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Features in 2.5

- Gift Cards & Gift Receipts. Gift Cards promote customer loyalty and bring new customers into your stores. And with the Christmas season coming, this is the perfect time to make Gift Cards available to your customers! ExtremePOS (and Musicware/Praiz) 2.5 now has Gift Card functionality completely integrated, so your cashiers can easily create, sell and redeem Gift Cards. Also, powerful Gift Card management/reporting features allow you to view a specific Gift Card's history, make balance adjustments as needed, and view total Gift Card balances at any point in time. The new Gift Receipt feature allows you to instantly print a receipt which can be used in place of a physical Gift Card, or used to give store credit to cash customers (who don't have an account in your store). Gift Receipts are treated just like Gift Cards, so all the same management/reporting features are available. All this adds up to more options for you and your customers and increased revenue in your store!
- BRE Game Database Integration. Extreme Software has partnered with BRE Software to integrate their Game database with ExtremePOS. You can now seamlessly and instantly import items from BRE's Game Database at the register, during a PO, or in Inventory Maintenance. You can also browse the full BRE database and pull titles into your store database. But the real power of the BRE database is that it keeps track of market trade-in prices and used sale prices for game titles in both "complete" and "incomplete" condition. You can synchronize your trade-in prices sale and/or used sale prices with BRE quickly and easily right from ExtremePOS. And the database is updated several times a week, so you will always have the latest market prices at your fingertips to keep your store profitable and competitive. Also, in an upcoming version, you will have the same functionality available for DVDs!

Version 2.5 is scheduled for release on November 6th. All currently supported customers will be able to download 2.5 by selecting Tools -> Download Updates from the POS Invoice Screen and from ExtremePOS Maintenance Manager.

HOW TO: Sell and Redeem Gift Cards & Gift Receipts with Version 2.5

In order to sell a gift card at the register, just enter GC in the item number box at the POS screen.

Scan Item	
Item Number	Quantity
GC	1

This will bring up the Gift Card / Gift Receipt sale screen, shown below. At this screen, select whether you want to sell a physical gift card or print a gift receipt. Then scan or type in the gift card number. If you are printing a gift receipt, you can choose to let the system autogenerate a number for you by hitting the Autogenerate button under the card number text box. Then enter the gift card / gift receipt amount in the amount box and hit OK to add the gift card / receipt to the current invoice.

Gift Card

Gift Card
 Gift Receipt (Printed)

Card Number:
 Amount:

To redeem gift cards / gift receipts, just hit "Gift" as the method of tender in the payment window.

Payment Information		Amount Due
Cash	\$0.00	\$58.73
Check	\$0.00	
Credit Card	\$0.00	
On Account	\$0.00	
Gift	\$0.00	
Amount Tendered	\$0.00	\$58.73
Amount Remaining	\$58.73	

7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
.	0	+/-
Cancel		OK

This brings up the Gift Card / Receipt redemption screen, shown below. Scan or type the gift card number and the amount to redeem, then hit "Redeem". If there is a balance due to the customer and you want to issue a gift card / receipt for store credit, select "New". This will take you back to the Gift Card / Receipt sales screen where you can create the gift card / receipt.

Redeem Gift Card/Certificate	
Current Gift Cards	
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>	
Card Number	Amount
<input type="text" value="101"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
<input type="button" value="Redeem"/>	<input type="button" value="New"/>
<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

You can re-enter the redemption screen to redeem additional gift cards by selecting "Gift" again from the payment window. When you are done, select OK from the payment screen as you normally do. Any Gift Receipts you've sold will be printed after the sales receipt.

It's that simple. Now you're ready to start using Gift Cards & Gift receipts!

Upcoming Features

There are several exciting new features coming that you'll want to be on the lookout for:

1. BRE DVD Database integration- We are in the process of integrating ExtremePOS with BREs DVD database. You will be able to browse and import DVD titles and have access to the latest DVD market prices.
2. Redesigned Touch Screen interface for improved look and better functionality.
3. Multi-Store & ExtremePOS.net - ExtremePOS.net is server/web-based solution providing you Internet access to your data and powerful tools to help you better operate your business. Features planned for early releases are web-based data entry, web-based POs, and web-based reports. For multi-store customers, ExtremePOS.net will allow you to synchronize data between stores, enter data centrally and push to all stores, perform stock checks across stores, transfer inventory, and run enterprise level reports. Initial release is planned for early next year with some features being phased in with subsequent updates.

Latest Versions

The latest Version of Extreme Software products are listed below. 2.05.0000 is scheduled for release on November 6th. If you are a supported user, you should use the Download Updates feature in the software to check for and install any updates. If you are unsupported and would like to update to the latest version, contact Extreme Software at 1-800-647-9711.

ExtremePOS - 2.05.0000

Musicware - 2.05.0000

Praiz - 2.05.0000

ExtremePOS Maintenance Manager - 2.05.0000