

The Wine Society cut their print & distribution costs using AUTOFORM LN

Overview

Challenge

The Wine Society wanted to condense documents by at least a third to reduce printing, storage and distribution costs, while making their information easier to read.

Faster delivery of time critical documents to enable shorter order completion cycles.

IT Applications

Maginus
Windows Server

Is it For You?

AUTOFORM LN repagination tools are hugely beneficial to all companies who generate long, multi-page documents and are looking to optimise their print runs and reduce printing costs.

AUTOFORM LN is straightforward to implement and is proven to be more cost effective than reprogramming the host application.



The Wine Society is an international co-operative which sells wines by mail order to over 90,000 members. David Marsh, IT manager at the Wine Society explains how AUTOFORM LN helped solve their printing issues: "Our Maginus ERP system produces a picking note that only consists of 4 line items per page. As a result, running these reports produces an unreasonable amount of pages, with very little data them and a great deal of wasted space. This excess of printed pages was incurring significant costs as well as creating serious document handling problems".

AUTOFORM LN overcame this problem by capturing Maginus' output and conditionally recalculating the location of the page breaks according to the volume of data. The output is then automatically mapped to a front page, continuation pages and a final page overlay. As David notes, "AUTOFORM LN has enabled us to condense multi-page documents by about half of their original length, dramatically reducing print and distribution costs, without having to make complex and expensive programming changes to our ERP application".

AUTOFORM LN re-pagination features include:

- Drag & drop tools. No complex programming required
- Data automatically sorted into front, continuation & final pages according to document length
- Automatic page numbering and blank line suppression
- Eliminates the unnecessary repetition of the header details on continuation pages
- Prints portrait rather than landscape, immediately allowing more lines to be printed per page
- Automatically prints a summary page at the front or at the top of multi-page documents
- Additional text formatting tools to help present data with impact and clarity

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