

# LIS Integration using Signature Cassette Printer Windows Printer Driver

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## INTRODUCTION

This document will focus on connecting the printer to your LIS via the Signature Cassette Printer Windows Printer Driver. To see other ways to integrate the Signature printer into your LIS download Primera's Cassette Printer Integration white paper at <http://www.primerahealthcare.com/LISIntegration.html/>

### **LIS Integration using Signature Cassette Printer Windows Printer Driver**

- LIS software can use the cassette printer as a standard Windows raster-based printer by utilizing the included Windows XP/Vista/7/8 printer driver. This printer driver is included at no extra charge with every Signature Cassette Printer.
- Cassette images generated by the LIS are sent via standard Windows APIs to the printer.

## SENDING A CASSETTE LABEL TO THE PRINTER

### Description:

The windows print driver is a raster based print driver. LIS systems that already print to raster based print drivers can print to the Signature Cassette Printer. There may be a few changes required to the current template in order for the printing to work. Below is a list of requirement to print via the printer driver.

### Printing Requirements:

- Colors supported: black
- Printable area 4 Page Sizes:
  - Size 1 = .236" x 1.01"
  - Size 2 = .236" x 0.880"
  - Size 3 = .293" x 1.01"
  - Size 4 = .293" x 0.880"
- Page size can be changed via a [SetPrinter](#) call with appropriate changes made to the [PRINTER\\_INFO\\_2](#) structure. The [DEVMODE](#) dmPaperSize should be updated for the correct page size requested.
- DPI: the rasterized DPI of the image should be 300 dpi; any higher resolution is not required and will only result in longer raster times.

### Printing Requirements (Cassette Printer with Autoloader):

All of the previous requirements with the following changes

- Cassette Source:
  - Manual – requires a cassette to be placed into the printer manually
  - Hopper #1
  - Hopper #2
  - Hopper #3
  - Hopper #4

- Cassette Source can be changed via a [SetPrinter](#) call with appropriate changes made to the [PRINTER\\_INFO\\_2](#) structure. The [DEVMODE](#) dmDefaultSource value should be changed for the Cassette Source requested.

**NOTE:** Selecting a hopper that has the same cassette type as another hopper will not guarantee the autoloader will pick from that location. The driver sends down the cassette type to pick internally for improved performance and to continue printing if a hopper goes empty. To guarantee the autoloader will only pick from the desired hopper the cassette type should be different for each hopper location.

## OTHER COMMUNICATION

### Description:

The Signature Cassette Printer will provide status and configuration values via the printer driver. An application can query this information using standard windows API calls.

### Communication Details:

- Current printer status such as error conditions, cover status, and firmware versions can be queried.
- Detailed supply status including ribbon and slide types and levels can be queried.

- **Example Code:**

```

public bool ReadBytesFromPrinter(string szPrinterName, Byte[] bytes, Int32 dwCount, ref Int32 dwBytes, string
sKey)
{
    bool bSuccess; // Assume failure unless you specifically succeed.
    Int32 type = 3;
    byte[] bData = new byte[2];
    string sValue = sKey;
    const int numBytes = 1;
    const int setType = 3;

    bData[0] = 0;
    bData[1] = 0;
    int nRetries = 2;

    while (true)
    {
        // Open the printer.
        UInt32[] printDefaults = new UInt32[3];
        printDefaults[2] = 0x04;

        IntPtr hPrinter;
        if (OpenPrinter(szPrinterName, out hPrinter, ref printDefaults[0]))
        {
            if (SetPrinterData(hPrinter, sValue, setType, ref bData[0], numBytes) == 0)
            {
                dwBytes = 0;
                if (GetPrinterData(hPrinter, sValue, ref type, ref bytes[0], dwCount, ref dwBytes) == 0)
                {
                    bSuccess = true;
                    ClosePrinter(hPrinter);
                    break;
                }
            }
            Thread.Sleep(500);
            ClosePrinter(hPrinter);
        }
        Thread.Sleep(500);
        if (nRetries-- <= 0)
        {
            bSuccess = false;
            break;
        }
    }
    return bSuccess;
}

```

### Complete Status Structure

The structure of the data returned from the printer is detailed in the table below.

Status Structure		
Byte Offset	Length	Description (" denotes ASCII Character)
0	1	Start Character (Value is always 0x1b)
1	1	Command Character (Value is always 0x04)
2	1	Number of bytes in message including this byte and checksum
3	1	Message Type (0x01 is a status message)
4	1	Product ID (Value is always 'O')
5	1	Record Number (Will increment with each request)
6	1	Model #
7	1	PGA Version Number

8	16	Firmware Version and Date Code
24	4	Firmware Checksum
28	2	System Error Value (See Table Below for possible values)
30	1	Head Lifter Status (Down = 0x81, Up = 0x80)
31	1	Media Sensor Value
32	1	OEM Number
33	1	Print Status (Idle = 0x00, Cassette is IN = 0x01, Cassette Printed On = 0x20, Busy = 0x80)
34	1	Cover flag ('C' = Closed, 'O' = Open)
35	1	Setup Values (Internal Use Only)
36	3	USB Serial Number
39	4	Total # Cassettes printed
43	1	Ribbon color sensor value
44	1	Top of form offset
45	1	Horizontal offset
46	8	Setup Values (Internal Use Only)
54	1	System Busy Flag (Idle = 'I', Busy = 'B', Powered Off = 'X')
55	2	Setup Values (Internal Use Only)
57	1	Printer Control Mode ( 1 = Preload Cassette, 0 = No Preload Cassette)
58	1	Media Type (Invalid = 0x00, Cassette Type = 0x20, Not Installed = 0xFF)
59	1	Ribbon Type ( Invalid = 0x00, Mono = 0x01, 4 Color = 0x04, Not Installed = 0xFF)
60	1	Print Speed
61	8	Ribbon Serial Number
69	2	# of panels left on ribbon
71	2	Setup Values (Internal Use Only)
73	1	Black Print Heat Value
74	1	Color Print Heat Value
75	13	Setup Values (Internal Use Only)
88	1	Door Status ('O' = Open, 'C' = Closed, 'X' = In Error)
89	2	Setup Values (Internal Use Only)
91	4	Number of Mono Ribbons Used
95	4	Number of Color Ribbons Used
99	1	Cassette Load Mode ( 1 = Auto, 0 = Manual)
100	1	Cassette Load Mode Timer (.02 second interval)
101	16	Robot Firmware Version Number and Date
117	4	Robot Checksum of Firmware
121	1	Robot PGA Version
122	18	Robot Flipper Version
140	16	LCD Display Version
156	1	Robot Arm Status (Bits 0 – 2 = number of hopper cassette loaded from 1-4, 0 = Idle, 0x80 = Busy)
157	2	Robot Errors (See Table Below for possible values)
159	1	Robot Cover Status (0 = Closed, 1 = Open)
160	1	Number of Cassettes in Hopper # 1 (0x80 = Hopper removed)
161	1	Cassette Type String Position
162	1	Number of Cassettes in Hopper # 2 (0x80 = Hopper removed)
163	1	Cassette Type String Position
164	1	Number of Cassettes in Hopper # 3 (0x80 = Hopper removed)
165	1	Cassette Type String Position
166	1	Number of Cassettes in Hopper # 4 (0x80 = Hopper removed)
167	1	Cassette Type String Position
168	39	Unused Space

207	1	Checksum of the command includes Bytes 0 (0x1b) and 1 (0x04) of the returned status
<b>System Error Bit Field (Bytes 28 and 29)</b>		
Bit	Description (More than 1 bit can be set)	
0	Head Lifter Error	
1	Invalid Ribbon	
2	Ribbon Advance Error	
3	Carrier Movement Error	
4	Paper Out Error	
5	Cassette Lost Error	
6	Robot Communication Error	
7	Tilt Table Movement Error	
8	Out of Ribbon	
9	Ribbon Break Detected	
10	Model Number Error	
11	Ribbon Contact Error	
12	Ribbon Jam Error	
13	Door Movement Error	
14	Head Loading Error	
<b>Robot Error Bit Field (Bytes 157 and 158)</b>		
Bit	Description (More than 1 bit can be set)	
0	Arm Flipper Error	
1	Arm Vertical Movement Error	
2	Arm Rotate Error	
3	Pick Error	
4	Arm Stall	
5	Cover Open Error	
6	Dropped Cassette Error	
7	Requested Cassette Type Is Out	
8	Cassette Type Not Installed	
9	Unknown Cassette Type	
10	Mismatch Cassette	
11	Hopper Not Installed	
12	Cassette Lost Error	

## Commands

The list of commands that can be sent to the printer and the corresponding command bytes are detailed in the table below. Commands can be sent to the printer in the following way:

```

public bool SendBytesToPrinter(string szPrinterName, IntPtr pBytes, Int32 dwCount)
{
    IntPtr hPrinter;
    DOCINFOA di = new DOCINFOA();
    bool bSuccess = false; // Assume failure unless you specifically succeed.

    di.pDocName = "Driver";
    di.pDataType = "RAW";

    // Open the printer.

    UInt32[] printDefaults = new UInt32[3];
    printDefaults[2] = 0x04;

    if (OpenPrinter(szPrinterName, out hPrinter, ref printDefaults[0]))
    {
        // Start a document.
        if (StartDocPrinter(hPrinter, 1, di))
        {
            // Start a page.
            if (StartPagePrinter(hPrinter))
            {
                // Write your bytes.
                Int32 dwWritten;
                bSuccess = WritePrinter(hPrinter, pBytes, dwCount, out dwWritten);
                EndPagePrinter(hPrinter);
            }
            EndDocPrinter(hPrinter);
        }
        ClosePrinter(hPrinter);
    }
    // If you did not succeed, GetLastError may give more information
    // about why not.
    if (bSuccess == false)
    {
        Marshal.GetLastWin32Error();
    }
    return bSuccess;
}

```

Raw Commands (Cassette Printer)	
Description	Command Bytes (K = Checksum of command)
Reset System	0x1b, 0x04, 0x05, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Cassette Load and Eject Cycle	0x1b, 0x04, 0x0F, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Restore Factory Defaults	0x1b, 0x04, 0x15, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Firmware Update (Followed by Firmware File)	0x1b, 0x04, 0x07, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Toggle Head Lifter	0x1b, 0x04, 0x0A, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Ribbon Calibration	0x1b, 0x04, 0x10, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Raw Commands (Cassette Printer Autoloader)	
Reset System	0x1b, 0x05, 0x05, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Firmware Update (Followed by Firmware File)	0x1b, 0x05, 0x07, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Restore Factory Defaults	0x1b, 0x05, 0x15, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K
Set Hopper Cassette Type	0x1b, 0x05, 0x09, H1, H2, H3, H4, K H1 = Hopper 1 Cassette Type (1 – 16) H2 = Hopper 2 Cassette Type (1 – 16) H3 = Hopper 3 Cassette Type (1 – 16) H4 = Hopper 4 Cassette Type (1 – 16)



## CASSETTE TYPE DESCRIPTIONS (AUTOLOADER)

**NOTE: Pages 2 & 3 are the only pages in the cassette printer flash that should be addressed when storing or requesting stored data. Trying to store data in other pages than defined below could cause unexpected and possibly unrecoverable results.**

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Description: The cassette type descriptions are stored inside the cassette printer's flash memory in pages 2 & 3. The descriptions are stored starting with the cassette type 1 description followed by 2 and so on up to cassette type 16. Each cassette type description has a max of 20 characters followed by a '\$' character and a carriage return line feed (CRLF) ending. If the cassette type descriptions contain more characters than will fit in the flash page 2 data space you will have to manage flash page 3 in addition to page 2.

### Store Flash Page Data Command:

**0x1b, 0x04, 0x11, p, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K, <FlashData> See Flash Memory Page Format Below**

p = Page address should be 2 or 3 only  
k = checksum of the command

### <FlashData> FLASH MEMORY PAGE FORMAT:

0	0x01	1	Start character.
START OF DATA BLOCK:			
1	nn	2	# of bytes in message including this one and checksum.
3	C	1	Record Type: C
4	P	1	Page # being sent.
5-260		256	Page of data from FLASH memory.
END OF DATA BLOCK			
261	ck	1	Checksum of the data block.
262	0x04	1	End character:

Here is an example of cassette types 1 – 10 that we would like to store in the printer. "Type WHITE" is cassette type 1 and "STRING 10" is cassette type 10. Again each description is followed by a '\$' character and a carriage return line feed (CRLF) ending.

```
Type WHITE$
Type RED$
Type GREEN$
Type YELLOW$
STRING 5$
STRING 6$
STRING 7$
STRING 8$
STRING 9$
STRING 10$
```

The following bytes would be generated and sent to store the above type descriptions in flash page 2 on the cassette printer:

Offset:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	
00000000	1B	04	11	02	00	00	00	32	C1	01	05	43	02	54	79	70	.....2...C.Type
00000010	65	20	57	48	49	54	45	24	CD	0A	54	79	70	65	20	52	e WHITE\$.Type R
00000020	45	44	24	0D	0A	54	79	70	65	20	47	52	45	45	4E	24	ED\$.Type GREEN\$
00000030	0D	0A	54	79	70	65	20	59	45	4C	4C	4F	57	24	0D	CA	..Type YELLOW\$..
00000040	53	54	52	49	4E	47	20	35	24	07	02	53	54	52	49	4E	STRING 5\$.STRIN
00000050	47	20	36	24	0D	0A	53	54	52	49	4E	47	20	37	24	CD	G 6\$.STRING 7\$.
00000060	0A	53	54	52	49	4E	47	20	30	24	0D	0A	53	54	52	49	.STRING 0\$.STRI
00000070	4E	47	20	39	24	0D	0A	53	54	52	49	4E	47	20	31	30	NG 9\$.STRING 10
00000080	24	0D	0A	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	\$.YYYYYYYYYYYY
00000090	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	YYYYYYYYYYYY
000000A0	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	YYYYYYYYYYYY
000000B0	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	YYYYYYYYYYYY
000000C0	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	YYYYYYYYYYYY
000000D0	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	YYYYYYYYYYYY
000000E0	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	YYYYYYYYYYYY
000000F0	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	YYYYYYYYYYYY
00000100	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FE	04		YYYYYYYYYYYYp.

**Request Flash Page Data Command:**

**0x1b, 0x04, 0x12, p, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, K**

- p     1     Page address 2 or 3.
- K     1     Checksum of command.

<FLASH DATA>    See Flash Memory Page Format Above  
 (returned by an immediate read from printer)

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