

Re: Mail merge with nested forms

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On the whole Word mailmerge is so different (and less powerful, as I understand it) compared to WordPerfect merge that it's advisable to avoid trying to translate, feature for feature. Better to try to understand what Word can and cannot do, and redesign. FWIW I do not know of any articles designed to help people porting from WP.

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If field (fieldname)='x' nestform(new merge doc1) else
If field (fieldname)='x' nestform(new merge doc2) else "Bad Data" endif
```

In this case you /might/ be able to do something like

```
{ IF "{ MERGEFIELD whatever1 }" = "x"
"{ INCLUDETEXT "pathname of doc1.doc" }"
"{ IF "{ MERGEFIELD whatever2 }" = "x"
"{ INCLUDETEXT "pathname of doc2.doc" }"
"Bad Data" }" }
```

(Sorry, I don't know enough about WP merge to be sure.)

However, the included documents would not be "forms" in any sense usually used in Word – just more text and fields, and only the document you actually start the merge with is attached to a data source – you can't change sources in the middle of the merge.

Next, within doc 1 & 2 there are mergefields that look at a code and need to return a value from a different table look up file that inserts verbage corresponding to code.

Again, you can for example use INCLUDETEXT to include text from a bookmarked part of a document, so if you know that a bookmark named x (which you can set using a { SET } field contains abc, def or ghi, you can have bookmarks abc, def, and ghi in a file called "c:\myincludes\i.doc" and use

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{ INCLUDETEXT "c:\\myincludes\\i.doc" { REF x } }
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to get the relevant chunk from i.doc. And so on...

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"KP" <KP@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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I have old wordperfect merge documents in which I need to convert to WORD
but
am having trouble finding the correct commands to do so. Can anyone help
or
steer me to documentation that can help with .

I have a conditional statement that looks at a data field to determine
which
letter to merge. Then within the selected document I have conditions
that
look at a data field to merge specific text from another. can this field
look
at another lookup file?

Here are examples from Word perfect

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Thanks for any help!