



Why Should I Upgrade to CSS Windows?

CSS Windows is a completely new program created from scratch. As such the improvements from the old DOS version are significant and too numerous to list in their entirety. But here are some of the compelling changes.

Much better information readily available for decision making.

- Detailed UPC and non fuel invoice history maintained in day by day detail for one year.
- Report design and filtering for precise summary or detail information.
- Built-in aid to cleanup no longer sold items to remove the superfluous from the reports.
- Searchable reports.

Increased management control.

- Inventory balance/quantity on hand can only be changed by a transaction.
- Day by day UPC history to spot invoice entry errors, adjustments or other anomalies.
- There is no 30 day limit on reprinting Dailybook reports.
- Password restricted control can be set on a much more detailed level.

Management flexibility.

- Month to date data and projections are no longer tied to a printed piece of paper for the day. These can be run any time independent of the Dailybook process.
- Difficult accounting functions such as oil company EFTs are handled in the general accounting program. The person doing the Dailybook needs minimal accounting experience. Transactions not affecting the daily cash over/short can be done at anytime.

Use modern general accounting programs like QuickBooks, Peachtree and MAS90.

- Better understanding and support from your accountant.
- Change data very easy like when fuel invoices are not accurate at the time of Dailybook entry.
- For example on QuickBooks:
 - Data to and from CSS can be local on the same PC, across the Internet to a remote office, or to QuickBooks Online for access anywhere from any PC with an Internet connection.
 - Makes payroll much more efficient. Make EFTPS payroll deposits directly from QuickBooks. Have laser printed forms ready to sign and file.
 - Multiple stores set up as classes for easy side by side P & L comparison of key operating parameters.

Improve profitability on store sales.

- PLU/UPC retail prices can be maintained 7 ways.
 - PLU/UPC Maintenance one at a time
 - During invoice data entry
 - New Pricing Maintenance screen in table format
 - Importing a vendor supplied data file
 - Depending on the POS in the Promo Maintenance screen
 - With the portable data terminals – new price change/price check
 - Through the upcoming Central Price Book for multiple stores
- Multiple vendors for each UPC item and with a last cost for each vendor.
- Invoices maintained in detail for a year. Easily find what you paid Pepsi for a 20 ounce drink 8 months ago.
- The invoice data entry screen flags cost increases in red.
- During invoice entry margins shown three ways - before invoice, with the invoice and after a retail price change.
- During invoice data entry a retail price rounded to the nearest .x5 or .x9 can be automatically calculated based on a user entered margin percent.
- Monitor cost and retail prices changes of invoice data entry in a separate section of the invoice report

More Dailybook Capability.

- Other Income section. Lottery/Lotto for example can be separated from the core non-fuel sales. A big run for Powerball will not distort the core sales.
- Up to three fuel vendors with the fuel invoices going to the accounting program.
- Unlimited bank deposits in any one day to an unlimited number of bank accounts.
- Easier cash paid-out entry and correction.

Easier to Use.

- Windows navigational controls with mouse point & click.
- Period close process much easier.
- All reports go to the screen first. Any one page or a range of pages may then be printed.
- Run CSS at the same time as other programs.

Easier to learn for a new user or train a replacement or substitute.

- Detailed step by step procedures in a 400 page 8" x 11" user manual.
- Can concentrate on CSS not having the difficult DOS navigation with F3, F4, 0 or 1 to quit.

PC and printer selection and replacement is less critical.

- USB to serial, parallel and network devices widely available.
- Any USB printer or multifunction fax/copier/scanner/printer may be used.

Data is better protected.

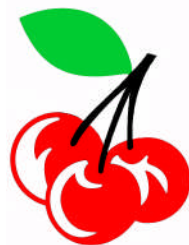
- Built-in backup with a warning if no backup made within past 24 hours.
- Use USB flash drives to eliminate mechanical failure of zip or tape drives.

Remote support from Cherry Systems is better.

- DOS programs do not work well and sometimes not at all when run remotely.
- Cherry Systems web site has updates that may be easily downloaded.
- Cherry Systems web site has a CSS update and error correction history that can be viewed at anytime.
- New no cost VNC connection program for users not having pcAnywhere or a service such as GoToMyPC.

Continued Development and Enhancement

- CSS has stopped development on DOS programs. Except for some minor payroll tax table support and absolute necessary changes in the POS system interface nothing is being done to better CSS DOS. New hand held portable scanners are no longer available. No POS interface for Passport, Sapphire or Retailix.
- CSS Windows changes are being continually made.
- Accommodate changes in the POS capabilities and demands such as the new Passport POS mix & match and combo specials.
- Built in Internet connections for remote communications.
- For multi site operators a central price book should soon be available.



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