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## A program to send ESC/POS commands to a usb device

All this program (./pyprint) does is send out basic ESC/POS commands to a printer connected over usb, with the use of external libraries.

## **Pre-Requisites**

For this program, you will need:

- python-escpos https://github.com/python-escpos/python-escpos
- pyusb https://github.com/walac/pyusb
- Pillow https://github.com/python-pillow/Pillow
- python-qrcode https://github.com/lincolnloop/python-qrcode
- pyserial (for serial devices) https://github.com/lincolnloop/python-qrcode
- python-barcode https://github.com/WhyNotHugo/python-barcode

## Usage

pyprint [-h] [-q] [-i] [-b] [-nc] Content

- -h: Displays the help message
- -q: Encodes "Content" inside a QR code and prints it
- -i: Takes a file path from "Content" to an image and print it (gets a bit dodgy with large images)
- -b: Encodes "Content" inside a barcode (CODE128) and prints it. It will also print the encoded text below the code
- -nc: Pass to not carriage return and cut the paper after printing

Content: The file/text you want to be printed/encoded

## notes

- By default, will just print out Content with standard line wrapping
- [-i] and [-q] cannot be passed at the same time, you cannot encode an image in a QR code
- [-i] and [-b] cannot be passed at the same time, you cannot encode an image in a Barcode
- [-b] and [-q] cannot be passed at the same time, you cannot print both off at once
- The max string length for barcodes is 8 characters
- If [-nc] is passed as well as [-q] or [-b], they will both override [-nc] as they require properly finishing the print