



The Sitoo POS implementation playbook

Faster rollout, lower costs, better results.

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Introduction

Change is scary. Go to any business in the world and start talking about changing systems then watch as anyone involved in the project starts running for the hills in wide-eyed fear.

Look, we get it. It's something we hear all the time when retailers look to implement a new POS system. Tech projects and implementations have a reputation for dragging on, for sucking time, life, and energy out of a business, and for taking far longer than anyone ever anticipates.

New software and tech are exciting but, traditionally at least, rolling out new software can be a painstaking process fraught with difficulties.

There are integrations with other systems to get right, change management and training, hardware considerations, compliance, security, and a thousand things that sit on the plates of the team running the project.

There's a lot to get right... and a lot that can go wrong. It's why, according to Gartner's 2024 Tech Trends in Retail, half of all retailers regret one or more software purchases made in the past year, with the biggest factors driving regret being difficulty training and onboarding users and poor tech support.

It sucks. But it really doesn't have to.

When it's done right, with the right team and right partners, implementing a new POS doesn't need to be a headache. In fact, it should be fast, simple, and effective.

“The success of the rollout came down to two key factors: the strength of the product and the people behind it. You can't roll out that many stores without a rock-solid product, but more importantly, it was the dedication and expertise of the team that made it happen.”

Dane Lickteig, Architect and Administrator at Rally House

Why fast POS implementation and rollout matters

Speed matters. A fast implementation minimizes disruptions to your business and helps you start reaping the benefits of your new technology sooner. When you can roll out quickly, your staff can adapt rapidly, ensure minimal downtime and keep customer service levels high.

This is especially critical in the fast-paced world of retail, where any delay can lead to lost sales and dissatisfied customers. A swift rollout not only keeps your business running smoothly but also makes it easier to respond to market shifts and stay ahead of the competition.

By shortening the transition period, you'll start seeing the rewards of better efficiency, smarter data insights, and enhanced customer experiences sooner - ultimately driving growth and boosting profitability.

This guide will show you how to make that happen, offering practical advice on the key factors for a successful POS system implementation and rollout.

“Rolling out new technology across 1200 stores in just a few months was a logistical challenge, but the dedication of our team made it possible. We involved store associates from the start and trained super-users in each region, to ensure that everyone felt supported and prepared.”

Gerd Tove Myrbekk, Development Manager, Varner

Why Sitoo is fast and cost-efficient to implement

Sitoo POS and Unified Commerce Platform are designed for speed and efficiency. Unlike other vendors who provide solutions that rely on third-party consultants focused on selling billable hours, Sitoo has a Professional Services Team who are entirely focused on helping you go live as quickly and smoothly as possible. After all, it's in our interest that you go live with your new POS-system as fast and as cost efficient as possible.

Here's why Sitoo is so easy and cost-efficient to implement

→ **Dedicated project teams**

As well as your own internal team, you'll have a dedicated team of retail experts and architects from Sitoo to keep onboarding smooth, focused, and fast. This collaboration streamlines the setup, cuts through the noise, and speeds up every phase of onboarding, making the rollout feel less like a project and more like a powerful, efficient partnership. This level of partnership is the perfect way to set you up for long-term success.

→ **Cloud-native solution**

Sitoo uses a single software version, eliminating the need for bespoke development. Retailers can leverage out-of-the-box features tailored to the fashion and lifestyle sector, while ongoing user input continuously improves the system for everyone. Retailers that are new to Sitoo, benefit from all existing features developed for current users.

→ **Focus on fashion and lifestyle retail**

Sitoo is built specifically for fashion and lifestyle retailers, making it easy to configure features that cater directly to their needs. This focus allows Sitoo to pre-configure options retailers love, eliminating the time needed for extensive customization and allowing teams to focus on what they do best.

→ **API-first and microservices architecture**

Our API-first approach - with well documented APIs and a microservices structure - enable faster implementation, with multiple teams working in parallel to reduce delays. Integrations and updates happen with zero disruption to daily operations. This modular structure also gives you the freedom to add or change features with ease, making it faster to deploy exactly the setup you need.

→ **Pre-built integrations**

Our out-of-the-box integrations connect with leading best-of-breed solutions and platforms from day one. This means that if you're using one of the third-party tools that Sitoo has a pre-built integration with, then you can connect them instantly, reducing development time and costs while keeping your team focused on customers - not systems.

→ **No need for local servers**

Forget complex hardware setups - our cloud-native POS means there's no need for local servers, which eliminates the headaches of server maintenance and expensive in-store IT infrastructure. It's pure simplicity, with everything connected and managed online.

→ **POS app for Android and iOS**

Our native POS app works seamlessly on standard devices like tablets, mobile retail devices and phones. This means you can use existing devices or affordable off-the-shelf options instead of costly specialized hardware, accelerating deployment and reducing initial investment. You install the software by downloading the POS app on standard hardware, use an activation code and then you're ready to go.

→ **The use of Mobile Device Management (MDM)**

MDM allows you to set up, configure, and manage devices remotely across all locations. With MDM, deploying and managing your POS becomes a streamlined process, reducing the need for on-site visits and support, which saves time and keeps costs low.

→ **Minimal need for training**

Sitoo POS is a native app and our intuitive interface feels like second nature to staff, drastically reducing training time. In fact, most store associates refer to Sitoo as the easiest POS they've ever used. What's more, new hires or seasonal staff can learn the basics within minutes, allowing you to focus on customer service rather than extensive training sessions.

→ **Less need for support during the rollout**

The ease of use, less IT complexity and standard hardware results in way less support calls. The platform's stability and ease of use mean there's minimal need for support during rollout, even with large-scale implementations.

→ **The same solution in all your markets**

Our global compatibility and compliance means you can roll out a consistent solution across all markets, adhering to legal requirements, and with local languages, currencies, receipt set up, and tax settings supported out of the box. This makes international expansion straightforward and enables a unified experience for both staff and customers around the world.

Our focus on speed without compromising quality means you'll get rapid deployment, no downtime, and lower overall implementation costs.

"It was surprisingly easy, especially given how difficult these types of things usually are. I still look back at it and think that's pretty amazing. We opened 50 stores in the middle of implementing a new POS system, with no major hiccups, and I just can't imagine most retailers would be able to say that."

Aaron Liebert, CEO, Rally House

The Sitoo POS implementation phases

A successful POS implementation requires a structured, phased approach. Each step - from defining your vision to training your team - ensures that the rollout is smooth, efficient, and tailored to your business needs.

The essential phases that make up the implementation process

→ **Clear vision**

Successful POS implementation requires a clear vision and defined short - and long-term goals. Simply wanting omnichannel isn't enough - clarify whether that means click-and-collect, endless aisle, or something else. Transparency with all parties, including third-party partners, ensures alignment and realistic expectations.

→ **Scoping**

Our Professional Service team works with you to outline the project's scope, including defining which features and integrations are needed and prioritizing them. Workshops together help us understand your retail landscape and operational needs. Scoping ensures there's a clear understanding across all stakeholders and sets a realistic timeline for the rollout.

→ **Capability review**

An honest review of your existing resources and capabilities is crucial. Assess your internal team's skills and availability for the project. If your team lacks the necessary experience, especially in integrations or data handling, then we can help you. We can also provide guidance on integration partners or other resources to help bridge any gaps, setting a strong foundation for rollout.

→ **Solution mapping**

In this phase, a Retail Solution Architect (RSA) from Sitoo will work closely with your team to map out how Sitoo will integrate into your ecosystem. This involves detailing data flows, integration points, and technical requirements. The RSA will help ensure that all systems, from ERP and OMS to Ecom and CRM, are properly connected to support omnichannel functions and other key features, reducing the likelihood of unexpected challenges.

→ **Building your implementation team**

The right team is critical for a smooth implementation. A dedicated project manager with decision-making authority is essential, along with representatives from IT, retail operations, and finance. This team will oversee the project from start to finish, coordinate with us, and ensure quick decisions. Fewer people in key meetings helps avoid communication delays, while specialists are brought in for specific tasks.

→ **Store-level involvement**

Involving store managers or key store associates early in the process provides on-the-ground insights that are vital for successful implementation. They can offer feedback on daily processes, customer interactions, and potential pain points. This level of involvement makes for a more practical solution that addresses the real needs of store staff, increasing adoption and making training more efficient.

→ **Integration and system setup**

Integrating Sitoo into your existing systems (like your ERP, CRM, and payment processors) is often one of the most complex steps. We have pre-built integrations to a lot of leading systems on the market which means we can get you up and running quickly and with minimum fuss. Clean and structured data also plays a key role, as disorganized data can lead to delays and inconsistencies in the system.

→ **Data preparation and migration**

Proper data preparation and migration are essential to a successful rollout. Data must be clean, organized, and ready to transfer to Sitoo. This includes inventory data, product details, customer information, and any other relevant data points. Ensuring data quality from the start helps prevent issues down the line, speeding up the migration and ensuring your POS system functions optimally.

→ Testing and pilot stores

The next phase involves extensive testing in a sandbox environment to ensure all integrations, data flows, and functionalities are working as intended. Once testing is complete, many retailers choose to start with a pilot store rollout. This allows the team to troubleshoot in a controlled environment before a full-scale launch, reducing potential disruptions across the entire operation.

→ Training and go-live

Training is essential for successful adoption. Our team provides training to core personnel, such as store managers and IT staff, who can then train their own teams. For larger implementations, consider appointing superusers who can offer on-site support. After training, the system transitions from the test environment to live production, with the POS fully operational for customer transactions.

Post-launch, we provide continuous monitoring and updates to ensure optimal performance, allowing your business to scale seamlessly.

And, with our cloud-native architecture, you benefit from real-time updates, ongoing enhancements, and full scalability across all markets - without needing extensive IT resources or local infrastructure.

“We spent a lot of time gathering insights from our customers and our staff. Documenting pain points and highlights from the existing shopping experience. Then we designed what we thought would be the best shopping experience for the future.”

Henning Fladland, Product Manager, Tech Sales, Varner

Proven success stories

We have enabled retailers to achieve remarkable outcomes with faster time-to-market, lower IT costs, and high ROI, giving them the tools they need to succeed in a competitive retail environment.

With a 100% success rate in POS rollouts and implementations, we consistently deliver on time and within scope, allowing retailers to maintain momentum and hit the ground running. Every implementation and rollout have stayed on schedule, helping retailers avoid costly delays and keep their focus on delivering value to customers.



Varner

Successfully rolled out Sitoo in 1,200+ stores within a few months, thanks to a detailed roadmap and strategic collaboration. After implementing Sitoo, Varner saw record sales, faster checkout times, improved customer service, and employee experience.

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Rally House

Deployed Sitoo POS across 200 stores in just 4 months, even while opening an additional 50 locations. After implementing Sitoo, Rally House doubled their customer capture rate at checkout and all but eliminated their IT support calls.

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Key benefits seen by leading retailers

→ **Faster time to market**

With our dedicated Professional Service team, smooth processes and easy to use APIs, retailers can get up and running quickly. Each phase of the rollout, from scoping to go-live, is designed to accelerate time-to-market while maintaining reliability.

→ **Improved operational efficiency**

Sitoo unifies retail operations with POS solution that works across all locations. With real-time data, unified inventory, and consistent processes, retailers have enhanced visibility and efficiency across their operations.

→ **Reduced IT costs**

As a cloud-native platform, Sitoo eliminates the need for costly servers and localized support. This infrastructure reduces ongoing IT expenses while increasing system resilience, allowing retailers to focus resources on customer-facing improvements.

The bottom line: Total cost of ownership (TCO) and return on investment (ROI)

Sitoo gives you lower cost compared to alternative best-of-breed POS solutions and provides a faster return on investment than legacy systems. With Sitoo, the total cost of ownership is minimized, and retailers see value quickly through reduced downtime, lower support needs, and improved customer satisfaction. ROI is further boosted by enhanced customer experience, leading to increased customer loyalty, satisfaction, and repeat sales.

“I quickly saw that Sitoo genuinely cared about pushing the boundaries of retail tech. They’re on a mission to create something ground-breaking and valuable.”

Henning Fladland, Product Manager, Varner

Conclusion: How to ensure a successful rollout

Choosing Sitoo for your POS solution doesn't just save time and money - it redefines the role the POS plays in driving your business forward and means change doesn't have to be scary.

To make the most of your rollout, keep these key strategies in mind:

1. Understand your ecosystem
2. Build a dedicated project team
3. Prepare your data
4. Use standard integrations
5. Thoroughly test everything
6. Educate and empower your staff

By following these best practices and working closely with our team, your organization can implement and roll-out a new POS system faster than ever. With Sitoo, you're not only investing in technology but also in a mindset that drives efficiency, strengthens your team, and improves the overall customer experience - ultimately positioning your business for growth and success.

With Sitoo, your POS implementation will be fast, cost-efficient, and scalable.

→ Ready to see how Sitoo can help you?

Schedule a consultation with our team today and discover why global retailers trust Sitoo to transform their retail operations.