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# Release Notes – 123RFID Desktop v2.0.0.0

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## Introduction

123RFID Desktop is a unique no-cost Windows utility that simplifies the process of deploying Zebra fixed readers (FX9600, FX7500), Zebra ATR7000 Array Reader, RE40 RFID Module and RFD40 handheld reader. It can be used to discover and connect to one or more readers and allows full access to configure readers, update readers' firmware, read, write and report tag data. The intuitive wizard presents easy-to-understand options in drop-down menus, radio buttons and sliders.

## Description

This package contains the installer required to install 123RFID Desktop version 2.0.0.0. It can be used on a 64-bit Windows system.

### *Supported Features over Version 1.3.0*

- Support for RFD40 handheld reader
  - ✓ Discover and connect RFD40 module over COM port
  - ✓ Configure RFD40 via the Configuration wizard
  - ✓ Perform Inventory (read tags in the field of view) and Access operations
  - ✓ Perform single tag locate
  - ✓ Perform FW update via local file-based method
  - ✓ Support battery status monitoring - query battery status periodically
  - ✓ Support for Pre-Filter configuration under Configuration wizard
  - ✓ Support for General settings configuration under Configuration wizard
  - ✓ Load a saved configuration
  - ✓ Support for Offline configuration
    - Configure offline settings
    - Save configurations
      - The configuration is stored in PC as local file .rfdcfg
      - FCDAT is staging file used to push configuration and firmware files

- Support for ATR7000 reader
  - ✓ Discover and connect ATR reader
  - ✓ Configure ATR reader via the Configuration wizard
  - ✓ Perform Inventory (read tags in the field of view) and Access operations
  - ✓ Perform FW update via local file-based or FTP/FTPS/SCP server.
  
- New features additions for FXSeries readers
  - ✓ Support for Dwell time option of N\_Millisecs\_1\_Rnd under Antenna Port settings.
  
  - ✓ **Network configuration:** Configure Ethernet, Bluetooth, and Wi-Fi settings.
    - **Ethernet:** This feature allows user to configure network settings and the IP of the reader automatically via DHCP or static IP configuration.
    - **Bluetooth:** This feature allows user to configure Bluetooth settings for connecting PC/Laptop via PAN profile to the reader.
    - **Wi-Fi:** This feature allows users to scan, connect and disconnect to Wi-Fi networks.
  
  - ✓ **Serial Port Configuration:** This feature enables user to configure serial port to modes below:
    - **Debug Port:** This is the default out of the box configuration enabled on FX9600 readers. In this configuration RS232 port is configured as Debug port to get kernel and system debug messages
  
    - **Push Data Port:** Once configured in this mode, it is enabled to run inventory operation and the Tag report will be pushed over the serial console.
  
    - **Free Port:** This option frees the serial port from internal usage and exposes the serial port for user application
  
  - ✓ **License Manager:** This feature enables user to acquire, release and view the available licenses for various licensed features for FXSeries readers (i.e. FX Connect, Network Connect)
  
  - ✓ **FX Connect:** FX Connect is a feature that allows the FXSeries readers to be configured to perform inventory and push tag data to the specified endpoint. This is a licensed feature and user must activate FX-connect license to use this feature.
  
  - ✓ **Network Connect:** Network Connect feature supports industrial ethernet protocols like EtherNet/IP & Profinet.
  
  - ✓ **Cloud Connect:** Cloud connect allows user to connect to Zebra Data Services and push inventory data to the connected Zebra Data Services.
  
  - ✓ **Application:** This feature allows user to install, remove and view installed applications on the readers.

### *Supported Features over Version 1.2.0*

- Support for RE40 RFID Module
  - ✓ Discover and connect RFID module over COM port
  - ✓ Configure RFID module via the Configuration wizard
  - ✓ Perform inventory and access operations on RFID module and receive tag data
  - ✓ Perform FW update on RFID module via local file-based method
  - ✓ Support temperature monitoring - query RFID module temperature periodically if this feature is enabled
- Show user memory bank data from tags (if supported) on Read screen
- Change the tag data column name from TagID to “EPC ID”
- Support for customization of ATL image window
  - ✓ The ATL file can include columns to allow user to customize item image file, item friendly name, item title, custom item text, logo image, background & foreground color of the image window
- Specify time duration in seconds to reset GPO (General Purpose Output) pin if it was activated by a GPO programming rule. This will reset all GPO accessories, irrespective of their state
- Support for changing reader's region configuration within reader configuration settings
- Update the built-in help contents on the new features implemented in version 1.3.0

### *Supported Features over Version 1.1.0*

- Save antenna settings on the reader and persist them across reader shutdown and reboot
- Reset antenna settings to factory defaults
- Support for reader reboot
- Support for “Tag Focus” feature for Impinj’s Monza 4, Monza 5, and Monza R6 tag chips
- Display a set of supported reader profiles from the reader and activate the selected one
  - ✓ This feature is supported by SW version 3.0.35 and above for FXSeries (FX7500 & FX9600) readers
- Display the “Edit Tag Detail” window by double clicking TagID of a tag item
- Support for accessing (read & write) multiple tags (up to 5 tags) without leaving the “Edit Tag Details” window
- Support for creating EPC filter in Hex and ASCII format
- Simplify the display format of RF Mode
- Support for firmware update (upgrade/downgrade) on a single or multiple FX7500/FX9600 devices at a time using the ftp-based method

### *Supported Features over Version 1.0.0*

- Change the utility name from “123RFID” to “123RFID Desktop”
- Support for region configuration in the event of connecting to a reader whose region hasn’t been configured
- Update the help contents of Discovery, Region Setup, Reading, Reader Configuration, and Firmware Update
- Alert options for the tag items that have not been seen in a certain length of time
- Support for absolute and relative path to the image file for picture in ATL file
- Display of ATL image window
- Expose 4 simple RF Profiles on top of the list of all available RF Modes under the Antenna Port settings
- Read EPC, TID and User (if supported) memory banks on a select tag
- Write EPC and User (if supported) memory banks on a selected tag
- Support for displaying Tag manufacturer information (below TID memory)
- Show/Write EPC and User (if supported) memory banks in Hex and ASCII format (if the tag data is convertible to ASCII format)
- Support for multiple prefix, suffix matches on EPC filter settings (separated via comma)
- Added 2 new GPO programming rules:
  - ✓ Some tags are missing from ATL
  - ✓ Found tags do not include
- Support for reader’s cable compensation setting (read & write)
  - ✓ Support for auto-save cable compensation setting when users edit cable compensation setting value without pressing Enter key to apply the changes and leave the Advanced configuration page
- Support for firmware update (upgrade/downgrade) on a single or multiple FX7500/FX9600 devices at a time using the local file-based method
  - ✓ By default, the Image folder selector will open to the C:\Users\Public\Documents\123RFID\Firmware Files\ directory
  - ✓ Support for fail-safe mechanism – the tool is able to properly handle any firmware update failure with appropriate status update text

### *Supported Features in Version 1.0.0 (Initial Release Version)*

- Built-in screen-by-screen help including how-to-videos link
- Discover readers on the same subnet or manually discover/connect reader by hostname/IP
- Discover reader directly connected to PC via either USB or Ethernet cable
- Display asset information on discovered/connected readers
- Run inventory and display tag data on a single reader or multiple readers at one time
- Customize Read Tags display fields
- Specify tag data filter – by reader(s), RSSI, EPC pattern, time last seen
- Analyze tag reading performance using Antenna and RSSI charts view
- Export tag data in csv format
- Provision of asset tag items to read against – import asset tag list (ATL) file
- Access tag's EPC and TID memory bank data
- Easily configure reader's settings via the Configuration Wizard
- Easily program GPIO accessories via the GPIO Wizard
- Save configuration for connected readers to PC
- Load/Import saved settings from PC to a reader
- Support printing the summary of the configuration settings of a reader

## **Contents**

The zip file contains the following components:

- Zebra\_123RFID\_Desktop\_(64bit)\_v2.0.0.exe: Installer for 123RFID Desktop v2.0.0.0. This installer package also includes Zebra Core Scanner and Driver packages for WinUSB
- ATL\_Sample Folder: Sample Asset Tag List (ATL) file folder

For more information on 123RFID, including how to videos, go to [www.zebra.com/123RFID](http://www.zebra.com/123RFID)  
For support, please visit [www.zebra.com/support](http://www.zebra.com/support)

## **Components**

The components are installed and stored in the following folders:

<b>Component</b>	<b>Location</b>
Application	C:\Program Files\Zebra Technologies\123RFID Desktop
Configuration Files	C:\Users\Public\Documents\123RFID\Configuration Files
Data Files	C:\Users\Public\Documents\123RFID\Data Files
Firmware Files	C:\Users\Public\Documents\123RFID\Firmware Files

## Device Compatibility

This software release has been approved for use with the following Zebra devices.

Device	Operating System
FX7500	Linux
FX9600	Linux
RE40 RFID Module	Not applicable
RFD40	ThreadX RTOS

Note:

- The minimum recommended SW version for FXSeries (FX7500 & FX9600) readers is ver2.7.19. Also validated with firmware version 3.7.26 and 3.8.22.
- The minimum recommended SW version for RE40 RFID Module is verR00
- The minimum recommended SW version for RFD40 readers is verR03
- The minimum recommended SW version for ATR7000 reader is ver2.16.29.0

## Installation Requirements

123RFID Desktop has been approved for use with the following OS:

- Windows 10 (64-bit)

Note:

- 123RFID Desktop requires the .NET Framework 4.5.2 or higher to be installed. If not present in the system, the installer will install the .NET Framework 4.5.2 during the installation process.
- 123RFID requires Zebra CoreScanner driver version 3.07.0008 or higher to be installed. If not present in the system, the installer will install the Zebra CoreScanner driver\_3.07.0008 during the installation process.
- During Zebra CoreScanner driver installation process, User must always select complete installation type.

## **Known Issues:**

### **RE40:**

- After firmware upgrade, sometime the start read fails to read tags. The recommended work around is to restart the 123RFID Desktop.
- In Antenna Port Settings, Dwell time option of N\_Millisecs\_1\_Rnd is not supported
- Tags are not reported in read data view after setting "Report after each tag being read for greater than 0 secs".

### **RFD40:**

- The installer installs additional dependent packages like Zebra Core Scanner and USB Driver package for USB. After uninstallation, these packages are not uninstalled automatically. For clean uninstall, it is recommended to manually uninstall these packages if not required.
- During long inventory operation, it is rarely noticed "Retrieve Pre Filter from device failed" error pop message. Recommended to restart the reader and connect back or restart 123RFID desktop to resolve this issue.
- Sometime read and write access operations failures are seen with longer memory bank data. Recommended to write few words and adjust writing with offset.

### **FX series and ATR readers:**

- Though LLRP is not connected, 123RFID application says LLRP is already connected. It is recommended to wait for few seconds and connect the reader. If it is not resolved, Power cycle the reader.

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