

IBM StoreFlow Version 1.5.2



Highlights

- Harness the power of Java® and the Web in thin- or thick-client environments
- Seamless post-to-host lets you drive decision-making with a single data repository
- StoreFlow scales from one to hundreds of terminals per store
- StoreFlow offers broad hardware and software compatibility, plus support for multi-national and global retailers

End-to-end store management

IBM StoreFlow™ Version 1.5.2 is an all-encompassing store management solution that connects the point-of-sale (POS) to back-office and enterpriselevel systems. It includes a powerful POS application, an application server with database support, and a sales manager component - all working together in an open architecture that accommodates a wide range of platforms, databases, computing models and applications. With Store-Flow, you can achieve the seamless enterprise-wide integration you need to support multi-channel sales, loyalty programmes, multiple lines of business (LOBs) in a single store, and other e-business strategies.

Take advantage of the Web at the POS

Choose the StoreFlow POS for Java application to bring the power of the Web to the POS. Provide access to e-commerce at checkout to increase your sales. Distribute new training materials online to maintain peak customer service. Or connect to supply chain partners to improve operational efficiency.

The StoreFlow POS application also processes transactions quickly to minimise customer wait-time. Offline operation allows uninterrupted selling – even if the server connection is lost. The EFT interface supports multiple authorisation providers, and a multilevel security system prevents theft. Plus, built-in loyalty programmes help you to reward your best customers.

Post-to-host integration

StoreFlow provides access to information about customers, products, market trends and other critical factors from a single data repository. So, you can watch your operations moving in realtime and make faster, moreinformed business decisions.

Scalable deployment

StoreFlow accommodates any size store. It can scale from a speciality store with just one footprint all the way up to vast department stores with hundreds of terminals. Plus, StoreFlow features flexible functionality. It can easily meet the business needs of any size retailer – from a single shop owner to the largest merchandisers in the world.



Broad hardware and software support

Supporting an array of platform and database products, StoreFlow is the gateway from the store to the enterprise. Use traditional POS platforms or new solutions, such as the IBM SurePOS™ 500 and 700 Series. Run the POS on the proven IBM 4690 OS or Microsoft®

Windows® 2000, while the application server runs on Windows 2000 or AIX®, and the sales manager workstation runs on Windows 2000. StoreFlow POS for Java is also ready for Linux. Database options include Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle® and Informix®.

Proven global performance

StoreFlow is running successfully in hundreds of locations in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. It has functionality for retailers operating anywhere in the world – including multiple languages and currencies – so global retailers can use it as a core solution worldwide.

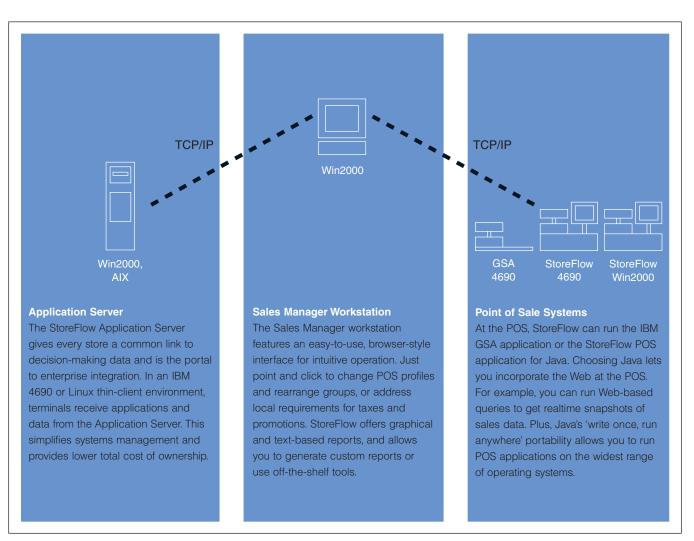


Figure 1: The IBM StoreFlow solution provides comprehensive integration from the POS to the back office to the enterprise level.

IBM StoreFlow Version 1.5.2 at a glance

POS Application	POS for Java	POS for Windows	POS for DOS	Sales Manager Workstation	Application Server
Hardware Supported ¹	IBM SurePOS 700 Series IBM SurePOS 500 Series IBM SurePOS 4694 Systems Other compatible systems	 IBM SurePOS 700 Series IBM SurePOS 500 Series IBM SurePOS 4694 Systems Other compatible systems 	IBM SurePOS 4694 Systems Other compatible systems	Windows 2000 capable machine (166 MHz Intel® Pentium® processor or higher) Other compatible Windows 2000 professional systems	IBM @server xSeries 200 IBM @server pSeries 640 Other compatible systems
Operating Systems Supported	 4690 OS V2R4 (includes JRE 1.1.8) Windows 2000 SP1 (requires JRE 1.1.8) Linux compatible ² 	• Windows 2000 SP1	• IBM PC DOS 2000 (V7R1)	• Windows 2000 SP1	• Windows 2000 SP1 • AIX 4.3.3
Memory	• 96 MB RAM	• 96 MB RAM	• 16 MB RAM	• 96 MB RAM	• 256 MB RAM
Hard Drives Required	• 2 GB (optional for 4690 OS)	• 2 GB	•2 GB	• 2 GB	• 4 GB minimum (varies by store size)
User Interface	Touch interface plus keyboard	Touch interface plus keyboard	 Keyboard 	Keyboard	• Keyboard
Databases Supported					SQL Server 2000 for Windows 2000 Oracle 8i (release 8.1.6) for Windows 2000 or AIX Informix Dynamic Server 2000 V9.21 for Windows 2000

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Web Interface	Manage POS activity with a browser-style interface that enables e-commerce, integrates with the back-office and makes training easier.		
Sales Goals	Motivate sales assistants with sales goals. Assign items sold to one or more assistants, and track progress towards targets online.		
Gift Card	Grow revenue with a flexible gift card solution. Sell single- or multiple-use gift cards, check balances, and use gift cards as payment tender authorised online.		
Sends	Supports shipments of goods to nominated addresses, with flexible options for shipment fees, taxes and send-label printing.		
Terminal Offline Support	Enjoy the cost of ownership benefits of thin-client POS while protecting offline sales with a secure terminal offline capability.		

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Sales Manager Workstation Highlights			
Special Offers and Promotions	Launch special offers – such as percentage discounts, threshold pricing and special basket deals. Offer promotions with cash or gift rewards based on transaction value.		
Loyalty Programme Management	Define, review and modify details of loyalty campaigns. Manage customer data. Report customer points totals. Review shoppers' claim history for points or rewards.		
Web Interface	Manage StoreFlow through an intuitive, browser-style interface that is easy-to-use and lowers training costs.		
Item Management	Update item prices, associate UPC/EAN codes with internal item codes, and associate shelf edge labels. Define velocity codes and tax rates, as well as department, family and item associations.		
Report Generator	Choose from a wide range of standard reports, or use the simple report generation tool to customise reports for your specific needs.		

¹ Must meet minimum hardware and software requirements

Find out more today

To learn more about how StoreFlow can help you increase sales, loyalty and efficiency, contact your IBM representative or find us on the Web at **ibm.com**/industries/retail/store



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