

Watchdog®

Data Polling Software



What is Watchdog®?

Watchdog® is the latest records management tool from Colorflex. It has been designed to assist in the transfer of data from a database to Colorflex's Label Printing Software. Its use eliminates the need to re-enter or import the data.

How Does Watchdog® Work?

Watchdog® works with most data-generating programs. Once it is in place, Watchdog® provides a seamless way to print Colorflex strip labels without the data-generating program needing to have any specific knowledge of either Watchdog® or the Label Printing Software. Watchdog® provides two methods of capturing the data — Serial or ASCII. Both methods require the data-generating program to make the data available. The Serial method requires the PC where the data-generating program resides to send the data to the PC where Watchdog® and the Label Printing Software resides, via a serial cable linking the two PC's together. The ASCII method requires the data-generating program to send the data to an ASCII file. Watchdog® can either constantly watch for this file to be produced or it will look for the file at a user-defined time.

What Does Watchdog® Do With This Information?

Once Watchdog® has the file, it will filter the incoming data and only prepare the data meeting the user-defined criteria for label printing. After the data has been filtered, Watchdog® can have the labels printed or hold them in a job queue to print in quantities and at a time specified by the user. The flexibility remains to print or re-print individual labels. Using Watchdog® allows multiple PCs the ability to print to one printer for label generation.

What Are The System Requirements For Watchdog®?

- Pentium PC
- 32Mb RAM or more
- Local Hard Disk with at least 10Mb of free space
- Standard VGA Colour Monitor
- CD-ROM and 3.5" Floppy Disk Drive
- Parallel Port and an Inkjet Colour Printer — Colorflex approved printer is recommended
- Windows 98, ME, NT 4.0 (SP 4 or higher), 2000 or XP
- A serial connector on your PC and a null modem serial cable are required if you intend to have Watchdog® look for data through the serial port.
- A Colorflex Label Printing Software package (iNTERPrint or above).
- The Watchdog® and the Label Printing Software must be installed on the same PC.



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