

Re: Word mail merge

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Hi Gretchen,

Although not an expert with MS Word's mail-merge, the time it takes does not seem right. I think Graham's questions are appropriate. I did however run a test on my own software, OctoTools, to see what throughput I was getting with its mail merge function. In the test I used a two page Rich Text Format letter (composed in Word) with signatures on the 2nd page and merged in data (names, address, honorifics and so on..) to produce a mail merged output in PDF format. I ran it twice, first to create a single large PDF document with all the letters (typical of going to a printer), and secondly as a bursted output, separate PDF files for each letter or recipient. The PDF output was sent to hard disk. In the first run, I processed on my Dell Pentium-M 1.6 GHz laptop (512 Bytes of memory) at 330 pages per minute, and in the second run (with bursting) I ran slower, as expected with a standard 4200 rpm lap top hard disk, at 130 pages per minute. In either case your 3-4 hours seems very wrong.

Larry

(OctoTools is designed more for medium to high volume throughputs and adds forms design, rtf import, access to data and databases from both windows and non-windows and non-pc based platforms and outputs to PDF format, Printers, Excel CSV format, as well as automatic e-mail and web posting of the output. It is a commercially available product that runs on a Windows workstation or server to access, process and output data from a wide variety of current platforms, applications, and legacy systems). For additional info give me a call at 978 535-7676.

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