

Internet Stock Check

Internet Stock Check uses Internet technology to enable booksellers to obtain real-time inventory information on individual titles from a supplier: you send a query to the supplier's computer system to check availability of an ISBN and the supplier returns a listing of the number of units available, as well as the date of the information. [see illustration, below]

Internet Stock Check can be accessed through WordStock's *Keyword Search* and *Inventory* screens.

- Suppliers who offer *Internet Stock Check* require that you have an active account with them.
- Direct access is available from four vendors: Baker & Taylor, Ingram, Koen-Levy, and Partners.
- RR Bowker offers Internet Stock from several participating vendors; however, RR Bowker requires that you have a current subscription to *Books-in-Print™* to access these vendors. Vendors available through Bowker include:

Alibris	Anchor/Whitaker	Appalachian	Bertrams	Blackwell
Bookmen	Book Express	Brodart	Cypher Group	The Distributors
Emery Pratt	Gardners	J A Majors	MBS Textbook	NACS
NBN	Raincoast	Ritttenhouse	Riverside	

Using Internet Stock Check requires:

1. An active Internet connection: DSL or Cable -- dial-up access is not available at this time.
 2. An in-store Ethernet-based network;
 3. QNX™TCP/IP.
- Although there is no cost for Internet Stock Check, setting up and troubleshooting will incur Support fees of \$95/hour.
 - In most cases, this set-up will take less than one hour.
 - There is also a monthly service fee of \$3 per vendor.

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Online Stock Check
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SKU:9780123745408      Title:TCP/IP Sockets in C Bundle      Src:Bowker
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Ingram      Bowker
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Status:Available      Status:
RetailPrice: 29.95      RetailPrice:29.95
Imprintable:N          Indexable:N          Binding:Trade Paper

Warehouse      O/H   O/O   ComBO   Disc   Supplier      O/H   O/O   UpdDte
LaVergne, TN   6     4     0       15%    B&T-Bridgewater, NJ   2     0     04/26/11
Peterburg, VA  0     0     0       15%    B&T-Commerce, GA     2     0     04/26/11
FortWayne, IN  0     0     0       15%    B&T-Momence, IL      4     4     04/26/11
EastWindsor, CT 0     0     0       15%    B&T-Reno, NV         0     3     04/26/11
Roseburg, OR   3     4     0       15%

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F10, F9 or 'Q' to quit      SHIFT-F1 for help
    
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The image above shows the result of a session in which stock for a title was checked at Ingram's warehouses [left side of the screen] and with Bowker's check of several suppliers [right]. Note that vendors, such as Baker & Taylor, who have several warehouses take up that many screen lines for display, e.g., to display information for Baker&Taylor, Ingram and JA Majors would take 14 screen lines.