

Barcode Writer in Pure PostScript

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Barcode Writer in Pure Postscript is an award-winning open source barcode maker that facilitates the printing of all major barcode symbologies entirely within level 2 PostScript, ideal for variable data printing. The complete process of generating printed barcodes is performed entirely within the printer (or print system) so that it is no longer the responsibility of your application or a library. There is no need for any barcode fonts and the flexibility offered by direct PostScript means you can avoid re-implementing barcode generator code or migrating to new libraries whenever your project language needs change.

The project homepage is at <http://bwipp.terryburton.co.uk>.

This is the main resource for the project providing the latest downloads of code and documentation, as well as access to the support and development mailing list.

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Chapter 1

Barcode Writer in Pure PostScript

Useful links:

- Homepage: <http://bwipp.terryburton.co.uk>
- Documentation: <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/wiki>
- Download: <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/releases/latest>
- Source: <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode.git>
- Issue tracker: <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/issues>
- Mailing list: <http://groups.google.co.uk/group/postscriptbarcode>

Barcode Writer in Pure Postscript (BWIPP) generates all barcode formats entirely within PostScript so that the process of converting the input data into the printed output can be performed by the printer or RIP itself. This is ideal for variable data printing (VDP) and avoids the need to re-implement the barcode generation process whenever your language needs change.

Since this resource is written in PostScript and interpreted within the virtual machine of a printer it is compatible with any operating system and hardware platform.

It makes including any barcode within a PostScript document as simple as inserting the following directive:

```
0 0 moveto (978-1-56581-231-4) (includetext)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

There is a web-based demonstration of the project here:

<http://www.terryburton.co.uk/barcodewriter/generator/>

This project is dedicated to the memory of Craig K. Harmon. <https://qed.org/ckh>

“Flavours” of Named Resources

BWIPP is essentially a set of generic PostScript Level 2 named resources that are provided in four flavours for ease of use. The one to use depends on how you intend to deploy the library.

- “Packaged” or “unpackaged”: The named resources have been packaged for DSC conformance, portability and ease of distribution. You will most likely want to use a packaged flavour in production, however the unpackaged versions of the resources are useful for understanding the code, developing the library and debugging.

- “Separate files” or “monolithic”: The resource is provided as separate files that are formatted for direct use by Adobe Distiller, GhostScript, a printer hard disk or a document manager. The monolithic flavours contain all of the resources in a single file that is suitable for inclusion in the Prolog section of a each PostScript document or installing to a printer’s initial job VM to provide persistence between jobs until the device is reset.

This leads to the following set of four files.

For production use:

- `postscriptbarcode-packaged-resource` – Packaged; Separate files.
- `postscriptbarcode-monolithic-package` – Packaged; Monolithic file.

For BWIPP development:

- `postscriptbarcode-resource` – Unpackaged; Seperate files.
- `postscriptbarcode-monolithic` – Unpackaged; Monolithic file.

Downloading

You can download prepared packages and the sources from here:

<https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/releases/latest>

Alternatively you can get and build the latest from version control:

```
git clone https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode.git
cd postscriptbarcode
make
```

The flavours are built into subdirectories of the `build/` directory.

The build requirements are Perl, GNU Make and GhostScript.

Chapter 2

Quick Guide

Using Barcode Writer in Pure PostScript requires only some basic PostScript knowledge that is easily learned by experimentation. If you do not want to get your hands messy playing with PostScript then you can use one of the project's frontends which hide many of the details.

The best way to get familiar with using the code is to download the *monolithic* flavour of the [latest release](#) and open the `barcode_with_sample.ps` file with a text editor.

This file consists of the following sections:

- A PostScript indicator, beginning `%!PS`.
- Comments, with lines beginning `%`.
- A definition for the `uk.co.terryburton.bwipp` category of named resources.
- A small set of named resource definitions for the renderers which generate the graphical output for the symbols delimited by `% --BEGIN RENDERER ...--` and `% --END RENDERER ...--`.
- A large set of named resource definitions for the encoders which convert the input into a structured symbol definition delimited by `% --BEGIN ENCODER ...--` and `% --END ENCODER ...--`.
- A set of sample barcode invocations delimited by `% --BEGIN SAMPLE--` and `% --END SAMPLE--`.

This is one example from the samples:

```
150 750 moveto (0123456789) (includecheck includetext)
/interleaved2of5 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

The meaning of each component of the invocation is as follows:

```
150 750 moveto           % position of the symbol on the canvas
(0123456789)             % data field: information to encode in the barcode
(includecheck height=0.75) % options field: symbol properties
/interleaved2of5         % the type of barcode
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec % plot symbol on the canvas
```

The acceptable contents of the data field varies between symbologies as defined in the [symbology reference](#).

The acceptable contents of the options field is for the most part common across all of the symbologies as defined in the [options reference](#), however encoder-specific options do exist in some cases and the default values of permitted options varies across symbologies.

Using the references mentioned above you should now be able to experiment by carefully amending the sample section of the file.

You will want to view the result of your changes regularly (since bugs may be hard to track down once introduced) either by using a software PostScript interpreter alongside a viewer or by sending the file to a PostScript enabled printer. Alternatively you can use the [web-based generator](#) to see the effect of the options on the output.

- GhostScript is an open source PostScript interpreter that is available for both Windows and Linux.
- gsvie is a viewer for PostScript files on Windows which requires that GhostScript be installed.
- gv is a viewer for PostScript files on Linux, which requires that GhostScript be installed.
- The Preview application on Mac OS X is able to view PostScript files.
- Adobe Distiller is a commercial PostScript interpreter that is available for Windows and MacOS.
- Most reasonable laser printers have native support for PostScript.
- CUPS, the Common Unix Printing System, adds PostScript support for non-PostScript printers by filtering PostScript documents through GhostScript.

To directly print a file to an installed, PostScript-enabled printer in Windows use the following command:

```
PRINT [/D:device] barcode_with_sample.ps
```

Alternatively for a printer attached directly to the first parallel port:

```
COPY /B barcode_with_sample.ps LPT1:
```

To directly print a file to a PostScript-enabled printer in Linux use the following command:

```
lpr -Pdevice -o raw barcode_with_sample.ps
```

Once you are comfortable with amending the `barcode_with_sample.ps` file you may want to simplify the file by removing definitions for barcode formats that you do not require bearing in mind the following points:

- You need only include the named resource definitions for the symbologies of the symbols that you are actually intending to create and must include any dependencies as specified in the resource file by the `% --REQUIRES ... metadata`. Examining the contents of the PS files created by the web-based generator at <http://www.terryburton.co.uk/barcodewriter/generator/> illustrates this point. If you have downloaded the source distribution of BWIPP you can create a standalone file containing only the resources required for a particular symbology by running something like `make build/standalone/code39.ps` or `make build/standalone_package/code39.ps`.
- If you intend to create an application whose purpose is to generate documents containing a variety of barcodes it is suggested that you start with the monolithic `barcode.ps` file and use the `% --BEGIN/END ENCODER ...--` and `% --BEGIN/END RENDERER ...--` delimiters to extract the relevant named resource definitions into your documents. This will allow you to simply update your project to the latest version of the BWIPP resource by just replacing your `barcode.ps` with the latest version. More information is available in the [Developer Notes](#).

Chapter 3

Monolithic Flavours

The monolithic `barcode.ps` file provides Barcode Writer in Pure PostScript as generic PostScript Level 2 named resources shipped in a single file for ease of inclusion within the Prolog section of a PostScript document template or for installing into a printer's initial job VM.

Prepared tarballs of BWIPP packages into the monolithic flavours are available from <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/releases/latest> with filenames such as `postscriptbarcode-monolithic-2015-01-11.tgz` and `postscriptbarcode-monolithic-package-2015-01-11.tgz`. Alternatively you can build these flavours from source with `make monolithic` or `make monolithic_package`.

Inclusion Within the Prolog Section of a Document

An application will first include the contents of `barcode.ps` in the Prolog section of a PostScript file and then generate code like the following.

In the file's `Setup` or `PageSetup` section:

```
/qrcode dup /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource def
```

and in the page description where a barcode is needed:

```
0 0 moveto (BWIPP) (eclevel=M) qrcode
```

If the application needs to import the resource under a different name to avoid a conflict, then the setup could be:

```
/foo /qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource def
```

followed by:

```
0 0 moveto (BWIPP1) (eclevel=M) foo  
0 0 moveto (BWIPP2) (eclevel=M) foo  
...
```

(The above is analogous to `from uk.co.terryburton.bwipp import qrcode as foo` in other languages.)

Or, to generate a few barcodes with no setup section or local name at all:

```
0 0 moveto (BWIPP) (eclevel=M) /qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

This technique also reduces the possibility of namespace collision when using the library's procedures with other code.

Installing to a Printer Initial Job VM

Send barcode.ps to the printer with the line `true () startjob` added at the top where the parentheses contain the printer's `startjob` password.

The named resources will remain available between jobs but will not persist across power cycles.

Chapter 4

Named Resource Flavours

The contents of the `Resource` directory provides Barcode Writer in Pure PostScript as generic PostScript Level 2 named resources split into separate files structured for ease of deployment.

This standard delivery mechanism allows BWIPP resources to be added to a PostScript virtual machine's resource search path, or pre-downloaded to a printer's memory or permanent storage, or supplied by a document manager, all without any change in the code an application generates to use the resources.

Prepared tarballs of BWIPP packaged into the named resource flavours are available from <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/releases/latest> with filenames such as `postscriptbarcode-resource-2015-01-11.tgz` and `postscriptbarcode-packaged-resource-2015-01-11.tgz`. Alternatively you can build these flavours from source with `make resource` or `make packaged_resource`.

Deploying the Named Resource

An application or administrator must first make the BWIPP resources available to the print system as described for a variety of situations below. An application will then generate code like the following.

In the file's `Setup` or `PageSetup` section:

```
/qrcode dup /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource def
```

and in the page description where a barcode is needed:

```
0 0 moveto (BWIPP) (eclevel=M) qrcode
```

If the application needs to import the resource under a different name to avoid a conflict, then the setup could be:

```
/foo /qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource def
```

followed by:

```
0 0 moveto (BWIPP1) (eclevel=M) foo
0 0 moveto (BWIPP2) (eclevel=M) foo
...
```

(The above is analogous to `from uk.co.terryburton.bwipp import qrcode as foo` in other languages.)

Or, to generate a few barcodes with no setup section or local name at all:

```
0 0 moveto (BWIPP) (eclevel=M) /qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

This technique also reduces the possibility of namespace collision when using the library's procedures with other code.

If the definitions for the routines that generate and render the barcode are not already resident in memory then they will be fetched from a standard resource location in a way that is transparent to the user.

GhostScript

Unpack the contents of the Resource directory to somewhere accessible to the application.

Specify the location of the Resource files using the `-sGenericResourceDir` parameter. Where this defaults to `./Resource` (or equivalent) you can omit this parameter when running GhostScript from the location of the Resource files.

A note for Windows users:

“The Windows pre-built Ghostscript binary uses a ROM file system. If you want to modify the Resources available, then ... put all the required resources on disk and tell Ghostscript to use the disk-based resources. ... You will need to download the Ghostscript source (the Resources are not currently available separately) ... modify the Resources directory and tell Ghostscript to use it by adding one of the relevant command line switches (`-I`, `-sGenericResourceDir`) or possibly by setting the `GS_LIB` environment variable.” Thanks to Ken Sharp, <http://ghostscript.com/pipermail/gs-devel/2013-December/009544.html>

Adobe Distiller

Unpack the contents of the Resource directory to somewhere accessible to the application. Ensure that `PSRESOURCEPATH` contains the directory containing the `.upr` file when Distiller is run. The contents should be a list of directories separated by colons, to be searched in order with two consecutive colons to indicate where the default location should fall within the search order.

Printer Hard Disk

If a printer with a hard disk option is used, the resources can be downloaded once and remain available across power cycles. Resources can be downloaded with a vendor-specific tool, or by sending them to the printer with a snippet of PostScript at the top that queries the printer for the correct file name and creates the file.

PostScript Document Manager

Unpack the contents of the Resource directory to somewhere accessible to your document manager software then include the `%%DocumentNeededResources` and `%%IncludeResource` DSC comments at the appropriate locations within your PostScript output. The document manager software can be configured to transparently insert the requested resources as necessary.

Any specific instructions for common document manager software are welcome.

Chapter 5

Symbology Reference

EAN-13

EAN-13 is an extension of the **UPC-A** barcode symbology that usually carries a GTIN-13. It was designed by the International Article Numbering Association in 1976 for identification of retail goods at point of sale outside of the US.

Also known as: EAN, UCC-13, European Article Number, International Article Number, JAN, JAN-13.

Variants:

- EAN-13+2 is an extension of EAN-13 that includes a **two-digit add-on**.
- EAN-13+5 is an extension of EAN-13 that includes a **five-digit add-on**.
- EAN-99 is a special form of EAN-13 starting with 99 that is used as an in-store coupon.
- **EAN-8** is a barcode symbology derived from EAN-13 that is designed for small packaging.
- **ISBN** is a variant of EAN-13 used to identify books.
- **ISMN** is a variant of EAN-13 used to identify printed music.
- **ISSN** is a variant of EAN-13 used to identify periodicals.
- **EAN-13 Composite** is a variant of EAN-13 that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 Composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15420, BS EN 797, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field for a EAN-13 may contain twelve or thirteen digits, optionally followed by a space then two or five digits if an **EAN-2** or **EAN-5** add-on is required.
- If twelve digits of primary data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.
- The **guardwhitespace** option enables the display of whitespace guard marks.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (9771473968012) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/ean13 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (977147396801) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/ean13 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A symbol that includes a **five-digit add-on**:

```
0 0 moveto (9771473968012 54499) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/ean13 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



EAN-8

EAN-8 is a shortened form of the **EAN-13** barcode symbology holding less data that usually carries a GTIN-8.

Also known as: UCC-8, JAN-8.

Variants:

- EAN-8+2 is an extension of EAN-8 that includes a **two-digit add-on**.
- EAN-8+5 is an extension of EAN-8 that includes a **five-digit add-on**.
- EAN-Velocity is a special form of EAN-8 starting with 0 that is used for in-store coupons.
- **EAN-13** is a longer variant of EAN-8.
- **EAN-8 Composite** is a variant of EAN-8 that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15420, BS EN 797, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field takes either seven or eight digits, optionally followed by a space then two or five digits if an **EAN-2** or **EAN-5** add-on is required.

- If seven digits of primary data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.
- The **guardwhitespace** option enables the display of white space guard marks.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (01335583) (includetext)
/ean8 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (0133558) (includetext)
/ean8 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Truncated with white space guards:

```
0 0 moveto (01335583) (includetext height=0.5 guardwhitespace)
/ean8 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



UPC-A

The **UPC-A** barcode symbology is used for identification of retail goods at point of sale inside of the US. It usually carries a GTIN-12.

Also known as: UPC, UCC-12, Universal Product Code.

Variants:

- UPC-A+2 is an extension of UPC-A that includes a **two-digit add-on**.
- UPC-A+5 is an extension of UPC-A that includes a **five-digit add-on**.
- **UPC-E** is a barcode symbology derived from UPC-A that is designed for small packaging.
- **UPC-A Composite** is a variant of UPC-A that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B **GS1 composite** 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15420, BS EN 797, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field for a UPC-A may contain eleven or twelve digits, optionally followed by a space then two or five digits if an **EAN-2** or **EAN-5** add-on is required.
- Alternatively, the data field may contain seven or eight digits of a **UPC-E** to produce the equivalent UPC-A symbol.
- If eleven digits of primary data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (788581014974) (includetext)
/upca /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (78858101497) (includetext)
/upca /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A symbol that includes a **five-digit add-on**:

```
0 0 moveto (788581014974 54499) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/upca /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



UPC-E

UPC-E is a compacted form of the **UPC-A** barcode symbology that usually carries a GTIN-12 with a number system of *0* or *1* that has been zero compressed.

Variants:

- UPC-E0 is a UPC-E with a number system of *0*.
- UPC-E1 is a UPC-E with a number system of *1*.
- UPC-E+2 is an extension of UPC-E that includes a **two-digit add-on**.

- UPC-E+5 is an extension of UPC-E that includes a **five-digit add-on**.
- **UPC-A** is the full size form of UPC-E.
- **UPC-E Composite** is a variant of UPC-E that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 Composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15420, BS EN 797, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field takes either seven or eight digits, optionally followed by a space then two or five digits if an **EAN-2** or **EAN-5** add-on is required.
- Alternatively, the data field may contain eleven or twelve digits of a **UPC-A** to produce the equivalent UPC-E symbol, provided that the input can be zero suppressed.
- If seven digits of primary data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (01234565) (includetext)
/upce /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (0123456) (includetext)
/upce /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A truncated symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (01234565) (includetext height=0.5)
/upce /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



ISBN

An **ISBN** barcode is a variant of **EAN-13** that is used to identify books.

Also known as: ISBN-13, International Standard Book Number, Bookland EAN-13.

Variants:

- ISBN-10 is a legacy format that was depreciated for public use after 1st January 2007.

Standards: ISO 2108, ISO/IEC 15420, BS EN 797, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data should contain twelve or thirteen digits separated appropriately by dash characters -.
- The data can also be provided in legacy ISBN-10 format as nine or ten digits separated appropriately by dash characters -. This will be automatically upgraded to the ISBN-13 format.
- If the last digit of the primary data is not given then the ISBN check digit is calculated automatically.
- The **legacy** option prevents ISBN-10 input from being upgraded to ISBN-13 and will result in a symbol that is obsolete and should not be used at point of sale.
- The primary data can optionally be followed by a space then two or five digits if an **EAN-2** or **EAN-5** add-on is required.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.
- The **guardwhitespace** option enables the display of white space guard marks.
- The following options are also relevant to this barcode symbology:
 - **isbntextfont**: Font name for text above symbol
 - **isbntextsize**: Font size for the text above symbol, in points
 - **isbntextxoffset**: Horizontal position of ISBN text, in points
 - **isbntextyoffset**: Vertical position of ISBN text, in points

Example ISBN

Identical symbols, input provided with and without an ISBN check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (978-1-873671-00-9) (includetext)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (978-1-873671-00) (includetext)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISBN 978-1-873671-00-9



An ISBN with a **five-digit add-on**:

```
0 0 moveto (978-1-873671-00-9 54499) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISBN 978-1-873671-00-9



The following ISBN-10 input will be automatically upgraded to a valid ISBN-13 symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (1-86074-271-2) (includetext)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (1-86074-271) (includetext)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISBN 978-1-86074-271-2



Example ISBN-10

Note that ISBN-10 is legacy format not for use at P.O.S.

The following will generate an obsolete ISBN-10 symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (1-86074-271-8) (legacy includetext guardwhitespace)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (1-86074-271) (legacy includetext guardwhitespace)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISBN 1-86074-271-8



ISMN

An **ISMN** barcode is a variant of **EAN-13** with a prefix *979* that is used to identify printed music.

Also known as: International Standard Music Number, ISMN-13.

Variants:

- ISMN-10 is a legacy format that was depreciated for public use.

Standards: ISO 10957, ISO/IEC 15420, BS EN 797, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data should contain twelve or thirteen digits separated appropriately by dash characters -.
- The data can also be provided in legacy ISMN-10 format start *M-* then eight or nine digits separated appropriately by dash characters -. This will be automatically upgraded to the ISMN-13 format.
- The **legacy** option prevents ISMN-10 input from being upgraded to ISMN-13 and will result in a symbol that is obsolete and should not be used at point of sale.
- If the last digit of the primary data is not given then the ISMN check digit is calculated automatically.
- The primary data can optionally be followed by a space then two or five digits if an **EAN-2** or **EAN-5** add-on is required.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.
- The **guardwhitespace** option enables the display of white space guard marks.
- The following options are also relevant to this barcode symbology:
 - **ismntextfont**: Font name for text above symbol
 - **ismntextsize**: Font size for the text above symbol, in points
 - **ismntextxoffset**: Horizontal position of ISMN text, in points
 - **ismntextyoffset**: Vertical position of ISMN text, in points

Example ISMN

Identical symbols, input provided with and without an ISMN check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (979-0-2600-0043-8) (includetext)
/ismn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (979-0-2600-0043) (includetext)
/ismn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISMN 979-0-2600-0043-8



The following ISMN-10 input will be automatically upgraded to a valid ISMN-13 symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (M-345-24680-5) (includetext)
/ismn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (M-345-24680) (includetext)
/ismn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISMN 979-0-345-24680-5



Example ISMN-10

Note that ISMN-10 is a legacy format not for use at P.O.S.

The following will generate an obsolete ISMN-10 symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (M-345-24680-5) (legacy includetext guardwhitespace)
/ismn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (M-345-24680) (legacy includetext guardwhitespace)
/ismn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISMN M-345-24680-5



ISSN

An ISSN barcode is an **EAN-13** with prefix *977* used to identify periodicals.

Also known as: International Standard Serial Number.

Standards: ISO 3297, ISO/IEC 15420, BS EN 797, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data should contain the seven or eight digits ISSN separated by a dash characters -, followed by a two-digit sequence variant, optionally followed by two or five digits if a **two-digit add-on** or **five-digit add-on** is required.
- If the last digit of the ISSN data is not given then the ISSN check digit is calculated automatically.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.
- The **guardwhitespace** option enables the display of white space guard marks.
- The following options are also relevant to this barcode symbology:
 - **issntextfont**: Font name for text above symbol
 - **issntextsize**: Font size for the text above symbol, in points

- **issntextxoffset**: Horizontal position of ISSN text, in points
- **issntextyoffset**: Vertical position of ISSN text, in points

A sequence variant is a two-digit number that usually starts at zero and is incremented whenever the recommended retail price is amended, where applicable.

Example

Identical symbols, input provided with and without an ISSN check digit and having sequence number *00*:

```
0 0 moveto (0317-8471 00) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/issn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (0317-847 00) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/issn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



An ISSN with sequence number *03* and a **two-digit add-on** representing issue number *17*:

```
0 0 moveto (0317-8471 03 17) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/issn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (0317-847 03 17) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/issn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional

GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional is a fixed-length, linear barcode symbology that can be used to encode a fourteen-digit GTIN.

Also known as: RSS-14

Variants:

- **GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional Composite** is a variant of GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24724, ITS Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), AIM ISS - Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** and must be a solitary *AI (01)* with thirteen or fourteen digits of a GTIN, i.e. (01)
- If thirteen digits of *AI (01)* data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically, otherwise the digits are encoded as supplied.
- The **linkage** option signifies the presence of a GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)24012345678905) ()
/databaromni /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto ((01)2401234567890) ()
/databaromni /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Stacked

GS1 DataBar Stacked is a fixed-length, stacked linear barcode symbology that can be used to encode a fourteen-digit GTIN.

Also known as: RSS-14 Stacked.

Variants:

- **GS1 DataBar Stacked Composite** is a variant of GS1 DataBar Stacked that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24724, ITS Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), AIM ISS - Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** and must be a solitary *AI (01)* with thirteen or fourteen digits of a GTIN, i.e. (01)
- If thirteen digits of *AI (01)* data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically, otherwise the digits are encoded as supplied.
- The **linkage** option signifies the presence of a GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)24012345678905) ()
/databarstacked /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto ((01)2401234567890) ()
/databarstacked /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Stacked Omnidirectional

GS1 DataBar Stacked Omnidirectional is a fixed-length, stacked linear barcode symbology that can be used to encode a fourteen-digit GTIN.

Also known as: RSS-14 Stacked Omnidirectional.

Variants:

- **GS1 DataBar Stacked Omnidirectional Composite** is a variant of GS1 DataBar Stacked Omnidirectional that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B **GS1 composite** 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24724, ITS Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), AIM ISS - Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** and must be a solitary *AI (01)* with thirteen or fourteen digits of a GTIN, i.e. *(01)*
- If thirteen digits of *AI (01)* data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically, otherwise the digits are encoded as supplied.
- The **linkage** option signifies the presence of a GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)24012345678905) ()
/databarstackedomni /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto ((01)2401234567890) ()
/databarstackedomni /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Truncated

GS1 DataBar Truncated is a fixed-length, linear barcode symbology that can be used to encode a fourteen-digit GTIN.

Also known as: RSS-14 Truncated.

Variants:

- **GS1 DataBar Truncated Composite** is a variant of GS1 DataBar Truncated that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24724, ITS Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), AIM ISS - Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** and must be a solitary *AI (01)* with 13 or 14 digits of a GTIN, i.e. (01)....
- If thirteen digits of *AI (01)* data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically, otherwise the digits are encoded as supplied.
- The **linkage** option signifies the presence of a GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)24012345678905) ()
/databartruncated /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto ((01)2401234567890) ()
/databartruncated /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Limited

GS1 DataBar Limited is fixed-length, linear barcode symbology that can be used to encode a fourteen-digit GTIN beginning with *0* or *1*.

Also known as: RSS Limited.

Variants:

- **GS1 DataBar Limited Composite** is a variant of GS1 DataBar Limited that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24724, ITS Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), AIM ISS - Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** and must be a solitary *AI (01)* with thirteen or fourteen digits of a GTIN starting with *0* or *1*, i.e. (01)0... or (01)1....
- If thirteen digits of *AI (01)* data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically, otherwise the digits are encoded as supplied.
- The **linkage** option signifies the presence of a GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)15012345678907) ()
/databarlimited /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto ((01)1501234567890) ()
/databarlimited /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Expanded

GS1 DataBar Expanded is a variable-length, linear barcode symbology that can be used to encode a number of application identifiers.

Also known as: RSS Expanded.

Variants:

- **GS1 DataBar Expanded Composite** is a variant of GS1 DataBar Expanded that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24724, ITS Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), AIM ISS - Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format**.
- If the data contains a number of application identifiers matching any of the specifications below then they should be provided in this given order for maximum encoding efficiency:
 - (01)9... (3103)...
 - (01)9... (3202)...
 - (01)9... (3203)...
 - (01)9... (310x/320x)... (11/13/15/17)...
 - (01)9... (310x/320x)...
 - (01)9... (392x)...
 - (01)9... (393x)...
 - (01)...
- The **linkage** option signifies the presence of a GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto ((01)95012345678903(3103)000123) ()
/databarexpanded /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Expanded Stacked

GS1 DataBar Expanded Stacked is a variable-length, stacked-linear barcode symbology that can be used to encode a number of application identifiers.

Also known as: RSS Expanded Stacked.

Variants:

- **GS1 DataBar Expanded Stacked Composite** is a variant of GS1 DataBar Expanded Stacked that should be used when a CC-A or CC-B GS1 composite 2D component is required.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24724, ITS Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), AIM ISS - Reduced Space Symbology (RSS), GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format**.
- If the data contains a number of application identifiers matching any of the specifications below then they should be provided in this given order for maximum encoding efficiency:
 - (01)9... (3103)...
 - (01)9... (3202)...
 - (01)9... (3203)...
 - (01)9... (310x/320x)... (11/13/15/17)...
 - (01)9... (310x/320x)...
 - (01)9... (392x)...
 - (01)9... (393x)...
 - (01)...
- The **segments** option is used to specify the maximum number of segments per row which must be an even number. The default is 4.
- The **linkage** option signifies the presence of a GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto ((01)95012345678903(3103)000123) (segments=4)
/databarexpandedstacked /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataMatrix

GS1 DataMatrix is an implementation of the **Data Matrix** (ECC 200) barcode symbology with **GS1 formatted** data.

Standards: ISO/IEC 16022, ANSI/AIM BC11 ISS, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** starting with the mandatory *(01)* Application Identifier.
- The **columns** and **rows** options are used to specify the size of the symbol, either square or rectangular, one of:
 - Square: *10x10, 12x12, 14x14, 16x16, 18x18, 20x20, 22x22, 24x24, 26x26, 32x32, 36x36, 40x40, 44x44, 48x48, 52x52, 64x64, 72x72, 80x80, 88x88, 96x96, 104x104, 120x120, 132x132, 144x144*
 - Rectangular: *8x18, 8x32, 12x26, 12x36, 16x36, 16x48*
- If the **columns** and **rows** are unspecified the encoder will default to creating a (non-rectangular) symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data.

Example

```
0 0 moveto ((01)95012345678903(3103)000123) ()
/gs1datamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 QR Code

GS1 QR Code is an implementation of the **QR Code** barcode symbology with **GS1 formatted data**.

Standards: ISO/IEC 18004, ITS - QR Code, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** starting with the mandatory (01) and (8200) Application Identifiers.
- The **eclevel** option is used to specify the error correction level:
 - **eclevel=L** - Low
 - **eclevel=M** - Medium (default)
 - **eclevel=Q** - Quality
 - **eclevel=H** - High
- The **version** option is used to specify the size of the symbol, 1 to 40.
- If the **version** is unspecified the encoder will default to creating a symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data at the selected error correction level.

Example

```
0 0 moveto ((01)03453120000011(8200)http://www.abc.net) ()
/gs1qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
((01)03453120000011(8200)http://abc.net(10)XYZ(410)9501101020917)
()
/gs1qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1-128

GS1-128 is an implementation of the **Code 128** barcode symbology which carries **GS1 formatted** data, including a GTIN-14.

Also known as: UCC/EAN-128, EAN-128, UCC-128.

Variants:

- **GS1-128 Composite** is a variant of GS1-128 that should be used when a CC-A, CC-B or CC-C GS1 composite 2D component is required.

- **EAN-14** is a variant of GS1-128 that should be used when encoding a fourteen-digit GTIN.
- **SSCC-18** is a variant of GS1-128 that should be used when encoding an eighteen-digit SSCC.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15417, ANSI/AIM BC4-1999 ISS, BS EN 799, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format**.
- The **linkagea** option specifies that the symbol includes a *CC-A* or *CC-B* GS1 composite 2D component.
- The **linkagec** option specifies that the symbol includes a *CC-C* GS1 composite 2D component.

Examples

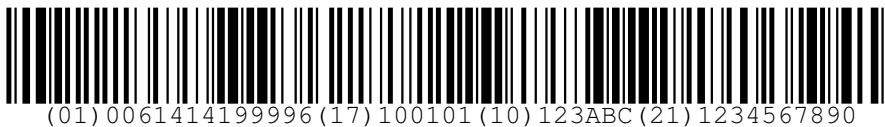
GTIN *95012345678903*; Weight *0.123kg*:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)95012345678903(3103)000123) (includetext)
/gs1-128 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GTIN *0061414199996*; Expiration date *1st Jan 2010*; Batch *123ABC*; Serial *1234567890*:

```
0 0 moveto
((01)0061414199996(17)100101(10)123ABC(21)1234567890)
(includetext)
/gs1-128 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



EAN-14

EAN-14 is an implementation of the **GS1-128** barcode symbology with *AI (01)* that is typically used to encode a GTIN-14.

Also known as: UCC-14.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15417, ANSI/AIM BC4-1999 ISS, BS EN 799, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** and must be a solitary *AI (01)* with thirteen or fourteen digits of a GTIN, i.e. (01) . . .
- If thirteen digits of primary data are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)04601234567893) (includetext)
/ean14 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto ((01)0460123456789) (includetext)
/ean14 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



ITF-14

ITF-14 is an implementation of the **Interleaved 2 of 5** barcode symbology that is typically used to encode a GTIN-14, GTIN-13 or GTIN-12.

Also known as: UPC Shipping Container Symbol, SCS, UPC Case Code.

Standards: ISO/IEC 16390, ANSI/AIM BC2-1995 USS, BS EN 801, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

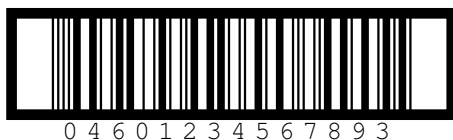
- The data consists of either thirteen or fourteen digits.
- If thirteen digits are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (04601234567893) (includetext)
/itf14 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (0460123456789) (includetext)
/itf14 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



SSCC-18

SSCC-18 is an implementation of the **GS1-128** barcode symbology with *AI (00)* that is typically used to encode an eighteen-digit shipping container serial number.

Also known as: EAN-18, NVE.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15417, ANSI/AIM BC4-1999 ISS, BS EN 799, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field input is provided in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format** and must be a solitary *AI (00)* with seventeen or eighteen digits of a Serial Shipping Container Code, i.e. (00)0...
- The mandatory check digit is calculated automatically and any user provided check digit is discarded.

Example

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto ((00)006141411234567890) (includetext)
/sscc18 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto ((00)00614141123456789) (includetext)
/sscc18 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Aztec Code

Aztec Code is a 2D matrix-style barcode symbology. It can encode full 256-character extended-ASCII.

Variants:

- **Aztec Runes** are a set of small barcode symbols that are used for special applications.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24778, ANSI/AIM BC13 - ISS Aztec Code.

Data and Options

- The data field can contain any extended ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The **eclevel** option is used to specify the percentage of error correction to be applied when expanding the data, by default 23.
- The **ecaddchars** option is used to specify how many additional error correction characters to apply the data once expanded by the **eclevel** percentage, by default 3.
- The **layers** option is used to specify a particular number of layers in which to encode the data, between 1 and 32. By default the encoder will create a symbol with be minimal number of layers to encode the given data.
- The **format** option is used to select between **format=full** and **format=compact** symbol types. By default the encoder will choose the most appropriate format to create a symbol of minimal size.

- *Deprecated: Use **Aztec Runes** instead. The **format** option can also be used to create Aztec Code “runes”, using **format=rune**. In this case the rune symbol number should be given in the data field.*
- The **readerinit** option denotes that the symbol is used for programming the barcode reader.
- The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded bitstream suitable for direct low-level encoding.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (This is Aztec Code) ()
/azteccode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
(This is ^065ztec Code)
(parse eclevel=50 ecaddchars=0)
/azteccode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (ABC123) (layers=3 format=full)
/azteccode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (ABC123) (format=compact)
/azteccode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
(00100111001000000101001101111000010100111100101000000110)
(raw)
/azteccode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Aztec Runes

Aztec Runes are a set of small barcode symbols that are used for special applications.

Variants:

Aztec Code is a 2D matrix-style barcode symbology that can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24778, ANSI/AIM BC13 - ISS Aztec Code.

Data and Options

- The data field contains the rune number 0 to 255.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (25) ()
/aztecrune /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Data Matrix

The **Data Matrix** symbology is 2D matrix-style barcode that can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII. Also known as: Data Matrix ECC 200.

Variants:

- **GS1 DataMatrix** is a variant of Data Matrix that should be used when encoding data that is in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format**.
- **HIBC Data Matrix** is a variant of Data Matrix that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.

Standards: ISO/IEC 16022, ANSI/AIM BC11 - ISS Data Matrix.

Data and Options

- The data field can contain any extended ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value. This is useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- When the **parsefnc** option is specified, non-data function characters can be specified by `^FNC1`, `^PROG`, `^MAC5`, `^MAC6`.
- The **columns** and **rows** options are used to specify the size of the symbol. Valid options are:
 - Square: `10x10`, `12x12`, `14x14`, `16x16`, `18x18`, `20x20`, `22x22`, `24x24`, `26x26`, `32x32`, `36x36`, `40x40`, `44x44`, `48x48`, `52x52`, `64x64`, `72x72`, `80x80`, `88x88`, `96x96`, `104x104`, `120x120`, `132x132`, `144x144`
 - Rectangular: `8x18`, `8x32`, `12x26`, `12x36`, `16x36`, `16x48`
- If the **columns** and **rows** are unspecified the encoder will default to creating a (non-rectangular) symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data.

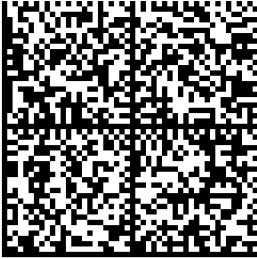
Examples

```
0 0 moveto (This is Data Matrix) ()
/datamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (This is ^068ata Matrix) (parse)
/datamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Fixed size) (rows=48 columns=48)
/datamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Rectangular) (rows=16 columns=48)
/datamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



MicroPDF417

The **MicroPDF417** barcode symbology is 2D stacked-linear barcode based on **PDF417** that can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII.

Variants:

- **PDF417** is a larger variant of the MicroPDF417 barcode.
- **HIBC MicroPDF417** is a variant of MicroPDF417 that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.

Standards: ISO/IEC 24728, AIM ISS - MicroPDF417.

Data and Options

- The data field can contain any extended ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The **columns** and **rows** options are used to specify the size of the symbol. Valid values are:
 - `1x11, 1x14, 1x17, 1x20, 1x24, 1x28, 2x8, 2x11, 2x14, 2x17, 2x20, 2x23, 2x26, 3x6, 3x8, 3x10, 3x12, 3x15, 3x20, 3x26, 3x32, 3x38, 3x44, 4x4, 4x6, 4x8, 4x10, 4x12, 4x15, 4x20, 4x26, 4x32, 4x38, 4x44`
- If the **columns** and **rows** are unspecified the encoder will default to creating a symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data.
- The **rowmult** option is used to specify how tall each bar is, with respect to the minimum module width. The default is 3.

- The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded codewords in `^NNN` format, suitable for direct low-level encoding.
- The **cca** option identifies this symbol as a *CC-A* 2D component of a **GS1 Composite** symbol.
- The **ccb** option identifies this symbol as a *CC-B* 2D component of a **GS1 Composite** symbol.
- Note: Special size rules apply when the **cca** option is given, in which case the **columns** and **rows** options that are used to specify the size of the symbol must be one of:
 - *2x5, 2x6, 2x7, 2x8, 2x9, 2x10, 2x12, 3x4, 3x5, 3x6, 3x7, 3x8, 4x3, 4x4, 4x5, 4x6, 4x7*

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (MicroPDF417) ()
/micropdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (MicroP^068F417) (parse rows=15 columns=4)
/micropdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



PDF417

The **PDF417** barcode symbology is 2D stacked-linear barcode that can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII.

Variants:

- **Compact PDF417** is a shortened form of the PDF417 barcode that is used in applications where the space for the symbol is restricted.
- **MicroPDF417** is a smaller variant of the PDF417 barcode.
- **HIBC PDF417** is a variant of PDF417 that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15438, DD ENV 12925, AIM USS - PDF417.

Data and Options

- The data field can contain any extended ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The **eclevel** option is used to specify the error correction level, from 1 to 5. The default is to choose a standard level of error correction that is determined by the encoded data length.
- The **columns** option specifies the number of columns (or groups of bars) in the output symbol, from 1 to 30.

- The **rows** option specifies the minimum number of rows in the symbol, from 3 to 90.
- If **rows** is unspecified the encoder will select a number that creates a symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data.
- The **rowmult** option is used to specify how tall each bar is, with respect to the minimum module width. The default is 3.
- *Deprecated: Use **Compact PDF417** instead. The **compact** option is used to create a compact/truncated PDF417 symbol that has fewer bars per row than a standard symbol and hence is more narrow.*
- The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded codewords in ^NNN format, suitable for direct low-level encoding.
- The **ccc** option identifies this symbol as a *CC-C* 2D component of a **GS1 Composite** symbol.

Examples

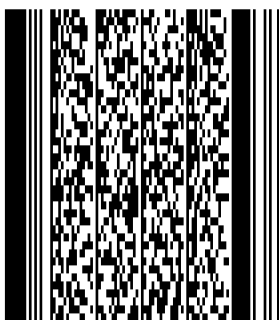
```
0 0 moveto (PDF417) ()
/pdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (P^068F417) (parse columns=2 rows=15)
/pdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Strong error correction) (columns=2 elevel=5)
/pdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (^453^178^121^239) (raw columns=2)
/pdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Compact PDF417

Compact PDF417 is a shortened form of the **PDF417** barcode that is used in applications where the space for the symbol is restricted.

Also known as: Truncated PDF417

Variants:

- **PDF417** is the larger, more popular variant.
- **MicroPDF417** is a smaller variant of the PDF417 barcode.
- **HIBC PDF417** is a variant of PDF417 that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15438, DD ENV 12925, AIM USS - PDF417.

Data and Options

- The data field can contain any extended ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The **eclevel** option is used to specify the error correction level, from 1 to 5. The default is to choose a standard level of error correction that is determined by the encoded data length.
- The **columns** option specifies the number of columns (or groups of bars) in the output symbol, from 1 to 30.
- The **rows** option specifies the minimum number of rows in the symbol, from 3 to 90.
- If **rows** is unspecified the encoder will select a number that creates a symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data.
- The **rowmult** option is used to specify how tall each bar is, with respect to the minimum module width. The default is 3.
- The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded codewords in `^NNN` format, suitable for direct low-level encoding.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (A truncated PDF417) (columns=4)
/pdf417compact /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



QR Code

The **QR Code** symbology is a 2D matrix-style barcode symbology that can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII.

Also known as: Quick Response Code.

Variants:

- **Micro QR Code** is a small QR Code that is used in applications that require a small symbol space.
- **GS1 QR Code** is a variant of Data Matrix that should be used when encoding data that is in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format**.
- **HIBC QR Code** is a variant of QR Code that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.

Standards: ISO/IEC 18004, JIS X 0510, ITS - QR Code, AIM ISS - QR Code.

Data and Options

- The data field can contain any extended ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The **eclevel** option is used to specify the error correction level:
 - `eclevel=L` - Low
 - `eclevel=M` - Medium (default)
 - `eclevel=Q` - Quality
 - `eclevel=H` - High
- The **version** option is used to specify the size of the symbol, 1 to 40.
- If unspecified the encoder will select the version of the symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data at the selected error correction level.
- The **format** option is used to select between `format=full` and `format=micro` symbol types. Alternatively, `format=any` will select the optimal symbol format for the given data. By default *full* format symbols will be generated.
- Note: It is recommended that the **Micro QR Code** encoder is used for such symbols.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (QR Code) ()
/qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (QR ^067ode) (parse)
/qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (QR CODE 1234) (version=10 eclevel=Q)
/qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Micro QR Code

The **Micro QR Code** symbology is a smaller variant of **QR Code** that is used in applications that require a small symbol space.

Also known as: Micro Quick Response Code.

Variants:

- **QR Code** is the more popular, larger variant.

Standards: ISO/IEC 18004, JIS X 0510, ITS - QR Code, AIM ISS - QR Code.

Data and Options

- The data field can contain any extended ASCII data and will select the appropriate size symbol to work around the following restrictions:
 - An M1 symbol is only compatible with numeric data.
 - An M2 symbol is only compatible with alphanumeric data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of ^NNN in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The **version** option is used to specify the size of the symbol, either **version=M1**, **version=M2**, **version=M3** or **version=M4**.
- The **eclevel** option is used to specify the error correction level:
 - **eclevel=L** - Low (default)
 - **eclevel=M** - Medium; Not compatible with M1 symbols
 - **eclevel=Q** - Quality; Only compatible with M4 symbols
- If unspecified the encoder will select the version of the symbol that is the minimum size to represent the given data at the selected error correction level.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (01234567) ()
/microqrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 128

Code 128 is an arbitrarily long, high-density barcode symbology that can be used to encode 128 character ASCII. Extended ASCII characters can be encoded using the *FNC4* shift character.

Also known as: USD-6, USS-128, Code 128A, Code 128B, Code 128C.

Variants:

- **GS1-128** is a variant of Code 128 that should be used when encoding data that is in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format**.
- **HIBC Code 128** is a variant of Code 128 that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.

Standards: ISO/IEC 15417, ANSI/AIM BC4 - ISS Code 128, BS EN 799.

Data and Options

- The input can consist of any ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters, e.g. `^029` for *GS*, etc.
- When the **parsefnc** option is specified, non-data function characters can be specified by `^FNC1` through `^FNC4`.
- When the **parsefnc** option is specified, the special pseudo characters `^LNKA` and `^LNKC` at the end of the symbol indicate that a GS1-128 symbol includes a *CC-A/B* or *CC-C* GS1 composite 2D component.
- The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as pre-encoded codewords in `^NNN` format, suitable for direct low-level encoding.
- The mandatory check digit is calculated automatically.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (Count0123456789!) (includetext)
/code128 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 39

The **Code 39** barcode symbology is discrete, variable length and self-checking.

Also known as: Code 3 of 9, LOGMARS, Alpha39, USD-3, USS-39.

Variants:

- **Code 39 Extended** is a variant of Code 39 that can be used to encode full 128 character ASCII with the use of shift character combinations.
- **HIBC Code39** is a variant of Code 39 that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.
- AIM USD-2 is a subset of Code 39 containing the characters A-Z, 0-9, *space*, *-* and *..*

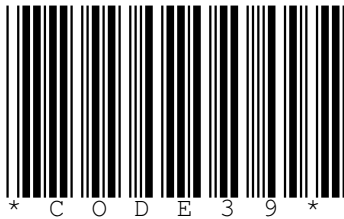
Standards: ISO/IEC 16388, ANSI/AIM BC1 - USS Code 39, BS EN 800, MIL STD 1189.

Data and Options

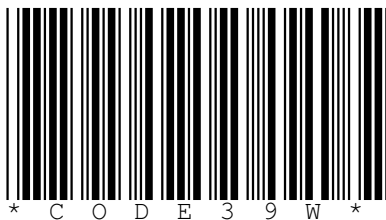
- The data field can hold any of the following:
 - Numbers 0-9
 - Capital letters A-Z
 - Symbols `-.$/+%*` and *space*
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.
- The **includecheckintext** option makes the calculated checksum appear in the human readable text.
- The **hidestars** option suppresses the asterisks in the human readable text.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (CODE39) (includetext)
/code39 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (CODE39) (includecheck includetext includecheckintext)
/code39 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (CODE39) (hidestars includecheck includetext)
/code39 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 39 Extended

The **Code 39 Extended** barcode symbology is discrete, variable length and self-checking. It is based on **Code 39** but can encode full 128 character ASCII by using shift combinations.

Also known as: Code 39 Full ASCII.

Variants:

- **Code 39** is a simpler variant of Code 39 Extended.

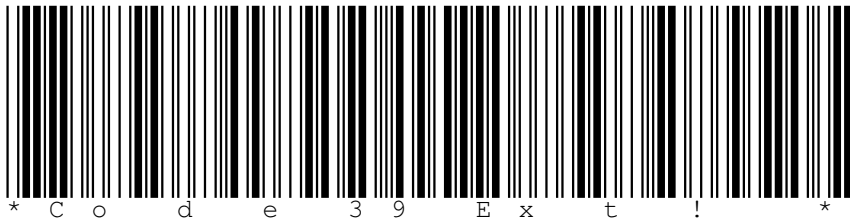
Standards: ISO/IEC 16388, ANSI/AIM BC1 - USS Code 39, BS EN 800.

Data and Options

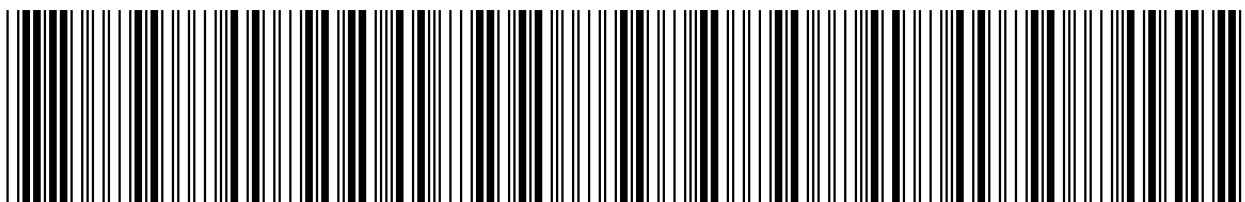
- The data field can consist of any ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters, e.g. `^029` for *GS*, etc.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.
- The **includecheckintext** causes the calculated check digit to appear in the human readable text.
- The **hidestars** option suppresses the asterisks in the human readable text.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (Code39 Ext!) (includetext includecheck)
/code39ext /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Code39^029Extended) (parse includecheck)
/code39ext /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 93

Code 93 is a continuous, variable length, self-checking barcode symbology.

Also known as: USD-7, USS-93.

Variants:

- **Code 93 Extended** is a variant of Code 93 that can be used to encode full 128 character ASCII with the use of special shift character combinations.

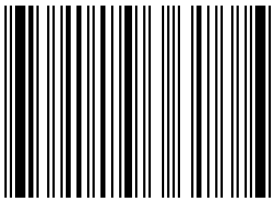
Standards: ANSI/AIM BC5 - USS Code 93, ITS 93i.

Data and Options

- The data field can hold any of the following:
 - Numbers 0-9
 - Capital letters A-Z
 - Symbols `-.$/+%*` and *space*
- The **parsefnc** option allows the special shift characters to be supplied as `^SFT$`, `^SFT%`, `^SFT/` and `^SFT+`.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the two check digits.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (CODE93) (includecheck)
/code93 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 93 including a special shift combination (`/`)A representing `!:`

```
0 0 moveto (CODE93^SFT/A) (parsefnc includecheck)
/code93 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 93 Extended

The **Code 93 Extended** barcode symbology is continuous, variable length and self-checking. It is based on **Code 93** but can encode full 128 character ASCII using four additional shift characters: *(\$) (%) (/) (+)*

Also known as: Code 93 Full ASCII.

Variants:

- **Code 93** is a simpler variant of the Code 93 Extended barcode symbology.

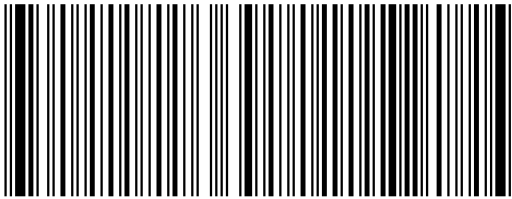
Standards: ANSI/AIM BC5 - USS Code 93, ITS 93i.

Data and Options

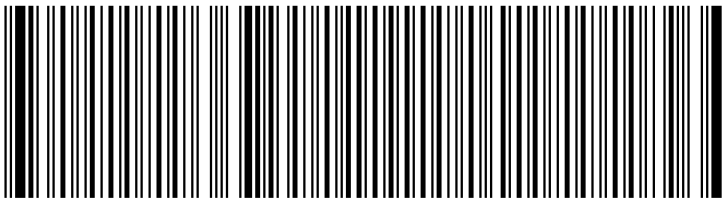
- The data field can consist of any ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters, e.g. `^029` for *GS*, etc.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the two check digits.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (Code93Ext!) (includecheck)
/code93ext /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Code93~029Extended) (parse includecheck)
/code93ext /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Interleaved 2 of 5

Interleaved 2 of 5 is a high-density numeric barcode symbology.

Also known as: ITF, Code 2 of 5 Interleaved, USD-1, USS-Interleaved 2 of 5.

Variants:

- **ITF-14** is a variant of Interleaved 2 of 5 that should be used when encoding a fourteen-digit GTIN.

Standards: ISO/IEC 16390, ANSI/AIM BC2 - USS Interleaved 2 of 5, BS EN 801.

Data and Options

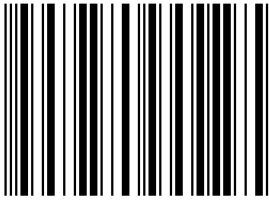
- The data can consist of any number of digits.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.
- The **includecheckintext** option makes the calculated checksum appear in the human readable text.
- If the length of the symbol including the possible check digit would be odd then the data is prefixed by 0.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (0123456789) ( )
/interleaved2of5 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (2401234567) (includecheck includetext includecheckintext)
/interleaved2of5 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Australia Post 4 State Customer Code

The **Australia Post 4 State Customer Code** is a barcode used by the Australian Postal Service to encode the data on letter mail.

Data and Options

- The first two characters of the data field are digits used to specify the mandatory FCC type of the symbols, either 11, 45, 59 or 67.
- The next eight characters are digits that specify the mandatory DPID.
- The number of remaining characters varies according to the given FCC code and these specify the contents of the customer information field in one of two alphabets:
 - The **custinfoenc** option should be supplied as **custinfoenc=numeric** if the customer information field is to be encoded using the numeric alphabet which can contain the digits 0-9.
 - Otherwise the customer information field is encoded using the default character encoding, **custinfoenc=character**, which permits any of the following characters:
 - Upper case letters A-Z
 - Lower case letters a-z
 - Digits 0-9
 - Symbols space and #
- The mandatory Reed-Solomon check bars are calculated automatically.

Examples

FCC 62 symbol with character customer data:

```
0 0 moveto (6279438541AaaB 155) (custinfoenc=character)
/auspost /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



FCC 59 symbol with numeric customer data:

```
0 0 moveto (593221132401234567) (custinfoenc=numeric)
/auspost /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```




Deutsche Post Identcode

Deutsche Post Identcode is an implementation of the **Interleaved 2 of 5** barcode symbology that is used by German Post for mail routing.

Also known as: DHL Identcode.

Data and Options

- The data consists of a consecutive string of eleven or twelve digits consisting of:
 - Two-digit primary distribution centre identifier
 - Three-digit customer identifier
 - Six-digit mail piece identifier
 - One-digit check digit (may be omitted)
- If eleven digits are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.

Example

Identical symbols, input provided with an without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (563102430313) (includetext)
/identcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (56310243031) (includetext)
/identcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Deutsche Post Leitcode

The **Deutsche Post Leitcode** barcode symbology is an implementation of the **Interleaved 2 of 5** barcode that is used by German Post for mail routing.

Also known as: DHL Leitcode.

Data and Options

- The data consists of a consecutive string of thirteen or fourteen digits consisting of:
 - Five-digit postal code
 - Three-digit street identifier
 - Three-digit house number
 - Two-digit product code
 - One-digit check digit (may be omitted)
- If thirteen digits are supplied then the check digit is calculated automatically. Otherwise the provided check digit must be correct.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (21348075016401) (includetext)
/leitcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (2134807501640) (includetext)
/leitcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Japan Post 4 State Barcode

The **Japan Post 4 state barcode** symbology is used by the Japan Post service to encode the delivery point identifier on letter mail.

Data and Options

- The data may contain any of the following characters:
 - Capital letters A–Z
 - Digits 0–9
 - Hyphen -

Example

```
0 0 moveto (6540123789-A-K-Z) ()
/japanpost /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



MaxiCode

The **MaxiCode** barcode symbology is a 2D barcode based on a hexagonal matrix surrounding a bulls eye pattern. It can encode a structured carrier message and full 256 character extended-ASCII.

Also known as: UPS Code, Code 6.

Standards: ISO/IEC 16023, ANSI/AIM BC10 - ISS MaxiCode.

Data and Options

- The **mode** option is used to specify how the data is structured in the symbol:
 - **mode=2** - Formatted data containing a Structured Carrier Message with a numeric (US domestic) postal code.
 - **mode=3** - Formatted data containing a Structured Carrier Message with an alphanumeric (international) postal code.
 - **mode=4** - Unstructured data using standard error correction.
 - **mode=5** - Unstructured data using enhanced error correction.
 - **mode=6** - Barcode reader programming.
- If **mode** is unspecified the encoder will default to selecting **mode=5** if the encoded length of the input data permits enhanced error correction, otherwise it will select **mode=4** which provides standard error correction.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- If **mode=4**, **mode=5** or **mode=6** the data field may contain any extended ASCII data.
- If **mode=2** or **mode=3** the data field must begin with a properly structured carrier message, followed by any extended ASCII data.
- The structured carrier message contains a postal code, three-digit class of service and a three-digit ISO country code separated by *GS* (ASCII 29) characters. It is formatted in the data field as follows: `[postal code]^029[country code]^029[service class]^029`. If **mode=2** the postcode must be numeric, whilst if **mode=3** the postcode may contain up to six digits, upper case letters and spaces.
- Alternatively, messages may begin with the special application field identifier `[]>{RS}01{GS}yy` where `{RS}` represents ASCII value 30, `{GS}` represents ASCII value 29 and `yy` is a two-digit year. In parse mode this is represented as `[]>^03001^0299`. If **mode=2** or **mode=3** this must be immediately followed by the structured carrier message.

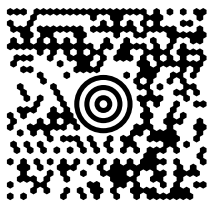
Examples

```
0 0 moveto (This is MaxiCode) ()
/maxicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

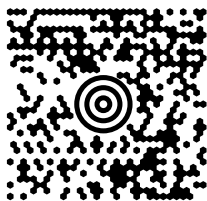
```
0 0 moveto (This is Maxi^067ode) (parse)
/maxicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



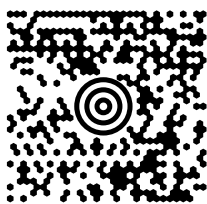
```
0 0 moveto
(152382802~029840~029001~0291Z00004951~029UPSN~02906X610~029159~0291234567~0291/1~029~029Y~029634 ALPHA DR
(mode=2 parse)
/maxicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
(ABC123~029840~029001~0291Z00004951~029UPSN~02906X610~029159~0291234567~0291/1~029~029Y~029634 ALPHA DR
(mode=3 parse)
/maxicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
([\]>~03001~02996152382802~029840~029001~0291Z00004951~029UPSN~02906X610~029159~0291234567~0291/1~029~029Y~029634 ALPHA DR
(mode=2 parse)
/maxicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Royal Mail 4 State Customer Code

The **Royal Mail 4 State Customer Code** is a barcode symbology used by the British Postal Service to encode the postcode and delivery point identifier on letter mail.

Also known as: RM4SCC, CBC.

Data and Options

- The data may contain any of the following characters from the postcode and DPID:
 - Capital letters A-Z

- Digits 0-9
- The mandatory checksum digit is calculated automatically and must not be included in the data field

Example

```
0 0 moveto (LE28HS9Z) (includetext)
/royalmail /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Royal TNT Post 4 state barcode

The **Royal TNT Post 4 state barcode** symbology is used by the Dutch Postal Service to encode the delivery point identifier on letter mail.

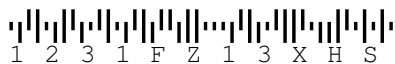
Also known as: KIX.

Data and Options

- The data may contain any of the following characters from the DPID:
 - Capital letters A-Z
 - Digits 0-9

Example

```
0 0 moveto (1231FZ13XHS) (includetext)
/kix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



USPS Intelligent Mail

The **USPS Intelligent Mail** barcode is used by the US Postal service to encode the delivery and sender information on letter mail.

Also known as: USPS OneCode.

Standards: USPS-STD-11.

Data and Options

- The data contains 31 digits representing the following:
 - Barcode Identifier - two digits
 - Service Type Identifier - three digits
 - Mailer ID, Sequence Number - either six then nine digits respectively or nine then six digits respectively
 - Delivery Point ZIP Code - eleven digits
- The mandatory checksum digit is calculated automatically and must not be included in the data field.

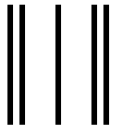
Data and Options

- The data field accepts one of the following values:
 - `fima` - US Postal Service FIM-A symbol
 - `fimb` - US Postal Service FIM-B symbol
 - `fimc` - US Postal Service FIM-C symbol
 - `fimd` - US Postal Service FIM-D symbol

Examples

A USPS FIM A symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (fima) ()
/symbol /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



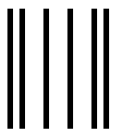
A USPS FIM B symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (fimb) ()
/symbol /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A USPS FIM C symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (fimc) ()
/symbol /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A USPS FIM D symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (fimd) ()
/symbol /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Italian Pharmacode

Italian Pharmacode is a discrete, fixed length, self-checking barcode symbology used for pharmaceutical products in Italy.

Also known as: Code 32, IMH, Radix 32.

Data and Options

- The data field must contain either eight or nine digits from the code. The leading *A* which is provided in some applications must be omitted.
- The mandatory check digit is calculated automatically if it is not provided.

Examples

Identical symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (012345676) (includetext)
/code32 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (01234567) (includetext)
/code32 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Pharmacode

Pharmacode is a binary barcode symbology that is used by the Pharmaceutical industry.

Also known as: Pharmaceutical Binary Code.

Variants:

- **Two-track Pharmacode** is a variant of the Pharmacode barcode.

Data and Options

- The data field must contain a number between 3 and 131070 inclusive.
- The **nwidth**, **wwidth** and **swidth** options can be used to specify a custom width (in points) for the narrow bars, wide bars and inter-bar spaces respectively.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (117480) ()
/pharmacode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Two-Track Pharmacode

Two-Track Pharmacode is a binary barcode symbology used by the Pharmaceutical industry.

Also known as: Two-track Pharmaceutical Binary Code.

Variants:

- **Pharmacode** is a variant of the Two-track Pharmacode barcode.

Data and Options

- The data field must contain a number between 4 and 64570080 inclusive.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (117480) ()
/pharmacode2 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



PZN

PZN is a discrete, fixed length, self-checking barcode symbology used for pharmaceutical products in Germany. Also known as: Pharmazentralnummer.

Variants:

- PZN-7.
- PZN-8.

Data and Options

- For the default PZN7 encoding, the data field must contain six digits or seven digits.
- The **pzn8** option specifies that a PZN8 symbol is required, in which case the data field must contain seven digits or eight digits.
- The mandatory check digit is calculated automatically if not provided.
- Note: by definition, not all six-digit or seven-digit number sequences are valid inputs.

Examples

Identical PZN7 symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (1234562) (includetext)
/pzn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (123456) (includetext)
/pzn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Identical PZN8 symbols, input provided with and without a check digit:

```
0 0 moveto (0275808) (pzn8 includetext)
/pzn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (02758089) (pzn8 includetext)
/pzn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



HIBC Symbols

HIBC barcodes use a number of general symbologies as carrier symbols for data structured according to the LIC and PAS structured data definitions.

Variants:

- **HIBC Code 39** is a variant of **Code 39**.
- **HIBC Code 128** is a variant of **Code 128**.
- **HIBC PDF417** is a variant of **PDF417**.
- **HIBC MicroPDF417** is a variant of **MicroPDF417**.
- **HIBC QR Code** is a variant of **QR Code**.
- **HIBC Data Matrix** is a variant of **Data Matrix**.
- **HIBC Codablock F** is a variant of **Codablock F**.

Standards: ANSI/HIBC Provider Applications Standard, ANSI/HIBC Supplier Labelling Standard, ANSI/HIBC Positive Identification for Patient Safety, ANSI/HIBC Syntax Standard.

Data and Options

- The data should be pre-encoded to describe the intended barcode content.
- The HIBC + character is prefixed automatically.
- The mandatory HIBC check character is automatically appended to the input.

HIBC Code 39

```
0 0 moveto (A123BJC5D6E71) (includetext)
/hibccode39 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



HIBC Code 128

```
0 0 moveto (A123BJC5D6E71) (includetext)  
/hibccode128 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



HIBC PDF417

```
0 0 moveto (A123BJC5D6E71) ()  
/hibcpdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



HIBC MicroPDF417

```
0 0 moveto (A123BJC5D6E71) ()  
/hibcmicropdf417 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



HIBC QR Code

```
0 0 moveto (A123BJC5D6E71) ()  
/hibcqr code /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



HIBC Data Matrix

```
0 0 moveto (A123BJC5D6E71) ()  
/hibcdatamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



HIBC Codablock F

```
0 0 moveto (A123BJC5D6E71) ()
/hibccodablockf /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



BC412

The **BC412** barcode symbology is single width, variable length barcode that is used for silicon wafer identification by the semiconductor manufacturing industry.

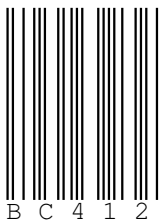
Also known as: BC412 SEMI, BC412 IBM.

Data and Options

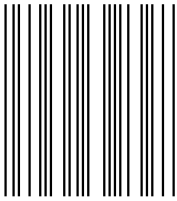
- The data field can hold any of the following:
 - Numbers 0-9
 - Capital letters A-Z, excluding O
- The **includestartstop** option enables the display of start and stop bars.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check character.
- The **includecheckintext** option makes the calculated checksum appear in the human readable text.
- The **semi** option enables conformance to the SEMI standard by enabling start and stop bars as well as a check character.
- The **inkspread** option can be used to adjust the width of the bars.

Examples

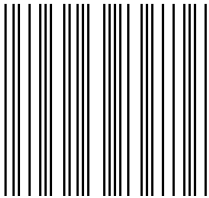
```
0 0 moveto (BC412) (includecheck)
/bc412 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (BC412) (includestartstop)
/bc412 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (BC412) (semi)
/bc412 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Channel Code

Channel Code is a linear, continuous, self-checking, bidirectional barcode symbology that encodes between two and seven digits in a short space.

Standards: ANSI/AIM BC12 - USS Channel Code.

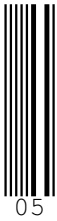
Data and Options

- The data field can hold zero prefixed values from any of the following ranges:
 - Channel 3: 00-26
 - Channel 4: 000-292
 - Channel 5: 0000-3493
 - Channel 6: 00000-44072
 - Channel 7: 000000-576688
 - Channel 8: 0000000-7742862
- The channel is determined to be one more than the number of digits given in the data field.
- The **shortfinder** option generates a symbol with a shortened finder pattern.
- The **includecheck** option appends an optional check bar suffix.

Examples

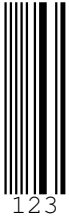
A channel 3 symbol holding the value five:

```
0 0 moveto (05) (includetext)
/channelcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A channel 4 symbol holding the value 123:

```
0 0 moveto (123) (includetext)
/channelcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A channel 4 symbol holding the value five including optional check bars:

```
0 0 moveto (005) (includetext includecheck)
/channelcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A channel 3 symbol holding the value 26 with a shorted finder pattern:

```
0 0 moveto (26) (shortfinder includetext)
/channelcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Codabar

Codabar is a linear, discrete, self-checking, bidirectional barcode symbology that can encode digits, six symbols and four delimiter characters. It is primarily used by libraries and blood banks, photo labs and FedEx airbills.

Also known as: Rationalized Codabar, Ames Code, NW-7, USD-4, USS-Codabar, ABC Codabar, Monarch, Code 2 of 7.

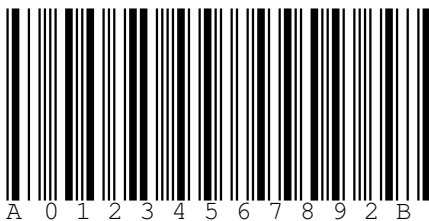
Standards: ANSI/AIM BC3 - USS Codabar, BS EN 798.

Data and Options

- The data field must start and stop with one of the following delimiters
 - ABCD
 - TNE* (with the *altstartstop* option)
- The data field can otherwise hold any of the following
 - Digits 0-9
 - Symbols -\$/ . +
- The **altstartstop** option specifies that the alternative set of delimiter characters is in use.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.
- The **includecheckintext** option makes the calculated check characters appear in the human readable text.

Example

```
0 0 moveto
(A0123456789B)
(includecheck includetext includecheckintext)
/rationalizedCodabar /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Codablock F

The **Codablock F** barcode symbology is 2D stacked-linear barcode that consists of a number of stacked **Code 128** symbols. It can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII with the use of the *FNC4* shift character.

Variants:

- **HIBC Codablock F** is a variant of Codablock F that should be used when encoding HIBC formatted data.

Standards: USS Codablock F.

Data and Options

- The data field can consist of any ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.

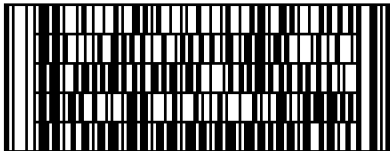
- When the **parsefnc** option is specified, non-data function characters can be specified by `^FNC1` through `^FNC4`.
- The **columns** option specifies the number of columns in the symbol, default 8.
- The **rows** option specifies the number of rows in the symbol, between 2 and 44.
- If **rows** is unspecified the encoder will default to the smallest number of rows that can hold the given data.
- The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded codewords in `^NNN` format, suitable for direct low-level encoding.
- The **rowheight** option specifies the height of the bars in each row in points. The default is 10.
- The **sepheight** option specifies the height of the separator bars enclosing the rows in points. The default is 1.

Examples

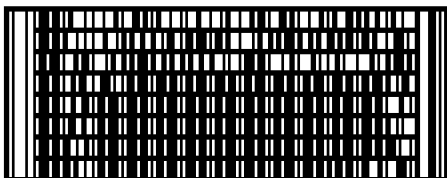
```
0 0 moveto (Codablock F) ()
/codablockf /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
(CODABLOCK F 34567890123456789010040digit)
(columns=8 rows=5)
/codablockf /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
(Short bars, fat separators)
(columns=10 rows=8 rowheight=6 sepheight=2)
/codablockf /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 11

Code 11 is a linear, discrete, non-self-checking, bidirectional, numeric barcode symbology that is primarily used for labelling telecommunication equipment.

Also known as: USD-8.

Data and Options

- The data consists of digits and the dash character -.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digits.
- For less than 10 data digits a single check digit is used.
- For 10 or more data digits two check digits are used.

Example

```
0 0 moveto
(0123456789) (includecheck includetext includecheckintext)
/code11 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 16K

The **Code 16K** barcode symbology is 2D stacked-linear barcode that can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII with the use of the *FNC4* shift character.

Also known as: USS-16K

Standards: ANSI/AIM BC7 - USS Code 16K, BS EN 12323.

Data and Options

- The input can consist of any ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of *^NNN* in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- When the **parsefnc** option is specified, non-data function characters can be specified by *^FNC1* through *^FNC4*.
- The **mode** option specifies the mode for the symbol. It is usual to leave this unspecified in which case the most appropriate mode that results in the shortest symbol is automatically selected based in the input data.
 - **mode=0** - Starting code set A
 - **mode=1** - Starting code set B
 - **mode=2** - Starting code set C
 - **mode=3** - Starting code set B with implied *FNC1*

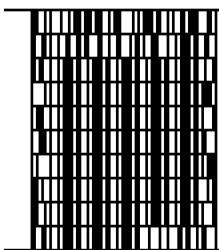
- `mode=4` - Starting code set C with implied *FNC1*
 - `mode=5` - Starting code set C with implied *Shift B*
 - `mode=6` - Starting code set C with implied *Double Shift B*
- The **pos** option specifies this symbol to be part of multi-part structured data. For example `pos=25` specifies this to be the second symbol in a group of five symbols.
 - The **rows** option specifies the number of rows in the symbol, between two and sixteen.
 - If **rows** is unspecified the encoder will default to the smallest number of rows that can hold the given data.
 - The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded codewords in `^NNN` format, suitable for direct low-level encoding.
 - The **rowheight** option specifies the height of the bars in each row in points. The default is 10.
 - The **sepheight** option specifies the height of the separator bars enclosing the rows in points. The default is 1.

Examples

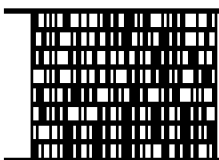
```
0 0 moveto (Abcd-1234567890-wxyZ) ()
/code16k /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Code 16K) (rows=10)
/code16k /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
(Short bars, fat separators)
(rows=8 rowheight=5 sepheight=2)
/code16k /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code 25

Code 2 of 5 is a simple low density numeric barcode symbology.

Also known as: Code 25, Industrial 2 of 5, Standard 2 of 5

Variants:

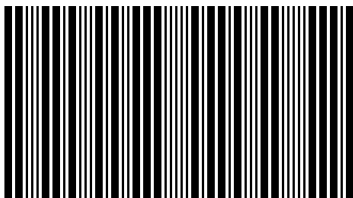
- **IATA 2 of 5**, Computer Identics 2 of 5.
- **Datalogic 2 of 5**.
- **Matrix 2 of 5**.
- **COOP 2 of 5**.

Data and Options

- The data consists of any number of digits.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.
- The **version** option determines which variant to use:
 - **version=industrial** (default) - Industrial 2 of 5.
 - **version=iata** - *Deprecated: Use **IATA 2 of 5***
 - **version=datalogic** - *Deprecated: Use **Datalogic 2 of 5***
 - **version=matrix** - *Deprecated: Use **Matrix 2 of 5***
 - **version=coop** - *Deprecated: Use **COOP 2 of 5***

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (01234567) ()  
/code2of5 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



IATA 2 of 5

IATA 2 of 5 is a variant of the **Code 2 of 5** barcode symbology.

Also known as: Computer Identics 2 of 5.

Variants:

- **Industrial 2 of 5**, Standard 2 of 5.

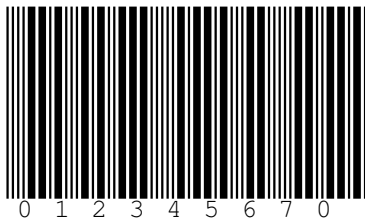
- **Datalogic 2 of 5**.
- **Matrix 2 of 5**.
- **COOP 2 of 5**.

Data and Options

- The data consists of any number of digits.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (01234567) (includetext includecheck includecheckintext)
/iata2of5 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Matrix 2 of 5

Matrix 2 of 5 is a variant of the **Code 2 of 5** barcode symbology.

Variants:

- **Industrial 2 of 5**, Standard 2 of 5.
- **IATA 2 of 5**, Computer Identics 2 of 5.
- **Datalogic 2 of 5**.
- **COOP 2 of 5**.

Data and Options

- The data consists of any number of digits.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.

Datalogic 2 of 5

Datalogic 2 of 5 is a variant of the **Code 2 of 5** barcode symbology.

Variants:

- **Industrial 2 of 5**, Standard 2 of 5.
- **IATA 2 of 5**, Computer Identics 2 of 5.

- **Matrix 2 of 5.**
- **COOP 2 of 5.**

Data and Options

- The data consists of any number of digits.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.

COOP 2 of 5

COOP 2 of 5 is a variant of the **Code 2 of 5** barcode symbology.

Variants:

- **Industrial 2 of 5**, Standard 2 of 5.
- **IATA 2 of 5**, Computer Identics 2 of 5.
- **Datalogic 2 of 5.**
- **Matrix 2 of 5.**

Data and Options

- The data consists of any number of digits.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit.

Code 49

The **Code 49** barcode symbology is 2D stacked-linear barcode that can encode 128 character ASCII.

Also known as: USS-49.

Standards: ANSI/AIM BC6 - USS Code 49.

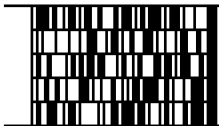
Data and Options

- The input can consist of any ASCII data.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- When the **parsefnc** option is specified, non-data function characters can be specified by `^FNC1` through `^FNC3`.
- The **mode** option specifies the mode for the symbol. It is usual to leave this unspecified in which case the most appropriate mode that results in the shortest symbol is automatically selected based in the input data.
 - **mode=0** - regular alphanumeric mode

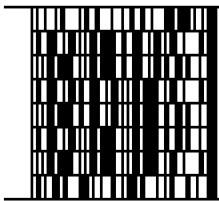
- `mode=1` - append mode
 - `mode=2` - numeric mode
 - `mode=3` - group alphanumeric mode
 - `mode=4` - alphanumeric mode starting shift 1
 - `mode=5` - alphanumeric mode starting shift 2
 - `mode=6` - reserved
- The **pos** option specifies this symbol to be part of multi-part structured data, i.e. selecting `mode=3`. For example `pos=25` specifies this to be the second symbol in a group of five symbols.
 - The **rows** option specifies the number of rows in the symbol, between 2 and 8.
 - If **rows** is unspecified the encoder will default to the smallest number of rows that can hold the given data.
 - The **rowheight** option specifies the height of the bars in each row in points. The default is 10.
 - The **sepheight** option specifies the height of the separator bars enclosing the rows in points. The default is 1.

Examples

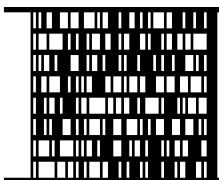
```
0 0 moveto (MULTIPLE ROWS IN CODE 49) ()
/code49 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (CODE 49) (rows=8)
/code49 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto
(Short bars, fat seperators) (rows=8 rowheight=6 sepheight=2)
/code49 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Code One

Code One was the earliest public domain 2D matrix-style barcode. It is used by the health care and recycling industry and can encode full 256 character extended-ASCII.

Also known as: Code 1, Code 1S.

Standards: AIM USS - Code One.

Data and Options

- The data field can consist of any ASCII data for *standard* and *T-type* symbols.
- Note: *S-type* symbols are special in that they represent a numeric value which must be binary encoded using `^NNN` notation.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters, e.g. `^029` for *GS*, etc.
- The **version** option is used to specify the size and type of the symbol:
 - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H - for standard format symbols (default automatic selection)
 - `version=T-16`, `version=T-32`, `version=T-48` - *T-type* symbols
 - `version=S-10`, `version=S-20`, `version=S-30` - *S-type* symbols
- The **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded codewords in `^NNN` format, suitable for direct low-level encoding.

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (Code One) ()
/codeone /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Code One) (version=C)
/codeone /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Code One) (version=T-32)
/codeone /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (~012~013~014~015) (version=S-10)
/codeone /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



MSI Plessey

MSI Plessey is a continuous, non-self-checking, arbitrary length, numeric barcode symbology.

Also known as: MSI, MSI Modified Plessey.

Variants:

- **Plessey (UK)** is the original barcode upon which MSI Modified Plessey was based.

Data and Options

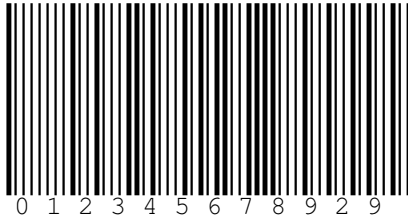
- The data can consist of any number of digits.
- The **includecheck** option calculates the check digit or check digits.
- The **includecheckintext** option makes the calculated check characters appear in the human readable text.
- The **checktype** option is used to specify the type of checksum, either:
 - **checktype=mod10** (default)
 - **checktype=mod1010**
 - **checktype=mod11**
 - **checktype=ncrmod11**
 - **checktype=mod1110**
 - **checktype=ncrmod1110**
- The **badmod11** option allows a **checktype=mod11** checksum value of 10 to be encoded with a pair of check digits *10*. Normally in **checktype=mod11**, any input whose checksum evaluates to *10* is considered invalid having no correct representation.

Examples

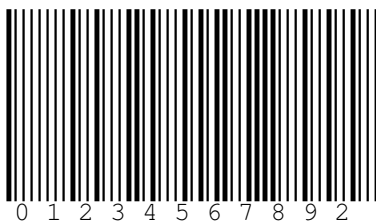
```
0 0 moveto (0123456789) (includecheck includetext)
/msi /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```




```
0 0 moveto
(0123456789)
(includecheck checktype=mod1110 includetext includecheckintext)
/msi /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (0123456785)
(includecheck checktype=mod11 badmod11 includetext includecheckintext)
/msi /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Plessey

Plessey is a continuous, arbitrary length barcode symbology for encoding hexadecimal data.

Also known as: Anker Code.

Variants:

- **MSI Modified Plessey** is a variant of the Plessey (UK) barcode developed by the MSI Data Corporation.

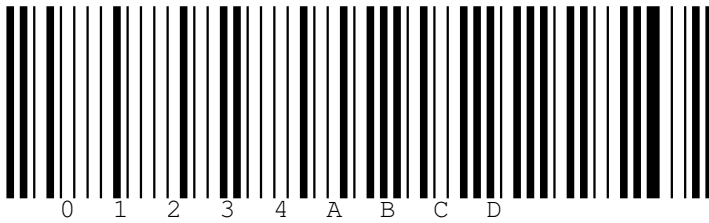
Data and Options

- The data can contain any of the following:
 - Numbers 0-9
 - Capital letters A-F
- Two mandatory check characters implementing a CRC check are automatically included.
- The **includecheckintext** option makes the calculated check characters appear in the human readable text.
- The **unidirectional** option generates a unidirectional Plessey symbol.

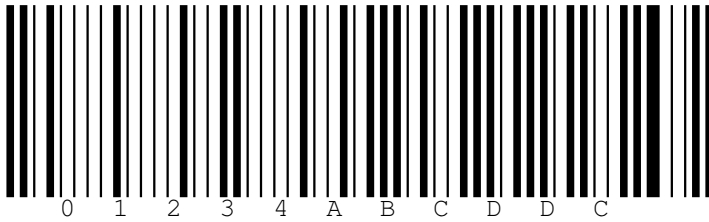
Examples

Equivalent symbols, the latter displaying the two mandatory check characters:

```
0 0 moveto (01234ABCD) (includetext)
/plessey /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

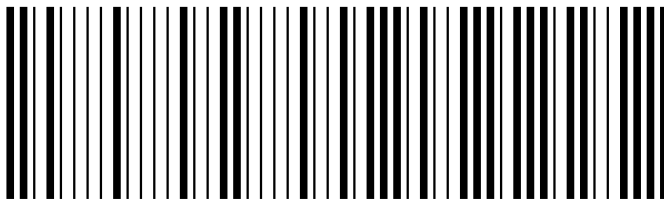


```
0 0 moveto (01234ABCD) (includetext includecheckintext)
/plessey /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A unidirectional symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (01234ABCD) (unidirectional)
/plessey /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



PosiCode

PosiCode is a continuous, variable length, non-self-checking, bidirectional barcode symbology that is designed for use within printing processes where it is difficult to precisely control the width of a bar.

Standards: ITS PosiCode.

Data and Options

- The data field can hold the following:
 - For *standard* symbols: Any ASCII data
 - For *limited* symbols: letters A-Z, digits 0-9, symbols - and .
- The **version** option is used to specify the variant of the symbol, either:
 - **version=a** (default)
 - **version=b**
 - **version=limiteda**
 - **version=limitedb**

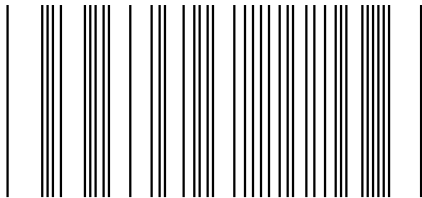
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of \sim NNN in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters, e.g. \sim 029 for *GS*, etc.
- When the **parsefnc** option is specified, non-data function characters can be specified by \sim FNC1 through \sim FNC4.
- The **inkspread** option can be used to adjust the width of the bars.

Example PosiCode

Equivalent ways to generate a PosiCode A symbol:

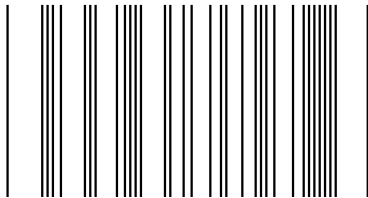
```
0 0 moveto (Abc123) ()
/posicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (Abc123) (version=a)
/posicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



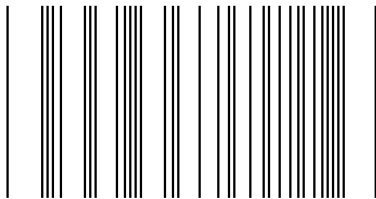
PosiCode A including a *GS* (ASCII 29) character:

```
0 0 moveto (AB $\sim$ 029CD) (parse)
/posicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



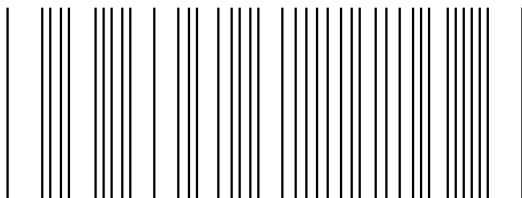
PosiCode A including an *FNC2* special character:

```
0 0 moveto (AB $\sim$ FNC2CD) (parsefnc)
/posicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



PosiCode B symbol with widened bars:

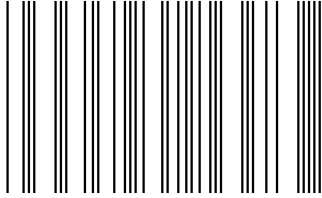
```
0 0 moveto (Abc123) (version=b inkspread=-1)
/posicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Example Limited PosiCode

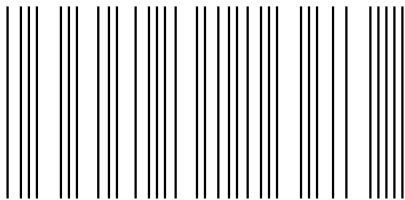
Limited PosiCode A with narrowed bars:

```
0 0 moveto (ABC-12.3) (version=limiteda)
/posicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Limited PosiCode B:

```
0 0 moveto (ABC-12.3) (version=limitedb)
/posicode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Telepen

Telepen is an arbitrary length barcode symbology for encoding all 128 ASCII characters without the need for shift characters.

Also known as: Telepen Alpha, Telepen Full ASCII.

Variants:

- **Telepen Numeric.**

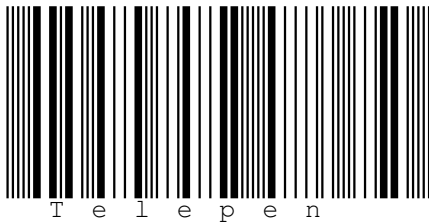
Standards: USS Telepen.

Data and Options

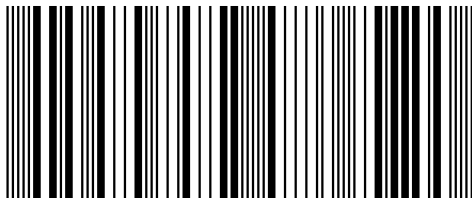
- The data can contain any standard ASCII data, values 0-127.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The mandatory check digit is automatically included.
- *Deprecated: Use **Telepen Numeric** instead. When the **numeric** option is given, the data is read as either pairs of digits or `0X`, `1X`, etc. The singular values `^000` to `^016` can also be encoded using the parse option.*

Examples

```
0 0 moveto (Telepen) (includetext)
/telepen /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (Telepen^013) (parse)
/telepen /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Telepen Numeric

Telepen Numeric is a variant of the Telepen symbology for efficient encoding of numeric data.

Variants:

- **Telepen Alpha.**

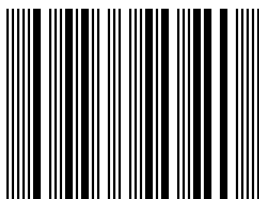
Standards: USS Telepen.

Data and Options

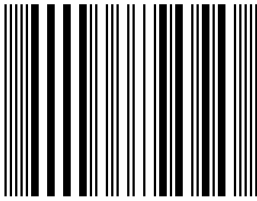
- The data is provided as either pairs of digits or *0X*, *1X*, etc. The singular values *^000* to *^016* can also be encoded using the *parse* option.
- When the **parse** option is specified, any instances of *^NNN* in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.
- The mandatory check digit is automatically included.

Examples

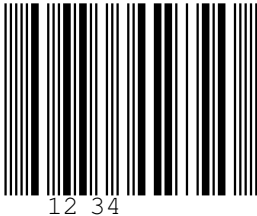
```
0 0 moveto (123456) ()
/telepennumeric /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (1X345X) ()
/telepennumeric /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



```
0 0 moveto (1234^005) (parse includetext)
/telepennumeric /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 Composite Symbols

GS1 Composite barcode symbologies consist of a primary component beneath a 2D component (variations of [MicroPDF417](#) and [PDF417](#)) used to encode supplementary [GS1 formatted data](#).

Variants:

- [EAN-13 Composite](#) is a variant of [EAN-13](#).
- [EAN-8 Composite](#) is a variant of [EAN-8](#).
- [UPC-A Composite](#) is a variant of [UPC-A](#).
- [UPC-E Composite](#) is a variant of [UPC-E](#).
- [GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional](#).
- [GS1 DataBar Stacked Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1 DataBar Stacked Composite](#).
- [GS1 DataBar Stacked Omnidirectional Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1 DataBar Stacked Omnidirectional](#).
- [GS1 DataBar Truncated Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1 DataBar Truncated Composite](#).
- [GS1 DataBar Limited Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1 DataBar Limited](#).
- [GS1 DataBar Expanded Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1 DataBar Expanded](#).
- [GS1 DataBar Expanded Stacked Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1 DataBar Expanded Stacked](#).
- [GS1-128 Composite](#) is a variant of [GS1-128](#).

Standards: ISO/IEC 24723, ITS EAN.UCC Composite Symbology, AIM ISS - EAN.UCC Composite Symbology, GS1 General Specifications.

Data and Options

- The data field consists of a primary and secondary component separated by a pipe | character.

- The data for the primary component (preceding the pipe) is entered in a format identical to the corresponding non-composite barcode symbology.
- The data for the 2D component (following the pipe) is entered in **GS1 Application Identifier standard format**.
- For maximum efficiency, if the data for the 2D component contains a number of application identifiers matching any of the specifications below then they should be provided in this given order:
 - (11)...(10)...
 - (17)...(10)...
 - (90){0-3 digits not starting 0}{upper alpha}...
- The **ccversion** option is used to select a specific 2D component:
 - ccversion=a - **CC-A**
 - ccversion=b - **CC-B**
 - ccversion=c - **CC-C** (**GS1-128 Composite** only)
- If **ccversion** is not specified a CC-A component will be selected if the data will fit, otherwise a CC-B component will be used. In the case of **GS1-128 Composite** a CC-C component will be used if the data does not fit within either a CC-A or CC-B component.

EAN-13 Composite

```
0 0 moveto
(331234567890|(99)1234-abcd) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/ean13composite /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



EAN-8 Composite

```
0 0 moveto
(12345670|(21)A12345678) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/ean8composite /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



UPC-A Composite

```
0 0 moveto
(01600033610|(99)1234-abcd) (includetext)
/upcacomposite /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



UPC-E Composite

```
0 0 moveto (0121230|(15)021231) (includetext)
/upcecomposite /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional Composite

```
0 0 moveto ((01)03612345678904|(11)990102) ( )
/databaromnicomposite
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Stacked Composite

```
0 0 moveto ((01)03412345678900|(17)010200) ( )
/databarstackedcomposite
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Stacked Omnidirectional Composite

```
0 0 moveto ((01)03612345678904|(11)990102) ( )
/databarstackedomnicomposite
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```




GS1 DataBar Truncated Composite

```
0 0 moveto ((01)03612345678904|(11)990102) ()
/databartruncatedcomposite
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Limited Composite

```
0 0 moveto
((01)03512345678907|(21)abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv)
()
/databarlimitedcomposite
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



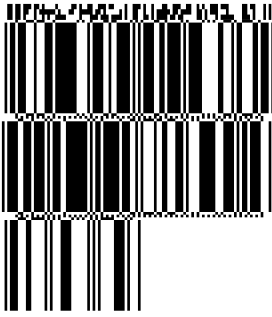
GS1 DataBar Expanded Composite

```
0 0 moveto
((01)93712345678904(3103)001234|(91)1A2B3C4D5E)
()
/databarexpandedcomposite
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 DataBar Expanded Stacked Composite

```
0 0 moveto
((01)00012345678905(10)ABCDEF|(21)12345678)
(segments=4)
/databarexpandedstackedcomposite
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1-128 Composite

GS1-128 Composite with a CC-A 2D component:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)03212345678906|(21)A1B2C3D4E5F6G7H8) ()
/gs1-128composite /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1-128 Composite with a CC-C 2D component:

```
0 0 moveto
((00)030123456789012340|(02)13012345678909(37)24(10)1234567ABCDEFG)
(ccversion=c)
/gs1-128composite /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



CC-A

Isolated CC-A 2D component:

```
0 0 moveto ((01)95012345678903) (ccversion=a cccolumns=3)
/gs1-cc /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



CC-B

Isolated CC-B 2D component:

```
0 0 moveto
((01)95012345678903(3103)000123) (ccversion=b cccolumns=4)
/gs1-cc /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



CC-C

Isolated CC-C 2D component:

```
0 0 moveto
((02)13012345678909(37)24(10)1234567ABCDEFG)
(ccversion=c cccolumns=5)
/gs1-cc /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



DAFT

DAFT is an encoder for directly specifying the descender, ascender, full-height, tracker-bar succession for a custom 4 state barcode symbol.

Data and Options

- The data field contains a sequence of the characters D, A, F or T to denote the descender, ascender, full-height and tracker bars of a custom 4 state symbol.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (FATDAFTDAD) ()
/daft /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Flattermarken

Flattermarken are identification marks used in book production that facilitate the proper arrangement of bound sections by a book binder.

Data and Options

- The data field can holding any sequence of digits corresponds to a 9 module width with the following meaning:
 - 1-9: a single mark exists in the corresponding module position
 - 0: unmarked sequence of modules
- The **inkspread** option can be used to adjust the width of the bars.
- If greater fidelity is required then the **raw** encoder should be used instead.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (1304) (inkspread=-1)
/flattermarken /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Raw

The **raw** encoder is used for directly specifying the space/bar succession of a custom barcode symbol.

Data and Options

- The data field contains an alternating sequence of widths (1 to 9) for the bars and spaces of a custom symbol.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (331132131313411122131311333213114131131221323) (height=0.5)
/raw /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



EAN-2

EAN-2 is the two-digit add-on code that accompanies a EAN or UPC type barcode symbol such as an **ISBN** or **ISSN**.

Also known as: Two-Digit Add-On, Two-Digit Supplement, UPC-2

Data and Options

- The data field must contain two digits.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (05) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/ean2 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



EAN-5

EAN-5 is the five-digit add-on code that accompanies an EAN or UPC type barcode symbol such as an **ISBN** or **ISSN**.

Also known as: Five-Digit Add-On, Five-Digit Supplement, UPC-5

Data and Options

- The data field must contain five digits.
- The **includetext** option should normally be supplied.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (90200) (includetext guardwhitespace)
/ean5 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



GS1 Application Identifier Standard Format

Certain barcode symbologies (including [GS1-128](#), [GS1 DataBar Omnidirectional](#), [GS1 DataMatrix](#), [GS1 QR Code](#) and [GS1 Composite Symbols](#)) represent standardized GS1 data and require that their data field is provided in GS1 Application Identifier standard format, consisting of a concatenated string of *AIs* along with their corresponding values.

The AIs are a set of approximately one hundred two-, three- or four-digit prefixes written within parentheses that represent physical attributes and business information, e.g.

- *(00)* is an eighteen-digit SSCC.
- *(01)* is a fourteen-digit GTIN.
- *(403)* is a variable-length routing code.

The following input represents GTIN *0061414199996*; Expiration Date *1 January 2010*; Batch *123ABC*; Serial *1234567890*:

```
(01)0061414199996(17)100101(10)123ABC(21)1234567890
```

Encoders for barcode symbologies that expect data in GS1 Application Identifier standard format will take care of parsing the input and inserting any necessary *FNC1* characters to delimit variable length fields.

GS1 Application Identifier Definitions

ISO/IEC 15418 defines the Application Identifiers and limits associated with each AI. The Application Identifier definitions are also provided in the GS1 General Specifications.

The list of AIs is available here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GS1-128#Full_list_of_Application_Identifiers

Chapter 6

Options Reference

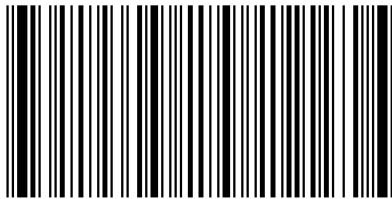
includecheck

Generate check digit(s) for symbologies where the use of check digits is optional.

Example

Calculate the optional check characters of this Code 93 symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (CHECK ME OUT) (includecheck)
/code93 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



includecheckintext

Show the calculated check digit in the human readable text.

Notes

- For barcode symbologies where the check digit is not mandatory, this option must be used in combination with **includecheck**.
- If any part of the checksum does not have a printable representation then that part is not displayed.

Example

Display the check digit of this Royal Mail barcode:

```
0 0 moveto (LE28HS9Z) (includetext includecheckintext)
/royalmail /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



parse

In supporting barcode symbologies, when the *parse* option is specified, any instances of `^NNN` in the data field are replaced with their equivalent ASCII value, useful for specifying unprintable characters.

Example

Equivalent symbols:

```
0 0 moveto (This is Data Matrix) ()
/datamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

```
0 0 moveto (This is ^068ata Matrix) (parse)
/datamatrix /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



parsefnc

In supporting barcode symbologies, when the **parsefnc** option is specified, non-data function characters can be specified by escaped combinations such as `^FNC1`, `^FNC4` and `^SFT/`.

Example

Code 93 including a special shift combination `(/)A` representing `!:`

```
0 0 moveto (TERRY^SFT/A) (parsefnc includecheck)
/code93 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



raw

In supporting barcode symbologies, the **raw** option denotes that the data field is providing the input as a pre-encoded codewords in `^NNN` format or as a pre-encoded bitstream, suitable for direct low-level encoding according to some barcode symbology specific encoding.

Example

```
0 0 moveto (00010000000100000000011000101011001100000110000) (raw)
/qrcode /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



height

Height of longest bar, in inches.

Example

A 1/2 inch tall EAN-13:

```
0 0 moveto (977147396801) (includetext height=0.5)
/ean13 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



width

Stretch the symbol to precisely this width, in inches.

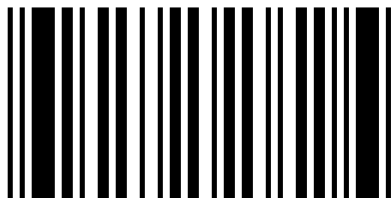
Notes

- This parameter literally stretches the symbol and text to the desired width which will may distort the human readable text.
- For information about resizing symbols read the article on [resizing symbols](#).

Example

A 2 inch wide Code 93 symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (TERRY) (width=2)
/code93 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



inkspread

Amount by which to reduce the bar widths to compensate for inkspread, in points.

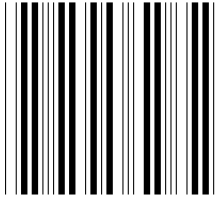
Notes

- Negative values will increase the bar width.

Example

Code 39 for a printer with very runny ink:

```
0 0 moveto (TEZ) (inkspread=0.6)
/code39 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



includetext

Show human readable text for data in symbol.

Notes

- If a character in the data does not have a printable representation then it is not displayed

Example

Display the text encoded in this Code 39 symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (SEE ME) (includetext)
/code39 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



textfont

The font name for text.

Notes

- The font name must be the literal name of a PostScript font that is available to the system.
- This option should be used in combination with the **includetext** option.

Example

Customise the human readable text of this USPS POSTNET symbol

```
0 0 moveto (64501) (includetext textfont=Times textsize=9)
/postnet /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



textsize

The font size of the text in points.

Note

- This option should be used in combination with the **includetext** option.

Example

Customise the human readable text of this USPS POSTNET symbol

```
0 0 moveto (64501) (includetext textfont=Times textsize=9)
/postnet /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

A USPS POSTNET barcode consisting of vertical bars of two different heights. Below the bars, the digits 6, 4, 5, 0, and 1 are printed, corresponding to the first five bars of the symbol.

textgaps

The inter-character spacing of the text.

Note

- This option should be used in combination with the **textxalign** option.

textxalign

The **textxalign** option is used to specify where to horizontally position the text.

- **textxalign=offleft**
- **textxalign=left**
- **textxalign=center**
- **textxalign=right**
- **textxalign=offright**
- **textxalign=justify**

Notes

- By default (in the absence of **textxalign** or **textyalign**), each character of text is placed immediately below the corresponding modules where this is possible.
- Where there isn't such a direct relationship then the default is to position the text centrally beneath the symbol.

textyalign

The **textyalign** option is used to specify where to vertically position the text.

- **textyalign=below**
- **textyalign=center**
- **textyalign=above**

Notes

- By default (in the absence of **textxalign** or **textyalign**), each character of text is placed immediately below the corresponding modules where this is possible.
- Where there isn't such a direct relationship then the default is to position the text centrally beneath the symbol.

textxoffset

The horizontal position of the text in points relative to the default position.

textyoffset

The vertical position of the text in points relative to the default position.

showborder

borderwidth

borderleft

borderright

bordertop

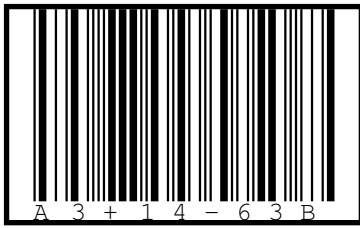
borderbottom

Display a border around the symbol of the specified width with the specified margin gap, in points.

Example

Display a customised border around this Codabar symbol:

```
0 0 moveto (A3+14-63B) (includetext showborder borderwidth=2 borderbottom=8)
/rationalizedCodabar /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



barcolor

backgroundcolor

bordercolor

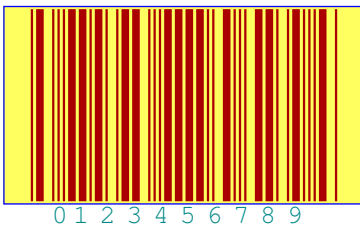
textcolor

Color of the respective component, either as a hex **RRGGBB** value or a hex **CCMMYYKK** value.

Examples

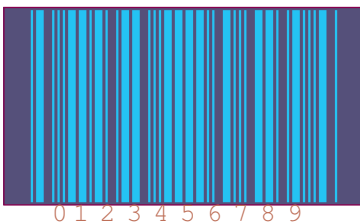
Colorized Code 11 symbol using the RGB colour space:

```
0 0 moveto (0123456789)
(includetext barcolor=AA0000 textcolor=008888 backgroundcolor=FFFF60 showborder bordercolor=0000FF text
/code11 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Colorized Code 11 symbol using the CMYK colour space:

```
0 0 moveto (0123456789)
(includetext barcolor=AA000000 textcolor=00888844 backgroundcolor=CCCC6000 showborder bordercolor=00FF00
/code11 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



addontextfont

addontextsize

The font name and size of the add on text in points

Notes

- The font name must be the literal name of a PostScript available font.
- These options must be used in combination with the **includetext** option.

Example

Customise the human readable text of this USPS POSTNET symbol

```
0 0 moveto (64501) (includetext textfont=Times textsize=9)
/postnet /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



A USPS POSTNET barcode consisting of a series of vertical bars of two different heights. Below the bars, the digits 6, 4, 5, 0, and 1 are printed, corresponding to the bars.

addontextxoffset

addontextyoffset

Overrides the default positioning algorithm for the add on text.

guardwhitespace

guardwidth

guardheight

Display white space guards of the specified width and height, in points.

Note

- Usually the encoder specific default value of **guardwidth** and **guardheight** are sufficient.

Example

ISBN-13 with tiny white space guard:

```
0 0 moveto
(978-1-873671-00)
(includetext guardwhitespace guardwidth=3 guardheight=3)
/isbn /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

ISBN 978-1-873671-00-9



A standard 1D barcode for ISBN 978-1-873671-00-9. The barcode consists of vertical bars of varying widths. Below the bars, the number 9 781873 671009 is printed, followed by a greater-than sign (>).

guardleftpos**guardrightpos****guardlefttypos****guardrighttypos**

Amount of white space to guard to left and right of the symbol and vertical position of the guard symbols, in points.

Note

- The encoder specific default value of each of these parameters is normally sufficient.

Example

EAN-8 with very mangled white space guards:

```
0 0 moveto (01335583)
(includetext guardwhitespace guardleftpos=14 guardrightpos=7 guardlefttypos=15 guardrighttypos=4)
/ean8 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



Chapter 7

Knowledge Base

FAQs

How do I resize symbols without stretching the text?

See this article on [resizing symbols](#).

Scanning ISBNs

When an ISBN symbol is read by a barcode scanner that echos digits to a PC, the data string that is returned is most likely going to be the plain contents of the EAN-13 encoded symbol, i.e. 9781565924796, not 1-56592-479-7. Whether the scanner returns the former string or the latter they nevertheless represent the one same value despite appearing somewhat different.

How do I integrate barcodes into my website or application?

Why not instead help to improve BWIPP and give attribution by referring people to this project's [online demonstration](#).

Remember, BWIPP is essentially a versatile library and is not necessarily a “turn key” solution by itself. <https://groups.google.com/d/topic/postscriptbarcode/UOmONFc6cGQ/discussion>

If you are a programmer then there are several language bindings that allow you to work with BWIPP without direct knowledge of PostScript. If you are not a programmer then there are a number of frontends that may be useful.

Resizing Symbols

To create a barcode of some required width and height (without stretching the text) perform the following steps, in order.

Starting with this example:

```
0 0 moveto (977147396801) (includetext)
/ean13 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```



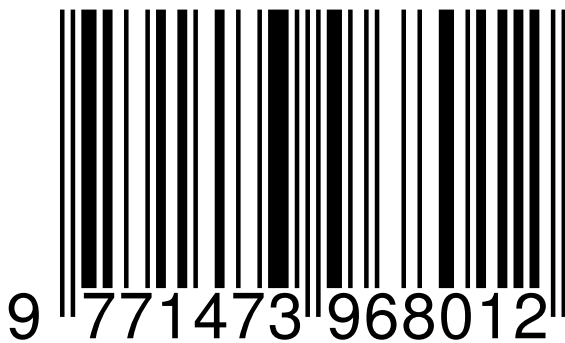
Find the uniform (same x and y) scale factor that makes your output of the required **width**:

```
gsave
2 2 scale      % <-- Add a line like this
0 0 moveto (977147396801) (includetext)
/ean13 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
grestore
```



Add a height option that adjusts the bar height appropriately (taking the scaling into account):

```
gsave
2 2 scale
% Added height=0.8 option to adjust height
0 0 moveto (977147396801) (includetext height=0.8)
/ean13 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
grestore
```



The result should now be of the intended dimensions with properly scaled (not stretched) text.

Developing a Frontend to BWIPP

There are a number of frontends to BWIPP that vary in terms of the functionality that they expose and the way that they express this through their API or GUI, etc.

It would be nice to unify some of these projects but in the meantime this document attempts to provide some guidelines to apply when developing something that places BWIPP in the hands of developers and users.

The author would ideally like any language binding, library or graphical frontend to be representative of the complete functionality of the BWIPP resource and to be maintainable with minimal effort and these guideline help to achieve this goal.

Author's commitment: I will make a best efforts commitment to provide end user support and developer support for any library or application that makes an effort to adopt the principles given here. Such projects should also feel free to adopt the [BWIPP mailing list](#) if they are so inclined and to request access to extend this wiki.

Contact the author of BWIPP whilst you're still experimenting

I'm [Terry Burton](#). I'm usually friendly and will try not to insist on my own way. It's you that will end up supporting your creation after all so I want you to be happy with it, but it will help everyone if there is some consistency between your code and the next person's.

Point your users at the online BWIPP symbolologies and options references

The reference is written these in a way that is fairly environment agnostic but if you have any idea or want to improve them then please contribute.

- <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/wiki/Symbolologies-Reference>
- <https://github.com/bwipp/postscriptbarcode/wiki/Options-Reference>

Safely pass your arguments to BWIPP in an injection-proof way

Hexify the data, options and encoder string input to BWIPP to prevent PostScript injection by means of un-escaped `)` or otherwise.

Not like this:

```
0 0 moveto
(02345673)
(includetext)
/ean8
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

But like this (obviously don't include the comments, at least not in production):

```
0 0 moveto
<3032333435363733>                % (02345673)
<696e636c75646574657874>          % (includetext)
<65616e38> cvn                     % /ean8
/uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec
```

Example Python:

```
import binascii, textwrap
def hexify(input):
    return textwrap.TextWrapper(subsequent_indent=' ', width=72). \
        fill('<' + binascii.hexlify(string) + '>')
```

Example Perl:

```
sub hexify {
    return '<'.(join "\n ", unpack '(A72)*', unpack 'H*', shift)).'>';
}
```

Use the BWIPP metadata rather than embedding a load of static data in your library

Support barcode formats automatically by scanning the barcode.ps metadata for BEGIN/END ENCODER blocks. From these extract descriptions, example data and example options using the DESC, EXAM and EXOP stanzas within the BEGIN/ENCODER ENCODER blocks.

Example BWIPP metadata for an encoder:

```
% --BEGIN ENCODER ean8--
% --REQUIRES preamble raiseerror renlinear ean5 ean2--
% --DESC: EAN-8
% --EXAM: 02345673
% --EXOP: includetext guardwhitespace
% --RNDR: renlinear
... PostScript resource definition here ...
% --END ENCODER ean8--
```

The aim is that libraries and graphical frontends can be light on compiled-in data and can therefore be enhanced by simply replacing the `barcode.ps` file.

To fully meet this objective may require extending the `barcode.ps` metadata to describe the individual options that are available for each encoder. The BWIPP author is certainly interested in having such a discussion so please make contact regarding your requirements.

Do not prevent the user from driving BWIPP directly

Allow advanced users to specify the data, options and encoder directly. This will allow them to access BWIPP functionality that you haven't anticipated or exposed via your API or GUI.

Interface with BWIPP's error reporting

Use the BWIPP error reporting mechanism to provide specific error messages to users so that they can understand why a given input is invalid. For example, the following PS procedure can be used to invoke `barcode.ps` and on error will halt with the descriptive text of the error (e.g. `BWIPP ERROR: EAN-13 must be 12 or 13 digits`) written to `STDERR` which can be intercepted and thrown or displayed in whatever manner is most appropriate.

```

%!PS
errordict begin
/handleerror {
  $error begin
    errorname dup length string cvs 0 6 getinterval (bwipp.) eq {
      (%stderr) (w) file
      dup (\nBWIPP ERROR: ) writestring
      dup errorname dup length string cvs writestring
      dup ( ) writestring
      dup errorinfo dup length string cvs writestring
      dup (\n) writestring
      dup flushfile end quit
    } if
  end //handleerror exec
} bind def
end
%
% If necessary, set up anything else specific to the environment just here.
%
% Include the BWIPP resource, either directly or from PS
(barcode.ps) run
%
% Now make the calls to BWIPP
% 0 0 moveto (ABC) () /code39 /uk.co.terryburton.bwipp findresource exec

```

Locating the resource

Allow the location of the `barcode.ps` file to be configured by the user so that non-admins users can provide a local version and distributions that deprecate bundled libraries can provide a separately packaged version.

In any case, use the following search order to locate the `barcode.ps` resource:

1. [%USER_SPECIFIED_LOCATION%]
2. ~/.[%APP_RC_DIRECTORY%] (a user's own replacement)
3. [%APP_INSTALL_DIR%] (a version you have bundled)
4. /usr/share/postscriptbarcode (Fedora's postscriptbarcode package)
5. /usr/share/libpostscriptbarcode (Debian's libpostscriptbarcode package)

Display the list of supported barcodes in a manageable way

To make the presentation of the list of barcode formats manageable any such list of barcodes should be rendered in the same/similar way as the [web-based generator](#).

Should we extend the metadata to help with this?