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3 Command Line Printing

3.1 General

The command line based version of **TFORMer SDK** is available for all supported operating systems (Microsoft® Windows®, Linux® and UNIX®). It generates output based on arbitrary form layouts created with **TFORMer Designer**.

The executable file is named *tfprint* (or *tfprint.exe* on Microsoft Windows). It can be used

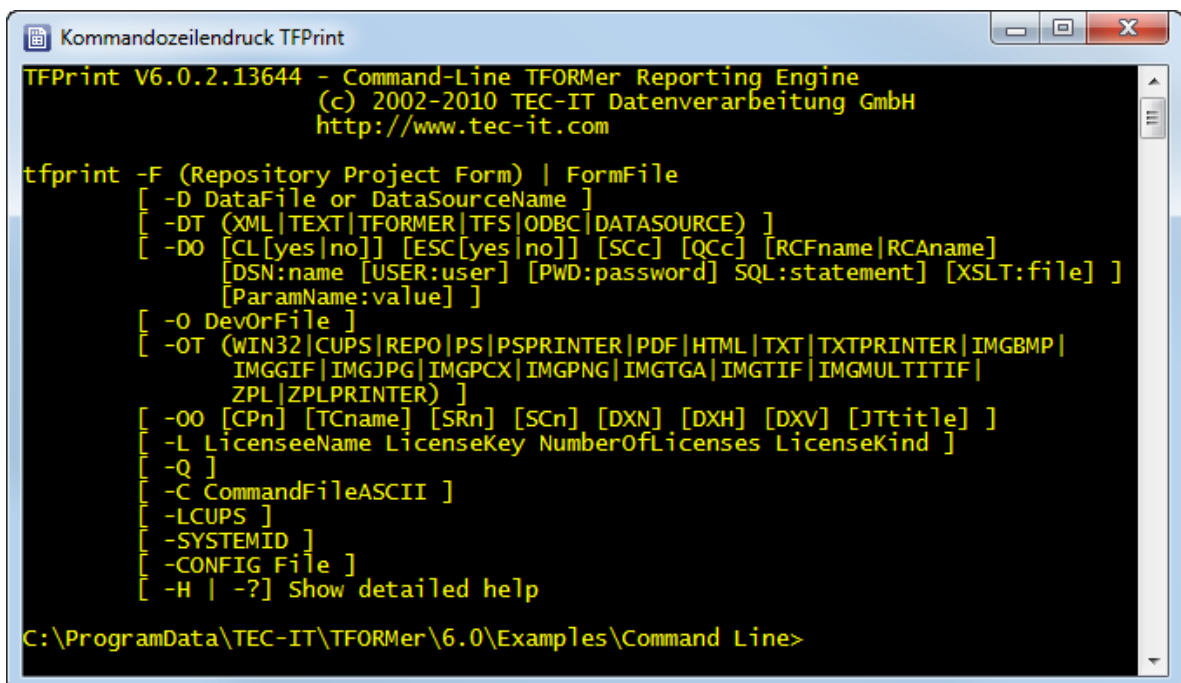
- on its own (executed manually),
- as part of batch jobs or shell scripts,
- via “shell execute” as “out-of-process” reporting engine,
- as extension for printer filter applications on Linux/UNIX.

3.2 Outline

The general steps for using *tfprint* are:

1. Create the required form layouts using **TFORMer Designer**.
2. Provide data for the form layouts via XML, CSV, TXT or ODBC datasources.
3. Embed *tfprint* into your batch job, shell script or applications.

- ▶ On Microsoft Windows the files for the form layout and for the file-based datasource (XML, CSV or TXT) may be provided as system-specific file path or as http-based URL.



```
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TFPrint V6.0.2.13644 - Command-Line TFORMer Reporting Engine
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tfprint -F (Repository Project Form) | FormFile
[ -D DataFile or DataSourceName ]
[ -DT (XML|TEXT|TFORMER|TFS|ODBC|DATASOURCE) ]
[ -DO [CL[yes|no]] [ESC[yes|no]] [SCc] [QCC] [RCFname|RCAname]
[DSN:name [USER:user] [PWD:password] SQL:statement] [XSLT:file] ]
[ParamName:value] ]
[ -O DevOrFile ]
[ -OT (WIN32|CUPS|REPO|PS|PSPRINTER|PDF|HTML|TXT|TXTPRINTER|IMGBMP|
IMGGIF|IMGJPG|IMGPCX|IMGPNG|IMGTGA|IMGTIF|IMGMULTITIF|
ZPL|ZPLPRINTER) ]
[ -OO [CPn] [TCname] [SRn] [SCn] [DXN] [DXH] [DXV] [JTtitle] ]
[ -L LicenseName LicenseKey NumberOfLicenses LicenseKind ]
[ -Q ]
[ -C CommandFileASCII ]
[ -LCUPS ]
[ -SYSTEMID ]
[ -CONFIG File ]
[ -H | -?] Show detailed help

C:\ProgramData\TEC-IT\TFORMer\6.0\Examples\Command Line>
```

Figure 1: TFPrint

When using *tfprint* to generate output you need at least three parameter groups:

- Form layout (command line parameter *-F*)
- Datasource (command line parameters *-D, -DT, -DO*)
- Type and target of the generated output (command line parameters *-O, -OT, -OO*)

3.3 Syntax

If you start *tfprint* without command line parameters, the following help text is displayed. It shows you the syntax and all available parameters of *tfprint* in short form. For more detailed information about command line parameters use the command *tfprint -?* or *tfprint -H*.

```
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tfprint -F (Repository Project Form) | FormFile
[ -D DataFile or DataSourceName ]
[ -DT (XML|TEXT|TFORMER|TFS|ODBC|DATASOURCE) ]
[ -DO [CL[yes|no]] [ESC[yes|no]] [SCc] [QCc] [RCfname|RCaname]
      [DSN:name [USER:user] [PWD:password] SQL:statement] [XSLT:file] ]
      [ParamName:value] ]
[ -O DevOrFile ]
[ -OT (WIN32|CUPS|REPO|PS|PSPRINTER|PDF|HTML|TXT|TXTPRINTER|IMGBMP|
      IMGJPG|IMGJPG|IMGPCX|IMGPNG|IMGTGA|IMGTIF|IMGMULTITIF|
      ZPL|ZPLPRINTER) ]
[ -OO [CPn] [TCname] [SRn] [SCn] [DXN] [DXH] [DXV] [JTtitle] ]
[ -L LicenseeName LicenseKey NumberOfLicenses LicenseKind ]
[ -Q ]
[ -C CommandFileASCII ]
[ -LCUPS ]
[ -SYSTEMID ]
[ -CONFIG File ]
[ -H | -?] Show detailed help
```

3.3.1 Samples

3.3.1.1 Printing with Default Data

If you want to print the stand-alone form *sample.tff* with default data you could use the following command:

```
tfprint -F C:\sample.tff
```

This command will print the form *sample.tff* to the default windows printer. If manual input was defined as standard datasource, the input data will be retrieved from the file *C:\sample.xml* automatically. This is the data file which is maintained by **TFORMer Designer** (data view).

3.3.1.2 Using CSV Data

You can also specify any other data file like a CSV file:

```
tfprint -F C:\sample.tff -D "C:\Form Data\data.csv" -DT TEXT -DO SC;
```

The file *data.csv* uses the semicolon (“;”) as column separator.

► When using a text input file make sure to always specify the column separator!

3.3.1.3 ODBC Data

If you prefer using an ODBC connection for importing your data, the syntax will look like this:

```
tfprint -F C:\sample.tff -DT ODBC -DO DSN:DSN=TFORMer Sample SQL:"SELECT * FROM
tbl_Example"
```

3.3.1.4 Using Repository Forms

In order to print a form from a repository you have to specify the name of the repository, the name of the project and the name of the form:

```
tfprint -F "C:\TFORMER Repositories\MyRepository\MyRepository.tfr" MyProject MyReport -O  
"C:\output.pdf" -OT PDF
```

This sample saves the output as PDF document.

3.3.1.5 More Samples

The help text shows you more samples.

```
tfprint -H
```

3.4 Syntax in Detail

3.4.1 Form Layout

Use the following parameters to specify the form. This command line switch is mandatory.

| -F (Repository Project Form) FormFile | |
|---|---|
| -F Repo Project Form | <p>Specifies a form stored in a specific project in a repository.</p> <p>Repo File name of the repository (*.tfr).</p> <p>Project Name of the project within the repository.</p> <p>Form Name of the form within the project.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">-F C:\MyRepository.tfr MyProject MyForm</pre> |
| -F FormFile | <p>Specifies a stand-alone form.</p> <p>FormFile..... File name of the stand-alone form (*.tff).</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">-F C:\MyStandAloneForm.tff</pre> |

3.4.2 Datasource

Use the following parameters to specify the data file or datasource name. If no data file is specified, *tfprint* will use the standard data source configured with **TFORMer Designer**. If a data file was specified (-D) it is mandatory to specify the type of the data file (-DT).

| [-D DataFile or DataSourceName] [-DT (XML TEXT TFORMER TFS ODBC DATASOURCE)] [-DO [CL[yes no]] [ESC[yes no]] [SCc] [QCc] [RCfname RCaname] [DSN:name [USER:user] [PWD:password] SQL:statement] [XSLT:file] [ParamName:value]] | |
|--|---|
| -D DataFile or DataSourceName | <p>Specifies the data file (e.g. with data type = XML) or data source name (data type DATA SOURCE). This switch is skipped for -DT ODBC.</p> <p>DataFile Name of the data file.</p> <p>DataSourceName. Name of the datasource defined in the form layout.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <pre style="background-color: #f2f2f2;">-D C:\MyDataFile.csv -DT TEXT -D MyDataSource -DT DATASOURCE</pre> |
| -DT (XML TEXT TFORMER TFS ODBC DATASOURCE) | <p>Specifies the type of the data file given with the -D option.</p> <p>XML XML input file.</p> <p>TEXT ASCII input file (in CSV format).</p> <p>TFORMER Internal TFORMer data file (XML).</p> <p>TFS TFORMer Server compatible data file (XML).</p> <p>ODBC ODBC datasource.</p> <p>DATASOURCE Datasource specified in a layout.</p> |
| -DO [CL[yes no]] [ESC[yes no]] [SCc] [QCc] [RCfname RCaname] [DSN:name [USER:user] [PWD:password] SQL:statement] | <p>Specifies the options for the data file given with the -D option.</p> <p>CL Optional. Clear datafields between records. (Same as CLyes.)</p> <p>CLno Optional. Do not clear datafields between records (default).</p> <p>ESC Optional. Handle escape-sequences in input data. (Same as ESCyes.)</p> <p>ESCno Optional. Do not handle escape-sequences in input data (default).</p> |

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>[XSLT:file] [ParamName:value]</p> | <p>Input data options for text files (for -DT TEXT only):</p> <p>SCc..... Specifies the column separator character c. (e.g. SC; for the separator character ";") For more information on specifying column separators, please see below.</p> <p>QCc Optional. Specifies the text qualifier character c. For more information on specifying text qualifiers, please see below.</p> <p>Record count:</p> <p>RCFname Optional. Specifies the name of the file containing the record counter. RCAname Optional. Specifies the name of the attribute containing the record counter (-DT XML only).</p> <p>Import data via ODBC connection (for -DT ODBC only):</p> <p>DSN Name of the data source (connection string). USER..... Optional. User name for ODBC connection. PWD Optional. Password for ODBC connection. SQL SQL-Statement for selecting the data. XSLT..... Optional. XSLT file which is used for transforming the given XML input upon import. ParamName..... Optional. Specifies the value for a datasource parameter in the form [Parameter Name]:[Parameter value] (-DT DATASOURCE only).</p> |
|--|--|

3.4.2.1 Specification of Column Separators

| Char | Parameter | Description |
|-------|-----------|--|
| TAB | SC\t | Specifies tab as column separator. |
| ; | SC; | Specifies semicolon as column separator. |
| , | SC, | Specifies comma as column separator. |
| Space | SC\x20 | Specifies space as column separator. |
| Other | SC\xNN | Any other character can be specified in hex-notation or literally. |

3.4.2.2 Specification of Text Qualifiers

| Char | Parameter | Description |
|-------|-----------|--|
| " | QC" | Specifies the double quote character as text qualifier. |
| ' | QC' | Specifies the single quote character as text qualifier. |
| Other | QC\xNN | Any other character can be specified in hex-notation or literally. |
| | | None. |

3.4.3 Output Device

Use the following parameters to specify the output device (or file).

If no output device is specified, *tfprint* will send the print job to the default Windows® printer.

```
[ -O DevOrFile ]
[ -OT (WIN32|CUPS|REPO|PS|PSPRINTER|PDF|HTML|TXT|TXTPRINTER|IMGBMP|
  IMGGIF|IMGJPG|IMGPCX|IMGPNG|IMGTGA|IMGTIF|IMGMULTITIF|
  ZPL|ZPLPRINTER) ]
[ -OO [CPn] [TCname] [SRn] [SCn] [DXN] [DXH] [DXV] [JTtitle] ]
```

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| <p>-O DevOrFile</p> | <p>Specifies the output device or file:</p> <p>DevOrFile..... Name of the output device or of the output file.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>-O "HP LaserJet 4050" -OT WIN32 -O C:\output.pdf -OT PDF</pre> |
|----------------------------|--|

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>-OT [WIN32 CUPS REPO PS PSPRINTER PDF HTML TXT TXTPRINTER IMGBMP IMGGIF IMGJPG IMGPCX IMGPNG IMGTA IMGTIF IMGMULTITIF ZPL ZPLPRINTER]</p> | <p>Specifies the output type:</p> <p>WIN32.....DevOrFile is the printer name available under Microsoft® Windows®.</p> <p>CUPS.....DevOrFile is the name of a CUPS printer (Linux).</p> <p>REPODevOrFile is the name of a printer specified in the TFORMer repository. (Can be used in combination with the “-F Repo Project Form” switch only!)</p> <p>PS.....DevOrFile is the name of a PostScript file.</p> <p>PSPRINTERDevOrFile is the name of a PostScript printer. The output is sent directly to this device.</p> <p>PDFDevOrFile is the name of a PDF file.</p> <p>HTML.....DevOrFile is the name of a HTML file.</p> <p>TXTDevOrFile is the name of a text file.</p> <p>TXTPRINTERDevOrFile is the name of a text printer. The output is sent directly to this device.</p> <p>IMGBMPDevOrFile is the name of the BMP output file. Each output page is stored in one file. The page-number is appended to the filename if required. The specified filename may contain a series of #-characters as placeholder for the page-number.</p> <p>IMGGIFDevOrFile is the name of the GIF output file. Each output page is stored in one file. See also IMGBMP for additional notes.</p> <p>IMGJPG.....DevOrFile is the name of the JPG output file. Each output page is stored in one file. See also IMGBMP for additional notes.</p> <p>IMGPCX.....DevOrFile is the name of the PCX output file. Each output page is stored in one file. See also IMGBMP for additional notes.</p> <p>IMGPNGDevOrFile is the name of the PNG output file. Each output page is stored in one file. See also IMGBMP for additional notes.</p> <p>IMGTA.....DevOrFile is the name of the TGA output file. Each output page is stored in one file. See also IMGBMP for additional notes.</p> <p>IMGTIF.....DevOrFile is the name of the TIF output file. Each output page is stored in one file. See also IMGBMP for additional notes.</p> <p>IMGMULTITIFDevOrFile is the name of the TIF output file. All output pages are stored in one file.</p> <p>ZPL.....DevOrFile is the name of a ZPL-II file. ZPL-II is the printer languages used by ZEBRA® printers.</p> <p>ZPLPRINTER.....DevOrFile is the name of a ZPL-II compatible printer. The output is sent directly to this device.</p> |
| <p>-OO [CPn] [TCname] [SRn] [SCn] [DXN] [DXH] [DXV] [JTtitle]</p> | <p>Specifies the options for the output device or file:</p> <p>CPn.....Optional. Number of copies for the print job [1..n]. (e.g. -CP2 for two copies).</p> <p>TCname.....Optional. Name of the tray control.</p> <p>SRn.....Optional. Start row [0..n]. Row in which the label printing shall start on the first page of the output. The preceding rows are left empty.</p> <p>SCn.....Optional. Start column [0..n]. Column in which the label printing shall start on the first page of the output. The preceding column s are left empty.</p> <p>DXNOptional. No duplex printing.</p> <p>DXHOptional. Horizontal duplex printing.</p> <p>DXVOptional. Vertical duplex printing.</p> <p>JTtitle..... Job title for the output (this is the spool name on Microsoft Windows).</p> |

3.4.4 Licensing

3.4.4.1 Licensing through Command Line

If the license data is not available through the Windows® registry (usually when no **TFORMer Designer** installation is available on the machine) you can pass the license data with the following command line arguments:

```
-L LicenseeName LicenseKey NumberOfLicenses LicenseKind
```

| | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <p>-L LicenseeName LicenseKey</p> | <p>Specifies the license data:</p> |
|--|------------------------------------|

| | |
|---|---|
| NumberOfLicenses LicenseKind | LicenseeName Name of the licensee. |
| | LicenseKey License key. |
| | NumberOfLicenses Number of purchased licenses. |
| | LicenseKind Kind of purchased license: Single Workgroup Office Site Developer Server. |
| | Make sure to specify the parameters in the correct order! |

3.4.4.2 Licensing per tfprint.ini File

Alternatively the license key can be supplied in a file named *tfprint.ini*.

- On Windows create this file in the same directory where the executable (*tfprint.exe*) is located.
- On Linux/UNIX the *tfprint.ini* file has to be located in the directory */usr/local/share/TFORMer6/*.

The following syntax has to be used:

```
[LICENSE_DATA]
License Product=29
Licensee=John Doe
License Kind=3
Number Of Licenses=1
License_Key=00000000000000000000000000000000
```

License_Product=[Product ID]

Depending on your operating system, make sure that the correct *Product ID* is used:

| Operating System | Product ID | Description |
|------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Windows | 57 | For Microsoft Windows systems. |
| Linux, UNIX | 120 | For Linux and UNIX systems. |

License_Kind=[License ID]

For configuring the *tfprint.ini* file, make sure that the appropriate *license ID* is used:

| Kind of License | License ID | Description |
|-----------------|------------|--|
| Developer | 3 | Developer license (for one developer / 10000 redistributions). |
| Web | 3 | Web license. |
| Office | 4 | Office license (100 installations within one site). |
| Workgroup | 5 | Workgroup license (10 installations within one site). |
| Server | 6 | Server license (Installation on ONE (Web).Server). |

3.4.5 Miscellaneous Options

TFPrint offers the following additional options:

```
-Q
-C CommandFileASCII
-LCUPS
-SYSTEMID
-CONFIG File
-H | -?
```

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| -Q | Quiet. Do not write messages to stdout (e.g. console). |
| -C CommandFileASCII | Use a command file <u>in addition</u> to any other command line parameters. This file must be stored in ASCII, do not use a UNICODE file here. Example: |

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| | <pre>-C MyParams.txt</pre> <p>The content of "MyParams.txt" could be as follows:</p> <pre>-DT TEXT -DO SC; QC\ -L "John Doe" ***** 1 "Single"</pre> |
| -LCUPS | List CUPS printers (Linux/UNIX only). |
| -SYSTEMID | Retrieve your SystemID (used for ordering licenses). |
| -CONFIG File | Path to a TFORMer config file. |
| -H -? | This command line switch shows you a detailed help text. |

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4.1 Free Support

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Email: support@tec-it.com

Web: <http://www.tec-it.com/support/>

Don't hesitate to tell us your feedback! If the product does not fulfill your requirements, please tell us why. We are highly interested in meeting the requirements of our customers.

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