

InterWord400

Intelligent Word Processing



Native iSeries

InterWord400 is a native iSeries 400 tool for letter distribution.

Mail Merge

RTF-format documents are stored in the IFS and can be merged with either data from Queries or files.

Batch Processing

InterWord400 transforms complete folders with OV/400 documents to RTF-documents.

Pre-viewing

From an iSeries entry screen the result of the mail merge can be pre-viewed before final printing.

OV/400 Assistant

InterWord400 converts the most common OV/400 text formatting features into the standard Rich Text Format (RTF) used in e.g. Word, Word-Perfect or StarOffice.

Synergy

The output of InterWord400TM merged with the overlays of InterForm400 results in a fully automated letter distribution solution.

Requirements:

- OS/400: min. V4R2 InterForm400
- Word processor: Word, WordPerfect or StarOffice.
- Viewing: TCP/IP attached PC required for PCL-viewing.

Mail Merge

The majority of iSeries 400 users today have the need for sending letters out to their business partners or customers based on data residing on the iSeries host. Statements, reminders, special offers etc. are typical documents which are being sent. InterWord400 offers the unique feature of merging data from the host with document templates, created in any PC word processor supporting Rich Text Format, and creating output to the host spool system in PCL.

Rich Text Format (RTF)

RTF enables easy maintenance and alteration of document templates in the most common word processor applications like Word, WordPerfect and StarOffice. New templates are simply created in RTF-format, saved in the IFS and following merged with data from either files or queries residing on the host. The merge functionality is done natively which provides the usual reliability of the iSeries 400 and no extra investments in additional NT servers are required.

Spool File Output

The result of a mail merge in InterWord is a SCS file with formatting embedded, describing font selection, adjustment etc. Through the powerful InterForm400 print engine, the document is converted to compact PCL code, which results in high performance printing.

Batch Processing

The architecture of InterWord400 allows easy implementation of jobs for batch processing of mail merges.

Easy Integration

InterWord400 is easy to integrate in the daily applications. The commands for e.g. mail merge can easily be tailored to fit a companies menu structure. InterWord400 can be used on personal workstations for interactive development of individual documents and/or can be used for high volume document production.

OfficeVision/400 Discontinuance

As a result of IBM's announcement of discontinuing the development and support for OfficeVision/400, many companies are left with limited alternatives to convert OV/400 documents and re-use these, without implementing additional server technology. As a consequence InterWord400 was developed in order to resolve the problem, enabling iSeries 400-users to continue using the OV/400 templates, however in a more universal format, namely Rich Text Format (RTF), but still keeping the printing process on the iSeries 400.

InterWord400 & InterForm400

The synergy between InterWord400 and InterForm400 is second to none as the output from a mail merge, can be captured in InterForm400 and overlaid with a companies letter stationary, hence eliminating the need for pre-printed paper and full automation is obtained. Also using the InterForm400 print engine will result in significant printing speed, compared to mail merge done on NT servers. (Limitation: InterWord400 output cannot yet be converted to PDF in InterForm400).