## ARCHITECTURE COMPARISON POS SYSTEMS

	Runs in a browser. Processes the transactions not on the local device but directly on a web server.	Runs as a standalone app on a tablet computer without a full-fiedged USB connection (iPad). Synchronizes data continously with central web server.	Runs as a stand-alone program on computers with fully-fledged USB connection. Synchronizes data continously with central web server	Runs as a stand alone program on computer with fully-fledged USB connection. Synchronizes data only at the end of the day with the central database.	Runs as a stand alone program on computer with fully-fledged USB connection. Without central data- base. Database runs on the same cash register computer.
Network connection needed for running operations?	Needed at any time.	Needed at any time to access the printer, etc.	Not needed for the main functions in running operations.	Not needed for the main functions in running operations.	Not needed.
Network connection needed for kitchen- and waiter terminals?	Needed at any time.	Needed at any time.	Needed at any time.	Needed at any time.	Needed at any time.
Internet connection needed for main functions in running operations?	Needed at any time.	Depending on the peripheral hardware.	Not needed.	Not needed.	Not needed.
Internet connection needed for kitchen- and waiter terminals?	Needed.	Usually needed.	Not needed.	Not needed.	Not needed.
Internet connection needed for credit card payment?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Internet connection needed for data up- dates and transmissi- on of sales to central database?	Needed.	Needed.	Needed.	Needed.	No central database.
Central reporting for multiple cash registers (branches)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Reporting in real time and data manage- ment from anywhere in the world.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Remote maintenance	+++	+	++ 🗸	-	
No performance re- ductions through WiFi / internet.	8	8	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$