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LaserWriter Fax: Customizing The Fax Cover Sheet (10/95)

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TOPIC -----

I have a LaserWriter 16/600 PS with an optional PostScript fax card and want to easily customize the cover pages - adding company logo, changing English text to French and so forth. We also need to modify the date format so it makes sense to French Canadians, which, is in month day year format with commas instead of slashes.

- 1) Can you help with the format of the date on the cover page.
- 2) How can I change the English text to French.
- 3) Is there any outlook for a software solution to the problem of cover pages with LaserWriter 8f software?

DISCUSSION -----

Using the "Alternate Cover Page.PS" file that is installed with the LaserWriter Fax software, here is how to change the date to month-day-year format with commas instead of slashes. This change is very easy and can be performed by the following:

- 1) Open the "Alternate Cover Page.PS" file from SimpleText.
- 2) Look for the following two lines of PostScript:

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TimeSent 1 G str cvs S (/) S  
TimeSent 2 G str cvs S (/) S
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- 3) Change the "/" character inside the parenthesis to a comma. (,)

The lines should look like:

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TimeSent 1 G str cvs S (,) S  
TimeSent 2 G str cvs S (,) S
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- 4) Save the file.
- 5) Select the file as your cover page in the Fax Cover Page dialog that comes up

when faxing a document. In the Fax Cover Page dialog, click on the "Cover Page To Use" popup field and select the file you saved.

Changing English Text Into Another Language

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You can change the English text to French, by doing the following:

1) Open the "Alternate Cover Page.PS" file from SimpleText

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2) Around the middle of the 5th page, look for the line:

% Program:

3) Beyond this point, you will see the text that actually appears on fax cover sheet. The text will be enclosed in parenthesis, and can be modified to anything you want - in your case this can be French. The parenthesis must remain, but the text inside can be modified. Here are the strings that can be changed:

(Facsimile Transmission)

(To:)

(Organization:)

(Fax Number:)

(From:)

(Organization:)

(Fax Number:)

(Phone Number:)

(Date:)

(Pages:)

(, excluding cover sheet.)

Caution:

You need to be very careful about the length of the replacement text. Make sure that it is not too much longer than the original english text or it will overwrite the data in the fields.

4) Save the file.

5) Select this file as your cover page in the Fax Cover Page dialog that comes up when faxing a document. In the Fax Cover Page dialog, click on the "Cover Page To Use" popup field and select the file you saved.

Adding a logo to the Cover Sheet

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You can add a logo to the cover page by following the process described in the TIL article "LaserWriter Fax: Adding a Logo to The Fax Cover Sheet".

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