

Re: Can I merge labels in Word, Office X?

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I can certainly understand how you might get that impression, but there's no doubt in my mind that this is **not** a universal problem with Data Merge in Word X. That version has been around too long & the feature is too widely relied upon for such a serious malady to persist. Further, I've not seen any similar post in the nearly 3 years I've been monitoring the group.

There is definitely something specific to your situation upon which we have yet to stumble. I'm also not certain that reinstalling would have corrected the problem unless you ran the Remove Office utility **first** – otherwise the original culprit remains at large. I'm pretty sure there must be a preference file or some such involved, but as previously noted I don't have X available. We may still get some input from others who are familiar with X.

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Regards |:>)
Bob Jones
[MVP] Office:Mac

"Harvey Waxman" <spamhwaxman@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:spamhwaxman-91AF21.09501107092007@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Many thanks. I've come to the same conclusion. Office X just won't let me do it even after reinstall from original CD. Fortunately on the Mac I can open the Word template and the source file side by side and simply drag each record (once I reformatted them into address format) and drop it on the template. Sure beats copy/paste or retyping.

Thanks for the help. Funny that this hasn't cropped up before but maybe it has to do with the wider gap between Office X and my OS than when it first appeared.

I am up to date with Office btw.

Thanks again.

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In article <C3065F8D.2AB86%onlygeneral taz1@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, CyberTaz <onlygeneral taz1@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I'm afraid I don't know what to tell you. I don't have access to Office X & nothing I do in 2004 enables me to reproduce the problem. You shouldn't have to use the "Headers" feature in the first place unless the data is coming from a file different than the one containing the Headers. Why it's locking up when trying to access the data file I'm simply not sure.

Is Office X fully updated – 10.1.9?

Try running Disk Utility – Repair Disk Permissions... I don't know that it will help, but it can't hurt :) I'll also put out a feeler for anyone still running X to see if they can help you out.

Regards |:>)
Bob Jones
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On 9/6/07 12:52 PM, in article spamhwaxman-BFBC19.12523306092007@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Harvey Waxman" <spamhwaxman@xxxxxxx> wrote:

It seems impossible for me to place 100 records into the label document. I might have to cut/paste each one separately. ugh

I have followed the directions. When I 'get data' Word freezes. If I first 'open header source' and arrange the headers that show up (the ones that are in my data document) the labels document displays the headers in their appropriate places on each label. Progress? Not really.

When I then 'get the data' Word freezes as before.

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How I can merge these documents?

In article

<spamhwaxman-5B454D.11322806092007@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Harvey Waxman <spamhwaxman@xxxxxxx> wrote:

I'll read the link. I quickly made your suggestions, eliminating the commas, etc. Still got the error when choosing the xls file as the data source.

Thanks for the help (and I'll watch the split subject in the future.

I

got

no

response at first so I tried a second post.

Sorry)

In article

<C3057BBD.2AB31%onlygeneraltaz1@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, CyberTaz <onlygeneraltaz1@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I think Word may be having trouble recognizing the combination of tabs & commas in the text file as to what constitutes a "field"... Both are used as field delimiters & the combination creates havoc. You could take the time to put quotation marks around the content of each field ("Smith, Joe", "2 Elm St.", "Boston, MA") but...

I'd suggest setting your data source up in Excel. Further,

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put each
data
item in a separate field
(column) so you'd have:

LastName FirstName
Address City State (Zip)?

That will give you much
more flexibility in sorting,
record
selection,
data
placement/arrangement, etc.
Just start in cell A1 with no
separation
between
columns & in consecutive
rows beginning with the
field names.

Follow the model you'll find
here:

http://www.microsoft.com/mac/products/word2004/using.aspx?pid=usingword2004&type=howto&article=/mac/LIBRARY/how_to_articles/officex/wd_catalog.xml
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X

(assuming the long link
doesn't break:-))

HTH |:>)
Bob Jones
[MVP] Office:Mac

On 9/5/07 8:00 PM, in
article
spamhwaxman-3A3A3F.20002905092007@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
"Harvey
Waxman"
<spamhwaxman@xxxxxxx>
wrote:

thanks for
offering to
help.

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My data
source
looks like
this:

```
name <tab>  
address  
<tab> city  
<cr>  
Smith, Joe  
<tab> 1  
Main St.  
<tab>  
Boston, MA  
<cr>
```

etc. Saved
as a text file

1. Open
blank
document in
Word

2. Data
Merge
Manager >
Create >
labels
choose the
appropriate
label
from
the list.

3.
Document
shows the
labels as
chosen

4. Data
Merge
Manager >
Data Source
browse to
and select
above
file

5. This is
when Word
freezes and
I have to

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force quite.
(Spinning
rainbow
wheel)

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<#sTbpp\$7HHA.4880@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
"CyberTaz"
<typegeneraltaz1ATcomcastdotnet>
wrote:

Labels
should
not
be
a
problem
if
the
record
source
("data
file")
is
set
up
correctly.
What
concerns
me
–
and
it
may
simply
be
a
matter
of
semantics,
but
a
very
important
one
–
is
your
use

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of
the
terms
"open"
and
"importing"
relevant
to
your
data
file.
Technically
you
should
do
neither
–
the
label
doc
gets
linked
or
connected
to
the
record
source,
but
you
don't
actually
open
the
data
file
in
Word
to
do
the
merge.

Please
provide
specific
detail
on
how
you
are

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attempting
to
do
the
merge
–
steb-by-step
–
if
these
articles
don't
resolve
the
issue
for
you.

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Harvey Waxman
remove spam to email
<http://righttax.org/>