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Newsletter



Version 11 of Counter Intelligence continues to be rolled out into the user base with Version 2009 now being supported at a maintenance level. All new enhancements will be applied to Version 11.

Version 11 moves forward on a modern .net platform and Counter Intelligence POS moves to a SQL Localdb database which overcomes the previous limit of 1GB at POS. Now you can carry all of your images at POS!

We are aware of some users still operating on Version 4 of Counter Intelligence and we would encourage these users to move forward to the more robust SQL versions.

The upgrade to Version 11 requires doing an audit of your existing hardware and operating systems to ensure that they will comply with the requirements of the newer technology. The newer versioned software requires that the operating system is Windows 7 or above and any Windows XP PC's will need to be retired.



Our e-retailer product allows us to deliver a true omni channel solution to our retail customer base—the simplicity of using one product makes management so much easier—read about these features later in the newsletter.



Our Touchscreen application, CI Serve is now functionally equivalent to CI POS and if you prefer buttons for products then this is a very flexible option CI Serve now allows emailing of receipts.



We have recently completed a cloud based reporting system called Kudos KPI and this allows key performance indicators to be displayed on your smartphone or ipad. We are offering a free one month trial of this product—if you like it, and we are sure you will then it will be

billed every 6 months as part of your support contract fees at the rate of \$75 per user. The product has been on trial with a number of sites during March and it appears to an addictive app!

Cloud computing is on trend —if you wish to be in the cloud then Kudos can engineer this through a choice of providers including Amazon, Kudos, Onenet, Strata and Calnar. This then places the Coun-

ter Intelligence database and the application in one place on a Cloud Server. Access is via a remote desktop connection which can be run on a MS Windows PC /Tablet or on a MAC. We strongly recommend that Counter Intelligence POS remain as a local application on your POS unit/PC to guarantee uptime and avoid complications with peripherals and EFTPOS.



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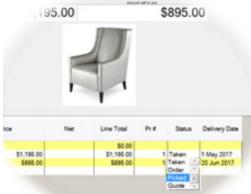
Order Entry in Point of Sale

For those retailers who accept customer orders at Point of Sale this new function is ideal. A sale line may have a status of quote, order, picked or taken. A sale may contain a mixture of taken and ordered lines.



Rules can be applied for the minimum payment required – eg pay for the taken value, ordered value etc.

When the transaction completes the order is sent to the Counter Intelligence Office database where it may be reported on using new enquiry screens and reports.



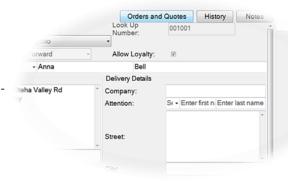




When the stock arrives and the customer wishes to come into store to pick up the item the original order can be retrieved from the Office database. The system will also handle the situation where remaining items are still on order. For those retailers wishing to despatch from a central ware-

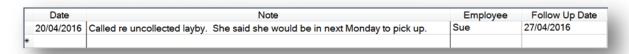
house the orders may be converted to invoices directly in Counter Intelligence office.

New designs for quotations, orders and invoices have been implemented—these now replicate those from Counter Intelligence Office.



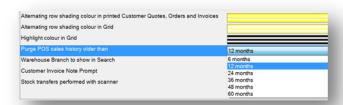
Customer Notes

Notes may be created and maintained to ease communication with your customers and internally Against a customer you may press the Note tab and then key an action, and follow up date. A report at POS shows the actions to be followed up for the day.



Sales history at POS

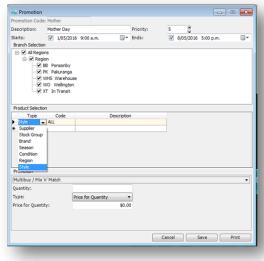
This has been extended to allow a nominated period for which you wish to retain transactions—from 6 to 60 months.



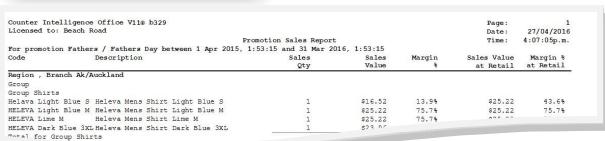




A completely new promotions system is now available in Version 11 of Counter Intelligence. This allows multiple promotions which can be invoked or revoked right down to the time of day. A new promotion report is also available in the Interrogator menu.



Multibuy / Mix 'n' Match
 Buy 1 and Get 1 at Discount
 Volume Pricing or Discount
 Giveaway



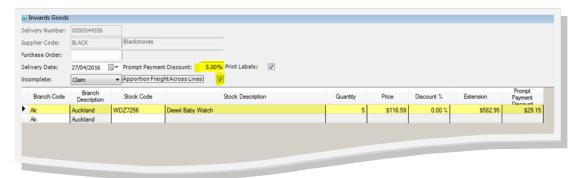
Goods in Transit

Version 11 introduces a goods in transit branch—in which any movements between stores (branches) are carried until they are acknowledged and receipted into the destination branch. This makes for more accurate stock on hand enquires and click and collect availability. Receipting at Point of Sale actually recalls the complete delivery from your CI Office database.



Prompt Payment Discount/Apportion Freight Costs

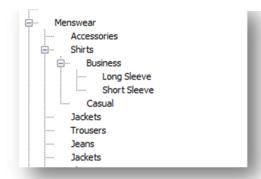
A new option in inwards goods allows a prompt payment discount to be taken into cost of goods and also the ability to apportion the freight costs against the delivery and also factor this into cost of goods.





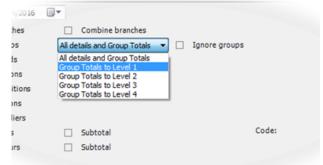
Stock Groups Extended

The stock groups have been extended from the 2 level hierarchy to 4 levels. The sequence of reporting can also be changed by dragging the group code anywhere on the list



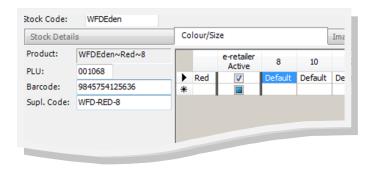
Flexible Reporting

In the report selection screen you can now decide which of the 4 levels of stock group you would like to report to. This means you can obtain a concise report when you only wish to look at the totals.



Suppliers code at Style/Colour/Size level

To ensure accurate re-ordering the suppliers code for the product is now able to be maintained at the style/colour/size level.



Wider choice of barcode Symbology

The existing Interleaved 2 of 5 format is joined by EAN13, Code 39, 93, 128, Codabar, Postnet, EAN8, UPCA and UPCC.

We do recommend that you stay with Interleaved 2 of 5 because of its concise barcode. If you are selling to other retailers then they may prefer to have an EAN barcode—you will need to apply to GS1 to purchase blocks of codes.

The plu or barcode can now optionally be shown embedded into the base of the barcode.





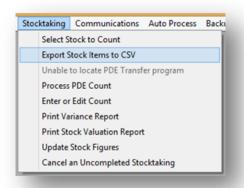
Honeywell

New Scanner Technology

During 2015 we introduced the Honeywell 5100 scanner which is a Windows CE touch screen device and this provides greater capability than the previous generation of scanners.

The Honeywell 5100 is capable of loading the stock details from your Counter Intelligence system and then using this for scanning validation for processes such as stock taking, price verification, branch transfers and loading inwards goods. This means that when you accidently scan a manufacturers barcode instead of your own PLU barcode then it will audibly alarm you that the barcode does not exist on your database. This then saves time during the stocktake reconciliation stage as you are not having to go back to identify mis-scanned items





A new feature in Counter Intelligence allows you to export your database to a CSV file which is then uploaded to the device.

Barcode PLU

Description Style Code

Supplier Stock Group

Supplier Product Code Selling Price Inc GST

Stand Cost Price Last Purchase Price

This data can then be displayed on the device:







Omni-Channel marketing – the future of retail. Many of our Counter Intelligence users run their webstore through Kudos e-retailer. The integration is so simple with the ability to maintain all of the website product attributes within Counter Intelligence. This makes the stock common and accessible between the systems the same as customers and loyalty points. In an upcoming release we will also have gift vouchers being able to be purchased and redeemed instore or on-line.





All new sites are being built on our fully responsive platform. With Google now penalising those sites which are not mobile friendly it is important that you are on a framework like e-retailer that scales to all devices.



During the last year we have implemented many new features into e-retailer including an integrated blog. This will assist with your SEO as all traffic will be coming to your main URL



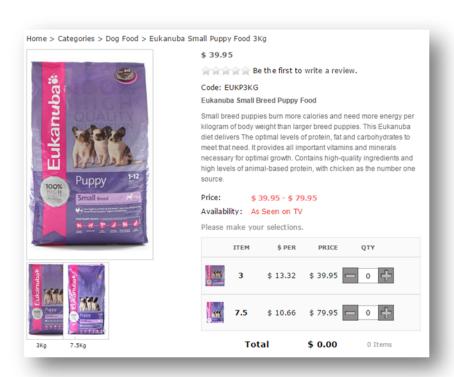
Businesses who regularly blog get 55% more website visitors than those who don't blog!



Cart Abandonment – a reporting dashboard on abandonment has been introduced with a sequence of follow up emails to endeavour to turn the abandoned cart into a sale.



Collectives – where a product comes in various packaging and sizes and where these products are carried as single stock items in Counter Intelligence. In this example dog food comes in a 3kg or 7kg bag but can be shown together on the web site so that a customer can make a comparison and view the cost per kilo.



If you are interested in finding out more about the new features in eretailer these are documented in the e-retailer newsletters which can be found under the support option on our website – kudos.co.nz





Kudos KPI Cloud Reporting

Kudos KPI – a cloud based utility that provides access to critical management information on mobile devices such as ipad/tablet and smartphone.

Just like your POS systems talk to your Counter Intelligence Office system so does Kudos KPI providing you with easy access 24/7.



On the spot stock information

Do we have stock of an item the customer asks? – don't break the conversation to go to a physical POS unit to find out - use an ipad/tablet or smartphone on the sales floor to make a quick enquiry on



Exceptional Customer Service

Look up customer buying history when interacting with them on the sales floor – what did they purchase last time, preferences sizes etc.

Drive your business through the dashboard

- ♦ Top 5 Stock Groups
- ♦ Sales performance by hour
- ♦ Sales performance by period
- ♦ Salespersons Statistics



