

## Re: Access 97 vs Later Version

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Vensia,

please forgive me but this thread is to do with A97 vs Later, printing issues are off-topic and there are printing newsgroups. Also, I do not purport to be expert in printing issues though I'm happy to say what I've come across.

Anyway, it's dangerous to listen to just one opinion...

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You are attempting to over-write some form or image with text boxes in exact positions, and the exact position varies right?

Accept that as a limitation of Windows or Printers, then you can move on to solving it (ie lateral thinking).

Text boxes or such-like can either overwrite or be made transparent as to background, moved around the screen as though you were psychic, made visible or invisible, "converted" to other object types, basically a lot of what you thought was "design mode" but is really available "run-time". Although I don't much like Microsoft or Access bugs, I gotta say Access has a lot of capabilities if you just took the time (lots of time) to experiment with what works or what doesn't.

Different position on the screen vs printer, or between printers? So shift it! If I said precisely how, I might have to "kill you", I just say that Access has lots of inherent capabilities and I've indicated how.

In your sample, I'd remove the dots from the form (to make alignment more error-proof/less error-prone). No-one reasonably uses dot matrix nowadays so discard that. Quite a lot use ink-jets, but mostly home-users and not many businesses. If you don't buy that argument, then YOU post a solution (or, decide how important those businesses are to you/lasers are cheap).

(Actually, I have a table for vertical offsets for specific printers. It's automatically maintained with the drivers used on any customer site. Only if they complain, rarely, do I describe how to set the vertical pixel offset other than zero/eg they as you would tend to get upset if a cross-out presented itself as an underline, oops)

Generally, if you want to ultimately control things, you would need to get familiar with `PrtDevMode`, though none of the above is related to that. Your

presented issue could be solved by discarding dot matrix and deskjets, so the question is, which is simpler or how many customers would you lose?

Chris

"Vensia" <vensia2000\_nospam@yahoo.com> wrote in message  
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- > *Chris,*
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- > *I give you a sample to let you know more clearly about the*
- > *printing problem that I still don't have the solution*
- > *until now.*
- > *There is an official report.*
- > *I put a label control with the caption :*
- >
- > *We hereby would like to report the tax*
- > *of ..... and have payed amount*
- > *of .....*
- >
- > *I put a text box control at phrase .....*
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- > *Printed using laser jet, the text box is printed exactly*
- > *(center of .....). But if printed using deskjet*
- > *or dot matrix, the text box is not printed at center more.*
- > *So the report doesn't look beautiful.*
- >
- > *Do you have any solution ?*
- >
- > *Thanks.*
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