, 16 line by 21 character display can provide more information to the user than the PDT3140/2. In addition to the NiMH batteries, the newer, Lithium-Ion battery technology is also offered.

President's Corner

At MEISolutions, our vision is to provide our customers with the best products, the best support, and the best pricing that the industry has to offer. We want to be the retail solutions provider for backoffice systems in the grocery industry.



Call us with your problems - we'll be glad to answer all your questions.

If you have group store meetings, we will be more than happy to meet with you.

John Edward Molloy, President