

Tools for FDA 21 CFR Part 11 Compliance

With the release of EASYLABEL® 5 Platinum, Tharo Systems Inc is providing a collection of tools for FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliance. Using these tools and based on your company's internal requirements and those of your FDA inspector you should be able to set up a compliant system.

What follows is a list of the options added To EASYLABEL to provide tools for FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliance. Any or all of these options can be used as part of your company's FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliance solution.

Updated User Sign-on and Password Options:

- User ID and passwords can now be up to 16 characters long. This gives you more options when setting up a minimum password length and allows more descriptive User IDs.
- The User Description field on the User Configuration screen allows the system administrator to add descriptive notes for each User.
- The administrator can select a minimum length for User ID and Password. This will eliminate single letter passwords that are easy to circumvent.
- The administrator can set password expiration by number of days so that users are forced to change passwords periodically. The periodic expiration of passwords adds to the security of the system.
- User accounts can be "locked" so that the User-ID cannot be used until it is unlocked. This can be used to temporarily block a user from accessing the software.
- The administrator can set a password re-use policy to prevent users from reusing old passwords. Using new passwords instead of a password that may still be written down somewhere minimizes the chance that EASYLABEL's passwords will be compromised.
- New "complex password" option to force passwords to contain at least one numeric or other special character. Passwords that contain numbers and/or special characters are more difficult to crack.
- A user authorization option enables or disables the user's ability to change their password during login giving the administrator complete control of when passwords are updated.
- An option was added to enable or disable user's ability to erase files from within the software. This prevents unauthorized deletions through the software's file menu.

New User Logging Options

- There is an option to log changes that are made to the user configuration. This would include the addition, deletion or change of a user and/or their rights making it easy to review changes at a later date.
- There is an option to log user events such as: login success, login failure, logoff, and password changed. The administrator can set the maximum size and location of this log. This option provides an easy way to archive these events for future reference.
- A separate log file viewer makes it easy to view logs on screen or create printed reports of user logs without having to have EASYLABEL[®] running.

Audit Trail Options

- It is possible to save an image file of a label format. This makes label approval easy since the label images can be attached to E-mails or enclosed in documents. The images of the formats can then be reviewed and approved, even by someone that doesn't have EASYLABEL installed!
- To keep track of the printed labels there is an option to save an image file (EMF) for all print jobs. With this option turned on, an image of the first label of the job is created for every print job. The image can be named automatically or by the value of a special field on the format. This image name is then saved in the format tracking report. This option gives a clear depiction of what was actually printed.
- To keep track of label changes, there is an option that requires the user to enter a comment when a label format is saved. The comment should describe the reason the label format was changed. The User-ID of the person who made the change is also saved. This comment would help provide documentation to provide an audit trail of a format's development life cycle.
- There is an option to save a history of all changes made to a specified label format. This option creates a backup format file anytime the format is saved. These backups can then be used to replace a format if any inappropriate changes were made.
- There is an option to keep track of file deletions. The 'delete log' will record the user, date, time, and pathname of any files that were deleted through EASYLABEL. This makes tracing unauthorized deletions as easy as looking at the log file.
- The database logging option will copy any updated database records to another database to keep a historical record of database changes. These backups can then be used to reconstruct the database if any incorrect changes were made. Database logging will only work with EASYLABEL 5's new internal Access based database structure.