

# TBarCode .NET Barcode Library for .NET

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#### Introduction 3

### 3.1 What is TBarCode SDK?

TBarCode SDK is a set of professional tools for the generation of barcodes. More than 100 different symbologies (linear barcodes, 2D barcodes and stacked barcode variants) can be printed or exported as graphics files. All industry formats are supported. The barcodes can be generated in the highest possible resolution and quality.

TBarCode SDK is available in several versions for different operating systems, applications and programming environments.

The following versions are included in this setup:

TBarCode .NET	A barcode .NET library for software developers. It includes a bar code class and barcode controls for Windows Forms and ASP.NET 4.5.
TBarCode.NET.Std	A .NET Standard library. Without support for Windows Forms and ASP.NET. Can be used with .Net Core, .Net 5, .Net 6 and .Net Framework 4.x.
TBarCode OCX	A Microsoft <sup>®</sup> ActiveX <sup>®</sup> compliant barcode control. It can be used with Microsoft <sup>®</sup> Office applications and for software development.
TBarCode Library	A bar code DLL for Windows platforms for software developers. (A DLL for Windows CE/Windows Mobile is available on request. Please contact us with your platform details.)

## 3.2 What is TBarCode .NET?

TBarCode.NET is a .NET library for barcode generation. This library contains

- a .NET class for creating or printing bar codes
- a Barcode Control for Windows Forms
- a Barcode Control for ASP.NET 4.5 Web Applications

TBarCode.NET.Std is a .NET Standard library for barcode generation. This library contains

- a .NET class for creating or printing bar codes
- The interface of the class is equal to TBarCode.Net.
- It can be used with .Net Core, .Net 5, .Net 6, or .Net Framework 4.5 and newer.

#### 3.3 Scope of this Document

This document explains how you can add barcodes to your .NET projects with TBarCode.NET or TBarCode.NET.Std.

The complete API (application programming interface) is described in the TBarCode .NET Developer Reference.





#### 3.4 Restrictions of the Demo Version

In the demo version the barcodes will be drawn with a demo-hint. That means that the word "Demo" or the phrase "www.tec-it.com" is drawn partially over the barcode. The demo-hint does not influence the readability of the barcode in a negative way.

- In special cases (e.g. very small or high-resolution barcodes) you may want to test the product without demo restrictions. Please contact sales@tec-it.com for a temporary license key.
- For enabling the full-featured version (without the demo hints) you can obtain a license key from TEC-IT (https://www.tec-it.com/order/).
- For more information on licensing TBarCode, please refer to chapter 8.





# 4 Installation

#### 4.1 Requirements

#### 4.1.1 Operating Systems

The following operating systems are supported:

- Microsoft Windows 11
- Microsoft Windows 10
- Microsoft Windows 8
- Microsoft Windows 7 SP1
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016 / 2019 / 2022
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2 and 2008 R2 SP2

#### 4.1.2 .NET Version / IDEs

**TBarCode.NET** requires .NET Framework 4.5 or higher. It can be used with all IDEs supporting .NET 4.5+ (like Microsoft Visual Studio 2012 or newer).

**TBarCode.NET.Std** requires .NET Standard 2.0. It can be used with all IDEs supporting .NET 4.x, .Net Core, .Net 5, or .Net 6. **TBarCode.NET.Std** does neither support a web nor a Forms control.

### 4.2 Download and Setup

Download **TBarCode SDK** from <u>https://www.tec-it.com/Download</u> ► *TBarCode SDK* and execute the setup application. Depending on your selection one or more of the following components are installed – along with documentations and sample applications:

TBarCode .NET

For .NET developers. Developer manual and API reference are included in the setup.

- TBarCode OCX
   A barcode ActiveX control for Microsoft Office users and for software developers. User manual and API reference are included in the setup.
- TBarCode Library
   For software developers. Developer manual and API reference are included in the setup.
- Administrative rights are required to install **TBarCode SDK**.

#### 4.2.1 Installation Path

The default installation path of the library files is:

C:\Program Files\Common Files\TEC-IT\TBarCode\11.x

#### Please note that the x64 setup installs also a 32 bit version of the Barcode Library to

C:\Program Files (x64)\Common Files\TEC-IT\TBarCode\11.x





#### **Barcode Form Control** 5

#### 5.1 Introduction

This chapter explains how to insert a barcode into a .NET Windows Form. TBarCode SDK contains a Windows Form control called *BarcodeControl*, which can easily be added to any .NET form.

Requirements to work through the tutorial:

- TBarCode 11 installed.
- Visual Studio 2012 or a Visual Studio 2012 Express Edition<sup>1</sup> or newer versions.
- Basic knowledge about any .NET language (VB.NET, C#, etc.)

#### Create or Open a Project 5.2

Start Visual Studio and open an existing Windows Forms project or create a new project:

- Select File ► New ► Project... 1.
- 2. Choose Windows Forms Application and click Ok.



Figure 1: Create a New Project

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Visual Studio Express or Visual Studio Community Editions can be downloaded from https://www.visualstudio.com/de/vs/express/





## 5.3 Reference the Barcode Controls

To work with the barcode controls, you first need to add them into Visual Studio:

- 1. Open the Toolbox 👛.
- 2. Right-click All Windows Forms and select Choose Items...



Figure 2: The Toolbox Context Menu.

- 3. In the Choose Toolbox Items dialog click the Browse... button.
- 4. In the *Open* dialog navigate to *C:\Program Files\Common Files\TEC-IT\TBarCode\11.x* (or the path you have chosen during setup).
- 5. Select TECIT.TBarCode.dll and click Open.
- 6. Two new controls named *BarcodeControl* should now show up in the *Choose Toolbox Items* dialog. Make sure they are checked and click *Ok*.



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Figure 3: The Choose Toolbox Items Dialog with BarcodeControls.

# 5.4 Add Barcode to a Form

Now, simply drag and drop the BarcodeControl from the Toolbox onto your Windows form.



Figure 4: Toolbox with BarcodeControl.

#### 5.5 Adjust Properties

The barcode is now visible on your Windows Form. You can change the appearance (position and size) in the design view.





To change more barcode properties:

- 1. Right-click the barcode control and select *Properties*.
- 2. Visual Studio's *Properties* dialog appears. In the *Properties* dialog you can adjust the barcode properties, such as barcode type, check digit method, module width, etc.



Figure 5: Windows Form with Barcode Control.

#### 5.6 Finally – Run the application

You have to click Start Debugging 🕨 to run the application.

#### 5.7 API Reference

The API documentation of the *BarcodeControl* can be found in the *"TBarCode .NET 11 Developer Reference*". The Windows Form control is contained in the namespace *TECIT.TBarCode.Windows*.







Figure 6: Screenshot of TBarCode .NET 11 Developer Reference.



#### **Barcode Web-Control** 6

#### 6.1 Introduction

This chapter explains how to insert a barcode into an ASP.NET web site. TBarCode SDK contains a web control called *BarcodeControl*, which can easily be added to any ASP.NET page.

Requirements to work through the tutorial:

- TBarCode 11 installed.
- Visual Studio 2012 or a Visual Studio 2012 Express Edition or newer versions.
- Basic knowledge about any .NET language (VB.NET, C#, etc.)

#### Create/Open a Website 6.2

Start Visual Studio and open an existing ASP.NET web project or create a new one:

- 1. Select File ► New ► Project...
- Choose ASP.NET Web Forms Application and click OK. 2.





#### **Reference the Barcode Controls** 6.3

To work with the barcode controls, you first need to add them into Visual Studio:

- 1. Open the Toolbox 🖷
- 2. Right-click Standard and select Choose Items...





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Figure 8: The Toolbox Context Menu.

- 3. In the Choose Toolbox Items dialog click the Browse... button.
- 4. In the *Open* dialog navigate to *C:\Program Files\Common Files\TEC-IT\TBarCode\11.x* (or the path you have chosen during setup).
- 5. Select *TECIT.TBarCode.dll* and click *Open*.
- 6. Two new controls named *BarcodeControl* should show up in the *Choose Toolbox Items* dialog. Make sure they are checked and click *OK*.



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Figure 9: The Choose Toolbox Items Dialog with BarcodeControls.

# 6.4 Add Barcode to Form

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Figure 10: BarcodeControl (Place-Holder) on ASPX page.



#### 6.5 Adjust Properties

The barcode placeholder is now visible on your ASPX page. You can change the appearance (position and size) in the design view.

To change more barcode properties:

- 1. Right-click the barcode control and select *Properties*.
- 2. Visual Studio's *Properties* dialog appears. In the *Properties* dialog you can adjust the barcode properties, such as barcode type, check digit method, module width, etc.

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Figure 11: Properties of Barcode Control.

## 6.6 Finally – Preview Web Page in Browser

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Figure 12: Web-Page with Barcode Control.



### 6.7 API Reference

The API documentation of the *BarcodeControl* can be found in the *"TBarCode .NET 11 Developer Reference*". The web control is contained in the namespace *TECIT.TBarCode.Windows*.



Figure 13: Screenshot of TBarCode .NET 11 Developer Reference.





#### **Barcode Class** 7

#### 7.1 Introduction

TBarCode SDK not only provides a Windows Form Control and a Web Control to generate barcodes. The core functions are implemented in the Barcode class. This class can be used to generate barcodes in any type of application (e.g. in a Windows Forms application, on web site, in console applications, etc.).

Here is a brief tutorial on how to render a barcode using the Barcode class.

Requirements to work through the tutorial:

- TBarCode 11 installed.
- Visual Studio 2012 or a Visual Studio 2012 Express Edition or newer versions.
- Basic knowledge about the C# language.

### 7.2 Create a new Project

Start Visual Studio and create a new project:

- Select File ► New ► Project... 1.
- 2. Choose Windows Forms Application and click Ok.



Figure 14: Create a New Project





### 7.3 Add Reference to TBarCode

In order to use the Barcode class, the project needs to reference the TECIT.TBarCode.dll:

- 1. In the Solution Explorer right-click References and choose Add Reference...
- 2. In the Add Reference dialog switch to the page Browse.
- 3. Navigate to the installation folder of TBarCode (usually C:\Program Files\Common Files\TEC-IT\TBarCode\11.x - see also 4.2.1).
- 4. Select TECIT.TBarCode.dll or TECIT.TBarCode.Std.dll<sup>2</sup> and click OK.

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Figure 16: Add TECIT.TBarCode.dll as Reference

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Use the TECIT.TBarCode.Std DLL for .NET Core, .NET Standard and .NET 5/6/7 projects





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Figure 17: Add TECIT. TBarCode.Std.dll as Reference

### 7.4 Render Barcodes

There are various ways to render a barcode using **TBarCode**. Here we will create a custom *Paint()*-method that draws a barcode.

#### 7.4.1 Add Barcode Object

#### 7.4.2 Write custom OnPaint-Method

- 1. Right-click the form in Design View and select Properties.
- 2. In the *Properties* dialog select Events *f* and double-click *Paint* (in the category *Appearance*) to create a custom Paint-method.





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Figure 18: Adding a Custom Paint-Event-Handler.

 Now, we can use a Barcode object to render a barcode. Add the following lines of code (marked as **bold**):

// C# Sample using System; using System.Collections.Generic; using System.ComponentModel; using System.Data; using System.Drawing; using System.Text; using System.Windows.Forms; using TECIT.TBarCode; namespace WindowsApplication1 { public partial class Form1 : Form Barcode barcode; public Form1() InitializeComponent(); SetStyle(ControlStyles.ResizeRedraw, true); MinimumSize = new Size(100, 100); // Initialize barcode barcode = new Barcode(); barcode.BarcodeType = BarcodeType.DataMatrix; barcode.Data = "Here is some random context for my sample barcode."; } private void Form1 Paint(object sender, PaintEventArgs e)





```
// Define the position and size of the barcode.
Rectangle rectangle = this.ClientRectangle;
rectangle.Inflate(-20, -20);
barcode.BoundingRectangle = rectangle;
// Draw the barcode
barcode.Draw(e.Graphics);
}
```

In this sample we create a Data Matrix barcode, which is a 2-dimensional barcode variant.

# 7.5 Finally – Run the application

Please click Start Debugging 1 to run the application. The result can be seen in Figure 19.



Figure 19: A Windows Form that renders a Barcode.





# 7.6 API Reference

The API documentation about the *Barcode* class can be found in the *"TBarCode .NET 11 Developer Reference*". The class is contained in the namespace *TECIT.TBarCode*.



Figure 20: Screenshot of TBarCode .NET 11 API Reference.





# 8 How to license TBarCode

# 8.1 License Types

Please check out https://www.tec-it.com/order for available license types and pricing.

### 8.2 License TBarCode

Without a valid license an additional text "Demo" is drawn across the barcode as shown in Figure 21.

As soon as you have acquired a license, you can pass the license data to **TBarCode**, for example:

Alternatively, you can set the license by using the license-properties of the barcode object. For example:

```
barcode.Licensee = "John Smith";
barcode.LicenseType = LicenseType.DeveloperOrWeb;
barcode.LicenseCount = 1;
barcode.LicenseKey = "00000000";
barcode.LicensedProduct = TBarCodeProduct.BarcodelD;
```



Figure 21: Barcode rendered without a valid License (Demo mode).



Figure 22: Barcode rendered with a valid License.





# 9 Redistributing TBarCode

This chapter explains what is important when redistributing a custom application that uses the **TBarCode** .NET controls.

## 9.1 Dependencies

A .NET application that uses **TBarCode SDK** requires the following files:

- TECIT.TBarCode.dll
  - This is a .NET assembly that contains the .NET controls. Use this file for .Net Framework 4.5 or newer.
- TECIT.TBarCodeStd.dll This is a .NET Standard assembly. Use this file for .Net Core, .Net 5, .Net 6, or also .Net Framework 4.x if you do not need .NET controls.
- TBarCode11.dll This is a native Win32 (x86) library that performs barcode generation. This file is mandatory for 32-Bit applications (platform x86 or Any CPU on x86 systems).
- TBarCode11\_x64.dll This is a native Win64 (x64) library that performs barcode generation. This file is mandatory for 64-Bit applications (platform x64 or Any CPU on x64 systems).
- zlib1.dll

This is a 3<sup>rd</sup>-party library that performs data compression. This file is optional. It is only required, when data compression in barcodes is enabled.

These files are located in the folder<sup>3</sup> C:\Program Files\Common Files\TEC-IT\TBarCode\11.x (or in the folder you have chosen during setup).

Because we rely on native code, also the most actual **Microsoft Visual C++** runtime components have to be installed on the computer. See next section how to distribute them with your application.

The target .NET framework (.NET 4.5+) must be available on the target system.

## 9.2 Redistribution

When redistributing a custom application the files described above need to be redistributed together with the application. The DLLs should be located in the same folder as the executable. Other files than those listed above must not be redistributed.

For web applications, the DLLs should be placed in the *bin* directory of the web site.

# 9.2.1 Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable latest supported downloads (for Visual Studio 2019 or newer)

You may also have to deploy the most actual runtime components of Visual C++ along with your application and/or ensure they are installed on the target computer.

- You can install these components with the most actual *Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable Packages (for Visual Studio 2019 or newer)* available at
  - https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/windows/latest-supported-vc-redist

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> On Windows x64 this path contains the 64 Bit component. For the 32 Bit component see C:\Program Files (x86)\...





The package installs all required runtime DLLs.

#### 9.2.2 Using the installer application from TEC-IT

As an alternative for distributing the required files along with your application you can install TBarCode .NET from the TBarCode SDK installer application available from our <u>web site</u>.

When using the MSI installer from TEC-IT you also have the option for a silent setup – see <u>FAQ</u> <u>TBarCode SDK Distribution - How To Create a Silent Setup</u>.

The installer application downloads and installs also the Visual C++ Redistributable packages for Visual Studio 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2022 (but no .NET framework!). It registers the .NET assemblies in the GAC and extends the PATH environment variable so that all native DLL dependencies are found.

- At least for web applications the MSI installer may be a convenient option. Make sure to restart IIS (admin console command "iisreset") in order to update the DLL search path.
- Please contact TEC-IT Support if you need further assistance.

#### 9.2.3 Platform Specific Libraries

TBarCode .NET internally relies on the TBarCode Library, which is a native code DLL - it is loaded on demand in the background. In order to support both 32 bit and 64 bit Windows platforms we have two different versions of TBarCode Library (TBarCode11.dll and TBarcode11\_x64.dll).





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# **Appendix A: Related Downloads**

#### A.1 **Barcode Reference**

The document "Barcode Reference" provides an overview over supported barcode types and gives additional information on how to use them.

The following issues are discussed:

- Supported barcode symbologies (with detailed information on each barcode type)
- Check digits (general information and available check digits methods)
- Print ratio and ratio hints (or Ratio Format)
- Format strings
- Escape sequences and control characters
- Application Identifiers
- MaxiCode and UPS standards

The Barcode Reference is available as separate document on the TEC-IT web-site https://www.tecit.com ► Support ► Knowledge Base

The direct URL is as follows:

https://www.tec-it.com/download/PDF/Barcode\_Reference\_EN.pdf.

### A.2 Samples

TEC-IT provides a number of sample applications which allow customers to start with the development of their own applications and/or documents as fast as possible.

Sample applications are included in the TBarCode11 setup (Start Menu: TEC-IT TBarCode 11 ► Examples) or can be downloaded from the TEC-IT web site https://www.tec-it.com (download area).

Make sure TBarCode SDK was installed before trying to run any sample application!

## A.3 User Manual

For user of Microsoft Office one additional document Is provided:

- User Manual A description on how to use TBarCode OCX (the Microsoft ActiveX compliant Barcode Control) in applications which are part of Microsoft Office. Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access and Microsoft InfoPath are discussed
- **API Reference** A detailed description of the TBarCode interface (methods, properties, enumerations and events).

These documents are included in the setup (Start Menu: TEC-IT TBarCode 11 ► Manuals).

## A.4 FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

Check out the FAQ on our web site https://www.tec-it.com/support/faq/tbarcode/Default.aspx.

