Parcel Shipping System (PSS) offers a *powerful interface* that allows it to read and write into most databases – it can work with any application that runs on Unix or NT.

Although it can work as a stand-alone, "the big difference between us and some of our competition is that we may be host-based," explains Bruce Bender, PSS president. "Others are PC-based and then they have some kind of interface. PSS resides on the same machine as the application, extracting data directly from the hard drive without external communication."

While the majority of PSS customers are shipping 300 packages and over per day, from multiple warehouses, the system works for shippers handling anywhere from 50 to 50,000 packages daily.

With the interface, PSS enters all customer specified business rules. Shippers assign a "ship via" command at the time an order is entered and PSS works the entire order through, based on pre-specified criteria. "Our customers may have rates from, say, 20 LTL carriers in their machine", says Bender. "So they can perform analysis on cost per carrier. They also can check performance on LTL carriers by route, to see how they have performed in a given lane."

PSS supports all small parcel carriers – FedEx Express and Ground, UPS, USPS, Airborne, DHL, and others – and LTL carrier ratings.

Bender says the company offers software, rate, and hardware agreements. It can furnish scales, label printers, forms printers, scanners, conveyor controls, and more.

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