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A NON-MIDDLEWARE PRINTING SOLUTION FOR LEGACY APPLICATIONS
ADD-ON FOR CODESOFT 9 ENTERPRISE VERSION

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Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and other business management software packages provide businesses with greater control over their processes, but thermal printing of labels is often overlooked or inefficient. A common solution to this problem is to implement a middleware solution that bridges the gap between the host system and label printing software. For many businesses, especially those with legacy systems or software, the middleware approach isn't possible and they are left with the option of creating custom code to drive the printing process. TEKLYNX offers a viable alternative to custom code with its CODESOFT POF Manager (POF: Printer Object File) utility, an add-on to its TEKLYNX CODESOFT Enterprise label design software. The CODESOFT POF Manager utility provides a non-middleware printing solution that minimizes the amount of customization necessary and does not require any understanding of a printer's native code.

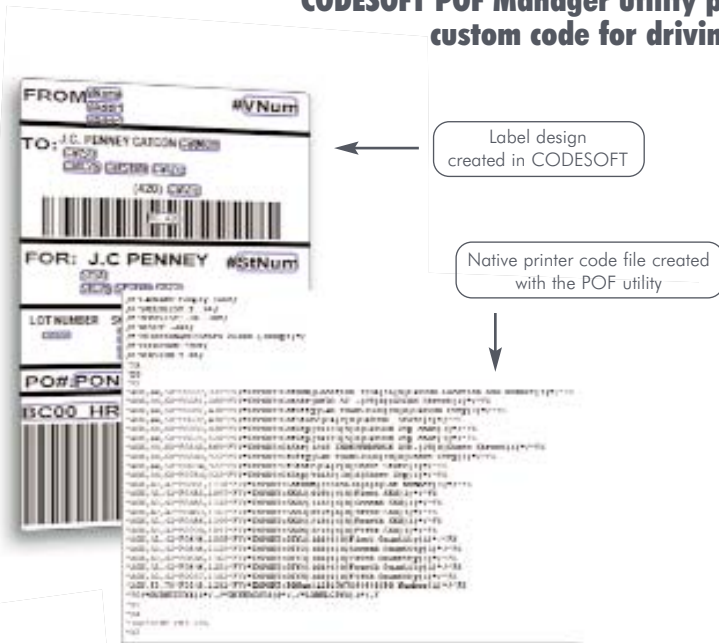
What is a Printer Object File?

- 1 The CODESOFT POF Manager utility generates intelligent native printer code to a Printer Object File based on a CODESOFT label design.
- 2 The POF has placeholders for variable data in the output code that allow the host application to "swap" field names within the output file with actual variable data from the legacy database before the code is sent to the printer.
- 3 The information in the files is identified by delimiters that enable an analysis program to detect the data and replace it with the corresponding values.

CODESOFT POF Manager utility provides a viable alternative to completely custom code for driving thermal transfer label printers.

How it Works:

- 1 First a label is designed with CODESOFT, and then the label is output as a native printer code file using the POF utility. This printer code can then be uploaded to the host system for integration into the existing code.
- 2 Once the Printer Object File has been generated and incorporated into the host system, labels can be printed without a labeling software program, and can be printed from applications that run on platforms other than Windows.



Although this does provide a viable alternative to custom code for those who cannot use middleware, it requires significant knowledge of the legacy system to properly prepare the analysis program.



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