

Re: Can I AutoSize (or Fit) merged, variable data within a text bo

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 - *Date:* Thu, 7 Sep 2006 11:44:36 +0100
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I'm not sure changing the text size or (e.g.) vertical spacing is going to help here. I would have a look at Format|Paragraph|"Line and Page Breaks" for the relevant paragraphs, or at the equivalent format dialog in Format|Style if you are using Paragraph Styles. For example, it may be enough to uncheck "Widow/Orphan control"

Peter Jamieson

"CMO" <CMO@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:08B08071-BBA8-4322-BC9B-94C94299E3C4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I hope someone is still checking this thread, PLEASE i have a similar but less complicated problem. i have had to manually format my pages as they keep dropping out the last 2 lines, leaving the page not fully covered. The lines i then copy and paste end up not filling to the end of the line and when i attempt to type the rest of the sentence so it 'naturally' cascades to the next line, it shifts the whole paragraph to the next page. Thus, i end up with 1 or 2 lines on the page where the sentences dont get to the end of the line to justify properly. I know there is a command that says 'fill up/out' but i dont know where to find it or how to make the words spread out and fill the lines fully. I hope this is not too muddled. Thank you everyone for your help and suggestions.

"Eric Torres" wrote:

Thanks Peter. Looks like I'll have to wing it this time as the client is already calling looking for proofs this morning. This is my las tweek at work and I was trying to get this to work for my firend who is taking over the account when I leave. She knows a lot less about merges than I do and I

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was hoping to at least get this part resolved for her before leaving but
I
guess that how it'll have to be. I just heard that the company I'm
leaving
from hired an outside data service to help run this job every month from
now
on. Of course, this couldn't happen when I asked for it 8 months ago.
Go
figure...

Thanks again for all your input on this. I'll make sure to pass along all
the information you gave me just in case she needs it. You never know.

See you around!

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To every opportunity there's an Access, but first you must Excel at
choosing the right Word...

E.T.

"Peter Jamieson" wrote:

Well, one last shot...

If you are getting the texts through queries, you may be able
to get
the
text length using the same query, then use that to name a file
or
bookmark
in a file that you can include via INCLUDETEXT. Each file
would have
the
formatting you need for a particular text length (there would
obviously
have
to be some approximations as you'd be going on character
count, not
actual
text width).

Might also be difficult because of difficulties working with
text boxes
and
fields, but thought I'd just mention it anyway.

Peter Jamieson

"Eric Torres" <EricTorres@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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wrote in message

news:1CB92F66-F5D7-4F73-891B-F07A11688965@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello Peter,

Thank you for your suggestions.

Unfortunately, I am not using IF statements

for the messages as these are created through the queries in the background.

I'm actually inserting the message field which already has the message

spelled out. The program is quite complicated for me as it is.

There are two queries working in sync for each doc.

The first one does a lot of the mathematical calculations for the invoice along with a few custom messages

and footnotes. The second one (which is the one directly linked to the doc)

is the one that appends the messages into the message field along

with some other calculations. I tried converting the box to a table cell but

the Fit

Text option only creates a single line of text inside the cell and anything

else past the cell boundary just disappears, as you mentioned on your

first response.

Obviously, this is something more geared up for someone with VBA experience

opposed to a self-taught individual like myself. Looks like I'll

have to blast the news to my client today and hope for the best.

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Thank you for your time and input.

Eric

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E.T.

"Peter Jamieson" wrote:

Reading through your
message again, as long as
the possible texts
are all
predefined, I wonder if you
have tried simply formatting
the text
results
in
whatever IF fields you are
using?

e.g. in the simple case where
you decide which text to
insert based
on a
MERGEFIELD called
"messagenumber", you
might have

```
{ IF { MERGEFIELD  
messagenumber } = 1 "a  
short message" ""  
}{ IF { MERGEFIELD  
messagenumber } = 2 "a  
much longer message" ""  
}
```

format "a short message"
directly in a large font, and
"a much
longer
message" directly in a small
font, each designed to fit the
text.

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Peter Jamieson

"Eric Torres" <Eric
Torres@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in
message

news:AFB5D86E-BB7B-40FE-963F-BD9D568CD096@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Products:
Word &
Access
2003
Professional

Hello
MVP's,

Although I
have been
working
with Word
and mail
merges for
many
years I
have
never had
the need to
resize
variable text
"on-the-fly"
until now.
Normally,
I set up
documents
this
complex
through a
piece of
software
called
PrintShop
Mail, which
is as sweet
for this type
of funtion
as it is
expensive.
However, I
am faced
with a

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problem
that I must
somehow
resolve
through
Word
(so long as
it is
capable)
because the
documents I
am using
for
this
particular
job were
already laid
out in Word
and I do not
have the
time
needed to
change
these to my
PrintShop
Mail
software.

In short, I
have eight
individual
documents
that run a
mailmerge
from
multiple
Access
queries.
Since this is
a custom
billing
program
for
members
of an
organization,
most of the
information
throughout
each of the
docs

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is
custom to
the
individual
member,
thus, these
docs are
filled with
text
boxes
throughout.
The merged
results are
then printed
on a billing
form
that
is
pre-printed
with
multiple
boxes,
many of
which are
filled with
the
variable
data from
the merge.
One
specific text
box (the
"Message"
box)
could
contain
any of 28
different
messages
depending
on the field
value from
the
corresponding
query. The
whole
program is
difficult
enough as it
is
but

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I've
managed to
get through
it somehow
from month
to month.

The
problem
became a
problem
when my
client
decided that
they no
longer
like
the the way
the
"Message"
looks within
the assigned
box on the
form.
Since
the message
box on the
form is
pre-printed
with a
border,
every
message
must
fit within
the
boundaries
of the box.
These 28
messages
could
vary
from a
single
sentence to
a whole
paragraph
of five
sentences.
In the
past, I

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was
able to
assign the
largest font
that would
accomodate
for the
longest
message.

The text
was then
centered
inside the
text box,
both
horizontally
and
vertically.

Of course,
whenever a
short
message
appears, the
text
looks
too small
inside the
box and the
client no
longer
wants to do
it
this
way.

They want
me to
shrink and
expand the
font size
based on
message
size
to
fill
the box as
much as
possible.

As I
mentioned
above,

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PrintShop
Mail is
made for
this kind of
gig
but
it's
not
something I
know how
to do in
Word, it it's
even
possible? I
found
every
option to
resize the
text box to
the text but
not the
other way
around.
I
have read
every
knowledge
base article
that talks
about
merges and
text
formatting
but can't
find
anything in
regards to
conditional
sizing of
text.
You guys
are my last
resource as
I will not be
able to keep
the
client
around
if I can't get
this to work
on my next

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mailing,
which
happens to
be
this
week! It is
too late to
begin the
layouts in
PrintShop
Mail since
the
front
end of the
program
takes me
forever to
get done
leaving no
extra
time
to
work
on the docs
except for
the merges.

What really
bothers me
is that I
have seen
this before
on some
document
I
received at
one time
from
another
client but I
can't find it
to
save my
@r\$e!
The text,
not the box,
would
resize based
on length
with each
record

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but I
didn't have
time to see
how it was
done.

I am in need
of serious
help and
running out
of time.
Any
suggestion
or
known
solution to
this
problem
would be
heavenly.

Thanks in
advance for
any words
of wisdom
(and for
reading my
novel?)