

# NiceLabel Printer Driver Installation Guide

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# **2** Purpose of this Guide

The purpose of this installation manual is to guide you through the process of NiceLabel printer driver installation.

This manual should be used in combination with printer installation and user manuals. See driver release notes for detailed information on the latest features, specifics, solved and known issues.

NiceLabel Printer Drivers with release notes are available on this web page: https://www.nicelabel.com/downloads/printer-drivers.

# **3 Printer Driver Installation**

There are two ways to install NiceLabel printer drivers. We recommend using NiceLabel **PrnInst** application. The application is controlled by a graphical user interface or via the command line interface. The alternative option is to use the Windows **Add printers & scanners** printer process.

See corresponding sections of this manual to perform driver installation successfully:

NOTE: Before starting with printer driver installation, make sure you are logged in as an administrator.

## 3.1 Installation with PrnInst

**Printer Installation Wizard (PrnInst)** is a dedicated application for installing NiceLabel printer drivers on Windows based systems.

PrnInst based driver installation is available for devices that are connected to LAN networks or any computer port.

Download the appropriate printer driver from <u>NiceLabel printer download page</u> to your local disk and run the downloaded self-extractable .exe file. PrnInst application starts automatically. Follow the below described wizard steps to install the driver.

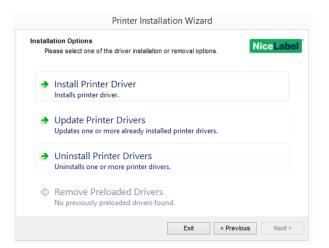
### 3.1.1 Introductory Steps

To complete introductory PrnInst steps, follow the steps below.

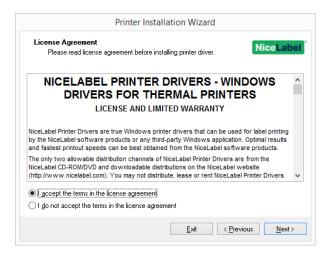
- 1. Unzip the installation files to a selected folder.
- 2. Run PrnInst.exe.
- 3. Welcome screen appears. Click Next.

Printer Installation Wizard	
NiceLabel	This wizard will help you install, update or remove printer drivers.
	Version 8.3.4.20255 Copyright (c) 2020 Euro Plus All Rights Reserved.
	Exit < Previous Next >

4. Select Install Printer Driver and click Next.



5. Accept the terms of license agreement and click Next.



6. Select printer port and click Next.

	Port elect port to which the printer is attached.
•	Network Port
	Ethernet (LAN) or Wireless (WiFi) installation.
•	USB Port
	Installation of USB Plug and play device.
+	Bluetooth Port
	Installation of Bluetooth device.
•	Other
	Installation on Serial (COM) or Parallel (LPT) ports.

Steps for the available printer port options are described in dedicated topics:

- <u>Network port installation steps</u>
- USB port installation steps
- <u>Bluetooth port installation steps</u>
- Other port installation steps

NOTE: Check the available ports on your printer before you select the printer port you want to use at installation. Some printer models have only a limited selection of printer ports.

### 3.1.2 Network Port Installation Steps

After selecting the network port printer connection option, install one of the printers which are discovered on the network, or install the printer manually.

#### 3.1.2.1 Network Port Installation Using Network Discovery

**Detect Network Printer** window appears immediately after starting the network port installation process.

1. Select the detected network printer and click Add.

Printer Installation Wizard			
Detect Network Printer Please select the printer f	ound on the loca	I network.	NiceLabel
The listed printers were found press the Add button. Press M			
305dpi (192.168.148.1 203dpi (192.168.148.2			
			Refresh
	<u>E</u> xit	< <u>P</u> revious	Manual Add

NOTE: Network ports that are in use are listed at the bottom of the list and grayed out.

NOTE: For printers that identify themselves by their series (and not by the exact model), select from the listed series of printers. These series may include multiple printer models. The selection directs you to the <u>Printer options step</u>.

2. If specific models of the detected printer's vendor are listed, select the appropriate one and click **Next**.

	Printer In	stallation W	/izard		
Select Printer Please select the	printer that you we	ould like to insta	Ш.	Nic	eLabe
NicePrinter 203dpi NicePrinter 300dpi					
NicePrinter 600dpi					
L					
		Ex	at < P	revious	Next >

- 3. You are directed to the Printer options step.
- 4. Follow the wizard to install your printer driver.

NOTE: Network discovery is available if the printer model supports bidirectional communication.

#### 3.1.2.2 Manual Network Port Installation

**Detect Network Printer** window appears immediately after starting the network port installation process.

1. To start the manual network port printer driver installation, click Manual.

Detect Netw	ork Printer				NiceLabe
Please se	elect the printer f	ound on the lo	ical network.		NICELADE
There were n Manual button		on the networ	k. To add the print	er port manua	lly press
I					
					Dafrach
				[	<u>R</u> efresh

2. Select the appropriate printer model.

Printer Installation Wizard			
Select Printer Please select the printer that you wou	uld like to install.	Ni	ceLabel
NicePrinter 203dpi NicePrinter 300dpi			
NicePrinter 600dpi			
	Exit	< Previous	Next >

- 3. **Select Network Port** window allows you to select which network port should your printer be connected to.
  - Create a new network port option opens the Add Network Port window.

rinter Installation Wizard			
Select Network Port Select the port your printer i	is connected to.	Nice	abel
Create a new network port Use an existing port:			
Port	Туре	Configuration	^
LAN_	Advanced P	192.168. :9100	
			*
Show <u>a</u> ll ports		C <u>o</u> nfigur	e
	<u>E</u> xit	< Previous	ext >

ed printer.
PortNjame
100
Exit < Previous Next >

• Port Name: defines the name for the newly created network port.

**Important!** It is necessary to use the "LAN\_" prefix in the **Port Name** to signal the printer driver that this is a bi-dir enabled port. Without the "LAN\_" prefix, bi-dir communication stops. This disables printer status checking.

**EXAMPLE:** LAN\_NicePrinter\_300 dpi

- Printer Name or IP Address: defines which printer (its name or IP address) connects to the newly created network port.
- **Port Number:** number of the newly created network port. PrnInst suggests the number automatically.
- Use an existing port: selects an automatically detected network port to connect the printer to.

Select Network Port Select the port your printer i	s connected to.	NiceL	ab
Create a new network port Use an existing port:			
Port	Туре	Configuration	^
LAN_NicePrinter_300dpi	Advanced Port Monitor	PLANET:9100	
LAN_NicePrinter_300dpi (1)	Advanced Port Monitor	PLANET:9100	1
LAN_NicePrinter_300dpi (2)	Advanced Port Monitor	192.168.148.210:9100	
LAN_NicePrinter_300dpi (3)	Advanced Port Monitor	192.168.148.210:9100	÷
LAN_NicePrinter_300dpi (4)	Advanced Port Monitor	192.168.148.210:9100	
LAN_NicePrinter_300dpi (5)	Advanced Port Monitor	192.168.148.210:9100	
PORTPROMPT:	Local Port		T
SHRFAX:	Fax Monitor Port		~
Show all ports		Configure	

- Enable Show all ports option to list all available (also non-network) ports.
- Enable Show all ports option to list all available (also non-network) ports.
- Click Next to proceed to Printer Options step.

### 3.1.3 USB Port Installation Steps

Start USB printer installation without your printer connected to your computer.

	Printer Installation Wizard	
Detect USB Printer Automatically detect pr	nter connected to USB port.	NiceLabel
	nter to USB port and then turn on the p turned on please disconnect and then	
	Exit	< Previous Next >

Connect and turn on your USB printer when the installation wizard prompts you.

When installing a USB printer, PrnInst automatically detects the connected printer using its Plug and Play ID.

- 1. PrnInst will take you to the final stage of printer driver installation process. Printer option window appears.
- 2. If the printer driver for the connected printer is already installed, PrnInst offers you to update it. Click **Next** to proceed to printer driver update.

If a driver does not recognize the printer Plug and Play ID, the **Select Printer** window appears.

Printer Installation Wizard					
Select Printer Please selec	ct the printer that yo	ou would like to i	install.	0	<b>liceLab</b> e
NicePrinter 2030 NicePrinter 3000 NicePrinter 6000	lpi				
			Exit	< Previous	Next >

3. Click **Next** after selecting the printer model. PrnInst will take you to the final stage of printer driver installation process. <u>Printer option window</u> appears.

### 3.1.4 Bluetooth Port Installation Steps

After selecting the Bluetooth port printer connection option, follow the steps below.

1. PrnInst automatically scans for the available Bluetooth printers. Make sure your printer is turned on and visible.

Choose	a device or pi	inter to add	to this PC		
Select a devi					
	Printer				
1 All					

Once PrnInst detects your Bluetooth printer, click Next.

- 2. Pair the Bluetooth printer with your computer. To complete the pairing, the passcode on your installation window must match the passcode your printer prints:
  - If the passcodes match, click **Yes**. This continues the installation.
  - If the passcodes do not match, click **No**. This restarts the installation. Once the passcodes match, click **Yes** to continue.
- 3. Select the printer you wish to install. Click **Next** to proceed to the <u>Printer Options</u> step.

Printer Insta	allation Wizard	
Select Printer Please select the printer that you would	d like to install.	<b>NiceLabel</b>
ter tor t		
Show all printers		
	Exit <	Previous Next >

### 3.1.5 Other Port Installation Steps

**Other** allows you to connect the printer to a dedicated port or to connect it manually. After selecting the **Other** port connection option, follow the steps below.

1. Select the appropriate printer model.

Select Printer				
Please select the pr	rinter that you w	ould like to ins	stall.	liceLab
NicePrinter 203dpi				
NicePrinter 300dpi				
NicePrinter 600dpi				

2. Select the port for connecting the printer. The port can either be an existing or a newly added one.

Select Local Port Select the port yo	our printer is connected to.	Nice	Lab
Port	Туре	Configuration	^
LPT1:	Printer Port		
LPT2:	Printer Port		
LPT3:	Printer Port		
COM1:	Serial Port		
COM2:	Serial Port		
COM3:	Serial Port		
COM4:	Serial Port		
COM5:	Serial Port		
COM6:	Serial Port		
COM7:	Serial Port		~
	[	Add Config	ure

- Add... creates a new port. Press the button to open Advanced TCP/IP Port Configuration window.
- **Configure** button allows you to configure the local port. See section <u>Local port</u> installation steps for details.
- 3. Click **Next** to proceed to <u>Printer options</u>.

### 3.1.6 Printer Options

Printer Options window allows you to set or check printer identity parameters.

- **Printer name:** sets custom printer name to make it easily recognizable after the installation.
- Driver version: information about the current driver version (read-only).
- Port name: information about the currently used port (read-only).
- Select language: defines driver user interface language.

- Location: adds information about the physical location of your printer. This way you can locate your printer in case there are multiple printers installed on your computer.
   Location input is just your comment and does not affect driver functionality. You can also add or change your Location data in Printer Properties > General after you install your driver.
- **Comment:** adds additional information or comments about your printer. Use this option also to identify your printer in case you have multiple printers installed on your computer. Comment input is just your remark and does not affect driver functionality. You can also add or change your Comment data in **Printer Properties > General** tab after you install your driver.

Printer Options Please select printer	options before installation.
Printer <u>n</u> ame:	NiceLabel Printer 300dp
Driver version:	8.3.4.20255
Port name:	LPT1:
Select language:	English ~
Location:	John's office
Comment:	Check for the right stock before you print!
U want to use this	printer as the Windows default printer
	Exit < Previous Install

Enable I want to use this printer as the Windows default printer to set the current printer as the default system printer.

Click Install to initiate the printer driver installation process.

### 3.1.7 Installation Process

Printer driver installation window appears after clicking Install.

Printer Installation Wizard		
Installing Printer Driver Printer Installation Wizard is ins	stalling the printer driver.	NiceLabel
Adding printer NiceLabel Printer 200dpi		
	Easily design and p barcode labels Get your free trial	rint
		<u>C</u> ancel

**Summary** window appears after a successful installation.

Summary Operation completed. Ple	ease read the summary below. Nice	Lab
Created printer ports:		,
Creation of printer port	succeeded.	
Installed printers:		
Installation of . 203DPIsucceeded.	8.3.4.20255 on port	
Updated printers:		1
Update of	version 7.3.0.0 to version 8.3.4.20255succeeded.	
Install another printer		

To get familiar with the installation specifics of your printer, enable the **Open the Printer Installation Guidelines when the wizard closes**. After completing the installation, help window opens, explaining the necessary steps for successful printing with the newly installed printer.

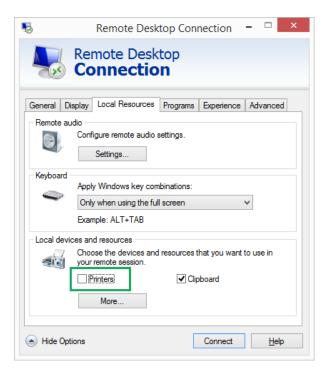
Click **Open printing preferences** to set up your printer. You can set up your printer also later, in Windows settings, **Printers & scanners** section.

Click **Install another printer** if you wish to continue installing additional printers.

Click **Exit** to finish the installation.

## 3.2 PrnInst Based Driver Installation using Remote Desktop

Printer mapping must be disabled when installing a printer driver using the remote desktop connection. To disable it, deselect **Printers** option of the **Local Resources** tab in the **Remote Desktop Connection** window.



## 3.3 Windows Based Printer Driver Installation

### 3.3.1 Printer Driver Installation Using Windows Tools

There are two ways to install your printer driver using Windows tools:

- Using **Plug and Play** functionality. Install your printer driver from Windows Update services.
- Using Add a printer or scanner option in Printers & scanners section in Windows Settings.

NOTE: For this type of installation your computer must be connected to internet.

Printer driver installation using Windows Installer is used on devices that are connected via one of the following ports:

- USB port
- Parallel port (LPT)

#### 3.3.1.1 Plug And Play Driver Setup

During this procedure, Windows automatically detects the newly connected hardware using a plug and play event on both ports – USB and LPT.

Follow these steps to install a NiceLabel printer driver:

- 1. Connect the printer to a power outlet and turn it on.
- 2. Connect the printer to a computer using USB or LPT port.

- 3. The driver is located online and downloaded to the PC. Automatic installation follows immediately.
- 4. The installed printer is ready for printing.

NOTE: Automatic printer detection is supported on USB and LPT ports only. The driver needs to be installed using PrnInst on other ports .

The **Add a printer** detection procedure differs between various operating systems. Follow the below described steps.

• The operating system automatically checks Windows Update and installs the driver.

Device Setup	×
Installing device	
Ũ	Please wait while Setup installs necessary files on your system. This may take several minutes.
	Close

• From this point on, the installation procedure differs if the printer driver is available on the Windows Update site or not. See the scenarios in the following two subsections.

#### 3.3.1.2 Printer Driver Available On Windows Update Site

The printer driver is automatically downloaded and installed – system notification message is displayed when complete. If you click the notification message, the new **Driver Software Installation** dialog is displayed. Monitor the installation status using this dialog:

Driver Software Installation	later press all dile has	×
Your device is ready to use		
USB Printing Support	✓ Ready to use ✓ Ready to use	
		Close

# 3.3.1.3 Printer Driver Unavailable On Windows Update Site – Manual Printer Driver Installation

If the printer driver is unavailable on the Windows Update site, download printer driver to the local disk. Follow these steps to install a NiceLabel printer driver using the manual Windows **Add a printer** procedure.

- 1. Connect the printer to power outlet and turn it on.
- 2. Connect the printer to a computer.
- 3. Windows detects the printer.

4. Windows Update automatically checks for the printer driver online and fails. Start with manual installation.

The manual driver installation varies between various operating systems. Follow the below described steps.

- Open Control Panel and click Hardware and Sound > Devices and Printers > Device Manager
- 2. Expand node **Other devices**. The installed printer is listed here.
- 3. Right click the printer and select Update Driver Software.
- 4. At the prompt How do you want to search for driver software? select Browse my computer for driver software.

#### 3.3.1.4 Preinstalling The Printer Drivers

Driver pre-installation option brings two benefits:

- It speeds up the installation process Windows Update is not contacted.
- It simplifies the USB printer installation in cases when printer drivers are not available on the Windows Update site.

To preinstall a printer driver on Windows, use the PrnInst command line options – see section <u>Appendix: PrnInst Based Printer Driver Installation Using Command Line Parameters</u>. If a new device is detected via plug and play event (on USB or parallel port), the operating system automatically installs the preinstalled printer driver. It does not query Windows Update for the driver.

#### 3.3.1.4.1 Syntax

PrnInst.exe /PREINSTALL=<full path to INF file>

#### 3.3.1.4.2 Sample

PrnInst.exe /PREINSTALL=C:\Drivers\SAMPLE DRIVER\SAMPLE DRIVER.inf

# **4 Printer Driver Removal**

As with driver installation, removal may also be done in two ways. Standard method is to use the PrnInst application. Another option is to use Windows administrative tools.

NOTE: Make sure you are logged in as a user with sufficient rights before starting the driver removal process.

When removing a printer driver, make sure that:

- The printer is not set as a default printer.
- There are no print jobs waiting in the print queue.
- The printer is not locked by the Windows spooler process.

If you are unable to delete the printer driver, perform one of the following actions:

- Restart Windows spooler.
- Delete print jobs from the Windows spooler.
- Computer restart is required in certain cases.

### 4.1 PrnInst Based Printer Driver Removal

### 4.1.1 Removing A Single Printer Driver

- 1. Run PrnInst.exe.
- 2. Welcome screen appears. Click Next.

Printer Installation Wizard	
NiceLabel	This wizard will help you install, update or remove printer drivers.
	Version 8.3.4.20255 Copyright (c) 2020 Euro Plus All Rights Reserved.
	Exit < Previous Next >

3. Select Uninstall Printer Drivers.

	Printer Installation Wizard
	ation Options ease select one of the driver installation or removal options.
•	Install Printer Driver Installs printer driver.
<b>→</b>	Update Printer Drivers Updates one or more already installed printer drivers.
•	Uninstall Printer Drivers Uninstalls one or more printer drivers.
•	Remove Preloaded Drivers Removes preloaded drivers.
	Exit < Previous Next >

4. Select the printer driver to be removed.

Printer Installation Wizard	
Uninstall Printer Driver Please choose the printer you want to uninstall.	NiceLabel
Select the printers from the list you want to uninstall:	
Printer name	
NiceLabel Printer 200dpi	
<ul> <li>NiceLabel Printer 300dpi</li> </ul>	
NiceLabel Printer 600dpi	
Number of selected printers: 3	
Remove unused ports	
E	kit < Previous Next >

Enable **Remove unused ports** to remove your printer port after you uninstall your driver. Uninstalling your driver removes the printer port only if no other printer uses this port.

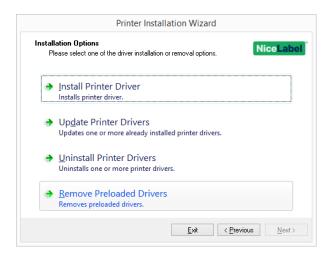
NOTE: **Remove unused ports** removes only NiceLabel **Advanced Port Monitor** ports. This option does not remove Standard TCP/IP, USB, LPT, and other ports.

5. Click **Next**. Successful printer removal is confirmed. The summary lists the uninstalled printers and removed ports.

nter Installation Wizard	
Summary	NiceLabe
Operation completed. Please read the summary below.	NICELADE
Uninstalling following printer(s) from the system:	
- NiceLabel Printer 200dpisucceeded.	
- NiceLabel Printer 300dpisucceeded.	
- NiceLabel Printer 600dpisucceeded.	
Deleted printer port(s):	
- LAN NiceLabel Printer 300dpisucceeded.	
- LAN_NiceLabel_Printer_600dpisucceeded.	
	Exit

### 4.1.2 Simultaneously Removing Preloaded Printer Drivers

- 1. Start PrnInst and click Next.
- 2. Select Remove Preloaded Drivers.



3. Click Next.

4. Select printers from the list and click **Next**.

Printer	Installation Wizard	
Remove Driver Package Please choose the driver package you want to remove from the system. Nice Lab		
Select the drivers from the list you wa	int to remove from the system:	
Manufacturer	Version	
MiceLabel	7.3.00.0	
Inf file: C:\Windows\inf\oem75.inf		

**NOTE:** The **Remove Preloaded Drivers** option only removes the driver installation files from the system. To uninstall a driver, select option **Uninstall Printer** in the PrnInst **Options** window.

### 4.2 Printer Driver Removal using Windows Tools

Follow this procedure to delete a printer and to remove a printer driver from the system. Choose the procedure, compatible with your operating system.

NOTE: For advanced users only. We recommend using PrnInst for uninstalling the drivers.

- 1. To open the **Print Management** console, click **Control Panel > System and Security > Administrative Tools** and double click **Print Management**.
- 2. Expand **Print Servers** <computer name> node.
- 3. Select Printers node.
- 4. Delete the printer.
- 5. Select **Drivers** node.
- 6. To delete a driver, select it and run Action > Remove Driver Package.

NOTE: Print Management console is not available by default. Please refer to the console instructions to activate it.

## 4.3 Removing Drivers from Windows Driver Store

### 4.3.1 Complete Removal Of Driver Files

To completely remove all printer files from Windows driver store, follow the procedure described in this section.

- Uninstall the printer driver. See section <u>Printer Driver Removal</u>. When deleting the printer from your computer, this procedure only removes the printer as a device. Driver files still exist on the disk. When you connect the printer next time, Windows installs the stored previously-used printer driver. To verify which drivers are stored in the system, do the following:
  - Open Command Prompt as an administrator.
  - Enter the following command: pnputil.exe -e
- A list of all INF files for the installed drivers appears. They are named as oem<number>.inf. Here is an example:

Published name : Driver package provider Class :	
Driver date and version Signer name :	

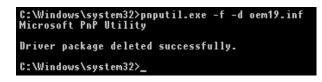
- When searching for the appropriate INF file, check for:
  - Driver package provider
  - Driver date and version

### 4.3.2 Driver Package Removal

To delete a driver package, follow this procedure:

- Open Command Prompt as administrator.
  - Open All programs > Accessories Start menu group.
  - Right click Command Prompt.
  - Select Run as administrator in the menu.
- Run the following command to list all INF files: pnputil.exe -e
- Find INF package to be removed (check **Driver package provider**, **Driver date** and **Version** to identify the correct package.
- Delete package using the following command: pnputil.exe -f -d oem<number>.inf
- Replace <number> parameter with the number that identified in step 2.

The utility deletes the INF file:



# **5 Printer Driver Update**

## 5.1 Selecting the Drivers

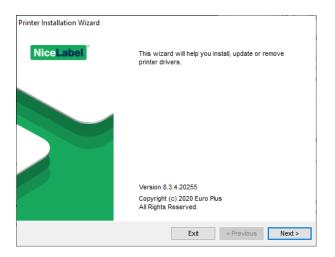
The majority of printer driver distributions contains printer drivers for several printers. Certain driver files are shared among the printers that are included in the same printer driver distribution.

NOTE: If you have installed several drivers from the same printer driver distribution, the drivers for all these printers are going to be updated if you update a single driver.

## 5.2 PrnInst Based Printer Driver Update

To update an existing printer driver, run PrnInst application for that specific printer vendor.

- 1. Run PrnInst.exe.
- 2. Welcome screen appears. Click Next.



3. Installation Options window appears. Select Update Printer Drivers option.

<ul> <li>Please select one of the driver installation or removal options.</li> <li>Install Printer Driver Installs printer driver.</li> <li>Update Printer Drivers Updates one or more already installed printer drivers.</li> <li>Uninstall Printer Drivers Uninstalls one or more printer drivers.</li> <li>Remove Preloaded Drivers Removes preloaded drivers.</li> </ul>	nstallation Options	NiceLabe
Installs printer driver.         Update Printer Drivers Updates one or more already installed printer drivers.         Uninstall Printer Drivers Uninstalls one or more printer drivers.         Remove Preloaded Drivers	Please select one or the driver installation (	or removal options.
<ul> <li>Update Printer Drivers Updates one or more already installed printer drivers.</li> <li>Uninstall Printer Drivers Uninstalls one or more printer drivers.</li> <li><u>R</u>emove Preloaded Drivers</li> </ul>	Install Printer Driver	
Updates one or more already installed printer drivers.         Uninstall Printer Drivers         Uninstalls one or more printer drivers.         Remove Preloaded Drivers	Installs printer driver.	
<ul> <li>Uninstall Printer Drivers Uninstalls one or more printer drivers.</li> <li><u>Remove Preloaded Drivers</u></li> </ul>	Up <u>d</u> ate Printer Drivers	
Uninstalls one or more printer drivers.	Updates one or more already instal	led printer drivers.
<u>Remove Preloaded Drivers</u>	Uninstall Printer Drivers	
	Uninstalls one or more printer drive	ers.
Removes preloaded drivers.	<u>Remove Preloaded Drivers</u>	
	Removes preloaded drivers.	

4. Select a printer to update its driver.

	Printer Install	ation Wizard	
	Printer Driver dates one or more already installed prin	nter drivers.	NiceLab
	rinter drivers that will be updated. that share files will be updated at same	e time.	
Pr	inter name	Installed version	New version
🔽 Ni	cePrinter 300dpi	7.3.0.10166	8.3.4.20255
Ni Ni	cePrinter 600dpi	7.2.0.10085	8.3.4.20255
		Exit <	Previous Update

5. Compare **Installed version** column with **New version** column for details about the version upgrade.

NOTE: If printer drivers for multiple printer models of the same vendor share the same driver files, these printers are selected and upgraded simultaneously.

Click Update.

NOTE: Grayed-out printers are currently missing and cannot be updated.

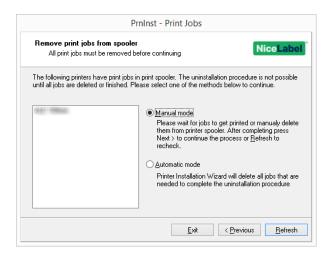
6. **Summary** window appears after a successful driver update.

Updating following printer(s) from the system: - Update of from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded. - Update of from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.	Summary Operation comp	leted. Please read the summary below.
- Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.           - Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.	Undating following r	vistor(a) from the outlow:
- Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.		
- Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.           - Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.           - Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.		
- Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.           - Update of         from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.		
- Update of from version 7.0.4.9671 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.		
- update of from version 7.0.4.96/1 to 8.3.4.20255succeeded.		
	- update of	from version 7.0.4.907 f to 8.3.4.20255Succeeded.
		<u>Exit</u>

7. Click Exit to close PrnInst.

### 5.3 Updating with Print Jobs in Spooler

With print jobs waiting in the Windows Spooler, PrnInst displays the following notification:



These two options are available:

- Manual mode. Delete current print jobs manually. To check if the queue is empty and to continue with the driver update, click **Refresh**.
- Automatic mode PrnInst deletes all print jobs and continues with the installation.

To verify that the printer driver has been updated correctly, check the driver version in the **About** tab after the update. If the old version is displayed, reboot Windows to finish the update process.

# **6 Troubleshooting**

## 6.1 Locked Printer Driver

During the installation, PrnInst checks for applications that could lock the printer driver files. If detected, the locking applications are displayed.

WARNING: Locked drivers cannot be replaced.

With locked drivers present, the following options are available:

- Close the applications that are locking the printer driver.
- Stop the installation and restart the computer. After restarting, repeat the installation procedure.
- If closing the application window has no effect, use **Task Manager** to end the tasks. See the examples below.
- Continue with the installation. New files are copied installation is complete after restarting the computer.

### 6.1.1 Example 1: Windows Explorer Locking Driver

If the printer properties have been checked in **Devices and Printers**, Windows Explorer locks the printer driver. Even after closing the **Devices and Printers**, Windows Explorer still locks the driver.

In such case, restart Windows Explorer process in Task Manager > Processes tab.

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The driver files are lo					tions to release th
files and press "Retry	to continue d	r Ignore" to	rorce uninstallir	ng arrver.	
explorer.exe					

🔗 Task Manager – 🗖					
File Options View					
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CPU	Mem				
0%	26,				
0%	25,4				
0%	8,1				
0%	5,1				
0%	43				
0,1%	0,1				
0,1%	0				
0%	2,0				
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To restart the process, right click Windows Explorer process and select Restart.

## 6.2 Possible Printer Driver Update Issues

The driver installer may try to update an already installed printer driver. There are several possible issues that prevent the driver update. The most common two causes are:

- Printer driver is locked. An application has locked it. This prevents the new driver from being installed. The driver files are copied, but unused until the operating system reboot.
- There are print jobs waiting to be printed. You must make sure the there are no jobs in queue. You must either print or delete jobs from Windows Spooler.

In most cases you will have to restart the PC to complete the printer driver installation. We recommend using PrnInst installation utility. Benefits are:

- PrnInst informs about possible issues.
- PrnInst helps resolving problems, which arise during the driver update.

To verify that the printer driver is updated correctly, verify the driver version in the **About** tab after the update. If the old version is still displayed, reboot Windows to finish the update process.

# 7 Appendix: Command Line Parameters for PrnInst Installation and Removal

Use the command line parameters to install the printer drivers without interacting with the PrnInst GUI. Control PrnInst using command scripts as defined in this section.

## 7.1 INSTPRN – Printer Driver Installation

Use this parameter to install a printer driver. Specify the printer name and the port that the driver should use. The specified printer name must match the actual name of the printer. To find out the correct name of the printer, see the <printer\_brand>.INF file. It contains the list of all available printer names. Search for the .INF file in the folder, where you have stored the printer driver installation files.

#### Syntax

```
/INSTPRN=<driver name>#<port name>[#[<printer name>][#[<location>][#[<comment>]]]]
<driver name> - full printer driver name
<port name> - port name
```

**Important!** It is necessary to use the "LAN\_" prefix in the **Port Name** to signal the printer driver that this is a bi-dir enabled port. Without the "LAN\_" prefix, bi-dir communication stops. This disables printer status checking.

```
EXAMPLE: LAN_NicePrinter_300 dpi
```

```
<printer name> - printer name
<location> - printer location (optional)
<comment> - information for users (optional)
```

#### Samples

PrnInst.exe /INSTPRN=PrinterDriver#LPT1:

PrnInst.exe /INSTPRN=PrinterDriver#LPT1:#MyPrinterName#MyLocation#MyComment

PrnInst.exe /INSTPRN=PrinterDriver#LPT1:###CommentOnly

## 7.2 INSTMULTPRN – Installation of Multiple Printers

Use this parameter to simultaneously install drivers for multiple printers. Specify printer name and port the driver should use. Printer name must match the actual name of the printer.

To find out the correct name of the printer, see the Printer Driver Installation List <printer\_ brand>.INF file. It contains the list of all available printer names. You will find the .INF file in the folder, where you have stored the printer driver installation files.

#### Syntax

```
<INF file location>#<driver name>#<port name>[#[<printer name>][#[<location>][#[<comment>]]]]
<INF file location> - full file name and path of the Printer Driver Installation List file
<driver name> - full printer driver name
<port name> - port name
```

**Important!** It is necessary to use the "LAN\_" prefix in the **Port Name** to signal the printer driver that this is a bi-dir enabled port. Without the "LAN\_" prefix, bi-dir communication stops.

```
This disables printer status checking.
```

```
EXAMPLE: LAN_NicePrinter_300 dpi
```

<printer name> - printer name <location> - printer location (optional) <comment> - information for users (optional)

#### Sample

Three printer drivers are installed in this sample – Printer1 (linked to port LPT1), Printer2 (linked to port LPT2), and Printer3 (linked to port LPT3).

C:\Drivers\PRINTER1\#Printer1#LPT1:##Office1#DefaultPrinterInOffice1

C:\Drivers\PRINTER2\#Printer2#LPT2:#ColorPrinter#Office2

C:\Drivers\PRINTER3\#Printer3#LPT3:#BWPrinter#Office2

## 7.3 LANG – Setting the PrnInst Language

Use this parameter to define the language used in the Printer Installation Wizard. The application always uses the default Windows operating system language. Default language is defined in **Control Panel > Regional and Language Options**.

Use this parameter to specify other languages for the Printer Installation Wizard.

NOTE: If you omit this parameter, the default language is used.

#### Syntax

/LANG=<lang>

#### <lang> - language ID

Language	Language ID	
Chinese – Simplified	SCH	
Chinese – Traditional	CHI	
Danish	DAN	
Dutch	DUT	
English	ENG	
Finnish	FIN	
French	FRA	
German	GER	
Hungarian	HUN	
Italian	ITA	
Japanese	JAP	
Korean	KOR	
Polish	POL	
Portuguese	PBR	
Russian	RUS	
Slovenian	SLO	
Spanish	ESP	
Swedish	SWE	
Thai	TAI	
Turkish	TUR	

#### Sample

PrnInst.exe /LANG=GER

### 7.4 UNINSTALL – Uninstall Printer

Use this parameter to run the PrnInst in the uninstall mode. You will see the list of installed printer drivers. Select one or more drivers and remove them.

#### Syntax

/UNINSTALL

#### Sample

PrnInst.exe /UNINSTALL

## 7.5 UNINSTALLPRN – Uninstall specific printer

Use this parameter to remove a specific printer driver from your system.

NOTE: Provide the exact printer name (as installed). To be sure, copy the printer name from **Control Panel > Printers & Faxes**.

#### Syntax

/UNINSTALLPRN=<printer name> [/REMOVEPORT=CURRENT|ALL]
<printer name> - the name of the printer you wish to uninstall
CURRENT - Removes your printer port after you uninstall your driver.
ALL - Removes all unused printer ports.

NOTE: The **/REMOVEPORT** option only removes NiceLabel **Advanced Port Monitor** ports. This option does not remove Standard TCP/IP, USB, LPT, or other ports.

#### Samples

PrnInst.exe /UNINSTALLPRN=NiceLabelPrinter

PrnInst.exe /UNINSTALLPRN=NiceLabelPrinter /REMOVEPORT=CURRENT

### 7.6 UNINSTALLALL – Uninstall all Printers

Use this parameter to remove all printer drivers from your system.

WARNING: This action erases the entire range of installed NiceLabel printer drivers from the system.

#### Syntax

```
/UNINSTALLALL [/REMOVEPORT=CURRENT|ALL]
```

#### Samples

PrnInst.exe /UNINSTALLALL

PrnInst.exe /UNINSTALLALL /REMOVEPORT=ALL

### 7.7 NOLICENCE – No License Display

Use this parameter to start the application in a mode where no NiceLabel printer driver license and warranty information are displayed during the installation.

#### Syntax

/NOLICENCE

#### Sample

PrnInst.exe /NOLICENCE

### 7.8 DIR – Change Start Browsing Path

Use this parameter to specify the location of the drivers. This is the path that the application uses to browse for the printer drivers. Default location is the folder with subfolders from where the application is started.

NOTE: DIR must always be the first parameter in the command line.

#### Syntax

/DIR=<INF file location>

<INF file location> - full path from which to start searching for .INF files

#### Sample

PrnInst.exe /DIR=C:\Drivers\

### 7.9 PREINSTALL – Preinstall Driver Package

Use this parameter to preinstall the printer driver on the system. Windows automatically finds the driver needed when the user connects the printer.

#### Syntax

/PREINSTALL=<INF file location>
<INF file location> - full path pointing to the .inf file

#### Sample

PrnInst.exe /PREINSTALL=C:\Drivers\SAMPLE DRIVER\SAMPLE DRIVER.inf

## 7.10 UNINSTALLPACKAGE – Uninstall Driver Package

Use this parameter to uninstall the printer driver from the system. Windows cannot automatically find the driver of the printer, because it was removed from Windows Driver Storage.

#### Syntax

/UNINSTALLPACKAGE=<INF file location> <INF file location> - full path pointing to the .inf file

#### Sample

PrnInst.exe /UNINSTALLPACKAGE=C:\Drivers\SAMPLE DRIVER\SAMPLE DRIVER.inf

# 7.11 INSTALLPORTMON – Silent Installation of Port Monitor

Use this parameter to silently install a port monitor from the printer driver distribution. When using this command, do not use any other commands from the command line list. Note that this installation does not install the printer driver, just the Port Monitor.

#### Syntax

/INSTALLPORTMON /name=aaaaa [/type=bbbbb] [/monitor=ccccc] [/inf=ddddd] [] Network port type /ip=eeeee [/port=ffff] Serial port type /port=ggggg [/baudRate=hhhhh] [/dataBits-iiiii] [/parity=jjjj] [/stopBits=kkkkk] [/flowControl=llll]] Parallel port type /port=mmmmmm [/reception=nnnnn] [/receptionInterval=00000] [/transmission=ppppp] Specific port types [/download=rrrrr] [/printingTimeout=qqqqq] [/downloadTimeout=sssss] aaaaa - port name that will be displayed in port list bbbbb - type of port <LAN, LPT, COM>. Parameter is omissible, depending on Port Monitor. ccccc - name of the Port Monitor being installed. Port monitor name can be found in information installation (.inf) file. Omissible if there is only 1 port monitor. ddddd - folder location of the information installation file containing Port Monitor. Search for installation information files is subfolder recursive. Omissible if there is only one information file in Printer Installation Wizard folder (or subfolders). LAN Port eeeee - ip address of printer on the network. fffff - printer s network port number. Parameter is omissible, depending on Port Monitor. COM Port ggggg - systems COM port number (example for COM3: value is 3) hhhhh - baud rate of serial port in bits per seconds (valid values: 100, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 128000, 256000) iiiii - data bits parameter for serial port. (Valid values: 5, 6, 7, 8) jjjjj - parity parameter for serial communication. (Valid values: none, odd, even, mark, space) kkkkk - stop bits parameter. (Valid values: 1, 1.5, 2) lllll - flow control parameter (Valid values: xonxoff, hardware, none) LPT Port. mmmmmm - systems LPT port number (example for LPT1: value is 1) nnnnn - reception timeout for LPT port when download function is enabled. Parameter is omissible. Default value is 500ms.

ooooo - reception interval for LPT port when download function is enabled. Parameter is omissible. Default value is 200ms.

ppppp - transmission for LPT port when download function is enabled. Parameter is omissible. Default value is 3000ms.

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rrrrr - enabled port specifics for downloading to printer. Omissible, default values is disabled. (Valid values: 0 - disabled, 1 - enabled)

qqqqq - printing timeout value in milliseconds for port specific communication. Omissible, default values is 50ms.

sssss - download timeout value in milliseconds for port specific communication. Omissible, default values is 7000ms.

#### Samples

PrnInst.exe /INSTALLPORTMON "-monitor=Advanced Port Monitor" /name=MyNewPort /ip=192.168.1.5 /port=9100

PrnInst.exe /INSTALLPORTMON -inf=c:\temp\driver\ "/monitor=Advanced Port Monitor"
/name=NewLanPort /ip=192.100.021.005 /port=9100

PrnInst.exe /INSTALLPORTMON /inf=c:\temp\driver\ "/monitor=Specific Port Monitor"
/ip=192.100.1.1 /type=LAN

PrnInst.exe /INSTALLPORTMON "/monitor=Specific Port Monitor" /name=MySerialPort /type=COM /port=3 /baudRate=128000 /dataBits=8 /Parity=Even /flowControl=none /StopBits=2

PrnInst.exe /INSTALLPORTMON "/monitor=Specific Port Monitor" /name=MySerialPort2
/type=COM /port=1 /baudRate=19200 /dataBits=8 /Parity=none /flowControl=Hardware
/StopBits=1.5

PrnInst.exe /INSTALLPORTMON "/monitor=Specific Port Monitor" /name=MyParallelPort /type=LPT /port=3

# 8 Online Support

You can find the latest builds, updates, workarounds for problems and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the product web site at www.nicelabel.com.

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- NiceLabel Support: <a href="http://www.nicelabel.com/support/technical-support">http://www.nicelabel.com/support/technical-support</a>
- NiceLabel Tutorials: <u>http://www.nicelabel.com/learning-center/tutorials</u>
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