

Re: Data entry environment using Word 2003

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Hi Gautam,

> *What is the best way to provide users with field-like environment in Word
> 2003? The place holders need to be protected and tagged.*

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What do you mean by "tagged"? Have you looked at Word's new protection features, that allow you to select and free ranges? You should be able to use bookmarks this way (the beginning and end of the bookmarks in protected areas, so that the users can't delete them).

XML is a possibility, but Word wasn't really designed to use XML for editing "just like that". The XML features in the interface are basically there to set up documents to be used in a SmartDocument solution (search that on the microsoft site). It would be possible, though, to do the same thing as I described for bookmarks with XML tags.

> *1. Have tried bookmarks... not secure enough as they can be easily deleted
> by the user*

> *2. Have tried form fields... formatting does not work within fields*

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> *Can Word 2003 XML features do the trick? Any possible solution/direction is
> welcome.*

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