

Dear FOCUS Customer,

Welcome to FOCUS for S/390 Version 7.2. This release of FOCUS introduces many new reporting features and extended limits. You can now join data sources based on any condition without an indexed field, timestamp changes to FOCUS segments, and choose to exit batch FOCUS with a non-zero return code when any error is encountered. Powerful new reporting analysis tools calculate trends, produce forecasts, and group data into tiles (such as percentiles or deciles) so that in one step you can answer such questions as which salespeople are in the top ten percent. With field-based reformatting you can apply different formats to each row of a report column and even display the appropriate currency symbols and formats for different national currencies.

FOCUS 7.2 also expands its support of date-time formats to relational adapter TIME and TIMESTAMP data types. The AUTOIMS procedure automatically creates Master Files and FOCPSBs for IMS data sources. In addition, Master File names can now be up to 64 characters long.

New extract file options in FOCUS 7.2 let you create tab-delimited and several types of comma-delimited output files.

This Adobe Acrobat document includes detailed descriptions of these [features](#) and more, plus details on [problems corrected in this release](#), and an [Advisory](#) section that describes issues that may affect your upgrade to FOCUS 7.2 from an earlier release of FOCUS.

This CD also includes:

- The [Two-Gigabyte FOCUS Database Implementation Guide](#), which contains tips on choosing applications that will see the greatest benefits from two-gigabyte and intelligently partitioned FOCUS databases.
- [Web390 Fact Sheets](#) - how Web390 Servers on MVS and VM from Information Builders can move your 3270 applications to the Web.

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- A technical White Paper describing our highly efficient [Pooled Tables](#) option.

Also, we are proud to offer a brand new version of our FOCUS documentation set complete with comprehensive Master Index, and with all FOCUS features and syntax organized into logically related functional areas. We are also delivering this FOCUS manual in electronic format (HTMLHelp, HTML, and Adobe Acrobat) in addition to the standard paper manuals. If you have not yet received a copy of this new documentation set, you can order it at (800) 969-INFO.

For the latest information on What's New at Information Builders, please visit our web site at <http://www.informationbuilders.com>.

We appreciate your interest and continued use of our products, and we welcome your suggestions on how we can better serve your needs now and in the future.

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