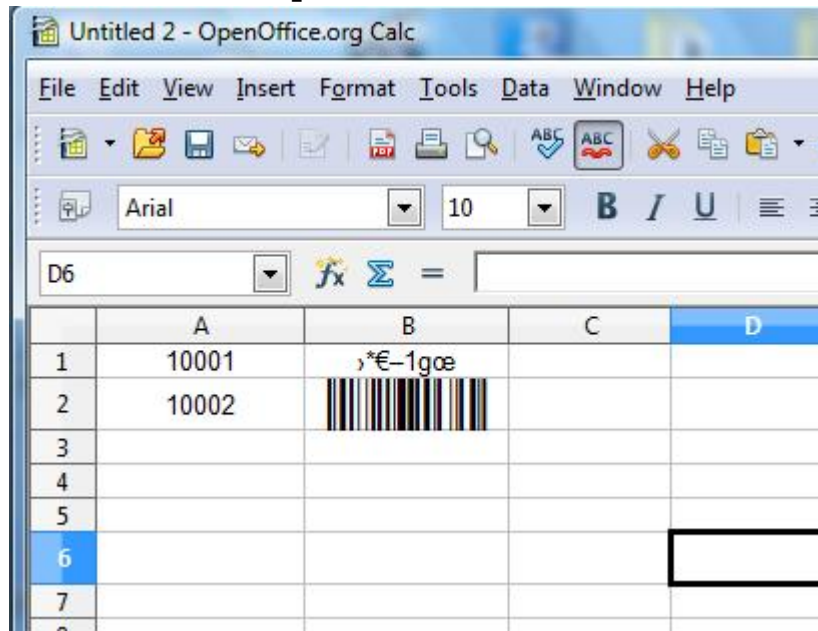


Code 128 Barcode Extension for OpenOffice Calc



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Thanks for downloading the Code 128 Extension for Calc! This extension requires OpenOffice 3.0 and Java installed on the client machine. Due to the cross platform nature of the application, the application requires a two step installation. First we need to install the fonts, then we will install the application.

Font installation:

Windows XP:

Open the control panel, then fonts. After extracting the zip archive just drag the code128bwin family of fonts into the font window.

Windows Vista:

After extracting the fonts, right click each font file and select install from the popup menu.

Macintosh OSX:

After extracting the fonts, drag them into the "/Library/Fonts" folder.

Common Linux:

Drag the fonts into the .fonts directory in your user home directory. If there is no .fonts directory there (you will need to view hidden files to make sure) you can create one. Note that this directory starts with the "." character. The folder is named ".fonts"

Extension Installation:

Open up an OpenOffice application and go to Tools>Extension manager. Click the add button and browse to the extension.

How To Use:

This extension creates a new function in Calc called “=ConvertStringToCode128()” that works like any other Calc function. Calling the function with a string argument will return a string that, when changed to the code 128 font, will provide a functional barcode. For instance, if you were to call the function with my name, Brian, as the argument, the function would return: šBrianFœ. If you were to convert that string to the code 128 font, it would properly scan and return the value “Brian.”

The beauty of using Calc for this calculation is the sheer volume of barcodes that can be created. Yes, you could create one if you need to, but you can also create thousands of them in seconds. Furthermore, with a Mail Merge, you can build and output individual barcode labels, again in seconds.

Disclaimer:

This extension is not designed for mission critical applications, where failure could result in loss of life or substantial financial loss.

As there are many different printers and operating systems out there it is always recommended to print and test a few barcodes before printing a large volume of them.