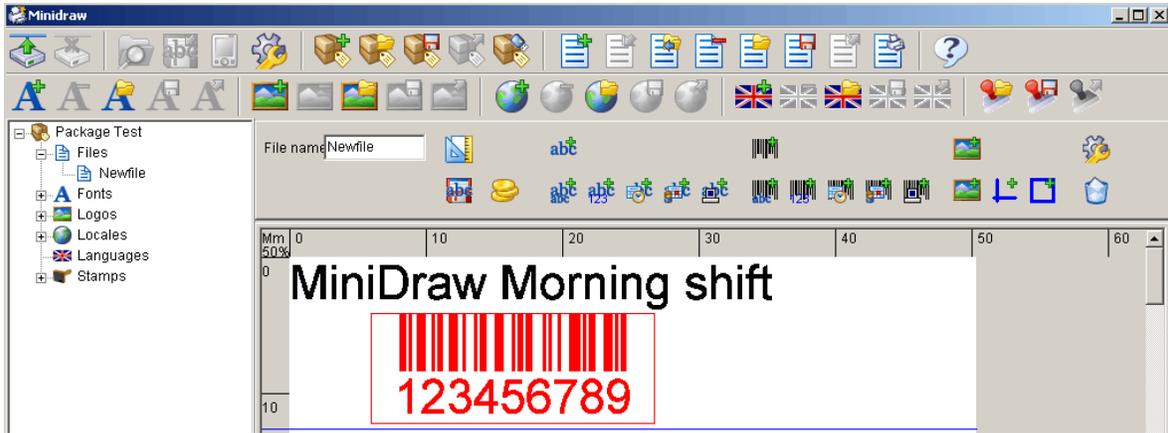


User Manual

Minidraw



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1 Before you start

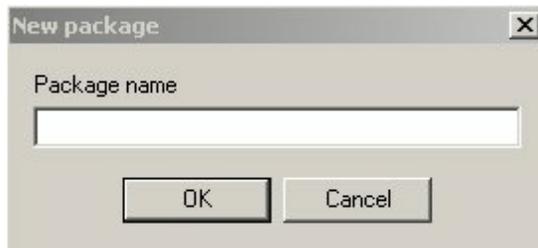
1.1 How to create a package

The first step is to create a package. A package is like a placeholder for layout files, logo files, font files etc.

To create a new package click the "New Package" icon at the top of the page.



Please choose a name for your package and click ok.



As part of the package, you can create files, font, logos, locales language files or stamps. Once created they will appear in the list on the left.



You can save your package to your hard drive på clicking the "Save package" icon  To load the

package later , please click to "Load package" icon. 

1.2 How to add fonts

Before you create the layout , you will need to do the following:

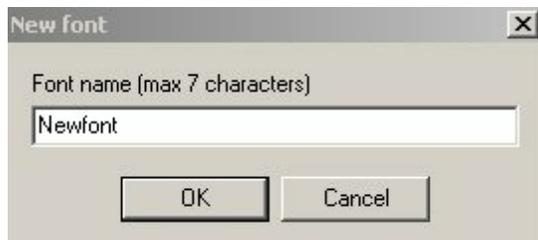
1. Add a font. You will need a font to add text and barcode objects later.
2. Add a locale file, if you want to display date or time on your layout.
3. Upload a logo from your pc, if you want a logo on your layout.

The following will explain.

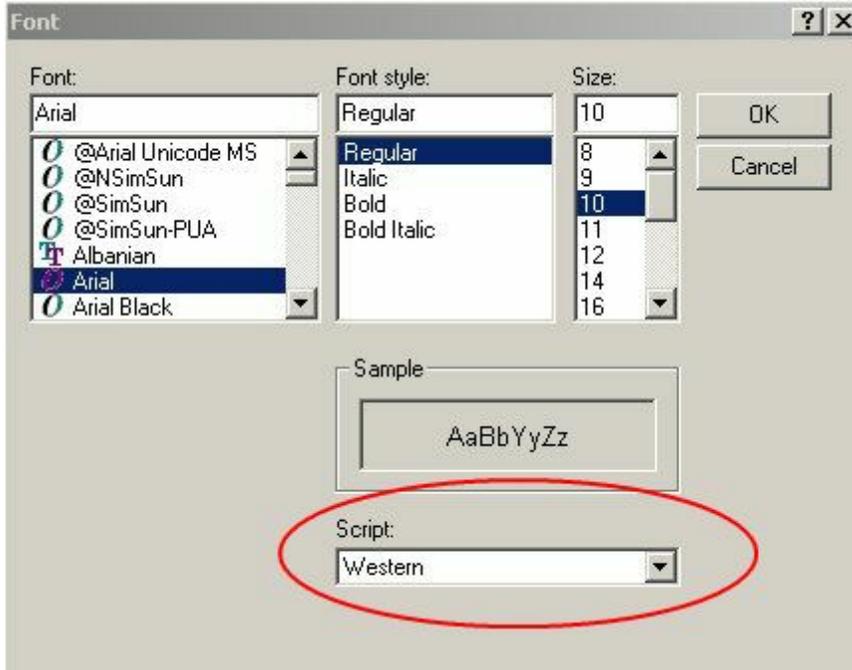
To add a new font to your list, please click the "New Font" icon.



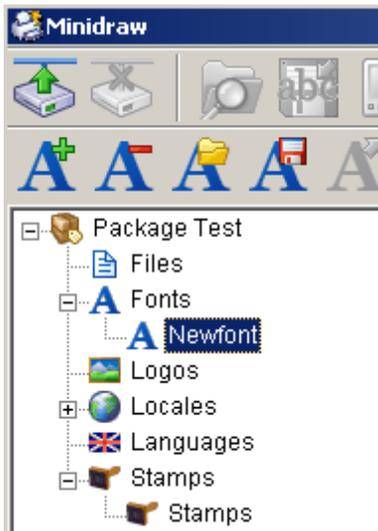
Please choose a name for your font. The name cannot be longer than 7 characters.



Please choose font properties. Scripts refer to the languages you have installed on your computer. At the bottom of the menu, you can choose a different character set, such as Russian and Japanese.

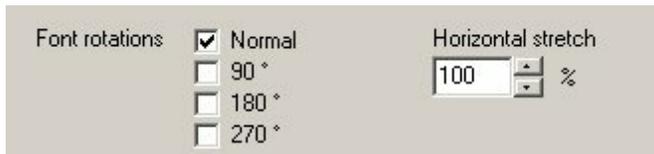


Now the name of your new font will appear in the list on the left.



You can make your fonts narrower or wider by adjusting the horizontal stretch settings.

Next, select font rotation and horizontal stretch. If for instance you want to rotate your text 90 degrees, font rotation must be set to 90 degrees.



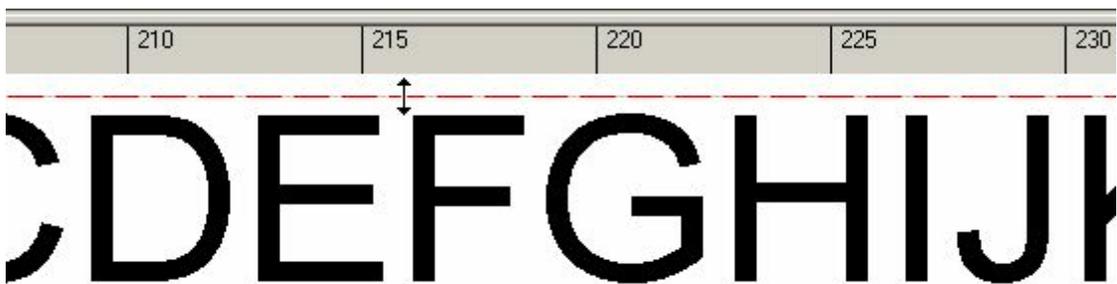
Important! If you want to rotate an object, the rotation settings on the font and rotation settings on the object must be the same, otherwise your content will not be displayed. Rotating a font will effect the font size. Therefore do not check more than one box.

You can also crop your fonts by adjusting two red dotted lines. There is one line at the top and one at the bottom of the text field. Only the part of your font within the dotted lines will be displayed on the Mthp4.

- To adjust the line, place the cursor at the border between the text field and the ruler.



- Hold down the left mouse button and drag.



To adjust the second line, place the cursor at the bottom of the text field. Press the left mouse button and drag.



To remove the font from your list, please highlight the font and click the "remove font" icon.



By clicking the save icon, you can save the font to your local hard drive.



If you want to open a font file from your hard drive, please click the "load font" icon.



1.3 How to add locales

The locale file contains information such as long and short names for months and weekdays.

miniDraw comes with default locale files for the following languages:

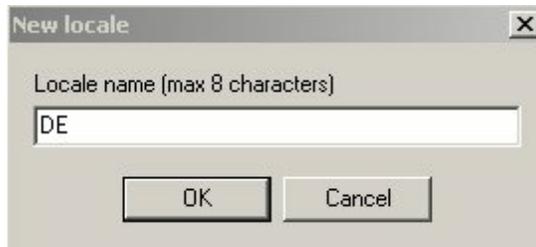
1. Albanian	12. Hungarian
2. Bosnian	13. Icelandic
3. Czech	14. Italian
4. Danish	15. Dutch
5. German	16. Norwegian
6. Greek	17. Polish
7. English	18. Portuguese
8. Estonian	19. Russian
9. Finnish	20. Slovakian
10. French	21. Spanish
11. Croatian	22. Swedish

If your language is not on the list, please go through the following steps to create a new locale file.

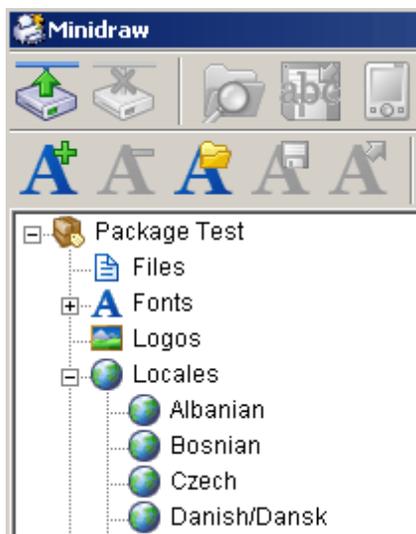
To create new locale settings, please click the "New Locale" icon.



Enter a name(no more than 8 characters) and click ok.



Your new locale files will be visible in the list.



Please enter the following parameters:

1. Long and short names for each week day.
2. First day of the week.
3. First week of the year.
4. AM String.
5. PM String.

If you click the months tab, you can enter long and short names for all months of the year.

Days and time		Months			
	Short name	Long name		Short name	Long name
January	<input type="text" value="Jan"/>	<input type="text" value="January"/>	July	<input type="text" value="Jul"/>	<input type="text" value="July"/>
February	<input type="text" value="Feb"/>	<input type="text" value="February"/>	August	<input type="text" value="Aug"/>	<input type="text" value="August"/>
March	<input type="text" value="Mar"/>	<input type="text" value="March"/>	September	<input type="text" value="Sep"/>	<input type="text" value="September"/>
April	<input type="text" value="Apr"/>	<input type="text" value="April"/>	October	<input type="text" value="Okt"/>	<input type="text" value="Oktober"/>
May	<input type="text" value="May"/>	<input type="text" value="May"/>	November	<input type="text" value="Nov"/>	<input type="text" value="November"/>
June	<input type="text" value="Jun"/>	<input type="text" value="June"/>	December	<input type="text" value="Dec"/>	<input type="text" value="December"/>

To remove the settings from your list, please highlight the name and click the "remove locales" icon.



To load a settings file from your hard drive, please click the "load locales" icon.



By clicking the save icon, you can save the settings to your local hard drive.



1.4 How to add logos

To create a new logo, please click the "New Logo" icon.

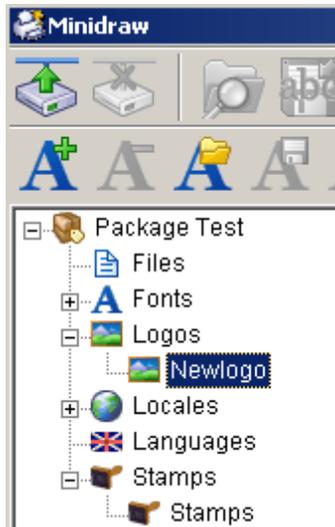


Please choose a name for your logo. The name cannot be longer than 7 characters.

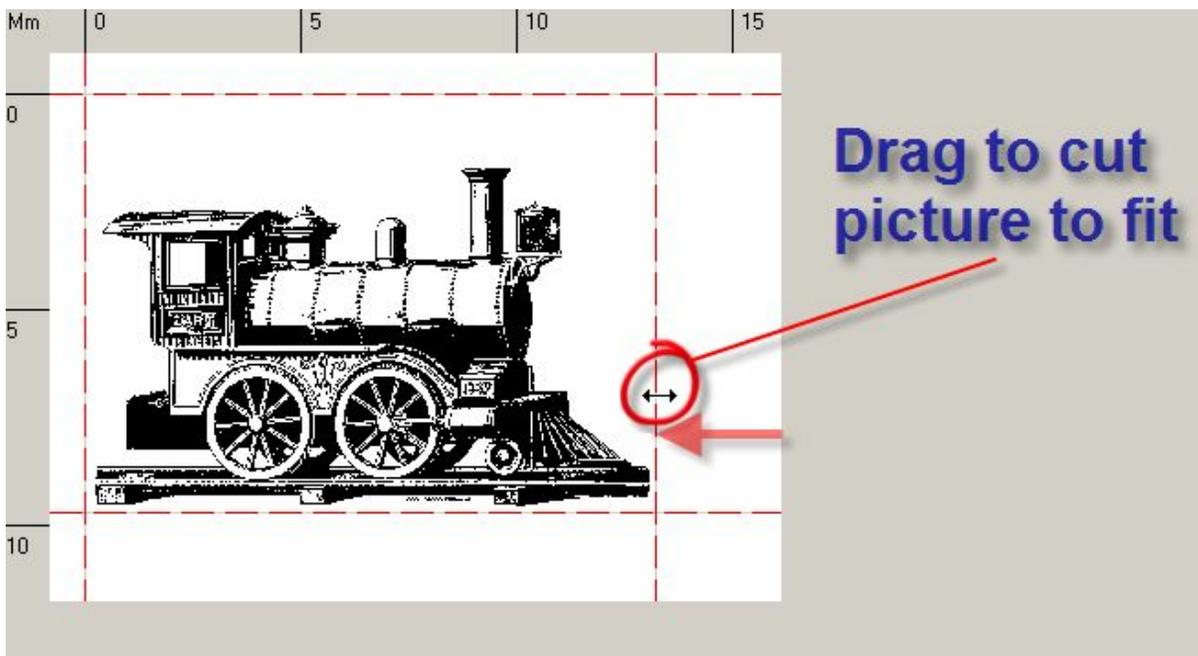
New logo ✕

Logo name (max 7 characters)

Please choose the image file from your hard drive you intend to use as your logo. Now your new logo is visible in the list.



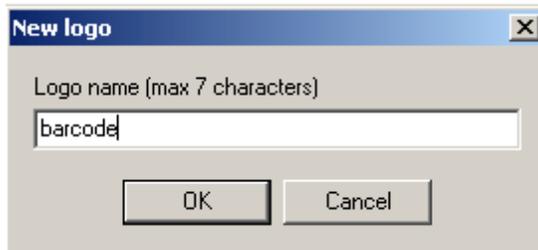
You can both crop and rotate your picture. There is no "crop button". If you position the dotted lines and upload the picture to the Mthp4, only the part of the picture within the dotted lines will be visible.



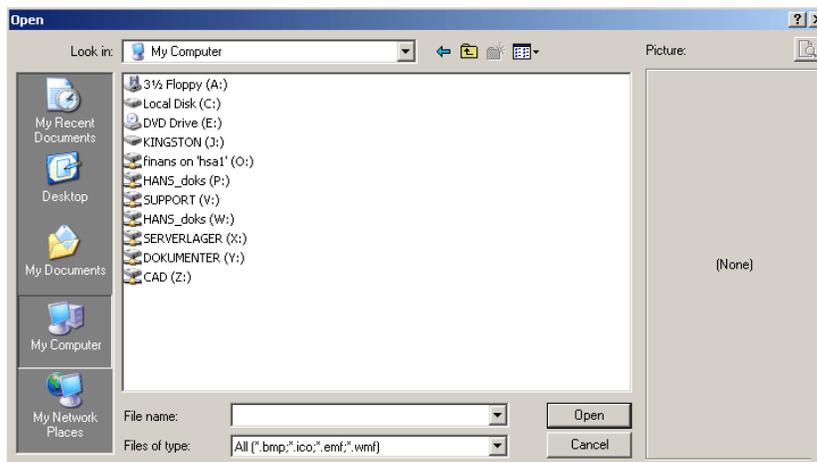
Instead of uploading a file from your hard drive, you can create a 2D barcode.

Select "New logo" 

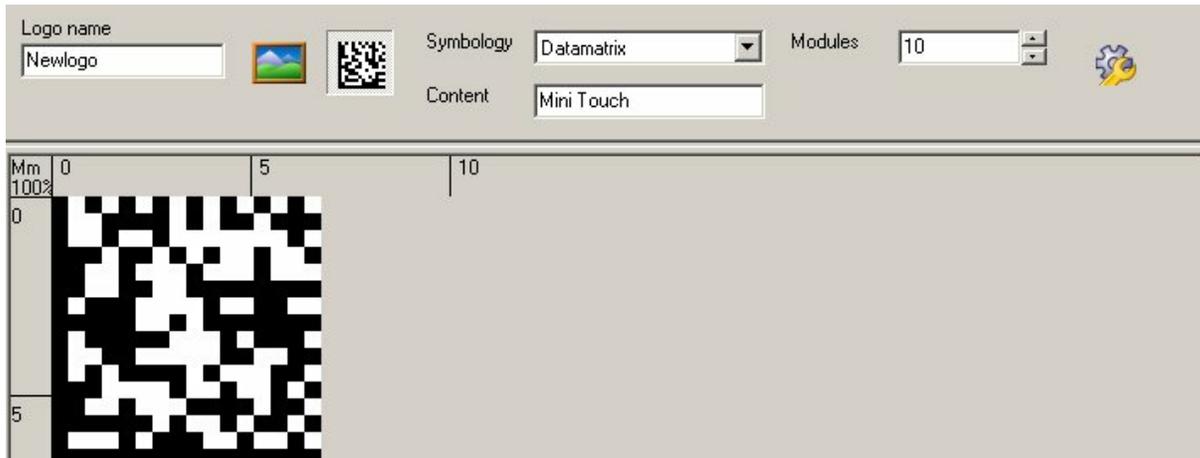
Enter a name for your 2D barcode.



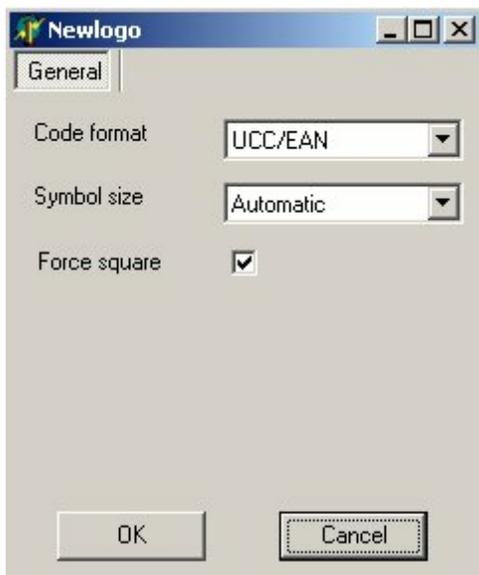
Cancel the load window.



Next, choose symbology and enter a value in the content box. The number of modules determines the width of your barcode. If your barcode type is 2 pixel wide and modules is set to 10, you barcode will be 20 pixels wide.



Next click the properties icon.



Code format determines the encoding. UCC/EAN is most commonly used. Symbol size determines the height and the width of your barcode measured in fields. If symbol size is set to automatic and the box "force square" is checked, only square barcodes are available.

Click ok to continue.

To remove the logo, please highlight the name and click the "remove logo" icon.



You can load a logo from your hard drive(*.tcl) by clicking the "load logo" icon.



By clicking the save icon, you can save your logo to your local hard drive.

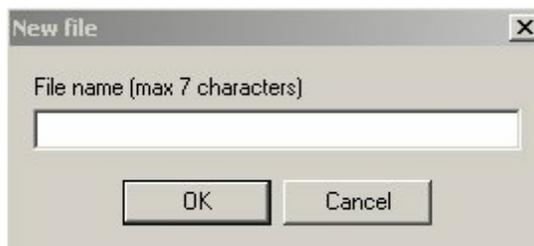


2 How to create a layout

To create a layout, please click the "new file" icon.



Enter a name for your file and click ok.



The name of your file will be visible in the window on the left.



Select a file by clicking on its name in the list.

To remove the selected file from your list, please click the "remove file" icon.



You can save your selected file to your hard drive by clicking the "Save file" icon.



If you want to load a print job stored on your pc, please click the "Load file" icon.



2.1 How to add text object with content

2.1.1 Text object with text

To create a static text, please click the Static text icon.



Please enter the name of your text file and the content of the text field.

A dialog box titled "Static 0" with two tabs: "General" and "Prompt". The "General" tab is active. It contains two text input fields: "Name" with the value "Static 0" and "Text" with the value "Communicator". At the bottom, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Static 0	
General	Prompt
Name	Static 0
Text	Communicator
OK Cancel	

If you want a prompt, click the prompt tab.



The screenshot shows the 'Static 0' dialog box with the 'Prompt' tab selected. The 'General' tab is also visible. The 'Activate' and 'Requires validation' checkboxes are checked. There are four text input fields: 'Question', 'Mask', 'Visible mask', and 'Format'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Please remember to check the box "activate".

Enter your question in the question box.

If you write n in the mask box, only numbers will be accepted.

If you write x in the mask box, only letters will be accepted.

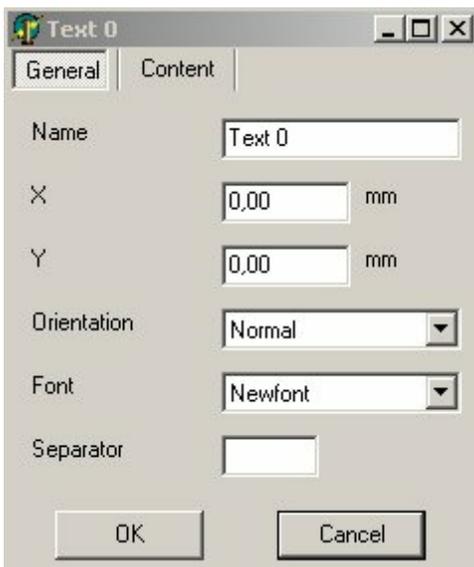
In the visible mask box, type the default answer.

If the validation box is checked, you cannot enter printing mode before a validator has entered a password.

Click Ok.

Next choose the position of your text field, defined by x and y variables.

Choose text orientation and choose font.



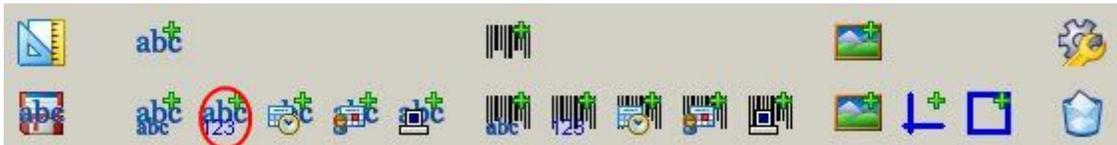
The screenshot shows the 'Text 0' dialog box with the 'Content' tab selected. The 'General' tab is also visible. The 'Name' field contains 'Text 0'. The 'X' and 'Y' fields contain '0,00' and are followed by 'mm'. The 'Orientation' dropdown is set to 'Normal'. The 'Font' dropdown is set to 'Newfont'. There is a 'Separator' text input field. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

Click ok to finish.

2.1.2 Text object with counter

To add a counter to your printout, please click the new counter icon.



Please enter the following:

1. Name of your counter
2. Start value
3. Number of digits
4. Lead in as either spaces, zeros or nothing.

Counter 0

General Counting Prompt

Name Counter 0

Value 0

Digits 1

Lead-in Spaces

OK Cancel

Click the counting tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Counter 0' dialog box with the 'Counting' tab selected. It features three tabs: 'General', 'Counting', and 'Prompt'. The 'Counting' tab contains the following fields and controls:

- 'Minimum value' text box with '0' entered.
- 'Maximum value' text box with '0' entered.
- 'Steps' spinner box with '0' and up/down arrows.
- 'Repeats' spinner box with '1' and up/down arrows.
- An unchecked checkbox labeled 'Reset when print starts'.
- 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

Enter a minimum value and a maximum value if so desired. You can also enter a step value. If for instance you choose 3 as your step value, instead of 1,2,3 the counter will print 3, 6, 9, 12. Number of repeats is how many times the counter will print a certain value before printing the next value.

If you want a prompt, click the prompt tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Counter 1' dialog box with the 'Prompt' tab selected. It features three tabs: 'General', 'Counting', and 'Prompt'. The 'Prompt' tab contains the following fields and controls:

- Two checked checkboxes: 'Activate' and 'Requires validation'.
- 'Question' text box with 'Counter value' entered.
- 'Mask' text box with 'n' entered.
- 'Visible mask' text box with 'nnnnn' entered.
- 'Format' text box with 'nnnnn' entered.
- 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

Enter your question in the question box.

If you write n in the mask box, only numbers will be accepted.

If you write x in the mask box, only letters will be accepted.

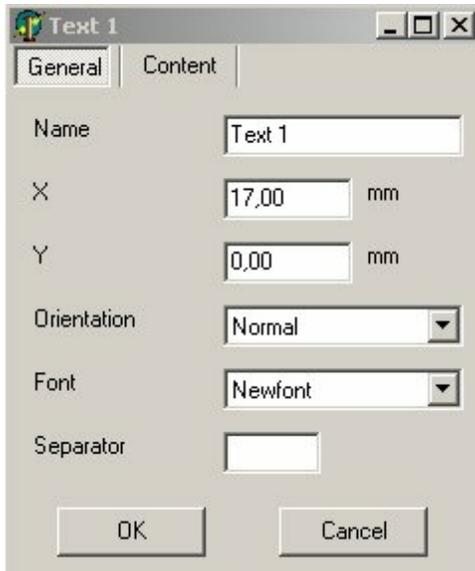
In the number of digits in the format box (nnnnn for a 5 digit counter).

In the visible mask box, type the default answer.

If the validation box is checked, you cannot enter printing mode before a validator has entered a

password.

Click Ok.



Enter x and y variables to position your counter.

Please choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

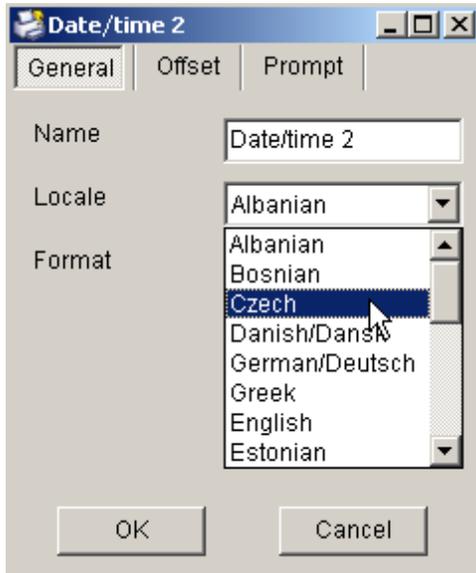
Click ok to finish.

2.1.3 Text object with date/time

To add a date to your printout please click the new date icon.



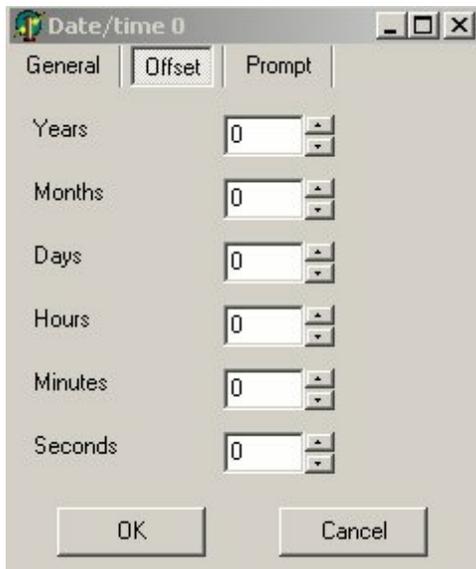
Choose a name for your date stamp. From the drop down menu, please select a locale file.



Next, enter format. Please select from the list below.

y,yy,yyyy	Year with (1, 2 or 4 digits)	ddd	Short name for day (such as mon for Monday)
m	Month number (1 digit)	dddd	Full name for day (such as Monday)
mm	Month number (2 digits)	#d	Number of weekday
mmm	Jan	#j	Day of year (1 digit)
mmm	January	#J	Day of year (3 digits)
#w	Week number (1 digit)	h, hh,	Hour (1 or 2 digits)
#W	Week number (2 digits)	n, nn	Minute (1 or 2 digits)
d	Day of month (1 digit)	s, ss	Second (1 or 2 digits)
dd	Day of month (2 digit)		

Click the offset tab. Here you can offset any variable. For instance, if you offset years with 2, 2009 will be displayed as 2011. This is particular useful, if you wish to add a "best before" stamp to your printout.



If you want a prompt, click the prompt tab.



Enter your question in the question box.

If you write n in the mask box, only numbers will be accepted.

If you write x in the mask box, only letters will be accepted.

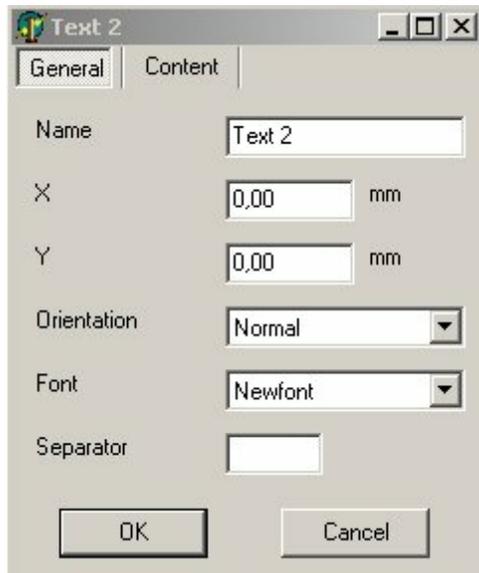
In the visible mask box, type the default question.

If you want the user to enter the date of today, you can for instance write mm-dd-yy.

The letters will be replaced as the user enters the numbers.

Enter the date format in the format box (for instance mm-dd-yy)

If the validation box is checked, you cannot enter printing mode before a validator has entered a password. Click Ok.



Enter x and y variables to position your counter. Please choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

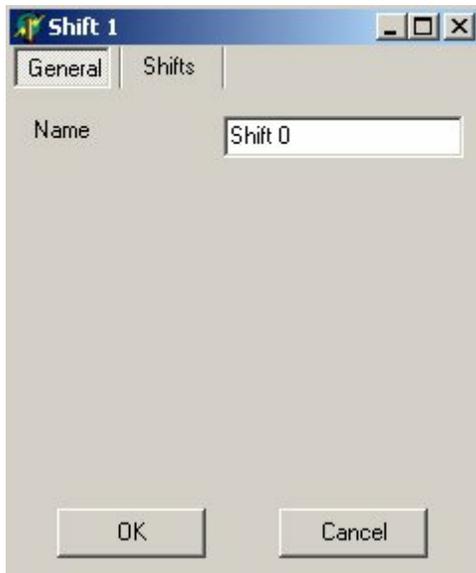
Click ok to finish.

2.1.4 Text object with shiftcode

To add a shiftcode to your printout, please click the "new shiftcode" icon.



Please enter a name for your shiftcode.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Shift 1" with two tabs: "General" and "Shifts". The "General" tab is selected. It contains a "Name" label and a text input field containing "Shift 0". At the bottom, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Next click the "Shifts" tab.



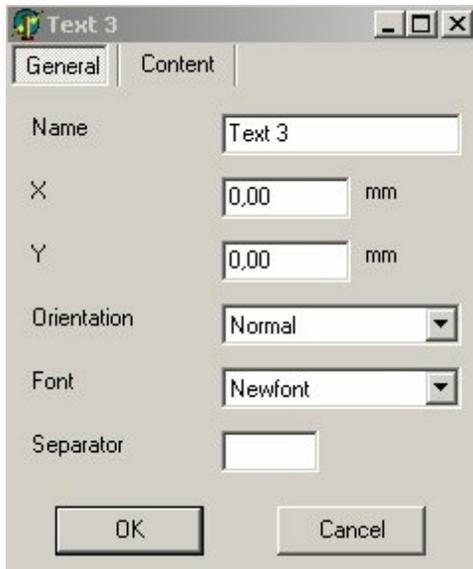
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Shift 0" with two tabs: "General" and "Shifts". The "Shifts" tab is selected. It features a row of five numbered buttons (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), with button "1" highlighted. Below this is a checked checkbox labeled "Activate". There are four input fields: "Text" (containing "Day shift"), "Day" (a dropdown menu showing "Monday"), "Hour" (a spinner box showing "0"), and "Minute" (a spinner box showing "0"). "OK" and "Cancel" buttons are at the bottom.

Please enter your output in the text box.

Choose for which day the rule is going to apply.
Choose the hour when the rule is taking effect.

Please remember to check the checkbox "Activate".

Click Ok.



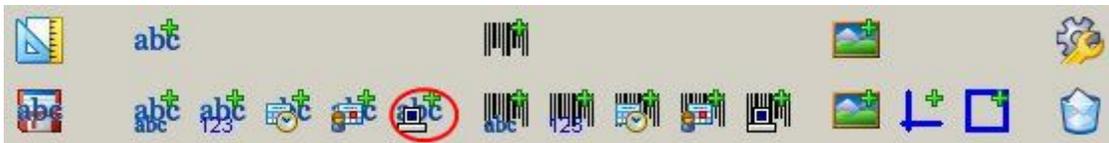
Please choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

Please enter a x and a y variable to position your shiftcode on your printout.
You can also move it manually later. Click ok.

2.1.5 Text object with system data

To add a system data to your printout, please click the "systemdata icon" icon.

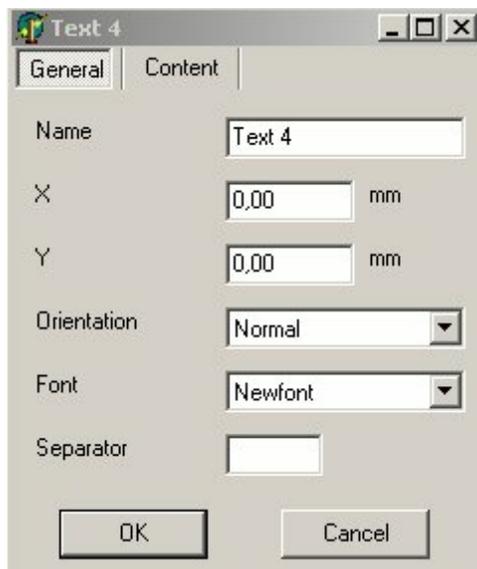


Choose a name and choose the data type you wish to display in your printout.
You can display either "user name", "Line name", "File name", "Print counter" or "validator name".



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "System 0". It has a "General" tab selected. The "Name" field is filled with "System 0". The "Data type" dropdown menu is set to "Username". At the bottom, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Click ok.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Text 4". It has two tabs: "General" and "Content". The "General" tab is active. The "Name" field is filled with "Text 4". The "X" and "Y" coordinates are both set to "0,00 mm". The "Orientation" dropdown menu is set to "Normal". The "Font" dropdown menu is set to "Newfont". There is an empty "Separator" field. At the bottom, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Please enter a x and a y variable to position the system data on your printout.
You can also move it manually later.

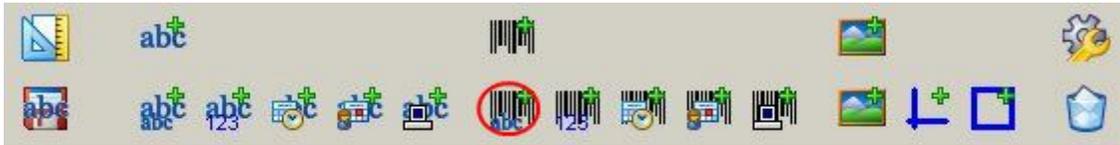
Please choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information. Click ok.

2.2 How to add barcode objects with content

2.2.1 Barcode object with text

To create a static barcode, please click the barcode with text icon.



Choose a name for your barcode and type in the text you wish to display in your printout.

Static 1

General Prompt

Name

Text

OK Cancel

If you want a prompt, click the prompt tab.

Static 1

General Prompt

Activate

Requires validation

Question

Mask

Visible mask

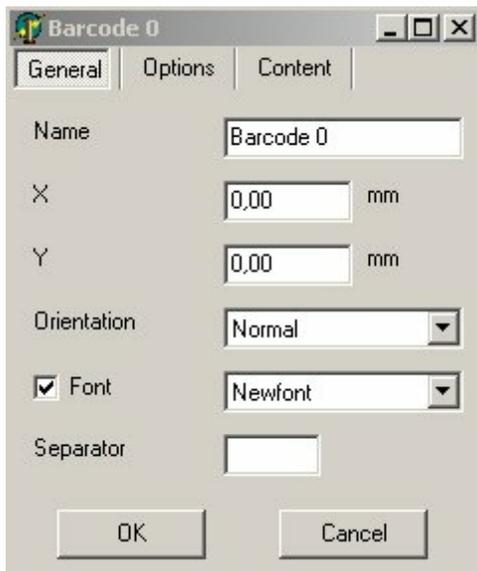
Format

OK Cancel

Please remember to check the box "activate".
Enter your question in the question box.

If you write n in the mask box, only numbers will be accepted.
If you write x in the mask box, only letters will be accepted.
In the visible mask box, type the default answer.
In the number of digits in the format box (nnnnnnnn for a barcode with 8 digits)

If the validation box is checked, you cannot enter printing mode before a validator has entered a password.
Click Ok.



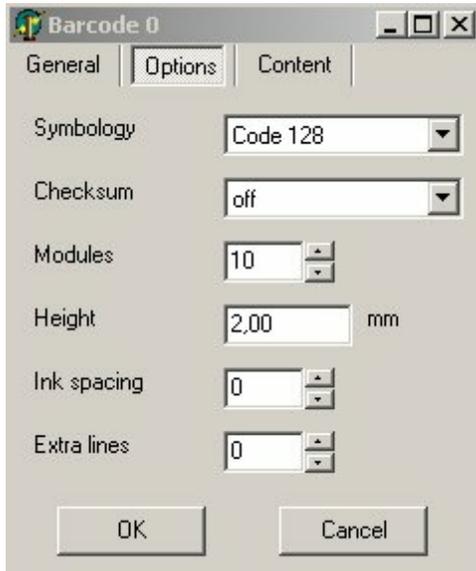
Type in x and y variables to position your barcode on the layout.

Choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

Please enter a x and a y variable to position the system data on your printout.
You can also move it manually later.

Next click the Options tab.



Please choose barcode symbology and turn checksum on or off as required.

Please type in a value in the height box. The width of your barcode is determined by modules.

If needed, you can enter a value for ink spacing. This will add extra space between the bars.

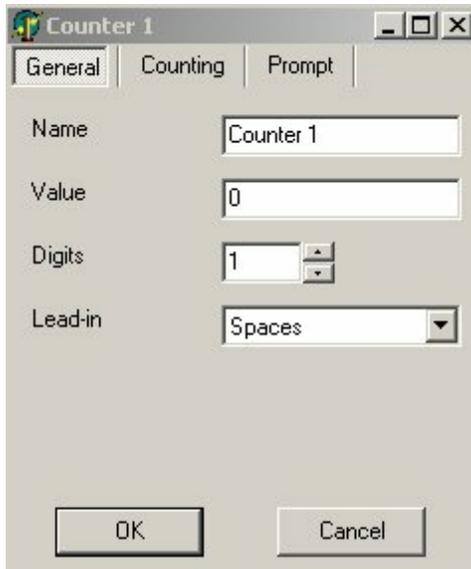
When you have finished editing, click ok to continue.

2.2.2 Barcode object with counter

To add a counter to your printout, please click the counter icon.

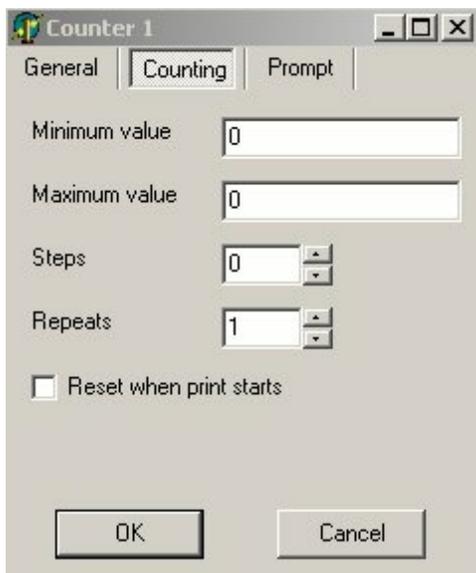


Type in a name for your counter and choose the start value.
Choose how many digits you want and if led-in should be zeros, spaces or nothing.



The screenshot shows the 'Counter 1' dialog box with the 'General' tab selected. The fields are: Name: Counter 1, Value: 0, Digits: 1, and Lead-in: Spaces. There are OK and Cancel buttons at the bottom.

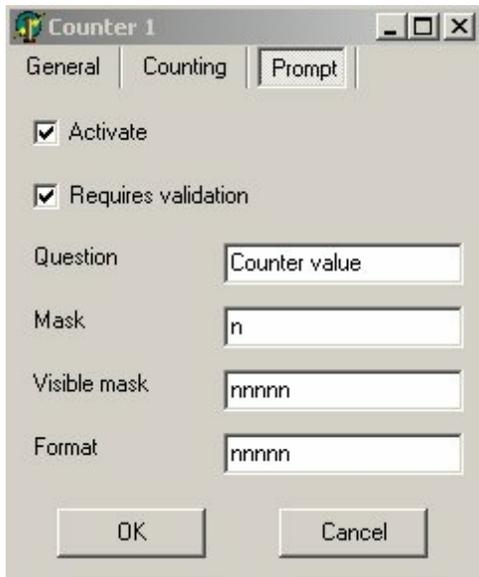
Click the counting tab.



The screenshot shows the 'Counter 1' dialog box with the 'Counting' tab selected. The fields are: Minimum value: 0, Maximum value: 0, Steps: 0, and Repeats: 1. There is an unchecked checkbox for 'Reset when print starts'. There are OK and Cancel buttons at the bottom.

Enter a minimum value and a maximum value if so desired.
You can also enter a step value. If for instance you choose 3 as your step value, instead of 1,2,3 the counter will print 3, 6, 9,12. Number of repeats is how many times the counter will print a certain value before printing the next value.

If you want a prompt, click the Prompt tab.



The screenshot shows the 'Counter 1' dialog box with the 'Prompt' tab selected. The 'Activate' and 'Requires validation' checkboxes are checked. The 'Question' field contains 'Counter value', the 'Mask' field contains 'n', the 'Visible mask' field contains 'nnnnn', and the 'Format' field contains 'nnnnn'. There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

Enter your question in the question box.

If you write n in the mask box, only numbers will be accepted.

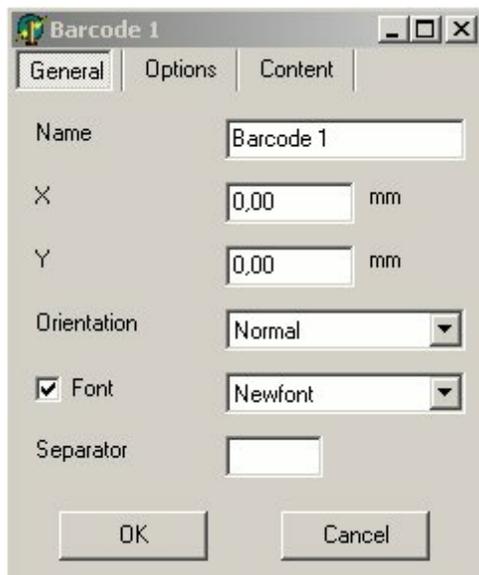
If you write x in the mask box, only letters will be accepted.

In the number of digits in the format box (nnnnn for a 5 digit counter).

In the visible mask box, type the default answer.

If the validation box is checked, you cannot enter printing mode before a validator has entered a password.

Click Ok.



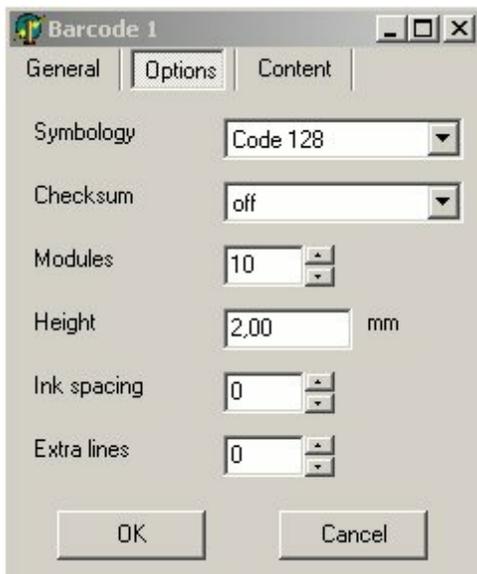
The screenshot shows the 'Barcode 1' dialog box with the 'General' tab selected. The 'Name' field contains 'Barcode 1'. The 'X' and 'Y' fields both contain '0,00' and are followed by 'mm'. The 'Orientation' dropdown is set to 'Normal'. The 'Font' checkbox is checked and the 'Font' dropdown is set to 'Newfont'. The 'Separator' field is empty. There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

Please type in x and y variables to position your barcode on your layout.

Next choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

Click the options tab.



Please choose barcode symbology and turn checksum on or off as required.

Please type in a value in the height box. The width of your barcode is determined by modules.

If needed, you can enter a value for ink spacing. This will add extra space between the bars.

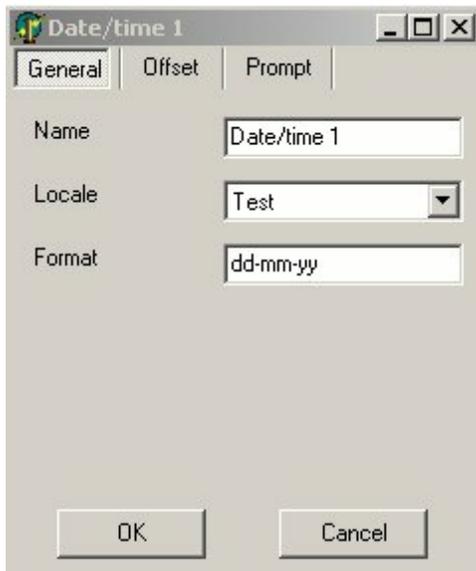
When you have finished editing, click ok to continue.

2.2.3 Barcode object with date/time

To add date to your printout, please click the date icon.

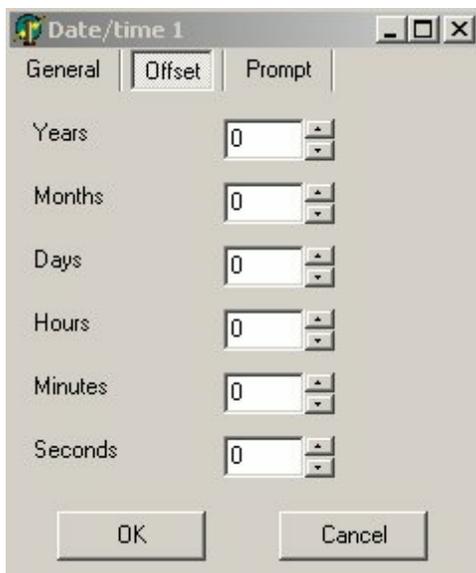


Please type in a name for your date stamp.
Choose local settings and in the format box please choose how you want the date to be displayed.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Date/time 1" with three tabs: "General", "Offset", and "Prompt". The "General" tab is selected. It contains three input fields: "Name" with the text "Date/time 1", "Locale" with a dropdown menu showing "Test", and "Format" with the text "dd-mm-yy". At the bottom are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Click the offset tab. Here you can offset any variable. For instance, if you offset years with 2, 2009 will be displayed as 2011.



The screenshot shows the same "Date/time 1" dialog box, but with the "Offset" tab selected. It features six spinners for "Years", "Months", "Days", "Hours", "Minutes", and "Seconds", each currently set to "0". "OK" and "Cancel" buttons are at the bottom.

If you want a prompt, click the prompt tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Date/time 1' dialog box with the 'Prompt' tab selected. The 'Activate' and 'Requires validation' checkboxes are checked. The 'Question' field contains 'Today's Date', the 'Mask' field contains 'n', the 'Visible mask' field contains 'mm-dd-yy', and the 'Format' field contains 'mm-dd-yy'. There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

Enter your question in the question box.

If you write n in the mask box, only numbers will be accepted.

If you write x in the mask box, only letters will be accepted.

In the visible mask box, type the default answer.

If you want the user to enter the date of today, you can for instance write mm-dd-yy.

The letters will be replaced as the user enters the numbers.

Enter the date format in the format box (for instance mm-dd-yy)

If the validation box is checked, you cannot enter printing mode before a validator has entered a password. Click Ok.

The screenshot shows the 'Barcode 2' dialog box with the 'General' tab selected. The 'Name' field contains 'Barcode 2'. The 'X' and 'Y' fields both contain '0,00' and are followed by 'mm'. The 'Orientation' dropdown is set to 'Normal'. The 'Font' checkbox is checked and the 'Font' dropdown is set to 'Newfont'. The 'Separator' field is empty. There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

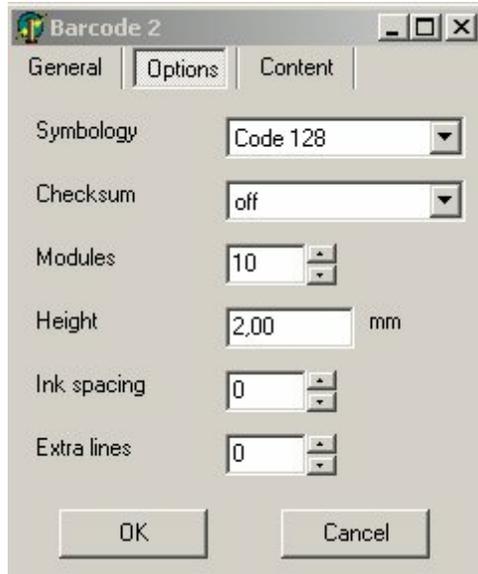
Type in x and y variables to position your barcode on your layout.

Later you can position your barcodes manually by using your mouse.

Choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

Next click the options tab.



Please choose barcode symbology and turn checksum on or off as required.

Please type in a value in the height box. The width of your barcode is determined by modules.

If needed, you can enter a value for ink spacing. This will add extra space between the bars.

When you have finished editing, click ok to continue.

2.2.4 Barcode object with shiftcode

To add a shift code to your printout, please click the shift code icon.



Please type in a name for your shiftcode.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Shift 0" with two tabs: "General" and "Shifts". The "General" tab is selected. It contains a "Name" label and a text input field containing "Shift 1". At the bottom, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

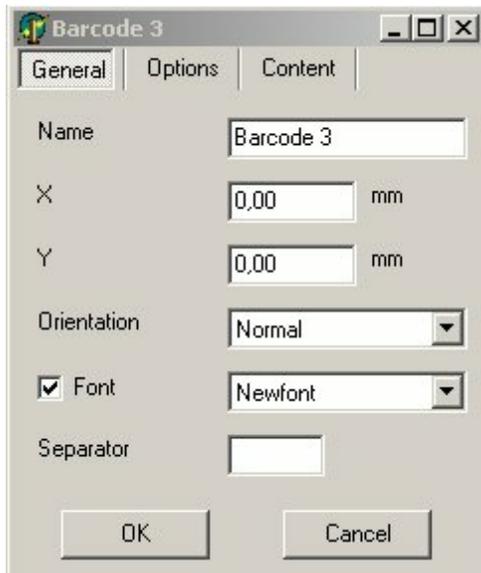
Click the shifts tab.



The screenshot shows the same "Shift 0" dialog box, but with the "Shifts" tab selected. It features five numbered buttons (1-5) at the top, with button "1" highlighted. Below these is a checked "Activate" checkbox. There are four input fields: "Text" (containing "Day shift"), "Day" (a dropdown menu showing "Monday"), "Hour" (a spinner box showing "0"), and "Minute" (a spinner box showing "0"). "OK" and "Cancel" buttons are at the bottom.

Please enter a text in the text box.

Choose for which day the rule is going to apply.
Choose the hour when the rule is taking effect.
Please remember to check the checkbox "Activate".
Click Ok.

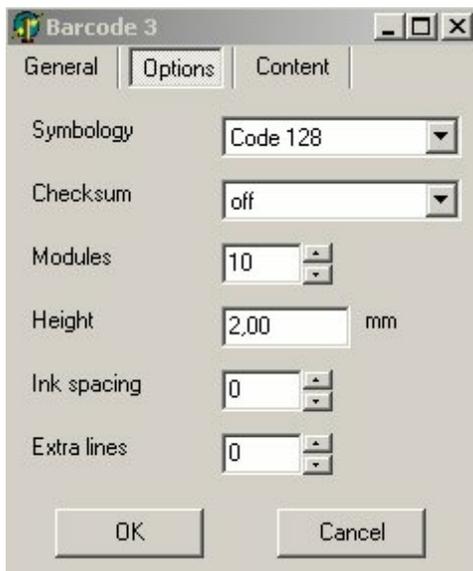


Please type in x and y variables to position your barcode on your layout.

Choose font and orientation.

Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

Next click the options tab.



Please choose barcode symbology and turn checksum on or off as required.

Please type in a value in the height box. The width of your barcode is determined by modules.

If needed, you can enter a value for ink spacing. This will add extra space between the bars.

When you have finished editing, click ok to continue.

2.2.5 Barcode object with system data

To add system data to your printout, please click the system data code icon.

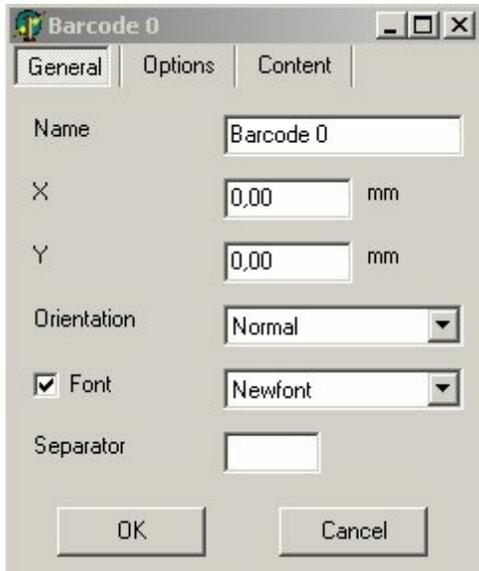


Please type in a name for your barcodes and choose the type of data you want to be displayed in your printout. Click ok to continue.



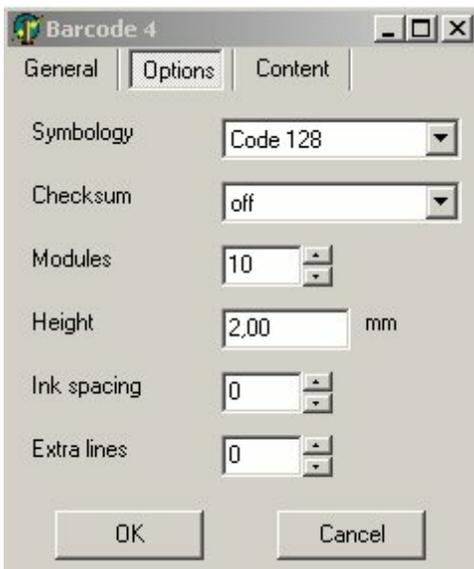
Type in x and y variables to position your barcode in your printout.

Choose font and orientation.



Important! Orientation settings must match your font rotation settings. If your orientation is "90 clockwise" but your font rotation settings have been set to normal, your content will not be visible. Please refer to fonts section of this manual for further information.

Next click the options tab.



Please choose barcode symbology and turn checksum on or off as required.
Please type in a value in the height box. The width of your barcode is determined by modules.
If needed, you can enter a value for ink spacing. This will add extra space between the bars.
When you have finished editing, click ok to continue.

2.3 How to add graphical objects

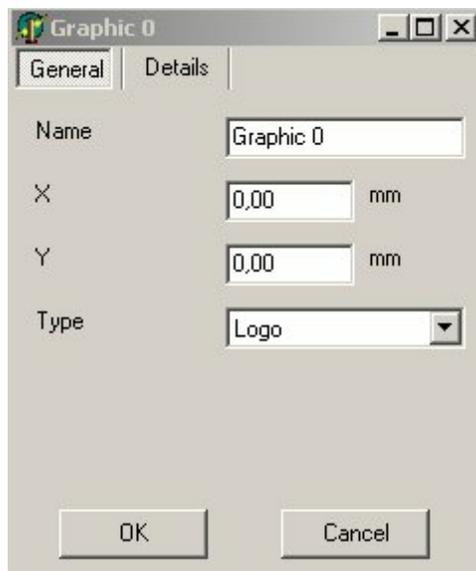
2.3.1 Logos

To add a logo to your printout, please click the add logo icon.



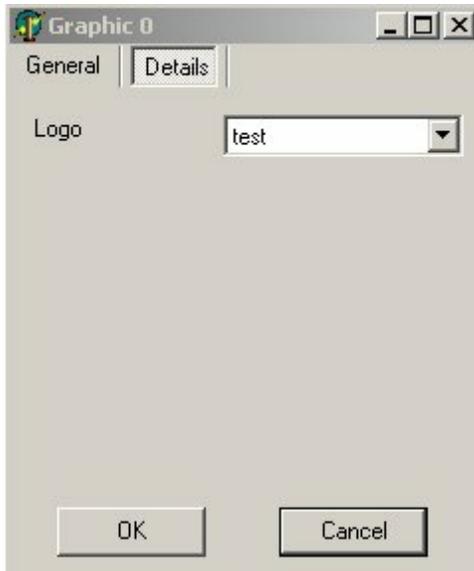
Choose a name for your logo.

Type in x and y variables to position your logo on your layout.



Graphic 0	
General	
Name	Graphic 0
X	0,00 mm
Y	0,00 mm
Type	Logo
OK Cancel	

Click the details tab and choose the logo you wish to display.

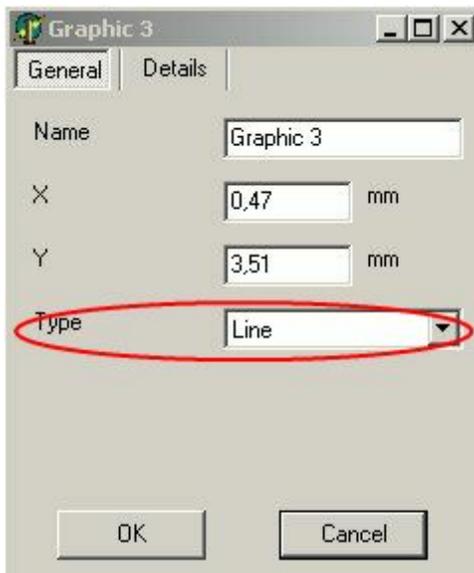


Please note that you can only show logos you have uploaded as part of your package. Please refer to the chapter "How to add Logos". Click ok to continue.

Any time later, you can change your logo to a line or a box. Highlight object in the layout.



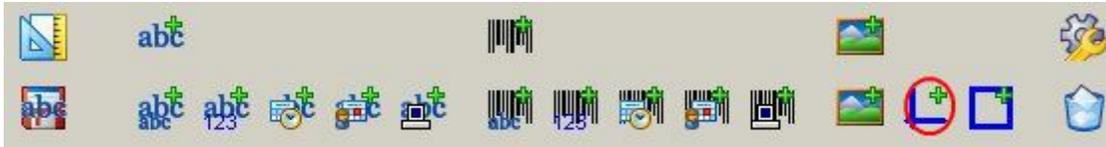
Click the properties icon and change the type to either line or box.



Click ok to finish.

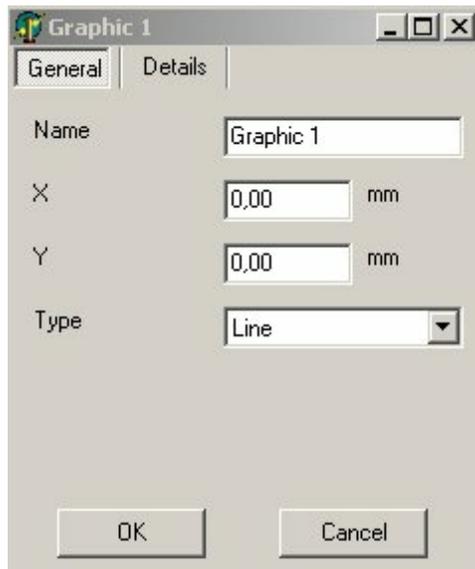
2.3.2 Lines

To add a line to your printout, please click the add line icon.



Choose a name for your line.

Type in x and y variables to determine where on the layout you want your line to start.



Click the details tab.



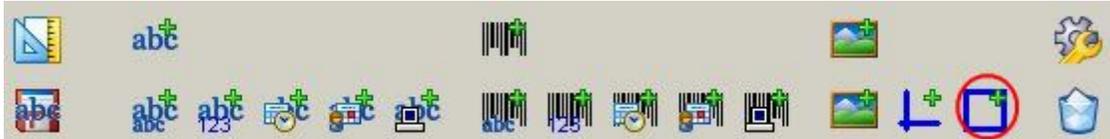
Choose the direction of your line.

Choose length and width of your line.

Click ok.

2.3.3 Boxes

To create a box in your printout, please click the "create box" icon.

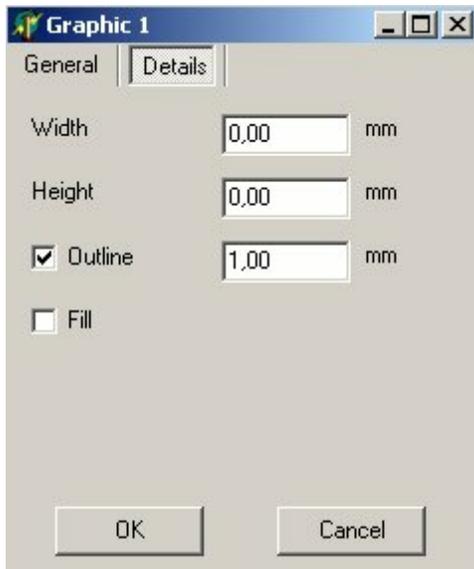


Choose a name for your box.

Type in x and y coordinates to position your box on your layout. The coordinates refer to the upper left corner of the box.

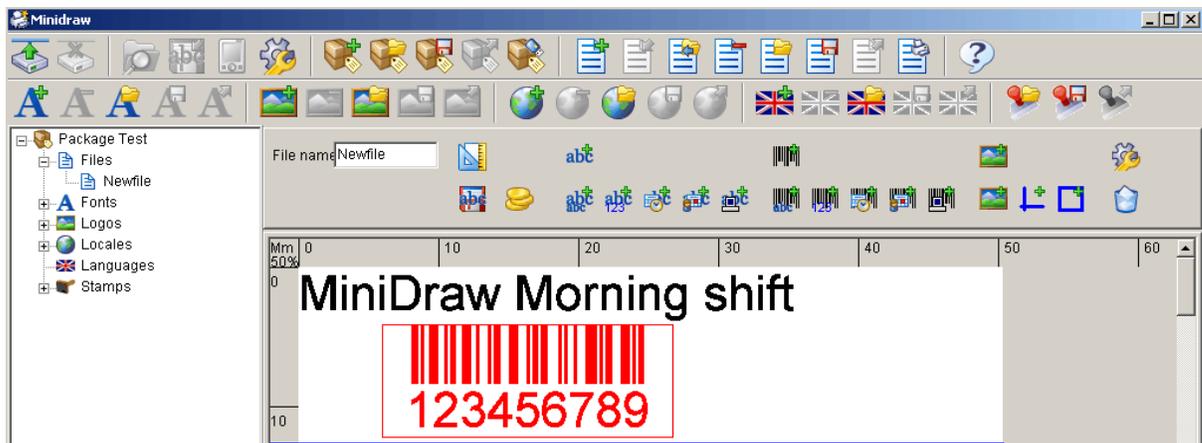
Graphic 1	
General	Details
Name	Graphic 1
X	0,00 mm
Y	0,00 mm
Type	Box
OK Cancel	

Click the details tab.



Choose the height and width of your box.
 To make your box visible, please remember to check the box "outline".
 Enter a value in mm that refers to the thickness of the lines.
 If you check the box "Fill" the box will be displayed solid.
 Click ok to continue.

2.4 Finish your printout



If your layout is bigger than the program window, you can take advantage of the miniDraw zoom function. Simply highlight an object on your canvas and use +/- on your keyboard to zoom in and out.

When all elements have been added, you can re-arrange them with your mouse.

You can delete any element by highlighting it and clicking the paper basket icon.



You can change the layout settings by clicking the layout settings icon.



You can edit the properties of any static text or barcode by clicking the "edit properties" icon.



2.5 Calculate costs

To calculate costs, click on the cost button.



Enter the following information:

1. Drop size
2. Ink price
3. Production (number of prints)

Drop size differs from ink ink. Please contact your ink supplier for advice.

miniDraw will calculate:

1. Coverage
2. Dots/print
3. Cost/production

Cost calculation		
Drop size	<input type="text" value="25"/>	pl
Ink price	<input type="text" value="100"/>	per liter
Production	<input type="text" value="100000"/>	pieces
Coverage	1.21 %	
Dots/print	17474	
Cost/print	0.043685	
Cost/production	4368.5	
<input type="button" value="Close"/>		

2.6 Make a test print

To print the layout on your office printer, click on the print button.

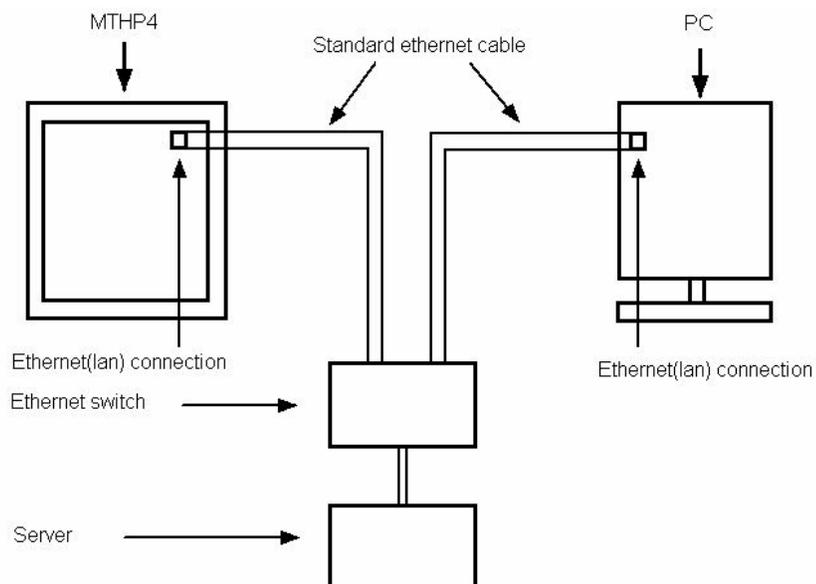


3 Upload your files to the controller

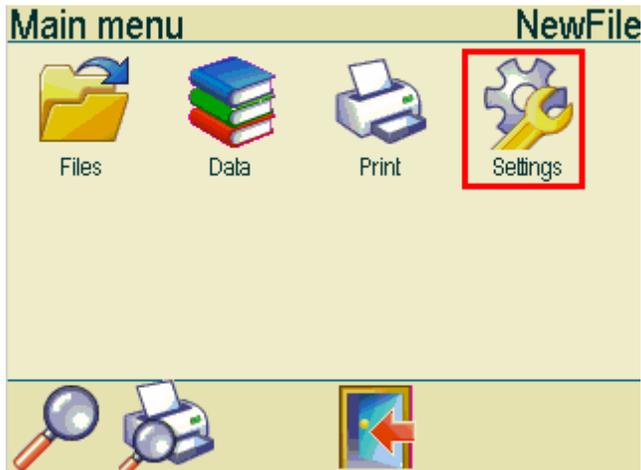
3.1 How to setup an ethernet connection

3.1.1 How to setup lan connection

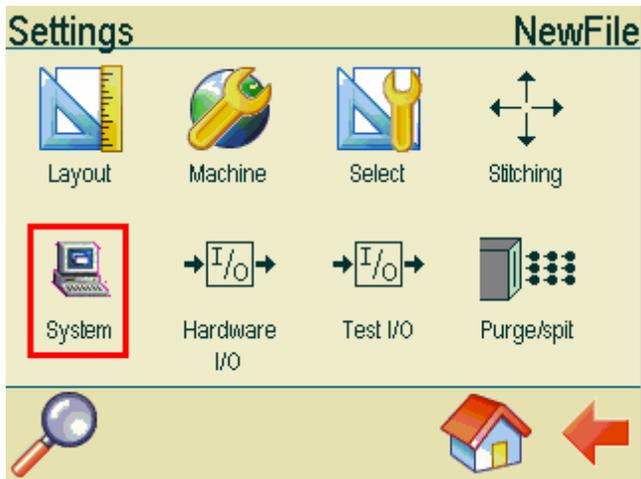
Connect Mthp4 and office pc to the local area network as shown below.



Go to the main menu on the Mthp4 and choose settings.



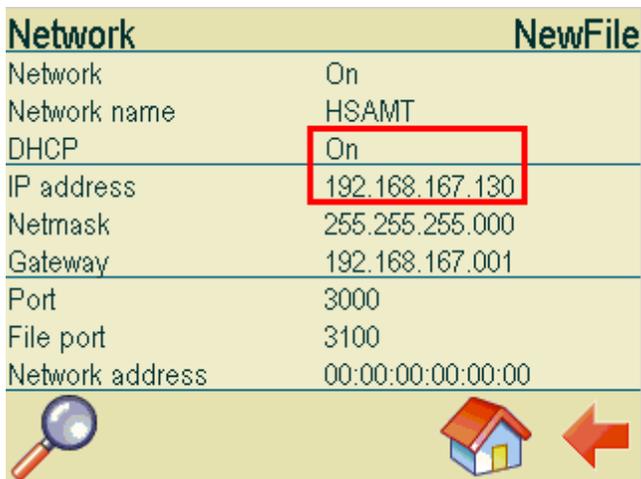
In the settings menu, choose System.



In the system menu, please choose network.



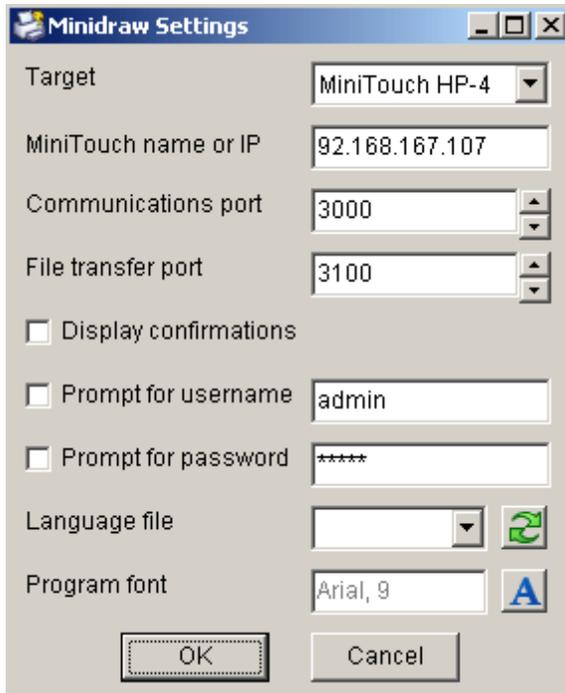
Please write down the IP address, port number, netmask and gateway. DHCP is set to on.



Start miniDraw. In the main menu, please click the settings icon.



In the settings menu, please enter the Mthp4 IP address. The network name can be used as well and this is often preferred if DHCP is turned on, as the IP address can change. Press ok to continue.



To connect to the Mthp4, please click the connect icon.

If your Mthp4 is password protected, you will be prompted for username and password.



If connection is successful, the message "Remotely controlled" will be shown on theMthp4.

If connection is unsuccessful, the following message will be shown in miniDraw. Check your network preferences.



To disconnect, please click the disconnect icon.



3.1.2 How to setup direct Connection

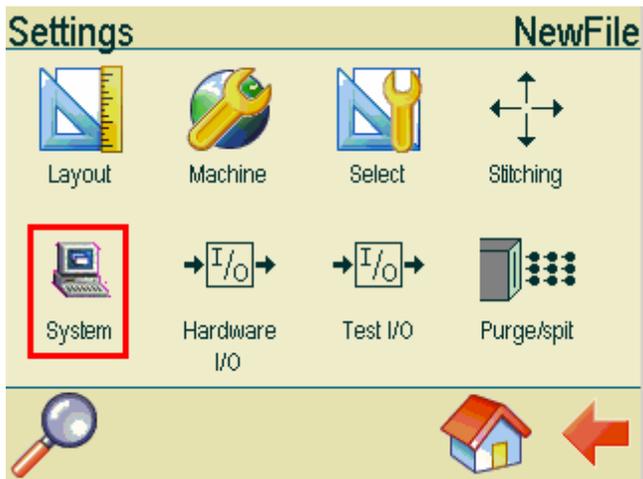
Connect the Mthp4 to your office pc using a crossover cable (nulmodem cable).

Next , go to network settings on theMthp4.

In the main menu, select settings.



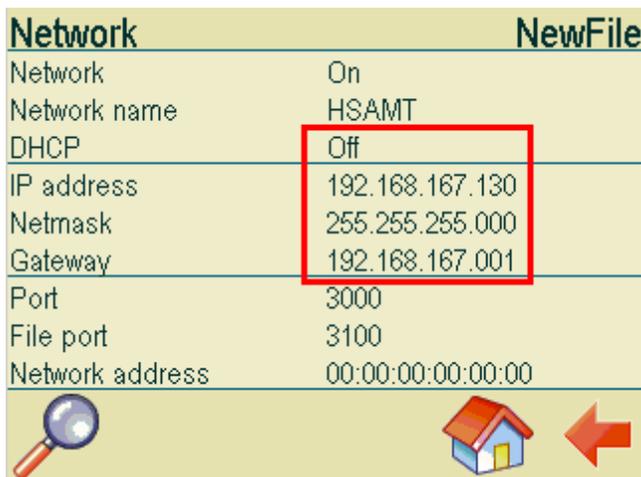
In the settings menu, choose System.



In the system menu, please choose network.



Please write down the IP address, netmask and gateway shown in the network menu. DHCP is set to off.



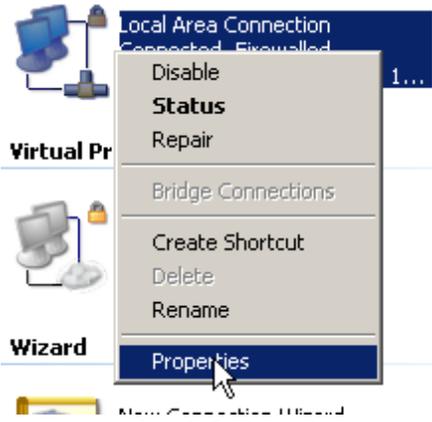
If no values are shown except a line of zeros, please enter the values manually.

Next, change the settings on your pc.

Go to "Settings" -> "Control panel" -> "Network connections"

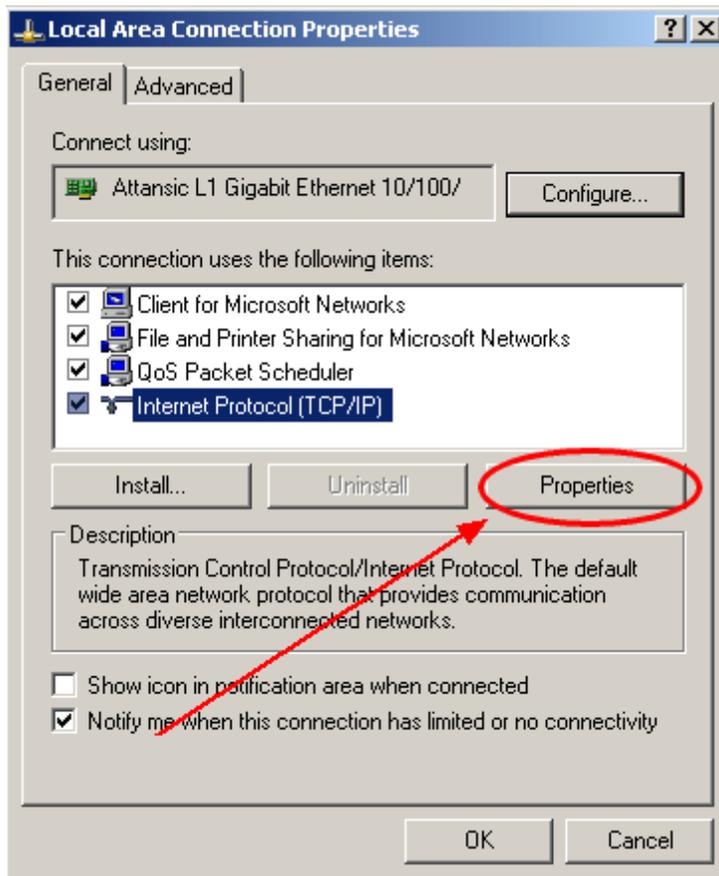


Highlight the connection icon, left click on the icon and the right click on “Properties”



Now the menu “Connection properties” should be on your screen.

In the window please highlight the icon “Internet protocol” and click properties.



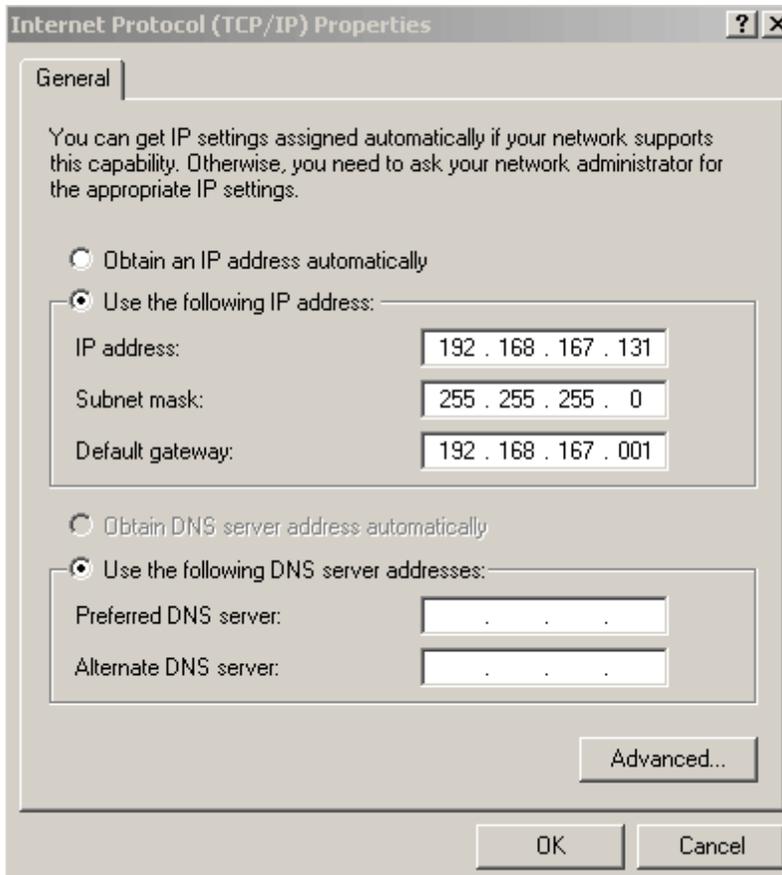
Check the box “use the following IP address”.

In the box “Ip address” enter the ip address from the Mthp4 but change the last digit.

Example. If the IP address from the Mthp4 is 192.168.167.130 please enter 192.168.167.131.

In the box “subnet mask” enter the netmask numbers from the Mthp4 .

In the box “default gateway” please enter the gateway numbers from the Mthp4 .

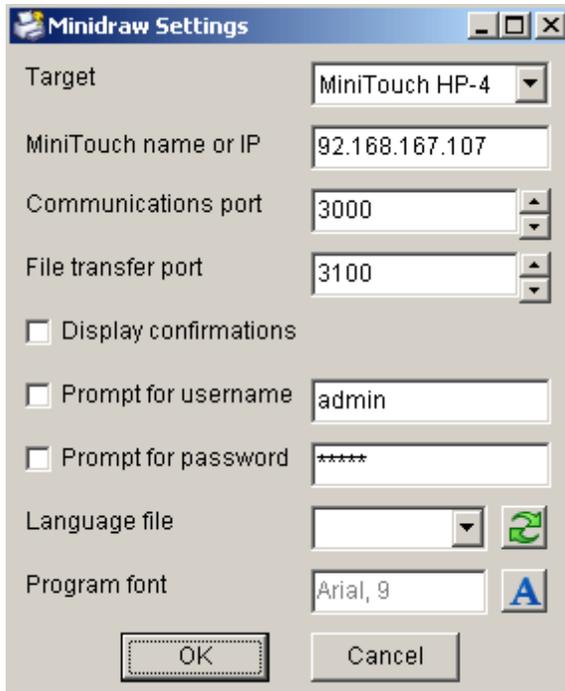


Click ok to continue. You may have to restart your computer.

Start miniDraw. In the main menu, please click the settings icon.



In the settings menu, please enter the Mthp4 IP address. Press ok to continue.



The screenshot shows the 'Minidraw Settings' dialog box. It contains the following fields and options:

- Target: MiniTouch HP-4 (dropdown menu)
- MiniTouch name or IP: 92.168.167.107 (text input)
- Communications port: 3000 (spin box)
- File transfer port: 3100 (spin box)
- Display confirmations
- Prompt for username: admin (text input)
- Prompt for password: ***** (text input)
- Language file: (dropdown menu) with a refresh icon
- Program font: Arial, 9 (text input) with a font icon
- Buttons: OK and Cancel



To connect to the Mthp4, please click the connect icon.

If your Mthp4 is password protected, you will be prompted for username and password.



The screenshot shows the 'Login' dialog box. It contains the following elements:

- Enter user name (text input)
- Buttons: OK and Cancel

If connection is successful, the message "Remotely controlled" will be shown on theMthp4.

If connection is unsuccessful, the following message will be shown in miniDraw. Check your network preferences.



The screenshot shows the 'Minidraw' error message dialog box. It contains the following text and button:

Could not connect to the device. Check your network preferences and make sure a connection is possible.

Buttons: OK

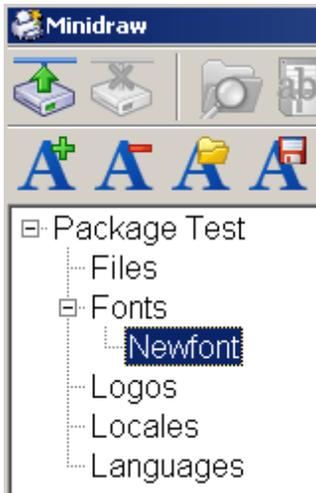
To disconnect, please click the disconnect icon.



3.1.3 How to upload your files

You can upload your files in two ways. You can upload each file individually or you can upload the entire file package.

In the list on the left, please highlight the item you wish to upload.



To start the upload click one of the icons shown below.'

Upload font	
Upload logo	
Upload locale settings	
Upload language	
Upload layout	
Upload entire package	

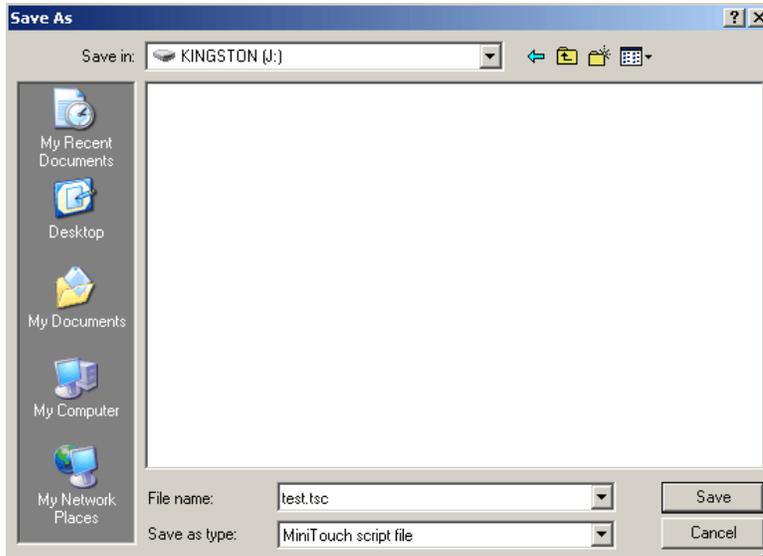
Important. If you are uploading a language file, you will be prompted for a password. To obtain the password, please contact HSA Systems.

3.2 How to upload via USB

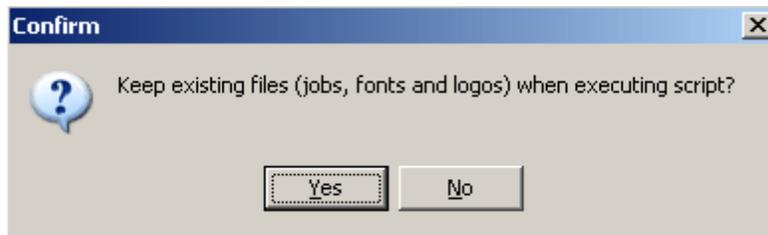
Click on the USB button.



Find the location of your USB key, type in a filename and click save as.



Next, the following prompt will be displayed.



You can opt to either keep or delete the files presently stored on the Mthp4 when upload begins.

Warning! If you select no, all files on the Mthp4 will be deleted when upload begins. The files cannot be retrieved later.

To upload, plug the USB into the Mthp4. Please refer to the Mthp4 User Manual for further information.

4 Additional Functions

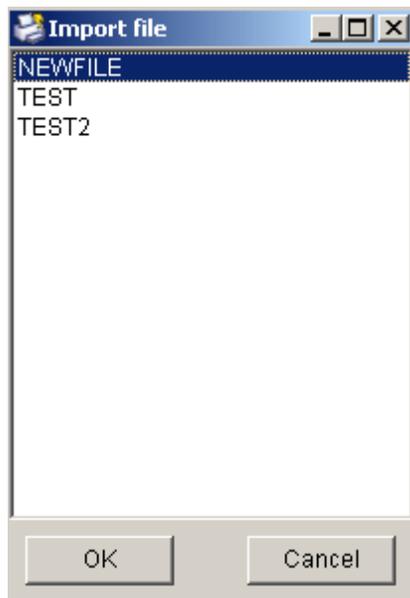
4.1 How to download layouts

To download layouts from your controller, setup a lan connection or direct connection and connect to the controller.

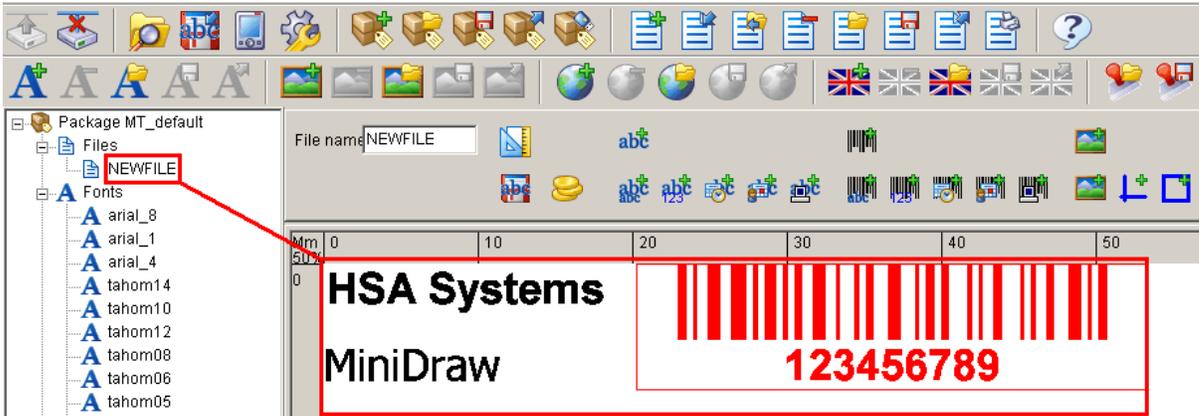
Next, click the download button.



miniDraw will display a list of the layouts presently stored on the Mthp4. To download, please highlight the name of a layout and click ok.



When download is complete, the layout name will be shown in the list on the left and content will be shown in the window on the right.



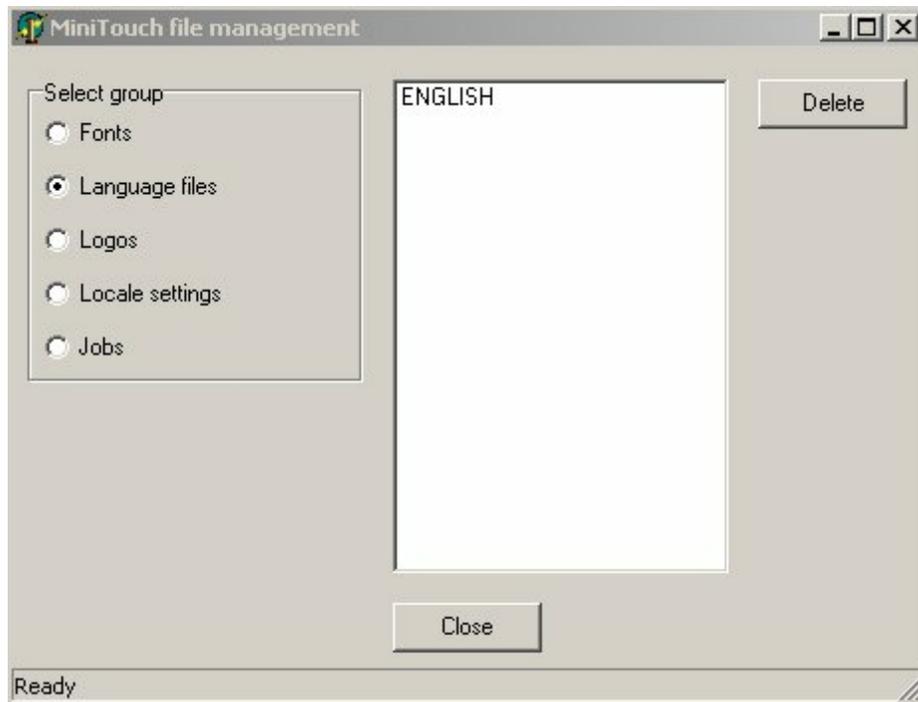
4.2 How to delete files remotely

The following will describe how to delete files on the Mthp4 remotely. Please notice that this is the only way fonts and locale files can be deleted.

First, setup a IAN connection or direct connection and connect to the controller. In the main menu, please click the files management icon.



Select file type in the box on the left. The files stored on your Mthp4 will be shown in the box on the right. Highlight the file you wish to remove and click the delete button. This will remove the file.



4.3 Logfiles

4.3.1 How to setup printlogfile

You can add objects from your layout to a printlogfile. When you are printing, the object values will be saved to a text file.

Example. If you would like to print an item number and a counter, the information saved to the logfile will be shown like this:

```
(Item number), 00001  
(Item number), 00002  
(Item number), 00003  
(Item number), 00004  
(Item number), 00005
```

To setup the logfile function, click logfile button.



Check the "active" box and enter a symbol in the separator box , to separate the content.



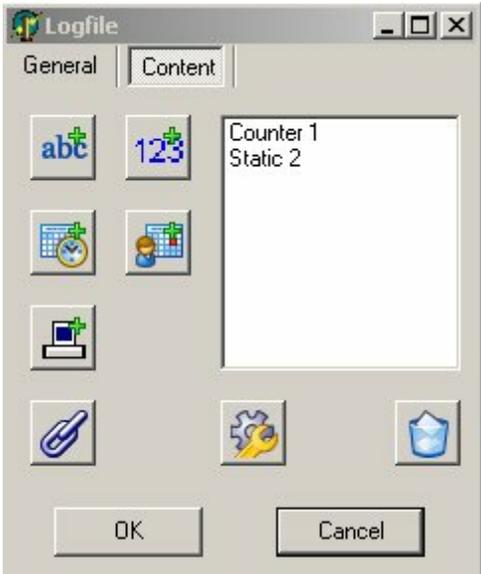
Click the content tab. Next, select the link icon at the bottom of the screen.



This window displays the object currently on your layout. Select the object you want to add to the printlog and click ok to return to the previous screen.



The added objects will be displayed in the window on the right. To add another object, click the link icon again. To exit, click ok.



4.3.2 How to extract logfiles

To download log files from your controller, setup a lan connection or direct connection and connect to the controller.

You can retrieve the log file or the Data log stored on the Mthp4 by following these steps:

Click on the log file button

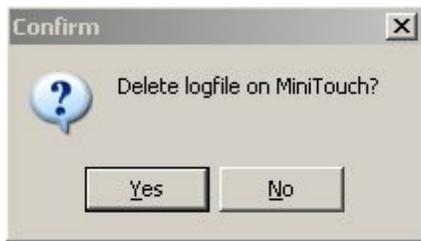


Select either log file or printer log.



Choose a location on your hard drive, type inn a name and click "save".

Next step is to decide if you want to keep the file on your Mthp4 or delete it.



Finally you can display the log file content on your screen.



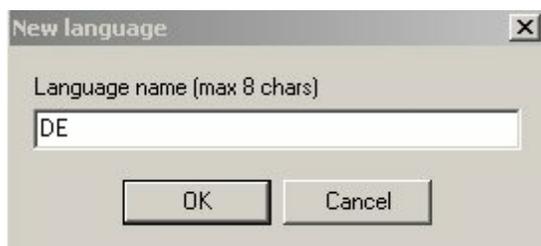
4.4 How to create language files

Mthp4 comes with a number of different languages. If your language is not among them, you can make a translation of your own.

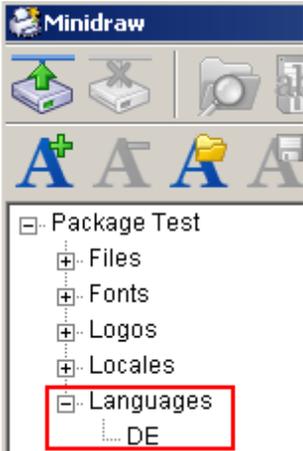
To add a new language, please click the New Language icon.



Please choose a name for the language(no longer than 8 characters) and click ok.



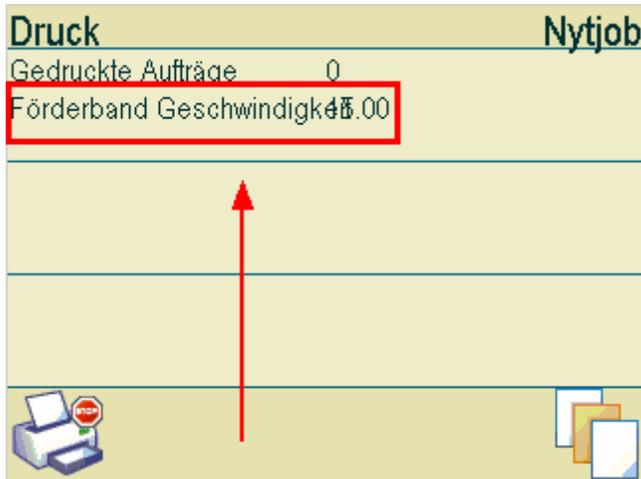
Now the language will be visible in the list.



Translate all names and messages to the language of your choice. At the top of the screen, you can change the character set if required.

Language name	Character set	
<input type="text" value="DE"/>	<input type="text" value="Ansi"/>	
Confirmation screen		
Please confirm	Yes	No
<input type="text" value="Please confirm"/>	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Login screens		
Login	Enter username	Enter password
<input type="text" value="Login"/>	<input type="text" value="Enter username"/>	<input type="text" value="Enter password"/>
Shutdown message		
MiniTouch turned off		
<input type="text" value="MiniTouch turned off"/>		
Main menu		
Main menu	Print	Files
<input type="text" value="Main menu"/>	<input type="text" value="Print"/>	<input type="text" value="Files"/>
Data	Settings	
<input type="text" value="Data"/>	<input type="text" value="Settings"/>	

However, there is a limit to the number of characters and spaces you can use. If a translation is too long, it will partly cover another translation thus making it unreadable.



If the translation in the box is too long, the box will turn red.



To remove a language, please highlight the language in the list and click the "remove language" icon.



You can load a language file from your hard drive by clicking the "load language" icon.



By clicking the save icon, you can save the language to your local hard drive.



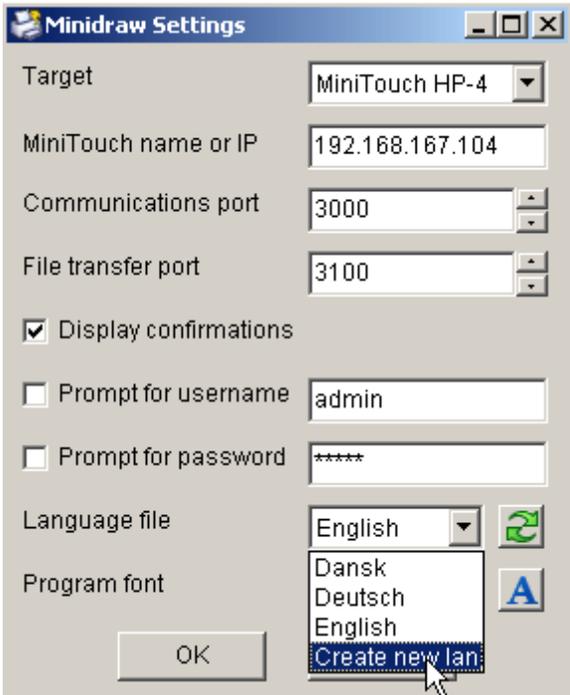
To upload the language file to the Mthp4, please read the section "upload your files to the controller".

4.5 Minidraw settings

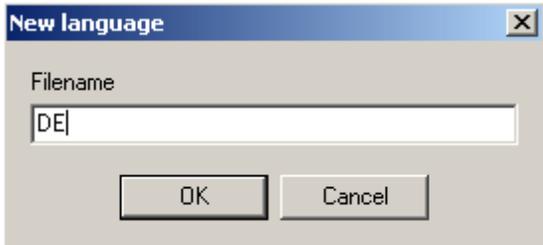
To change the menu language, select the settings icon.



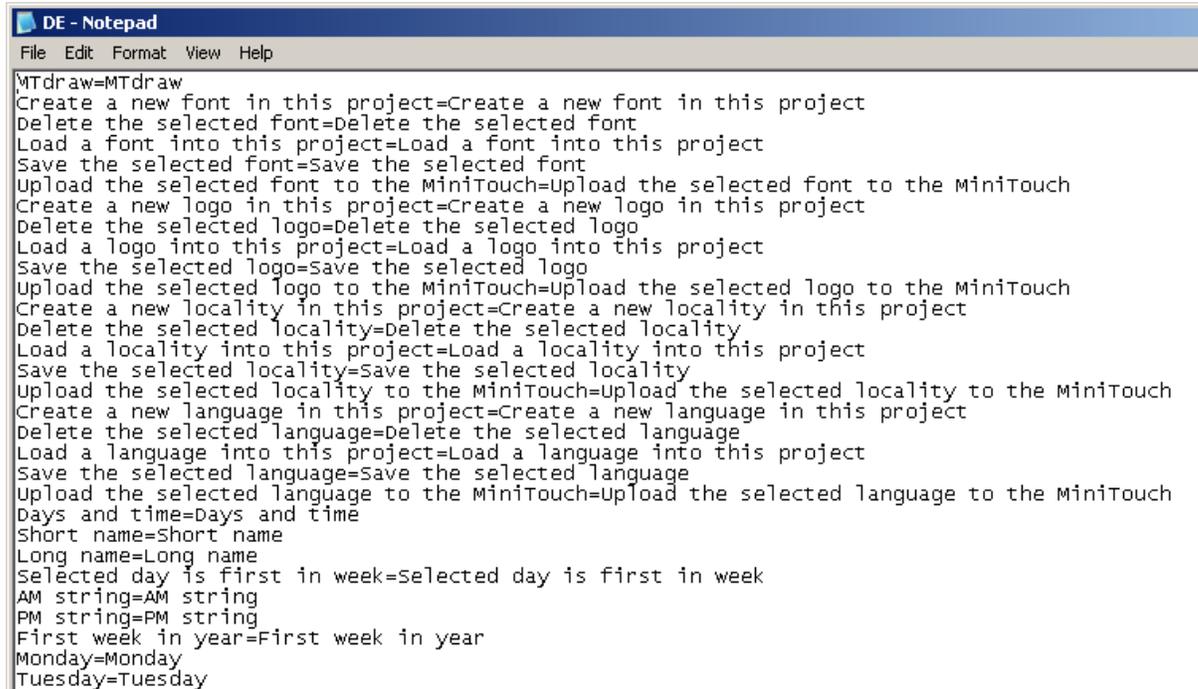
Select a new language from the drop down menu and click ok.



If your language is not available, you can create a translation of your own. Select "create new language" from the drop down menu. Enter a name for your new language and click ok.



Go to the installation directory and locate the sub folder "language". Open the language file with an ordinary text editor such as notepad in windows.



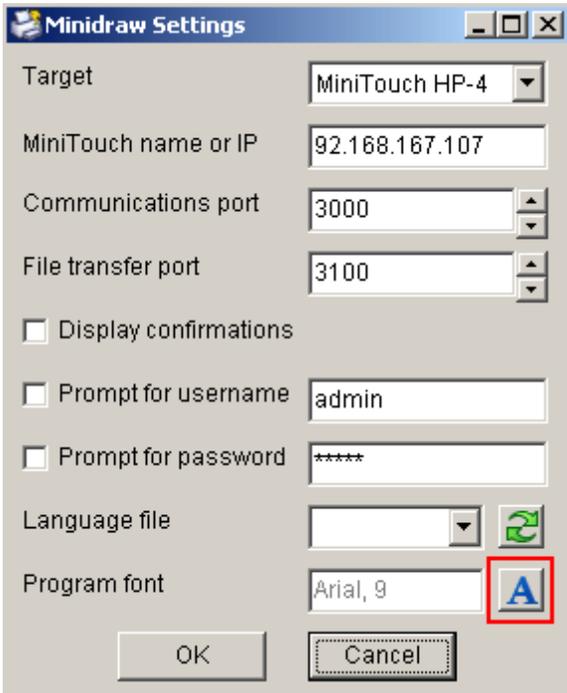
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DE - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
MTdraw=MTdraw
Create a new font in this project=Create a new font in this project
Delete the selected font=Delete the selected font
Load a font into this project=Load a font into this project
Save the selected font=Save the selected font
Upload the selected font to the MiniTouch=Upload the selected font to the MiniTouch
Create a new logo in this project=Create a new logo in this project
Delete the selected logo=Delete the selected logo
Load a logo into this project=Load a logo into this project
Save the selected logo=Save the selected logo
Upload the selected logo to the MiniTouch=Upload the selected logo to the MiniTouch
Create a new locality in this project=Create a new locality in this project
Delete the selected locality=Delete the selected locality
Load a locality into this project=Load a locality into this project
Save the selected locality=Save the selected locality
Upload the selected locality to the MiniTouch=Upload the selected locality to the MiniTouch
Create a new language in this project=Create a new language in this project
Delete the selected language=Delete the selected language
Load a language into this project=Load a language into this project
Save the selected language=Save the selected language
Upload the selected language to the MiniTouch=Upload the selected language to the MiniTouch
Days and time=Days and time
Short name=Short name
Long name=Long name
Selected day is first in week=selected day is first in week
AM string=AM string
PM string=PM string
First week in year=First week in year
Monday=Monday
Tuesday=Tuesday

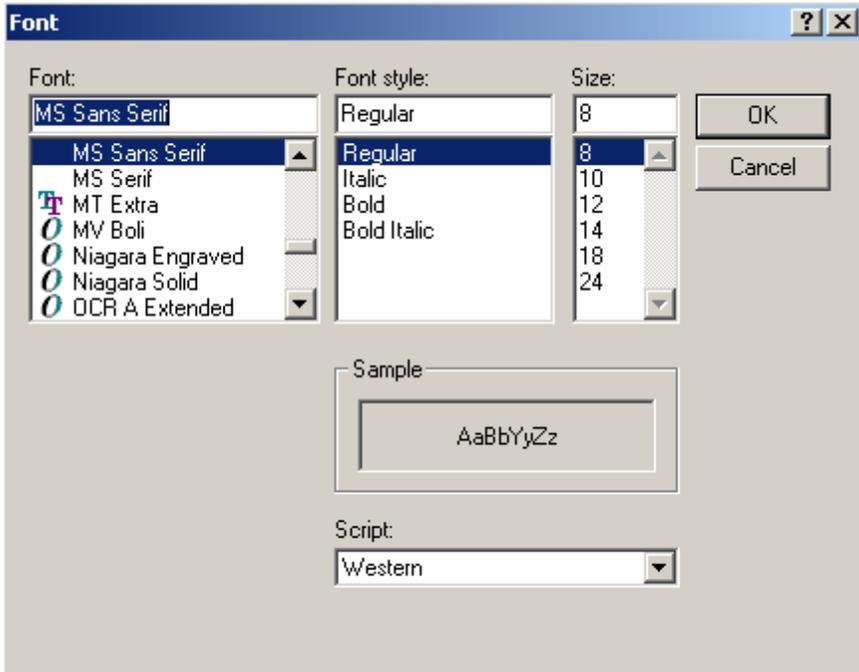
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Translate the content on the right side of the equal sign and click save. Return to the settings menu and select the new language file.

To change the fonts used in the menus, select "program font".

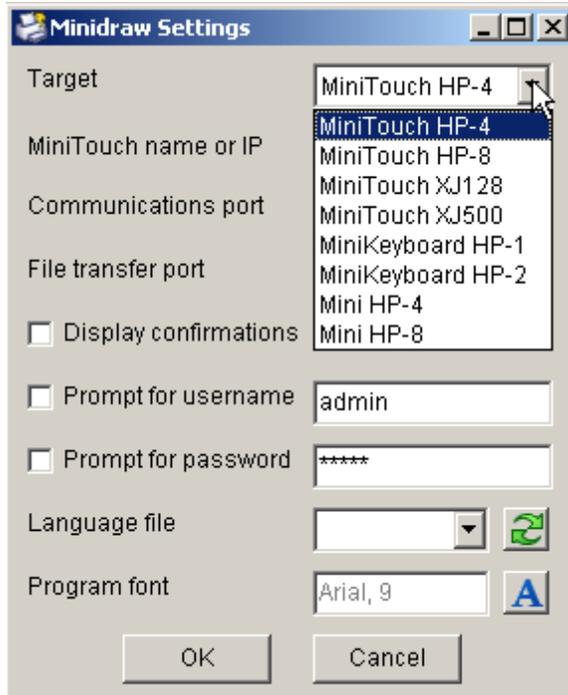


Select font type, font style and size. Click ok to finish.



With miniDraw you can create print jobs for several types of controllers.

In the drop down menu "target", select the controller of your choice.



4.6 How to update MiniTouch firmware

Unzip the update files provided by your supplier to a directory on your hard drive.

Next, setup a lan connection or direct connection and connect to the controller.

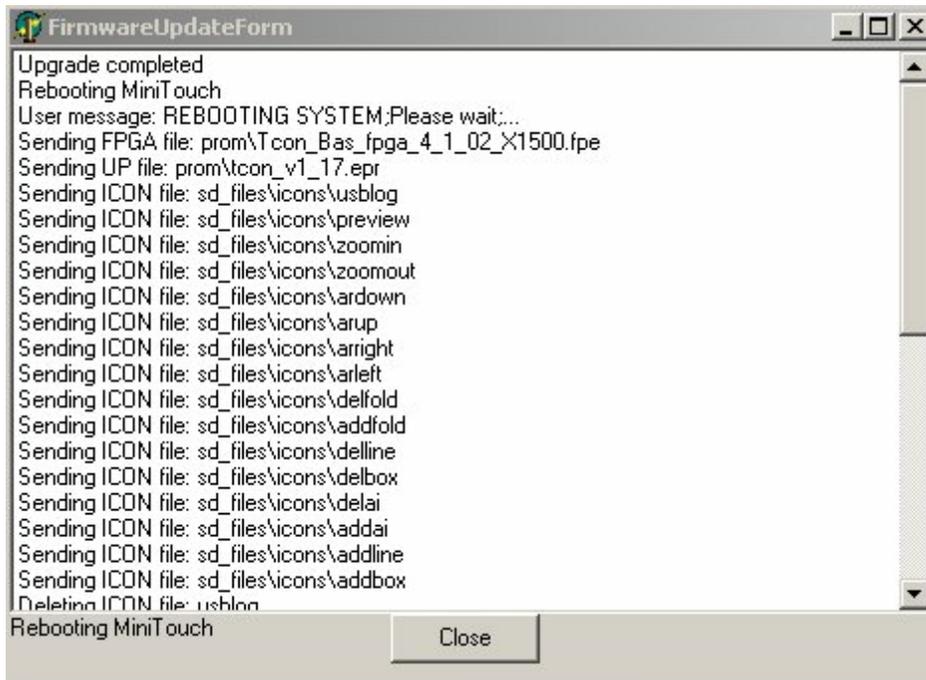
To start the update process, please click the update icon.



Open the directory where the update files are stored.

Highlight the file updatscript.tsc and click "open".

When update is in progress the update form is displayed on your pc.



On the Mthp4 screen the message "Firmware update in progress" is displayed.

When upgrade is complete, your Mthp4 will reboot.

4.7 Stamps for the Minikey controller

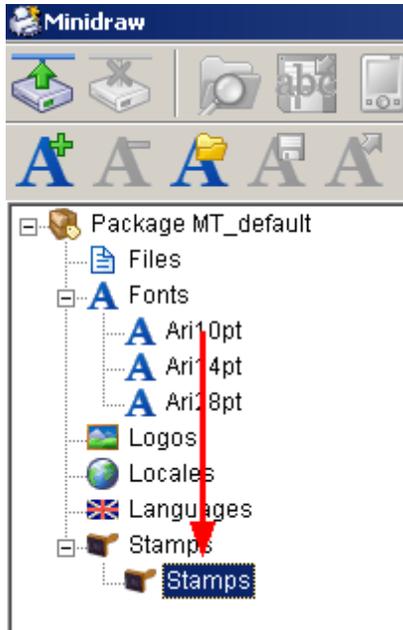
Stamps are graphical files with predefined messages to be printed by the Minikey controller.

With miniDraw you can upload stamps from your hard drive or make new stamps from scratch.

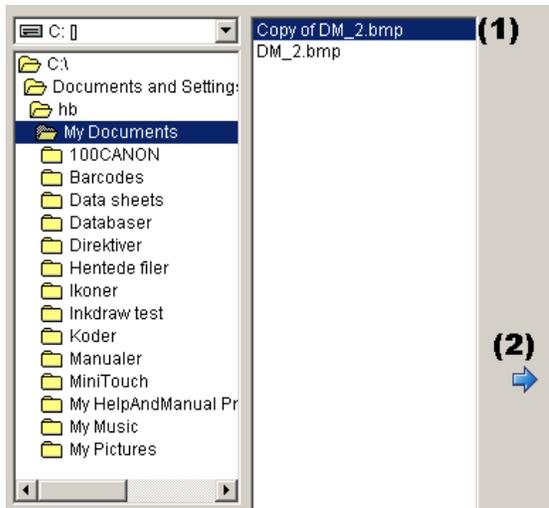
On information how to print stamps with the Minikey controller, please refer to the Minikey user manual.

4.7.1 Upload stamps from harddrive

1. Select stamps.



2. Locate a bitmap file on your hard drive. Highlight a file(1) and select blue arrow(2) to continue.

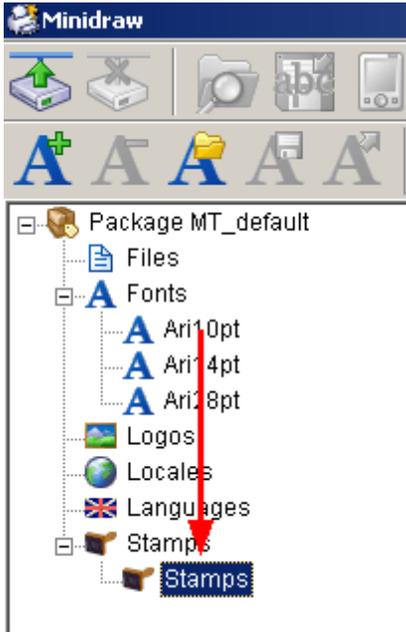


3. Connect to Minikey controller. See chapter in this manual on setting up an ethernet connection.
4. Select upload button to transfer stamps to Minikey controller.



4.7.2 Create and upload new stamps

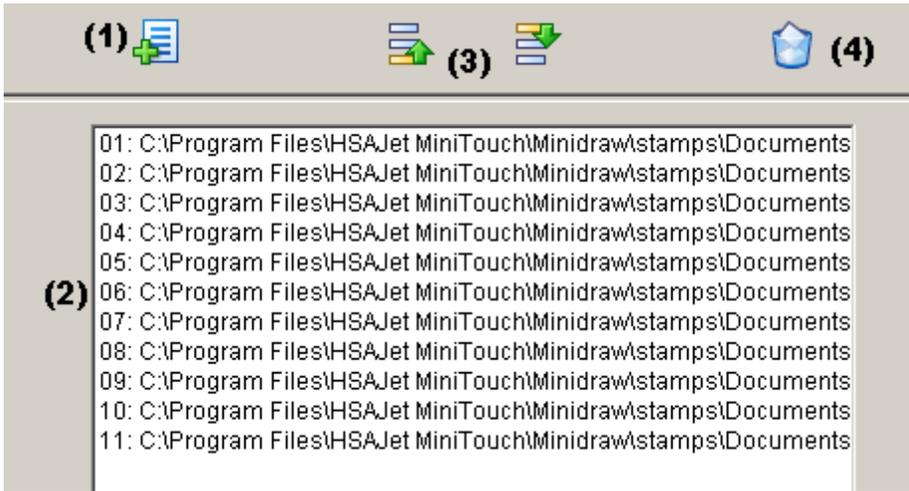
1. Save the stamp messages to a text file on your hard drive. If a file contains multiple messages, please arrange them on separate lines underneath each other.
2. Select stamps.



3. Select a text file from your hard drive (1).

Each line in the text file will be saved as a bitmap file and shown in the window below (2).

To change the order of the files, highlight a line and use the arrow buttons (3).
 To delete a line, highlight it and select the paper basket (4).



4. Connect to Minikey controller. See chapter in this manual on setting up an ethernet connection.

5. Select upload button to transfer stamps to Minikey controller.



5 Support

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