IBM 4690 OS V3 R3 expands hardware support, offers advanced features

Now available from IBM, the IBM 4690 Operating System Version 3 Release 3 is the clear platform of choice for today's forward-thinking retailers. Designed exclusively for your retail customers, the 4690 OS V3 R3 enables your retail customers to run POS and e-business software side-by-side on a variety of hardware, creating a single, convenient access point for point-of-sale (POS), back-office and Web-based applications. Which is exactly what they need to increase productivity and improve customer service.

This new release expands hardware support to include all the latest models of the IBM SurePOS™ 700 Series, so your retail customers can use these powerful new systems at the POS or in the back office along with their current IBM hardware. The 4690 OS V3 R3 also supports new models of the IBM SureMark™ Printer, including those with Optical Character Recognition technology, enhanced MICR reading and electronic check imaging.[1] With these printers, your retail customers that accept checks can move to cost-effective Electronic Check Conversion (ECC) while minimizing the risk of administrative returns and non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks.

Additional new features include a generic terminal configuration, which makes it equally easy to configure IBM SurePOS 4694 and SurePOS 700 Series systems in the store, and support for InfoZip, which enhances compression performance for some internal functions. V3 R3 also supports up to 512MB RAM in select terminals, enabling your customers' applications to get maximum productivity from POS systems. And it provides a reliable platform for e-business with full support for the latest level of Java™ 2, including the Java Virtual Machine Version 1.4.1 and the Java 2 SDK.

As always, the 4690 OS supports cost-saving thin-client architecture and enables support for Tivoli systems management software, both of which help reduce retailers' total cost of ownership. The 4690 OS also offers outstanding protection against viruses, worms and hackers, and supports industry-standard WEP encryption in wireless environments. And it remains one of the most reliable operating systems available, providing a highly functional foundation for today's most advanced software.

To learn more about the IBM 4690 OS V3 R3, please contact your IBM representative or visit **ibm.com**/industries/retail/store.

[1] Models TI8/DI8 only