IBM enhances its fully integrated Linux platform adding proven retail operating system functionality
To help your retail customers acquire the advantages of Linux such as security and reliability, without sacrificing uptime and long term technical support, IBM announced the IBM Retail Environment for SUSE LINUX (IRES) Version 2. Version 2, like Version 1, combines a distribution of SUSE LINUX from Novell, Inc. – now called Novell Linux Point of Service — with cost-effective, retail-friendly support and maintenance from IBM.

New features in Version 2 include:
   Server/client hardware support. Version 2 allows retailers to use a single POS system as a server and client, enabling your retail customers to use IRES without necessarily purchasing a separate Linux server.
   Fast, easy configuration. Instead of configuring clients individually, retailers can select a default based on a store role (POS, help desk, service, gift registry), which greatly simplifies store system administration.
   Enhanced retail performance. New systems management components help make it easier to keep track of in-store hardware and software inventory, so retailers can service peripherals proactively and validate software updates.
   Improved distribution. During software updates, software sent from the enterprise to the store may include only updates instead of the entire image. This reduces strain on store bandwidth and speeds up maintenance.

For more information about IRES Version 2, please contact your IBM representative or visit ibm.com/industries/retail/store.