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## **Presto's second major release adds a Wow factor and simplifies customizing web enabled 5250 screens**

*Presto 2 wows users with an instant more modern look, reduces the learning curve to make screen customizations with a new Visual Screen Editor and renders all screens with perfect alignment.*

CHICAGO, May 4th, 2010 – **Business Computer Design, Int'l Inc.** announced today that Presto, BCD's latest innovation in affordable rapid application modernization, has just emerged with a new modern look, a Visual Screen Editor and an improved out of the box experience. These new Presto features satisfy users who want an instant professional look for their 5250 web enabled screens; who want to enhance screens without needing to know HTML; and who want all of their program and system screens rendered as web pages without needing to make alignment changes. Version 2.0 of Presto is now available to evaluate or as an upgrade, and can be downloaded from <http://www.bcdsoftware.com/presto>.

Presto bridges your IBM i application environment to the web by dynamically presenting RPG and COBOL programs and operating system screens as web pages that are accessible by popular browsers. In less than an hour, users can install Presto and instantly web enable all their green screen applications, menus, system screens and third party software. Presto does this without making any changes to, and without needing to recompile, your RPG, COBOL or DDS code.

### **New Visual Screen Editor**

Presto 2 ranks among the most advanced web enabling tools available, with instant out of the box results and the limitless ability to customize screens. Users can now make many customizations to their pages *without needing to know HTML*. Presto's new Visual Screen Editor allows users to drag and drop text and fields, referred to as elements, to reposition them from where they originally appeared on the green screen. You can change the appearance of screen elements such as font size and color, borders, and make fields upper case with a properties dialog box. This dynamically modifies the Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) attributes behind the scenes. This is comparable to using SDA to change Display files in the green screen world. The Visual Screen Editor does much more, though.

You can also transform elements on your screen through the Visual Screen Editor to add date pickers, images, drop down boxes, text areas and more. You can then customize each element through the properties dialogue box by specifying attributes such as the date format for the date picker and which items to appear in drop down lists. You can position any of these elements anywhere on the page by dragging and dropping them, and you can resize them with your mouse.

### **The Wow Factor**

When it comes to web pages looks do matter and the four new skins added to Presto instantly give all your web enabled screens a wow factor. Skins control the look and feel of your web enabled screens. The new skins have engaging themes, multidimensional gradient colors, coordinated function key buttons, and hover colors. Skins can also be customized to match your organization's look. For example, it's easy to include your corporate logo in a skin.

### **Improved "Out of the Box" Experience**

BCD has added several other enhancements to improve Presto's "out of the box" user experience. Immediately after installing Presto you can access all your 5250 screens as web pages from a browser with the data and text perfectly aligned. In the previous version of Presto all screens were also immediately web enabled after install, however, depending on your screen design there was the possibility that a certain percentage had data that was not aligned exactly as it was on the green screen. That is no longer the case because Presto now absolutely positions the HTML to render perfectly aligned screens.

There have also been improvements made to the automatic window detection and rendering to support all 5250 window types out of the box. The communication framework has been improved as well, resulting in a more stable connection between the jobs and a better user experience.

### **Device Names and Arrow Key Support**

A much requested feature that was added in Presto 2 is support for device names. Users who have applications that are tied to the workstation name can now specify a device name when accessing their Presto web enabled screens.

Arrow keys are a common way to navigate a 5250 screen, especially the up and down keys to jump from one row to the next. Presto now supports the up and down keys to improve the simulation of a 5250 session.

### **Availability and Licensing**

Presto 2 is available now. For more information, please call BCD at (630) 986-0800, or visit [www.bcdsoftware.com/presto](http://www.bcdsoftware.com/presto) to request a free trial or to view a 2 minute video, or forward your e-mail request to [sales@bcdsoftware.com](mailto:sales@bcdsoftware.com). A product specialist will answer your questions or schedule a demonstration of Presto over the Web. Established customers can download Presto 2 from [www.mybcdsoftware.com](http://www.mybcdsoftware.com).

BCD offers unique licensing options including Base Licensing. This is a fixed price by tier and includes a certain number of concurrent seats for each tier, making it a more affordable way to license. Users can also choose Unlimited User Licensing which is a more affordable option for organizations with many end-users in comparison to basic concurrent licensing. Call BCD to find out which licensing and pricing works best for you.

### **Full Featured Portal Complements Presto**

BCD offers Nexus Portal as a partner to Presto. Nexus Portal is a license free portal for unlimited users with paid annual maintenance. While an option, BCD strongly recommends Nexus because it integrates with Presto and all web applications. Nexus Portal includes tight security with controlled access to applications including your Presto web enabled screens, web menus, documents, and dashboards. It seamlessly merges your 5250 web enabled screens with your other enterprise information in a Web portal.

The portal provides secured single point access while becoming a secured front end to Presto web-enabled applications and others. End-users only see the applications and content they are authorized to see. Nexus also includes value added portlets such as Executive Dashboards, Spool file viewer, PDF creation, Calendars, and Enterprise Content Management (ECM) that allows documents, images, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, invoices and more to be added, secured, and shared.

### **About BCD**

BCD is one of the most successful software organizations in the IBM i space. BCD has proudly received 35+ industry awards for software excellence. They have over 30 years of experience in the IBM midrange marketplace and to date more than 10,000 organizations have licensed over 30,000 BCD software solutions worldwide. BCD is a member of IBM's System i ISV Advisory Council and is an IBM Advanced Business Partner.

### **About Presto**

Presto instantly web enables all your IBM i legacy and third party green screen applications and gives them a modern look. Presto is a non-intrusive solution that requires NO RPG, COBOL or DDS code changes. End users access the web enabled screens from a browser with no other PC software and no ActiveX required.

Presto includes a Visual Screen Editor and also gives you full access to the HTML code through a Windows based Designer to enhance those web enabled screens. You can add images, Web Services, links, graphs, Google Maps, AJAX and any Web 2.0 functionality.

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