

# Wireless Scanning on the Cheap: Using a Portable Barcode Reader for Internal Use Statistics and Inventory

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## CIPHER CPT-8000 Application Generator Setup for Millennium

The figures below are representative of the Cipher CPT-8000 after customization using the Application Generator.



Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Using the Application Generator, two forms (data files) were created.

1. Count Use
2. Inventory

### Connection Information:

The Cipher CPT-8000 is a serial device. We added a “USB to Serial” connector. When needed, a USB Keyboard Emulation software utility is used.

### Customized Settings:

The following pages explain the settings that were customized. If a setting is not referred to in this document it was left using the default setting provided by the Application Generator.

## Count Use Settings:

Application Generator - [ C:\Documents and Settings\SLibby\Desktop\Cipher 8000-c\Applicati... ]

Form | Menu | Lookup | Barcode | Settings | Startup

Name: form 1 Esc: menu 1 Lookup: nil Time Stamp

Font: large Next: form 1 Record: save Branch

Line	Data type	Prompt	Input source	Min length	Max length	Lookup	Properties
#1	prompt	Barcode:	both	1	6	nil	more...
#2	text		both	6	6	nil	more...
#3	extension		both	0	0	nil	more...
#4	counter	Count:	both	0	80	nil	more...
#5	nil				80	nil	more...
#6	nil				80	nil	more...
#7	nil				80	nil	more...
#8	nil				80	nil	more...

Properties

Form #1 Line # 2

Field data

- Fixed data length: 6
- Initial value or text
- Add prefix code
- Add suffix code
- Show input mark
- Decimal places: variable

Barcode input

- Read partial barcode
- Start position: 1
- Maximum length: 20
- Check leading code
- Check digit verification
- MOD 10 Double-Add-Double (next high)
- Auto ENTER: Scan+ENTER

## Form 1 – Count Use

Font: Large

### Line 1:

Data type =prompt

Prompt= Barcode:

“Barcode” will display on device. (See Fig. 3 on page 1)

### Line 2:

Data type=text

Prompt= [leave blank]

Allows for alpha-numeric data entry

Min length =6

Max length=6

Our barcodes are 6 characters long. This prevents blank lines and product barcodes from being entered accidentally.

More...

Fixed data length=6

Left aligned

AutoEnter:=Scan+ENTER

### Line 3:

Data type=extension

### Line 4:

Data type=counter

Prompt=Count:

Allows a count to display.(see Fig 3 on page 1)

## Inventory Settings:

Application Generator - [ C:\Documents and Settings\SLibby\Desktop\Cipher 8000-c\Applicati... ]

Form | Menu | Lookup | Barcode | Settings | Startup

Name: form 2 Esc: menu 1 Lookup: nil Time Stamp

Font: large Next: form 2 Record: save Branch

Line	Data type	Prompt	Input source	Min length	Max length	Lookup	Properties
#1	prompt	Barcode:	both	0	80	nil	more...
#2	text		both	6	6	nil	more...
#3	extension		both	0	0	nil	more...
#4	counter	Count:	both	0	80	nil	more...
#5	nil				80	nil	more...
#6	nil				80	nil	more...
#7	nil				80	nil	more...
#8	nil				80	nil	more...

Properties

Form #2 Line # 2

Field data

- Fixed data length: 6
- Initial value or text
- Add prefix code: n
- Add suffix code
- Show input mark
- Decimal places: variable

Barcode input

- Read partial barcode
- Start position: 1
- Maximum length: 20
- Check leading code
- Check digit verification
- MOD 10 Double-Add-Double (next high)
- Auto ENTER: Scan+ENTER

## Form 2 – Inventory

Font: Large

### Line 1:

Data type =prompt

Prompt= Barcode:

“Barcode” will display on device. (See Fig. 3 on page 1)

### Line 2:

Data type=text

Prompt= [leave blank]

Allows for alpha-numeric data entry

Min length =6

Max length=6

Our barcodes are 6 characters long. This prevents blank lines and product barcodes from being entered accidentally.

More...

Fixed data length=6

Left aligned

AutoEnter:=Scan+ENTER

Add prefix code= n:

“n:” is required by Millennium for Inventory files.

### Line 3:

Data type=extension

### Line 4:

Data type=counter

Prompt=Count:

Allows a count to display. (See Fig 3 on page 1)

## Two Separate Data Collection Files: Count Use and Inventory

Application Generator - [ C:\Documents and Settings\SLibby\Desktop\Cipher 8000-c\Applicati... ? X]

Form Menu Lookup Barcode Settings Startup

Name: menu 1

Font: large

Esc: main

Menu caption:

MILLENNIUM

Data

Save caption

Save selected item

Pass down

Save the collected data for each form to separate data files.

Item No.	Item Name	Next:
#1	1. Count Use	form 1
#2	2. Inventory	form 2
#3		main
#4		main
#5		main
#6		main
#7		main
#8		main
#9		main
#10		main

Reset

OK Cancel

**Menu 1** (See fig. 2 on page 1)

**Font** = large

**Menu caption**=yes  
"MILLENNIUM"

### Item Name and Next:

Item names are the menu selections that will display on the device. It is important that the Item name correctly corresponds to the appropriate form so that after a barcode is scanned it stays on that form.

### Separate data files=yes

This setting must be checked in order for the barcodes to go into separate files for Count Use and Inventory.

## Additional Settings:

Application Generator - [ C:\Documents and Settings\SLibby\Desktop\Cipher 8000-c\Applicati... ? X]

Form Menu Lookup Barcode Settings Startup

System initial settings

1. Upload Port: Cradle-IR

2. Download Port: Cradle-IR

3. Modem Speed: 115200 bps

4. Baud Rate: 9600 bps

5. Backlight: Turn on

Turn backlight off if idle for: 2 (1 ~ 9) x 10 sec

6. Data Deletion: Manual

7. Entry Options: Show count

Stay on the LCD: 9 (1 ~ 99) x 100 ms

Press any key to continue

8. Key Click: Tone 2

9. Barcode Good Read: One beep

10. Warning Beep: Two beeps

Security ... Acoustic Coupler ... Function Key ...

Reset

OK Cancel

## Settings:

These settings can also be changed directly on the device.

### 4. Baud Rate: 9600 bps

This setting changes depending on the type of upload that is being performed. 115200 bps works well with the USB connection for uploading text files for Inventory. However, it was too fast for the Millennium client to process when uploading the Count Use data using keyboard emulation.

### 6. Data Deletion: Manual

This was left on Manual so that if there was an interruption in the upload process the barcodes would still be available.

### 7. Entry Options: Show count Stay on the LCD: 9 ms

This setting determines how long the barcode will remain on the display after scanning.

We found this setting useful to keep the barcode visible long enough to verify a correct reading but not long enough to slow scanning.