

Using BalanceTalk Software With Micromeritics Instruments

Setting up sample files can be easier using BalanceTalk software developed by Labtronics, Inc. This software program captures readings from any laboratory balance or scale and adds that information to your sample file, thus increasing efficiency and accuracy.

BalanceTalk software can be used in two ways:

- It can be started and minimized automatically when the computer is started. When the operator begins entering the sample data and is ready to enter the sample weight, the sample is placed on the tared balance. The operator clicks **Print** (on the balance) and the weight is entered automatically into the **Weight** field. This method allows the operator to record the sample's weight without even returning to the computer. With some balances, a nonstandard serial cable may be required.
- The operator begins entering the sample data. When the operator is ready to enter the weight and the cursor is in the **Weight** field, the BalanceTalk software is started; the command dialog box opens automatically. The operator places the sample on the tared balance, returns to the computer, and clicks **Print** on the command dialog box. This method requires only a standard "null modem" cable, but the operator must return to the computer to issue the print command.

Using BalanceTalk to enter the sample weight can eliminate manual data entry and transcription errors. BalanceTalk can be used with any Micromeritics Windows[®]-based software (excluding StarDriver). For more information about BalanceTalk, contact Labtronics, Inc. at (519)767-1061 or visit their website at www.labtronics.com.