

# Design notes

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## 1 Requirements

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- The whole barcode package shall be flexible and extensible. New implementations (barcode type or output format) should be easy to add.
- The design shall be done in a way that different barcode types (1D vs. 2D) can be supported.
- The barcodes implementations shall be configured using XML and in a way that the whole package can easily be integrated into a bigger work.
- The barcode logic (checksums, encoding, character sets etc.) shall be separated from the rendering of the barcode so different output formats (SVG, bitmaps etc.) can easily be supported.

## 2 Package overview

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### 2.1 org.krysalis.barcode4j

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This package holds the primary interfaces for generating barcodes.

#### 2.1.1 Main interfaces

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- **BarcodeGenerator**: Main interface for generating barcodes.
- **BarcodeClassResolver**: Resolves symbolic names to barcode implementation classes.
- **BarcodeLogicHandler**: Receives barcode events (similar to SAX events for XML) generated by barcode logic implementations.

**BarcodeUtil** is an very useful helper class. Have a look!

### 2.2 org.krysalis.barcode4j.impl

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This package is the home of the standard barcode implementations. Each implementation consist mostly of two classes, a logic implementation and a presentation implementation. The presentation part calls the logic part to generate something similar to SAX events but for barcodes (See **BarcodeLogicHandler**).

### 2.3 org.krysalis.barcode4j.output (and subpackages)

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This is where the various output formats are implemented. To implement a new coordinate-based output format the main task is to create a new **CanvasProvider** implementation.

### 2.4 org.krysalis.barcode4j.tools

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This package contains various helper classes used internally.

### 2.5 org.krysalis.barcode4j.cli

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This package contains the command-line interface.

### 2.6 org.krysalis.barcode4j.servlet

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This package contains the barcode servlet.

## 2.7 org.krysalis.barcode4j.xalan

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This package contains the XSLT extension for [Apache Xalan](#).

## 2.8 org.krysalis.barcode4j.saxon

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This package contains the XSLT extension for the [SAXON XSLT Processor](#) by [Michael Kay](#).

## 2.9 org.krysalis.barcode4j.playground

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This package contains the playground GUI application. It's used to play around with barcodes. Have fun!

**Note:**

This is work in progress! Help wanted! Be creative!