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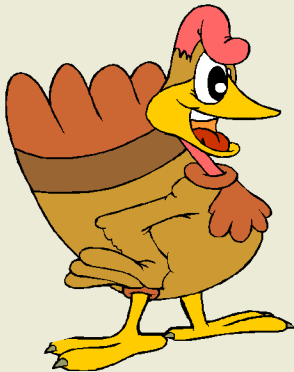# Printing Printing Printing Printing Printing Printing

XML Format added to Printer Driver

The XML file format is available in the Black Ice printer drivers from version 9.91. The Color, ColorPlus and PDF printer drivers contain the new XML file format.

Available XML file formats:

XML with:	Color	Color-Plus	PDF
GIF	Yes	Yes	No
PNG	Yes	Yes	No
JPEG	Yes	Yes	No
BMP	Yes	Yes	No
PDF	No	Yes	Yes

Available XML file formats according to color depth

XML with:	Mono	8 bits	24 bits
GIF	Yes	Yes	No
PNG	Yes	Yes	Yes
JPEG	No	No	Yes
BMP	Yes	Yes	Yes
PDF	Yes	Yes	Yes

You can select the XML file format on the File Formats tab of the Printing Prefer-ences. When you select the XML file format an XML file will be generated when the printing finishes success-fully. The name of the XML file is the same as the group file with .xml extension. The generated XML file contains information about the print-ing. For example: printing status, document name, printing date and time, total number of pages etc.

The XML file is useful for processing the printing in-formation with a third party

This Month's Sale:

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Changing a Stamp Object in the Coverpage SDK Programmatically

If one wants to change a stamp object programmati-cally, one has to set the stamp object as the current object (one can operate on an object only if the object is selected as the current object) then one can load an image into the selected object. There are

two steps one has to follow.

First one has to set the stamp object which one would like to modify as the current cover page object. The Cur-rent object can be set in three ways. One can set the first cover page object as the cur-

rent object by calling the FindFirst method; one can change the current object to the next object by calling the FindNext method; or one can set the current object from an identifier by calling SetCur-rObj.

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application. You can develop an application easily that parses the information of the XML file and for example generates an HTML file for displaying the printing status.

The XML file is generated from the group file, so the generation of the group file must be enabled. If the Disable Group File check box is checked on the Filename Generation tab the XML file won't be generated.

Description of the Tags in the XML file.

<printing_information> : root element
<date> : element content for containing elements for date and time
<month> : simple content for containing the month of the printing
<day> : simple content for containing the day of the printing
<year> : simple content for containing the year of the printing
<hour> : simple content for containing the hour of the printing
<minute> : simple content for containing the minute of the printing

<second> : simple content for containing the second of the printing
<printed_image_inf> : element content for containing information about printed image
<printer_name> : simple content for containing the printer name
<document_name> : simple content for containing the document name
<image_format> : simple content for containing the printed image format
<append_image_enabled> : If the content is Yes and more pages were printed the generated image is a multipage file, otherwise single page images were generated
<bits_per_pixel> : simple content for containing the color depth of the printed image
<total_number_of_pages> : simple content for containing the number of pages printed
<print_status> : simple content for containing the printing status
<page_i> : element content for containing information about page *i*.
<file_path> : simple content for containing the path of the printed image.
<file_name> : simple content for containing the file name of the printed image.
<orientation> : simple content for containing the orientation of the printed image

<width_in_pixels> : simple content for containing the width of the printed image in pixels
<height_in_pixels> : simple content for containing the height of the printed image in pixels
<x_dpi> : simple content for containing the horizontal resolution of the printed image
<y_dpi> : simple content for containing the vertical resolution of the printed image. ◄

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<!--  XLM file is generated by Black Ice Software Inc. printer driver  -->
- <printing_information>
  - <date>
      <month>10</month>
      <day>12</day>
      <year>2006</year>
      <hour>13</hour>
      <minute>30</minute>
      <second>0</second>
    </date>
  - <printed_image_inf>
      <printer_name>Black Ice Color</printer_name>
      <document_name>Games.txt - Notepad</document_name>
      <image_format>XML with JPEG</image_format>
      <append_image_enabled>No</append_image_enabled>
      <bits_per_pixel>24</bits_per_pixel>
      <total_number_of_pages>1</total_number_of_pages>
      <print_status>Printing finished successfully</print_status>
    </printed_image_inf>
  - <page_1>
      <file_path>E:\Laci\1\ColorImages</file_path>
      <file_name>AAA12D000001.JPG</file_name>
      <orientation>Portrait</orientation>
      <width_in_pixels>2550</width_in_pixels>
      <height_in_pixels>3300</height_in_pixels>
      <x_dpi>300</x_dpi>
      <y_dpi>300</y_dpi>
    </page_1>
</printing_information>
```

If one wants to iterate cover page objects and make specific operations on stamp objects, one can use the FindFirst and FindNext methods. While if one wants to access a stamp object directly, one should use the SetCurrObj method.

The next step is the stamp modification. There are many ways to do this too. One can load a tiff image onto the stamp by calling the ObjSetStampFile method; one can load a bitmap into the stamp by calling the ObjSetStampBMP method; or one can load a device independent bitmap (DIB) onto the stamp by calling the ObjSetStampDIB method.

The following C# code snippet shows how one can change a stamp on the cover page and save it:

```
BiCpClass BICP = new BiCpClass();

int cp_id = BICP.LoadCpgFile("test.cpg");

BICP.SetCurrObj(cp_id, stampID);

BICP.ObjSetStampFile(cp_id, "image.tif");

BICP.SaveCpgFile(cp_id, "new.cpg");
```

In this example the identifier of the stamp object is stampID. Techniques for accessing object IDs are:

•When someone creates a new cover page object by calling CreateCpgObj method, the "current object" points to this new object, so one can get the ID of the new object in a variable returned by GetCurrObjID.

•If one has an existing cover page object, then one can iterate the list of objects with the FindFirst an FindNext methods and one can get the ID of the searched object using the GetCurrObjID method.

•The IDs are saved in the cover page template file, so if one knows the IDs of the objects one can use them to track the object in an application. If one wants to change the ID of an object, one can use the SetCurrObjID method on the current object.

It is important that the selected object has the "focus" or it is the "current object". One must use the SetCurrObj method with the ID to set the "focus" or set the object as the "current object". ◄
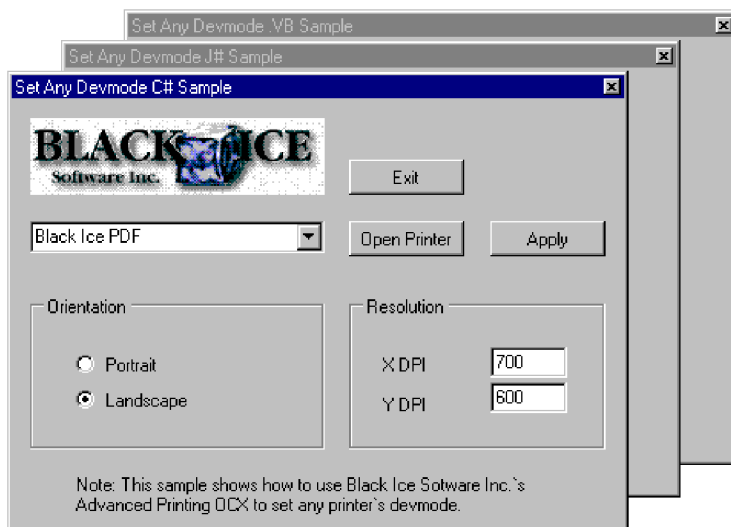
D o c u m e n t   I m a g i n g - P r i n t i n g   f r o m   C # ,   J # ,   V B . N E T

The Black Ice Software Advance printing module in Document Imaging SDK makes printing and printer configuration a simple task not only for the current print job but to configure any printer driver. The Advance printing module lets one modify the printing device's DEVMODE data structure from C#, J#, and VB.NET. New sample applications are added to the Document Imaging SDK to demonstrate how easy is to use the Advanced Printing ActiveX control from .NET applica-tions. The Advance printing module not only works with Black Ice printer drivers, but with any printer drivers. The modifications to the samples show how any printer's DEVMODE can be easily modified. It is as easy as opening any printer by using the combo box, which lists the installed printers on the PC, and clicking the Open Printer button. The selected printer's DEVMODE will be loaded. The sample is limited for simplicity to show orientation and reso-lution data, which are loaded from the DEVMODE. Changing the values of these two data elements and applying this data will set the corresponding fields in the opened DEVMODE data structure. Any data element of the DEVMODE data structure can be changed. The sample applications are written in .NET C#, .NET J#, and .NET VB environments. The DEVMODE setting features can be easily called from the Advanced Print-ing OCX which is part of the Docu-ment Imaging SDK. ◄


```
Set Any Devmode C# Sample

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Black Ice PDF            Open Printer    Apply
                                         Exit

Orientation             Resolution
  ○ Portrait              X DPI    700
  ● Landscape             Y DPI    600

Note: This sample shows how to use Black Ice Sotware Inc.'s
Advanced Printing OCX to set any printer's devmode.
```

Implementation
To use Advanced Printing ActiveX control, just add the ActiveX control to the Form you are working with.

Open printer in C# , in J# (example)
```
//Load devmode of selected printer
prnHandler = axBiAdvprnW1.BiOpenPrinter(prn, 0);
devmodeHandler = axBiAdvprnW1.BiLoadPrinterSettings(prn);
```

Set loaded devmode properties in C# (example)
```
int xDPI = System.Convert.ToInt16(textBox1.Text);
int yDPI = System.Convert.ToInt16(textBox2.Text);
axBiAdvprnW1.SetXDPI((short)xDPI, devmodeHandler);
axBiAdvprnW1.SetYDPI((short)yDPI, devmodeHandler);
```

Save devmode and close the printer in C# (example)
```
if (devmodeHandler != 0)
{
axBiAdvprnW1.BiReleasePrinterSettings(devmodeHandler);
axBiAdvprnW1.BiClosePrinter(prnHandler);
}
```

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Time to upgrade?   Latest Version Numbers

Printer Drivers

Printer Drivers for ME/98/95 Mono, Color, ColorPlus, EMF, PDF	5.81	4/13/06
Printer Drivers for XP/2000/NT Color, ColorPlus, EMF, Mono, PDF	9.91	10/16/06
Printer Drivers for 2003, Citrix and Terminal Servers Color, ColorPlus, EMF, Mono, PDF	9.91	10/16/06

Fax, Voice, and Image Toolkits

Fax C++/ActiveX	12.23	10/10/06
Voice C++/ActiveX	12.23	10/10/06
Document Imaging SDK/ActiveX	10.68	9/21/06
PDF Plug-in	10.68	9/21/06
Annotation SDK/ActiveX	10.68	9/21/06
Image SDK/ActiveX	10.68	9/21/06
Tiff SDK/ActiveX	10.68	9/21/06
Cover Page Generator SDK/ActiveX	10.68	9/21/06
Barcode SDK/ActiveX	4.51	7/13/06

Impact Products

Impact Fax Server	7.04	9/15/06
Impact Fax Broadcast	5.10	7/01/06
Impact Fax on Demand	4.08	7/2/02
Impact ColorFax	7.02	8/15/06
Drag and Drop Printing	2.00	12/24/02

Internet Tools

Print2Email	5.13	10/19/06
Tiff Viewer Plug-in - Complete	7.0	9/20/06
Print Monitoring Server	3.00	9/16/04
Print2RDP	3.0	9/6/06
Voice2Email	2.01	4/20//05
Print2FTP	2.02	8/15/06

Free Software

Impact ColorFax Lite	7.02	8/15/06
Tiff Viewer Plug-in - Free Version	7.0	9/20/06
ModemWeasel	2.00	8/01/02