Installing a Driver with Windows 7

The following series of screen shots were taken from a Windows 7 x64 PC. This shows two methods for installing the ZebraDesigner 2.6.23 (or above) Windows 7 compatible driver.

Start / Devices and Printers / (if "Devices and Drivers" is not an available option: enter Dev... into the “Search programs and files”)
Add Printer

OR

In the root of the directory the ZebraDesigner 2.6.23 driver was expanded into

Run PrnInst (Preferred Method)

Note: The Zebra Setup Utilities and ZebraDesigner software version also include Add Printer options.

Note: If one method fails it is definitely worthwhile to try the other
If Add Printer from Devices and Printers is the chosen method, the following screens occur.
If a new Ethernet port is added the following screen will appear:

After entering a valid IP address in both boxes then clicking OK the following screen appears
If multiple versions of the ZebraDesigner driver the following steps will ensure that are installing the desired driver version.

Point to the location of the driver then click OK
Select the printer Model then click Next on this and the previous screen.

You should then see Add Printer / Installing printer...
Next choose whether or not to share the printer (There have been no reported issues with previously documented sharing steps with other MS Operating systems). To share you just need to click the radial button and either accept or change the Share Name provided.

Printer Sharing

If you want to share this printer, you must provide a share name. You can use the suggested name or type a new one. The share name will be visible to other network users.

- Do not share this printer
- Share this printer so that others on your network can find and use it

Share name: ZDesigner 140XiIII Plus
Location: 
Comment: 
If PrnInst is run from the root of the directory the ZebraDesigner 2.6.23 driver was expanded into the following screens are displayed:

Expected prompt after running PrnInst (Click Yes)
Click Next

New to the 2.6.23 (and above) installer is the options to Install Printer; Uninstall Printer; or Uninstall All Printers. If you are running driver versions prior to v2.6.23 it is recommended but not required that uninstall existing driver versions. Different ZebraDesigner driver versions can coexist on the same PC.

Click Install Printer
Select desired printer model and click Next

Select the desired port available for your Zebra printer
The above warning message is expected on x64 OS’s. It’s an informational dialog not an error message. You should be able to continue without any issues.

If you choose to add a new Ethernet port (the ZDesigner Port Monitor options is recommended) when you click next, the following screen appears

![Advanced Port Monitor Configuration]

After entering a valid IP address in both boxes then clicking OK the following screen appears
Printer Options
Please select port, printer name and language

Enter the name for your printer. Also, select the port your printer is connected to. When you are done, select <Next> to install the printer and add an icon to the Printers folder.

Driver version: 2.6.23.03
Printer name: 2Designer_11064_203.dpi
Available ports:
- LAN
- USB002
- USB001
- TS068
- TS067
- TS066
- TS065

Add Port... Delete Port...

I want to use this printer as the Windows default printer.

Select language: English

Exit  Next
Customers will need to un-check the “Launch installation of Zebra Font Downloader Setup Wizard” if they do not wish for it to install.

Customers will need to check the “Launch installation of Zebra Status Monitor Setup Wizard” if they do want it to install.
Click Finish and the driver will complete its install.

There are no reported differences in the way Printer Plug ‘n Play with USB automatically executes as it has with all previous version of the ZebraDesigner driver.

This version, as well as other previous versions of the ZebraDesigner driver, uses a “preload” or “pre-stage” function. The driver is actually loaded in the background so that Wizard prompts to complete the installation process are not expected to occur. When a plug and play Zebra printer is attached, a prompt shows that the printer was found and moments later a 2nd prompt displays showing the driver was installed. This is true for each of the OS’s this driver is compatible with.