Label Templates

Label templates for COBI.wms are HTML files which may contain special placeholder values interpreted by COBI.wms. The placeholders will be replaced with their actual values in a simple search-and-replace manner before the HTML is passed to the Android system for graphical rendering.

Accepted placeholder values

The following sections explain the different kinds of placeholders that are accepted in COBI.wms label templates.

Simple placeholders

The following table describes all simple placeholders understood by the app. Each of these must appear within the HTML document in the format <code>@placeholderGoesHere@</code>, i.e. with an <code>@-symbol before</code> and after the name of the placeholder, with no space characters in between.

Document-level	Document-level Procument Document Docum		
docNumber	Document number		
docForeignNumber	BP-reference of document		
docDate	Posting date		
docDueDate	Due date		
businessPartnerCode	Code of business partner		
businessPartnerName	Name of business partner		
docReference	The "Reference 2" field that some documents have		
docComments	The comments field		
Line-level			
lineNumber	The line number starting from zero		
lineItemName	Description (normally contains item name)		
lineFreeText	Free text		
lineUnitName	UoM name (might have been manually entered)		
Item-level			
itemCode	Item code		
itemName	Item name		
itemForeignName	Foreign name of item (often used for an alt. item code)		
itemBarcode	Primary barcode of the item, as text		
itemBarcodeGTIN12	Primary barcode, fitted into GTIN-12 format		
itemBarcodeGTIN13	Primary barcode, fitted into GTIN-13 format		
itemBarcodeGTIN14	Primary barcode, fitted into GTIN-14 format		
itemSupplierCatalogNumber	Item number in supplier's catalog		
itemAdditionalIdentifier	Additional identifier (database field SWW)		
itemGroupName	Name of the item group in which the item is		
itemPurchaseUnitName	Name of the purchase UoM		

Document-level			
itemSalesUnitName	Name of the sales UoM		
itemStockUnitName	Name of the stock UoM		
itemPurchaseLength	Length of the purchase UoM		
itemPurchaseWidth	Width of the purchase UoM		
itemPurchaseHeight	Height of the purchase UoM		
itemPurchaseLengthUnit	Unit in which the purchase UoM length is given		
itemPurchaseWidthUnit	Unit in which the purchase UoM width is given		
itemPurchaseHeightUnit	Unit in which the purchase UoM height is given		
itemSalesLength	Length of the sales UoM		
itemSalesWidth	Width of the sales UoM		
itemSalesHeight	Height of the sales UoM		
itemSalesLengthUnit	Unit in which the sales UoM length is given		
itemSalesWidthUnit	Unit in which the sales UoM width is given		
itemSalesHeightUnit	Unit in which the sales UoM height is given		
itemPurchaseUnitContents	Contents of the purchase UoM in terms of the base UoM of the UoM group		
itemSalesUnitContents	Contents of the sales UoM in terms of the base UoM of the UoM group		
itemStockUnitContents	Contents of the stock UoM in terms of the base UoM of the UoM group		
Batch-level			
batchNumber	Batch number		
batchProductionDate	Production date of the batch		
batchProductionGS1	Production date in GS1 barcode format (YYMMDD)		
batchExpiryDate	Expiry date of the batch		
batchExpiryGS1	Expiry date in GS1 barcode format (YYMMDD)		
batchAttr1	Batch attribute 1		
batchAttr2	Batch attribute 2		
batchDetails	Batch details/notes		
Serial-level			
serialNumber	Serial number		
serialMnfNumber	Manufacturer serial number		
serialLotNumber	Lot-number of serial number		
serialDetails	Serial details/notes		
Bin location-level			
locationCode	Bin location code		
locationBarcode	Bin location barcode		
Context-dependent			
quantity	Quantity of selected line, batch, etc.		

The placeholders on document- and line-level are only valid when the label printing is triggered on a document line, such as while creating or after booking a document.

The placeholders of the form itemBarcodeGTIN... will try to force the default barcode of the item into the specified number of digits by either appending or removing zeroes at the left, such that the actual value of the GTIN number doesn't change. If this conversion is impossible, for instance if you try to use itemBarcodeGTIN13 but the barcode uses a full 14 digits with no leading zeroes, then a

pseudo-GTIN of all-zeroes will be used. The utility of these special placeholders becomes apparent in the next section.

Item prices

You can use placeholders of the form @itemPrice(x)@ to display the price of an item in the price list number x.

The resulting text will contain the price value with two decimal positions as well as the three-letter currency code, for example: 5.00 USD

The decimal separator that is used depends on the language settings of the Android device, so for example a device set to German would format the same as 5,00 USD.

Additionally, the following variants are supported for fine-tuning the format:

Placeholder	Description
itemPriceRawValue	Price value formatted via Java's Double.toString() method, e.g. 5.5.
itemPriceFormattedValue	Price value formatted according to device language, e.g. 5.50 or 5,50.
itemPriceCurrencyCode	The three-letter currency code of the price's currency, e.g. USD or EUR.
itemPriceCurrencySymbol	A symbol representing the price's currency, e.g. \$ or €.

Examples, where the price is 5 US dollars and 50 cents, and the language is set to US English:

- @itemPrice(1)@ → 5.00 USD
- @itemPriceFormattedValue(1)@ @itemPriceCurrencyCode(1)@ → 5.00 USD (same as above)
- @itemPriceCurrencySymbol(1)@@itemPriceValue(1)@ → \$5.00

The placeholder itemPriceRawValue is especially useful if the price is going to be used in JavaScript for calculations, where it's important to get its value in a consistent format so it can be parsed as a number.

Barcode graphics

The following special type of placeholder is supported to print actual barcodes on the label:

@barcode(FORMAT, WIDTH, HEIGHT, CONTENT)@

NOTE: Don't put any spaces before or after the surrounding parentheses or the commas separating the fields!

The following values are supported in place of the FORMAT parameter:

- CODEBAR
- CODE 39

- CODE 93
- CODE 128
- DATA MATRIX
- EAN 8
- EAN 13
- QR CODE
- UPC A
- UPC E

The values given for the WIDTH and HEIGHT parameters are merely guidelines for the barcode generator. If the generated barcode doesn't fit in the given width/height, they will be exceeded.

For the CONTENT parameter, you can use any other placeholder, free text, or a combination thereof.

Here's a full example:

```
@barcode(EAN 13,100,50,@itemBarcodeGTIN13@)@
```

This placeholder will be replaced with an EAN-13 barcode, containing the primary barcode of the item according to the barcodes table in the item master data in SAP Business One.

Since we've used the placeholder itemBarcodeGTIN13, the barcode of the item may actually be a GTIN-12, or it may be saved as a GTIN-14 in SAP Business One with a leading zero. In both cases, the EAN-13 barcode will be generated just fine, since the itemBarcodeGTIN13 adds or removes zeroes as necessary. If the conversion to the correct number of digits is not possible (e.g. barcode is a full-length GTIN-14, so there's no leading zero to remove), then the value 0000000000000 (13 zeroes) will be used instead; this way it's ensured that an EAN-13 barcode is still generated on the label without messing up the whole print layout. The printed barcode will of course be non-functional.

GS1 Support

The formats CODE_128 and DATA_MATRIX support generating GS1 barcodes. To enable this, the contents of the barcode must begin with | (the pipe symbol). GS1 fields with variable length that need to be terminated are likewise terminated with the pipe symbol. An example:

```
@barcode(CODE_128,100,75,|01@itemBarcodeGTIN14@10@batchNumber@|...)@
```

In this example, the first GS1 barcode field is 01 which symbolizes that a GTIN-14 follows. By using the placeholder itemBarcodeGTIN14 we ensure that exactly 14 digits are inserted here. This field does not need to be terminated with a pipe symbol, since it has a fixed length of 14 digits.

The next field is 10 i.e. the batch number. This field is allowed to contain 1 to 20 digits or arbitrary characters. If we use batch numbers of 10 characters, this means we must end this GS1 field explicitly with a pipe symbol.

Here's a list of commonly used GS1 field identifiers:

https://www.activebarcode.de/codes/ean128_ucc128_ai.html

Here's a full list from GS1.org currently containing 480 entries:

https://www.gs1.org/standards/barcodes/application-identifiers

Better control of generated HTML

The barcode() placeholder generates a whole tag in the generated HTML. If you want closer control over the HTML, like adding additional attributes to the img tag, you can use the barcodeB64() placeholder instead, which produces a PNG in Base64. Example:

```
<img id='...' class='...' src='data:image/png;base64,@barcodeB64(...)@' />
```

The parameters of the barcodeB64() placeholder are exactly the same as that of the regular barcode() placeholder. That means you must still provide the WIDTH and HEIGHT parameters; these will be passed to the barcode generation system that produces the Base64 PNG.

User-input values

Label templates may contain a special type of placeholder that tells the app to show the user a popup for values to insert manually every time the label is to be printed. The simplest syntax for this type of placeholder looks as follows:

```
@input(NAME)@
```

The NAME parameter uniquely identifies the input and may only consist of normal English letters and digits. (No spaces, special characters, umlauts, etc.)

The following logic is applied to label templates with input placeholders:

- The template is scanned for all input placeholders.
- Whenever such a placeholder is found and the NAME has not been encountered before, it's registered into a list of needed inputs.
- The user is then presented with a popup that contains one field per needed input. The value provided by the user is saved.
- Finally, all input placeholders are replaced with the value that the user had entered for them. Placeholders with the same NAME get the same value.

Since the name of an input may not contain arbitrary text, an optional "display name" may be specified in square brackets, which will be used in the popup where the user has to enter the value for that input. Example:

```
@input(quantity[Number of crates])@
```

In this example, the input is identified by the simple name qty but the COBI.wms user will see it as "Number of crates" in the input values popup. If no display name is specified in square brackets, then the regular name of the input is also used as the display name.

Also, an input may be limited to a predefined set of choices by listing them in the following format:

```
@input(Currency;EUR,GBP,USD)@
```

NOTE: Don't put any spaces after the semicolon, or before or after the commas.

This means that in the input popup shown to the user, there will be a drop-down list of selections instead of a free-form text field.

The display name and the list of choices can be combined:

@input(shipType[Freight type];Less Than Truckload,Full Truckload,Air Freight,Ocean Freight)@

The configuration for an input (display name and list of values) only has to appear for the first time the input with that NAME is encountered. A good strategy is to list all the inputs with their configuration at the top of the HTML file within an HTML comment, and only refer to them as @input(NAME)@ in the main body of the HTML, to make the template easier to read. Refer to the second example template for an example of this strategy.

Date placeholders

You can insert the date and/or time of the moment of the printing by using the following special placeholder:

@date(FORMAT)@

Valid values for the FORMAT parameters correspond to the parameters of the Android class SimpleDateFormat which is documented in the following page:

https://developer.android.com/reference/java/text/SimpleDateFormat

However, for your convenience, here are the values that are likely to be used most commonly:

уууу	Year, 4 digits
уу	Year, 2 digits
MM	Month number, 2 digits
dd	Day of month, 2 digits
НН	Hour of day, 2 digits
mm	Minute of hour, 2 digits
SS	Second of minute, 2 digits

Examples follow. Let's say the date is February 23rd, 2021, and the clock reads 16:11.

@date(yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm)@becomes 2021-02-23 16:11

@date(dd.MM.yyyy)@ becomes 23.02.2021

Date reformatting

The special date-reformat placeholder can be used to interpret a date in one format and then have it printed in another format. The usage looks as follows:

@dateReformat(DATE|FROM_FORMAT|TO_FORMAT)@

NOTE: Don't put any spaces before or after the parentheses or the separating pipe symbols. (The spaces would be considered part of the corresponding parameter.)

This placeholder uses the pipe symbol instead of commas to separate its parameters, because the parameters themselves may contain commas.

The mechanism is as follows: the text found within the DATE parameter is interpreted in accordance to the format specification FROM_FORMAT so the software knows what date/time it represents, and it's then turned into TO FORMAT.

The FROM_FORMAT and TO_FORMAT parameters are akin to the FORMAT parameter of the regular date() placeholder described in the previous section.

Following is an example for printing the expiry date of a batch number in a custom format, exploiting the fact that the placeholder @expiryDateGS1@ will always produce a date of the format yyMMdd.

@dateReformat(@batchExpiryGS1@,yyMMdd,dd.MM.yyyy)@

JavaScript bindings

The HTML document resulting from the interpretation of a COBI.wms label template is rendered by a full-fledged browser engine. This means that you can use not only CSS but even JavaScript in the template. However, this has to be enabled explicitly by placing the following pseudo-placeholder anywhere in the file, such as in an HTML comment somewhere at the top:

@useJavaScript@

NOTE: When JS is enabled, the actual printing of the rendered HTML document will not be triggered automatically anymore. Instead, you have to trigger the printing manually from your JS code by calling cobiwms.print() at some point.

During execution of your JS code, you have access to the special object cobiwms which contains a number of functions. Their explanation follows.

cobiwms.get(name)

The parameter name must be a string. It will be interpreted as a placeholder, and its value returned as a string. For example, calling cobiwms.get("itemName") will give you the item name as a string.

(You could also just use placeholders like @itemName@ in your code, but then the value would be injected as-is into your code. That means: you would have to wrap it in quotation marks like "@itemName@", and any quotation marks appearing within the actual value would break the code. Therefore it's much better to use cobiwms.get() instead.)

cobiwms.prompt(title, callback)

Calling this function makes the app present a popup with an input field to the user. The parameter title, which must be a string, will be the title of the popup. The parameter callback must also be a string, and must represent a function. Said function will be called with one argument (a string representing the value entered by the user) after the user has confirmed their input.

Example usage:

```
window.handleCurrency = function (currency) {
    ...
}
cobiwms.prompt("Enter currency", "window.handleCurrency")
```

Example template files

File 1

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <meta charset="utf-8"/>
    <style>
        @page {
          margin: 0;
          padding: 0;
        }
        html {
          margin: 0;
          padding: 0;
          font-family: sans-serif;
          text-align: center;
        }
        body {
          margin: 0;
          padding: 0;
          width: 98mm;
          height: 48mm;
          position: relative;
    </style>
</head>
<body style="border: 0.5mm; border-style: solid; border-color: black;">
<div style="float: left; margin: 1mm;">
    <br/><br/>b>Code:</b> @itemCode@
</div>
```

```
<div style="float: right; margin: 1mm;">
    <br/><b>W:</b> @itemSalesWidth@ @itemSalesWidthUnit@
</div>
<div style="float: right; margin: 1mm;">
    <br/><b>L:</b> @itemSalesLength@ @itemSalesLengthUnit@
</div>
<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 12mm;">
    @itemName@
</div>
<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 1mm;">
    @barcode(CODE 128,100,50,|90@itemCode@|10@batchNumber@)@
</div>
<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">
    (90)@itemCode@(10)@batchNumber@
</div>
<div style="position: absolute; left: 1mm; bottom: 1mm;">
    <br/><b>@date(yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm)@</b>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

File 2

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <meta charset="utf-8"/>
    <style>
        @page {
          margin: 0;
          padding: 0;
        }
        html {
          margin: 0;
          padding: 0;
          font-family: sans-serif;
          text-align: center;
        }
        body {
          margin: 0;
          padding: 0;
          width: 98mm;
          height: 48mm;
          position: relative;
        }
    </style>
```

```
<!-- Input definitions:
    @input(simpleInput[Insert value])@
    @input(selectionInput[Select value]; Value 1, Value 2, Value 3)@
    <!-- @useJavaScript@ -->
    <script>
        window.onload = function() {
            var insert = document.getElementById('js-insert')
            insert.textContent = "Hello World!"
            window.cobiwms.print()
    </script>
</head>
<body style="border: 0.5mm; border-style: solid; border-color: black;">
<div style="float: left; margin: 1mm;">
    <br/><b>JS-Insert:</b> <span id="js-insert"></span>
</div>
<div style="float: right; margin: 1mm;">
    <br/><br/>b>Selection:</b> @input(selectionInput)@
</div>
<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 12mm;">
    @itemName@
</div>
<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 1mm;">
    @barcode(CODE 128,100,50, | 90@itemCode@|10@batchNumber@)@
</div>
<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">
    (90)@itemCode@(10)@batchNumber@
</div>
<div style="position: absolute; left: 1mm; bottom: 1mm;">
    <br/><b>Input:</b> @input(simpleInput)@
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

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