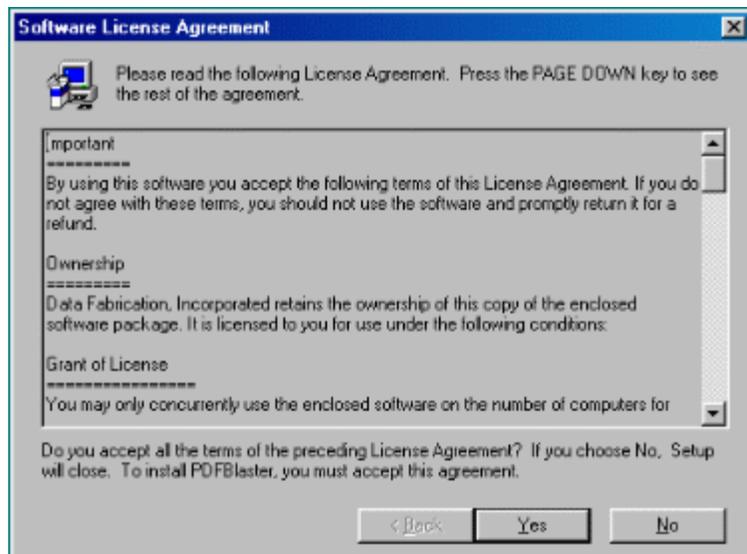


PDFBlaster Installation Overview

Step 1

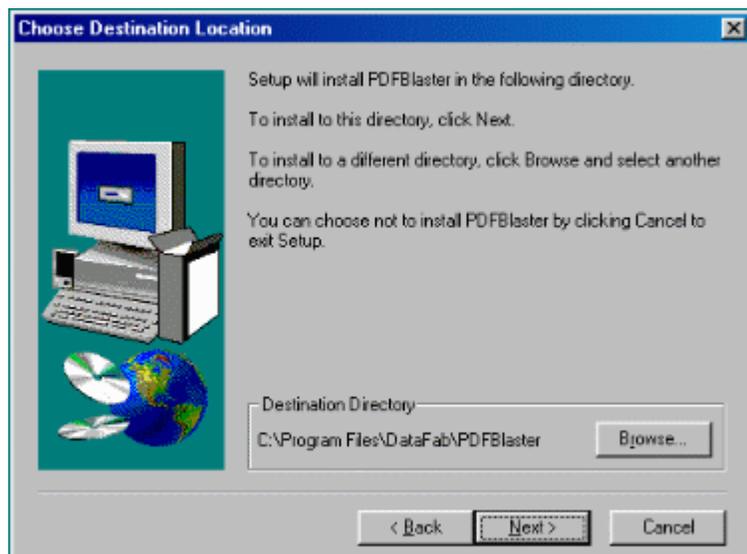


If you downloaded the PDFBlaster setup file (**pdfblaster.exe**) from the Internet, locate where you downloaded this file and then double-click on it to begin the installation process.

If you are installing from CD-ROM, the installation program is located in the root folder of the CD. Again, double-click on it to begin the installation process.

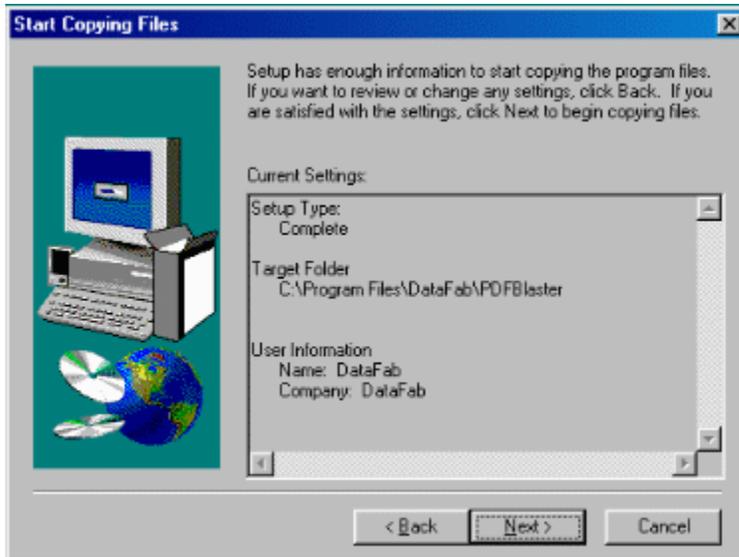
The first screen that appears is the PDFBlaster license agreement. Click [Yes] to accept the license agreement terms and proceed.

Step 2



The next step is to select the destination folder for the PDFBlaster application. You can accept the default path given or you can click the [Browse] button to select a custom path.

Step 3



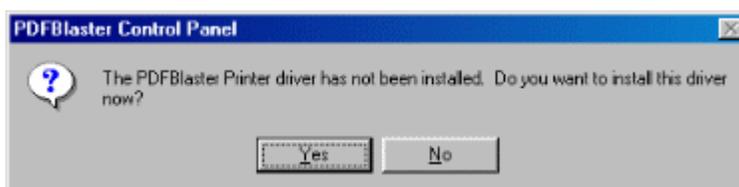
At this point the setup program has enough information to start copying the necessary files to your hard drive.

By default setup will copy shortcuts to the PDFBlaster control panel to our Windows Start Menu and Startup folder so PDFBlaster will automatically start in the system tray the each time you start Windows.

Click [Next] to continue.

(Note: Depending on the current state of your system, you may have to reboot after the PDFBlaster Control Panel installation is completed. If you are prompted to reboot your system, please do so before continuing on to the next step).

Step 4



The first time you start the PDFBlaster Control Panel (or if you have just rebooted your machine) the software will check to see if the PDFBlaster printer driver has been installed.

If the printer is not found you will receive a message asking if you want to install the printer now.

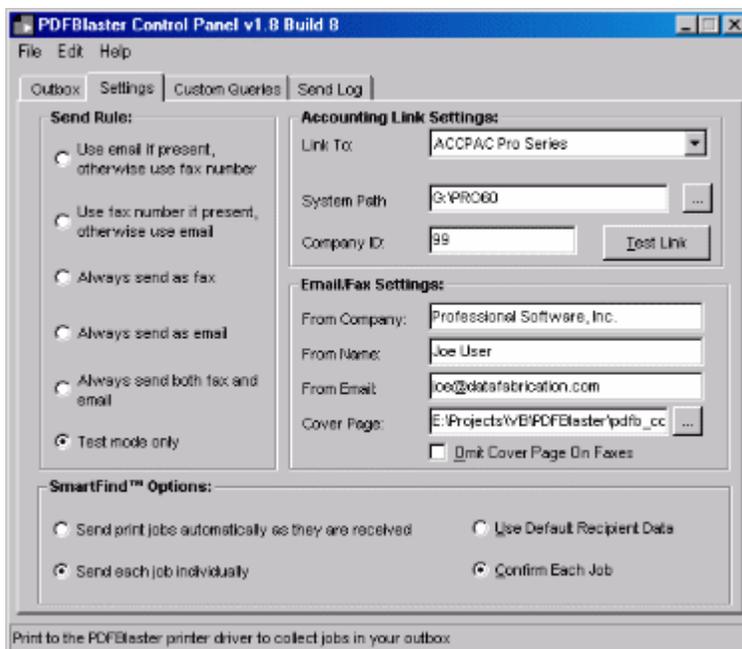
Click [Yes] to install the printer or click [No] to install at a later time. **If you are installing PDFBlaster on a Windows NT/2000/XP machine you will need to be logged on with local Administrator rights in order for the printer driver to be installed.**

(Note: PDFBlaster will not run correctly unless the printer driver has been installed).

At this point, all the necessary software is installed and you are ready to configure your PDFBlaster Control Panel options.

Configuring The PDFBlaster Control

Step 1



Before you can start sending fax or email PDFs you must correctly configure the Control Panel Settings. Settings are automatically saved when you exit the program or when you click the "Save" option from the File menu.

Send Rule

The send rule option sets the default method that you will send your documents. PDFBlaster will automatically attempt to determine the contact information of the print job (which includes the fax number and email address). The send rule option you select will have a direct impact on those recipients where either the fax number or email is not on file. If PDFBlaster cannot send your print job using the defined send rule, the document will be automatically returned to you via email with a message saying the job could not be delivered. So, depending on the completeness of the information of your contact database, most likely one of the available send rules will be best-suited for your document delivery strategy.

Use email if present, otherwise use fax number:

Select this option if you want to send your documents as PDF attachments to recipients where the email address is on file, otherwise, try to use the fax number on file.

Use fax number if present, otherwise use email:

Select this option if you want to send your documents as laser-quality faxes to recipients where the fax number is on file, otherwise, try to use the email address on file.

Always send as fax

Select this option to always send your documents as faxes, regardless of the status of the email address on file

Always send as email

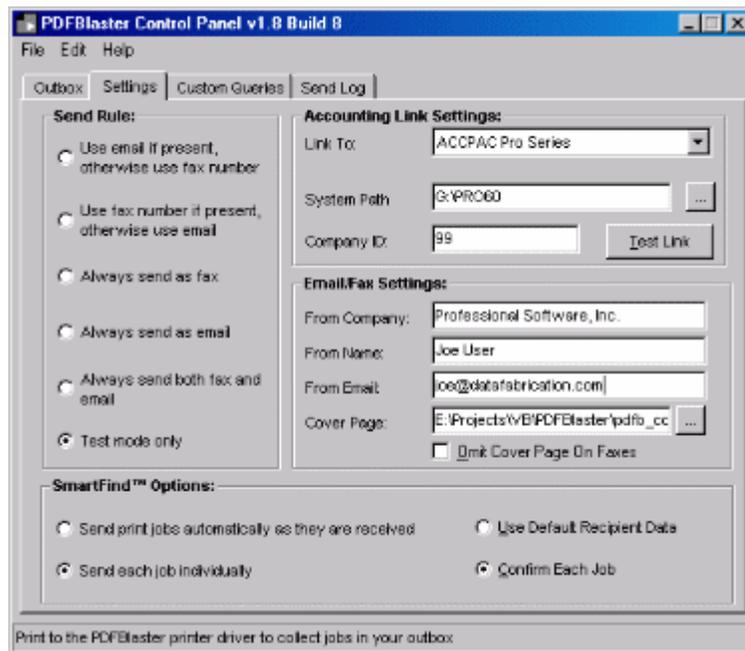
Select this option to always send your documents as email attachments, regardless of the status of the fax number on file

Test Mode

Select this option to practice using PDFBlaster before "going live". When the Control Panel is set to Test Mode, all document transmissions are set via email to your email address instead of the actual recipients. The email you receive will include the document as a PDF attachment and the body of the email message will contain information on where and how the document **would** have been sent had you not been in Test Mode.

Once you are comfortable using PDFBlaster you can turn off Test Mode and set the print rule to the actual mode you want to use when you "go live".

Step 2



Accounting Link Settings

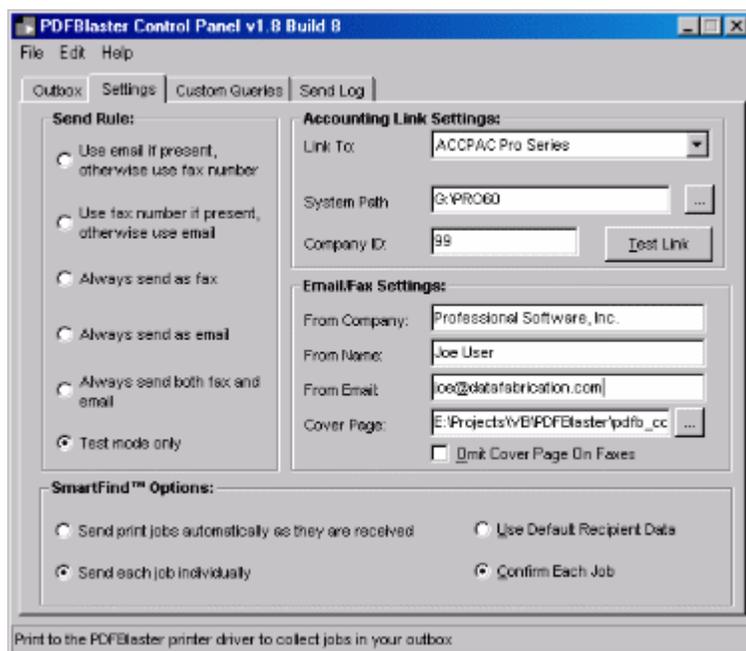
To link to a specific accounting system, click the "..." (Browse) button to select the root folder of where your accounting system is installed. This can be a network directory or a local directory. Then type in the unique company identifier in the Company ID field to tell PDFBlaster which accounting company you want to use.

Optionally, if you are connecting to a SQL database, you will need to enter your login settings

instead of the path information described previously.

After you enter the System directory and the Company ID (or entered your login settings), it's a good idea to test your connection by clicking the Test Link button. If you receive an error, please verify that your path setting and company ID is correct and try again or contact your PDFBlaster VAR or system administrator for more help.

Step 3



Email/Fax Settings

These options will be used by PDFBlaster when delivering your documents and returning undeliverable documents to you.

From Name

Enter your name in this field. This value will appear in the "From" part of your emails and fax cover sheets

From Email

Enter your email address in this field. This value will appear in the "From Email" part and is not used during fax transmissions.

Cover Page

By default, PDFBlaster ships with a basic cover page in RTF format that you can use with your faxes. Cover pages are not sent with email jobs.

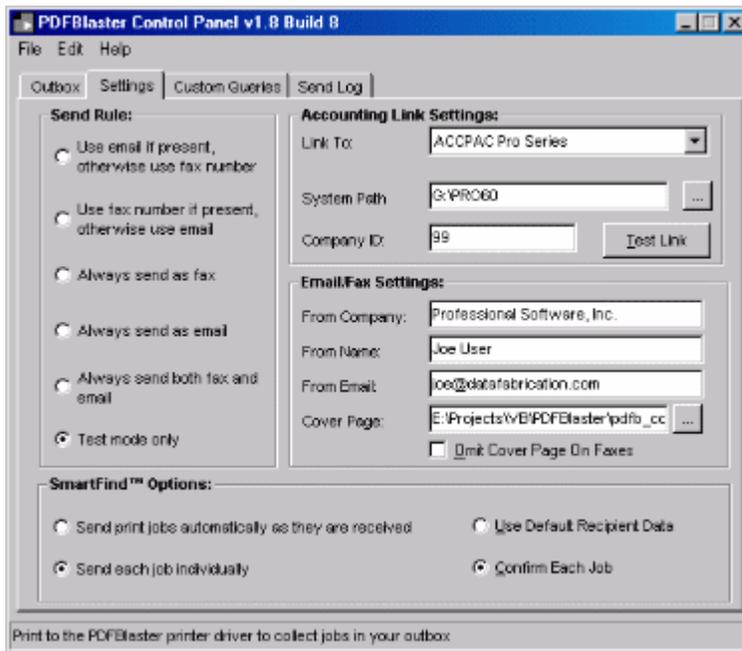
You can edit the cover page look and feel using a standard word processing program such as Microsoft Word. Just be sure to make a backup copy first!

Omit Cover Page On Faxes

Check this box to exclude cover pages with your fax jobs.

Please note: it is extremely important that you enter a valid email address in the From Email field. Otherwise, Test Mode document deliveries and any un-deliverable documents and send confirmations will not be returned to you correctly.

Step 4



SmartFind Options

PDFBlaster has a number of convenient send options that allow you to control how the software will process your print jobs.

Send print jobs automatically as they are received

Select this option to have PDFBlaster automatically process your print jobs as they are sent to the outbox by the Control Panel. Automatic sends work only with supported PDFBlaster accounting documents. Custom jobs or reports will remain in the outbox until you send them manually.

Send Each Job Individually

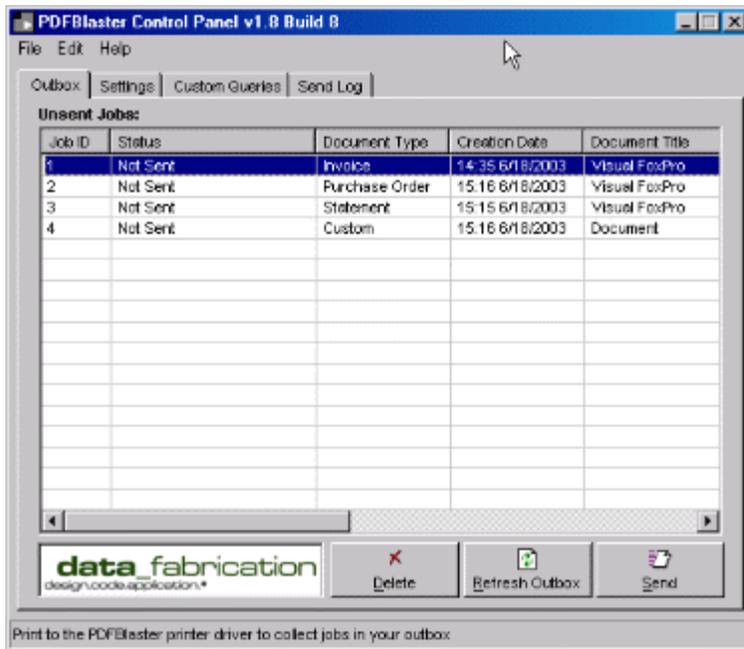
Select this option to have your print jobs queued into your Outbox where they will wait until you select a job and click the "Send Now" button.

Use Default Recipient Data Select this option to tell PDFBlaster to use the recipient data derived from the linked customer or vendor file of your linked accounting system.

Confirm Each Job Select this option to display a confirmation dialog that displays the recipient information, subject and body of the email or fax as well as additional CC options. You can override the default recipient data pulled from your linked accounting system from this screen. Please note, this option is not available if you select the [Unattended Send] mode.

How PDFBlaster Prints Various Documents

Step 1



If you are running a version of PDFBlaster that links to a specific accounting system, it is important to understand how PDFBlaster prints different types of documents.

By default, PDFBlaster supports the following accounting documents:

1. Invoices
2. Packing Slips
3. Sales Orders
4. Bids
5. Pick Tickets
6. Purchase Orders
7. Customer Statements

When we say "supports" we mean that when you print one of these document types, either individually or in batch mode, and then send the document, PDFBlaster will **automatically** determine who the recipient of the document is and either email it as a PDF attachment or fax it as a laser-quality Internet Fax depending on the Print Rule you have selected and the data stored in the customer/vendor database.

You are by no means limited to using PDFBlaster for these supported documents -- PDFBlaster can send print jobs from any Windows application as well as other standard reports generated by your linked accounting system.

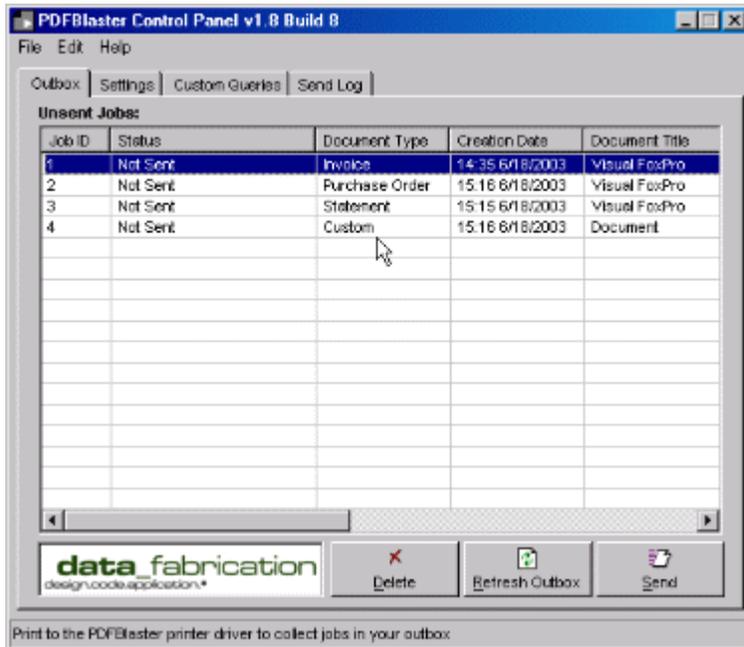
These "custom" print jobs will not have their recipients automatically determined by PDFBlaster. Instead, you will have the opportunity to select a recipient from one of the following sources when you attempt to send this document:

1. Customer File
2. Vendor File
3. Customer Ship-To File
4. Manual Recipient

5. Custom Query

Let's walk through the steps required to send "supported" accounting documents and "custom" documents...

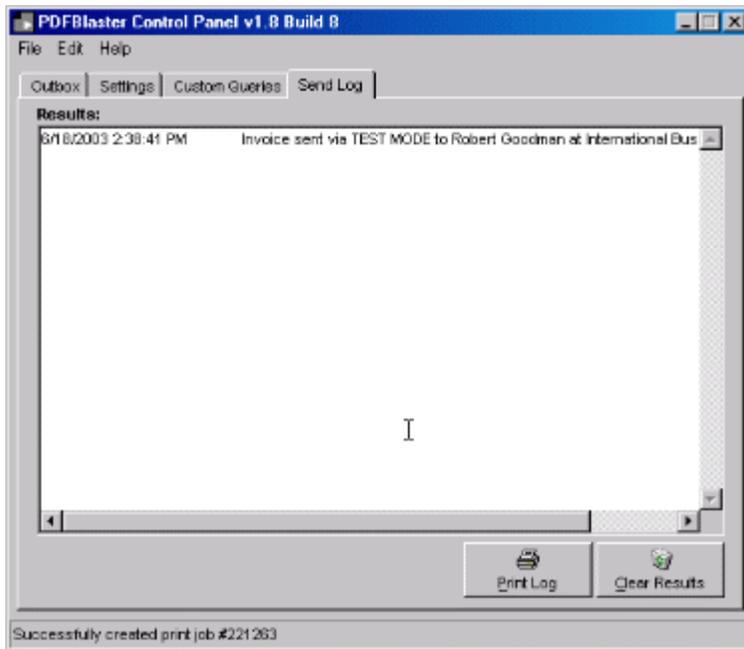
Step 2



In the following example, notice that there are four different print jobs waiting in the outbox. First, we will send the Invoice.

Click on the Invoice Job then click the "Send Now" button.

Step 3

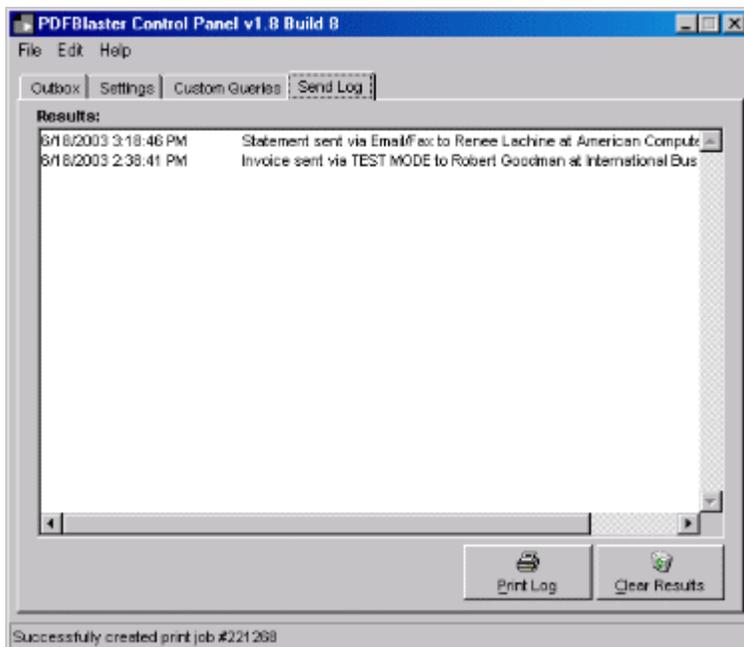


Notice that PDFBlaster **automatically** determined the recipient of the invoice, uploaded the print job, and sent it to "Robert Goodman" at International Business Machines

(In all of these examples, PDFBlaster was set to test mode so the documents were not delivered. Instead they were returned to the default user. Had PDFBlaster been set to a Print Rule other than "Test Mode" the document(s) would actually be faxed/emailed accordingly.)

Now return to the outbox and click on the Statement Job. Then click the "Send Now" button.

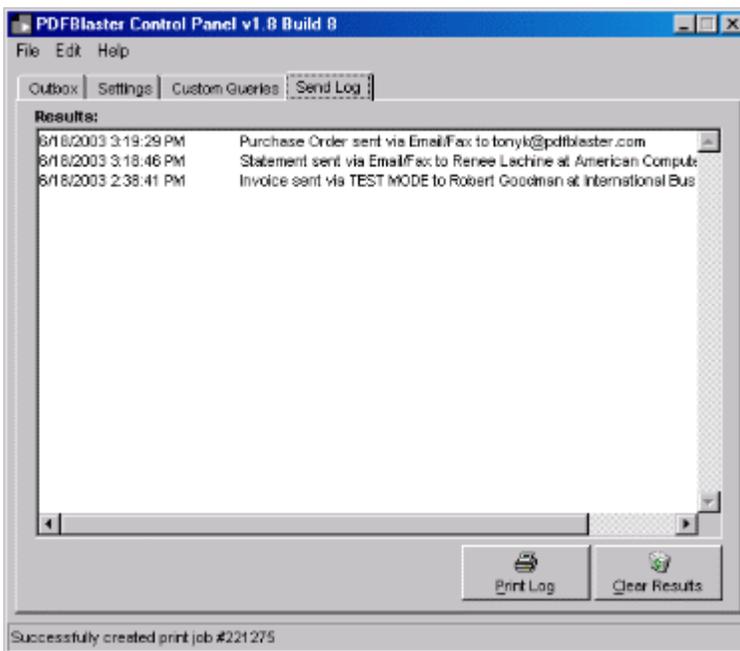
Step 4



Notice that the customer statement was automatically delivered to Mark Stone at Phoenix Computers.

Now return to the outbox and click on the Purchase Order print job. Then click the "Send Now" button.

Step 5



Notice that the purchase order was automatically delivered to Angelo DiMaggio at International Data System.

Now return to the outbox and click on the "Custom" print job, which in this case, is an HTML document. Click the "Send Now" button to continue.

Step 6

Select Recipient:

Recipient Source:

Customer File
 Vendor File
 Customer Ship-To Locations
 Custom Query
 Microsoft Outlook Contacts
 Manual Recipient

Select Customer:

Cust ID	Company	Address1
ACP1	American Computer Products	443 Brannan Street
ADG1	Addison, Dutton and Grant, Inc.	Main Offices
AED1	Atlantic Edison	440 Electric Avenue
AHC1	Argentina Hanover Corporation	Av. Cramer 2999
AHC1	Atlanta Hospital Corporation	1500 Westchester Avenue

Message

Subject:

Body:

Send Rule:

Refresh Send Cancel

17 records returned by the query

Now things are a little different than before. Since this is a "custom" print job PDFBlaster needs to know the data source you want to use in order to send the document.

Notice that your options are:

1. Customers
2. Customer Ship-To's
3. Vendors
4. Manual Recipient
5. Custom Query

When you click on the "Customers" Source you will see a list of customers pulled from your accounting system.

Now click on "Customer Ship-To's" to see a list of Customer Ship-To recipients.

Step 7

Select Recipient:

Recipient Source:

Customer File
 Vendor File
 Customer Ship-To Locations
 Custom Query
 Microsoft Outlook Contacts
 Manual Recipient

Select Customer Ship-To:

Ship ID	Company	Address1
ACP1	American Computer Products	445 Brannan Street
ADG1	Addison, Dutton and Grant, Inc.	Main Offices
BEE11	Bay Business Enterprises	
FOO11	Florida Computing Resources	
FOO11	Florida Computing Resources	

Message:

Subject: Important Document From Professional Software, Inc.

Body:

Send Rule: Email first then fax

Refresh Send Cancel

7 records returned by the query

Now click on "Vendors" to see a list of available vendors

Step 8

Select Recipient:

Recipient Source:

Customer File
 Vendor File
 Customer Ship-To Locations
 Custom Query
 Microsoft Outlook Contacts
 Manual Recipient

Select Vendor:

Vend ID	Company	Address1
ABC1	ABC Supply Center	1234 Northgate Drive
ACC1	Ashland Copy Center	4567 Northgate Drive
ACP1	American Chemical Products	443 Brannan Street
AEX1	American Express	1648 Market Street
AMM1	Alco Manufacturing Co.	1234 Market Street

Message:

Subject: Important Document From from Professional Software, Inc.

Body:

Send Rule: Email first then fax

Refresh Send Cancel

29 records returned by the query

Now Click on "Manual Recipient" to see the data entry form for a manual recipient.

This is where you have the option of sending the custom print job to a recipient who is not in your accounting system database, perhaps a co-worker or marketing assistant.

Step 9

Now click on "Custom Query" to see a list of your defined custom queries. Custom queries are pre-defined data sets, based on your accounting database, that allow you to group together and select a specific subset of recipients from your database using data stored in specific fields.

Step 10

In this example, we've set up a custom query for "All AR Customers", which is a list of every customer in our accounting system.

Click on the "All AR Customers" custom query and, just to be sure this is correct data set, click the "Test Query" button to retrieve the records for previewing.

Step 11

custno	company	contact	title	address1
ACP1	American Computer Pro	Renee Lochine	CEO	443 Brannan
ADG1	Addison, Dutton and Gi	Susan T. Andrews	Vice President	Main Offices
AED1	Atlantic Edison	Jerry Penalta	Vice President	440 Electric
AHC1	Argentina Hanover Corp	David Culligan	Vice President	Av. Cramer 2
AHS1	Albany Hospital supplies	Henry Grover	Vice President	1500 Worthi
ATS1	Atlanta Trust and Savin	Hank Ehrenberg	President	Main Office
BBE1	Bay Business Enterprise	Mary Anderson	Vice President	
BICA1	Bellavista Computer Arts	James Devino	MIS Manager	Main Office
BST1	Blowtorch, Steamshove	Howard Griggs	Vice President	
FCO1	Florida Computing Reso	George Putts	Vice President	
FGC1	Frontera Group Comput	Jose Luis Martinez	President	
HH51	Hawkins Hardware and	Brian Steel	Vice President	
HSD1	Hughes Software	Jeff Smith	Purchasing Agent	
IBI1	Intenational Business In	Robert Goodman	Vice President	126, Ave. de
MCG1	Mega Computer Games	Wesley Fulano	Vice President	25 Market S
PCC1	Phoenix Computers	Mark Stone	President	12 Thousan
SMC1	Super Micro Computer	Lemie Sutton	Purchasing Manager	38984 Fair F

17 records were returned by the query

PDFBlaster will retrieve the records defined by your query from your accounting database. Depending on the size of this file this may take a few seconds.

When you select a custom query, this means that your custom print job will be delivered to all recipients in the result set.

Click the "OK" button to continue.

Step 12

Recipient Source:

Customer File Vendor File Customer Ship-To Locations
 Custom Query Microsoft Outlook Contacts Manual Recipient

Select Customer:

Cust ID	Company	Address1
ACP1	America	ian Street
ADG1	Addison	88
AED1	Atlantic	ic Avenue
AHC1	Argentia	er 2999
AHS1	Albany	Medison, & Compa

Message

Subject: Important Document From from Professional Software, Inc.

Body:

Send Rule: Test mode

Refresh Send Cancel

17 records returned by the query

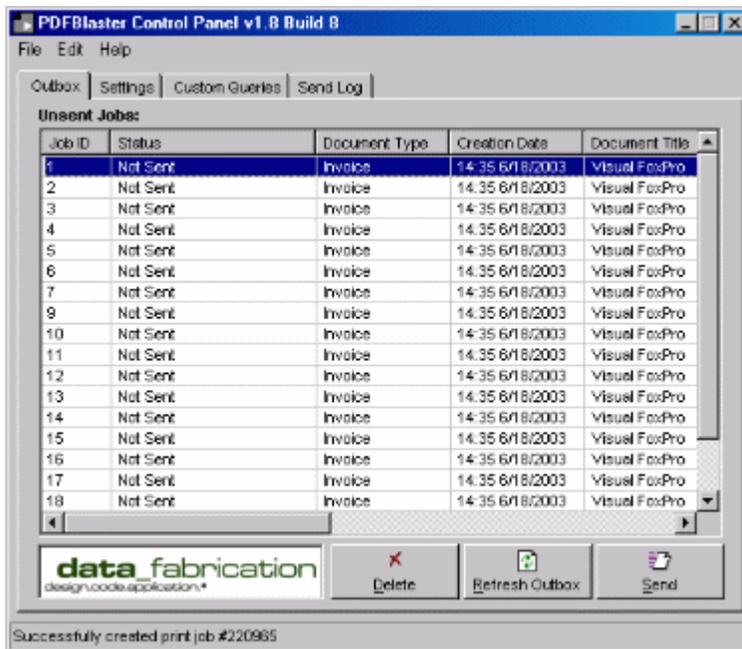
You now have one more chance to actually confirm that this is the correct recipient. If you're not sure, you can click "No" to return to the custom query screen.

Click "Yes" to continue.

PDFBlaster will now upload your print job and send it to all recipients in your custom query, using the defined send rule from your settings tab.

Using The PDFBlaster Outbox

Step 1

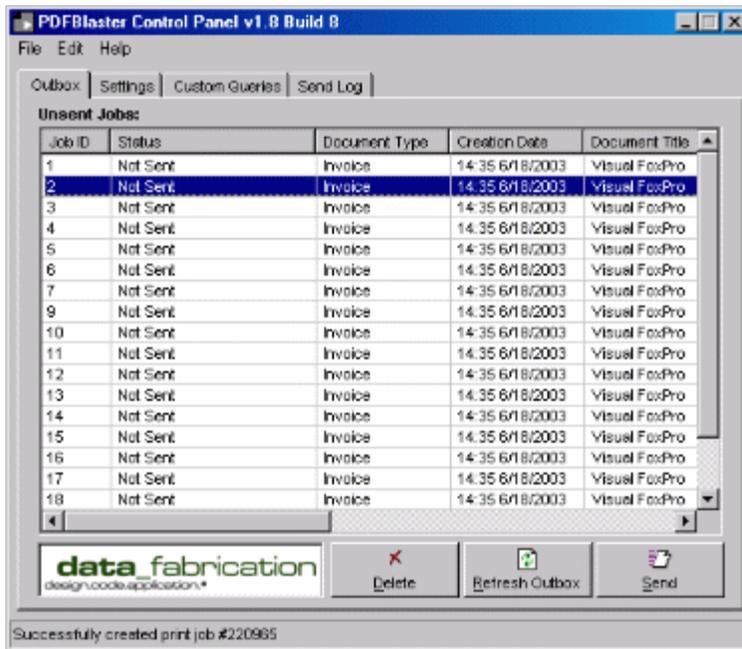


When you print documents to the PDFBlaster Printer your print jobs are stored in the Outbox. If your send setting is set to "Unattended Send" PDFBlaster will handle the delivery of your print jobs automatically.

If your send setting is set to "Send on demand" you will have to send each job manually.

Please note that you must be connected to the Internet to send your print job using PDFBlaster.

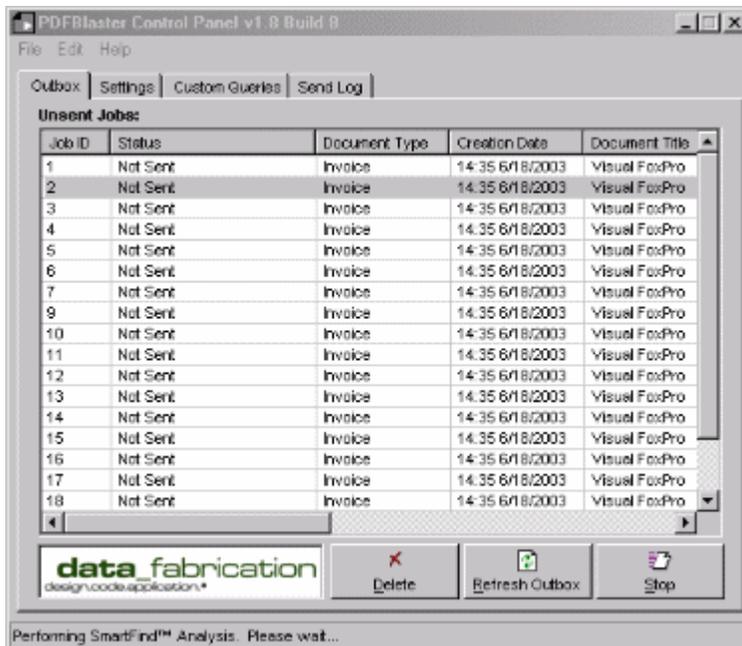
Step 2



First, click on the print job you want to send. Then click the "Send Now" button.

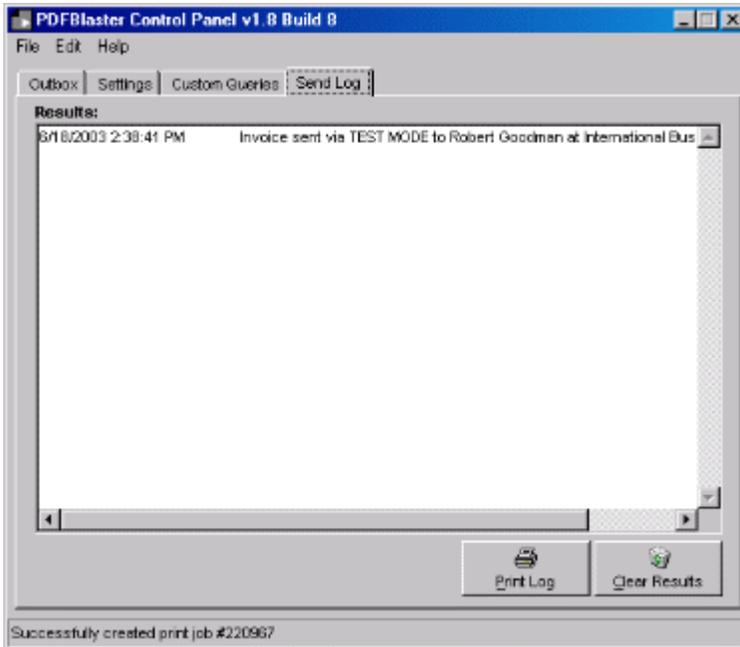
Alternately, you can double-click on the selected print job to start the send sequence.

Step 3



PDFBlaster will attempt to contact the master server. If you want to cancel your print job, click the [Stop Send] button now. Otherwise, the program will upload your print job to the master server.

Step 4



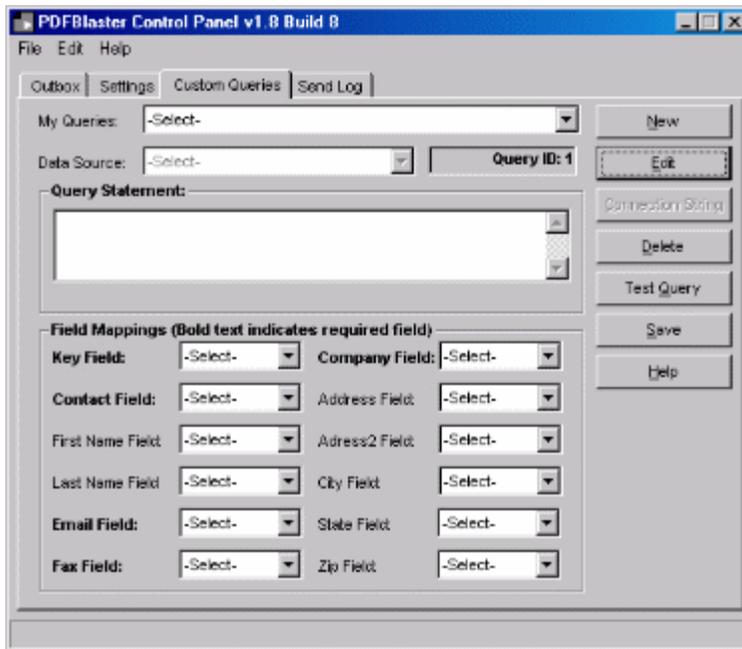
After the file upload is complete, PDFBlaster will deliver the document, and remove it from the outbox (after the next screen refresh, or you can manually refresh the outbox list by clicking the [Refresh Now] button).

You will then receive a confirmation in the send log results pane. You can clear the results pane at any time by clicking the [Clear Results] button or print the send log data by clicking the [Print Log] button.

To send another print job, return to the outbox tab and follow these same steps.

Creating Custom Queries

Step 1



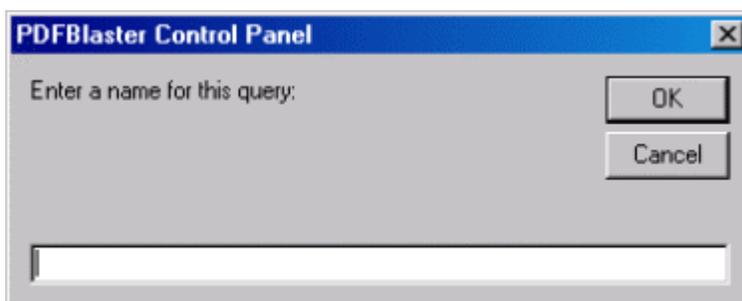
Please Note: The Custom Query tab and Word Blast! tab may not be available depending on your linked accounting system.

Creating and maintaining "custom queries" inside of PDFBlaster is a very powerful feature that allows you to quickly distribute documents to pre-defined lists of recipients on a recurring basis. Better yet, PDFBlaster supports virtually any ODBC-compliant data source in addition to any linked accounting database (if applicable). Using the custom query feature, you can maintain groups of recipients from both inside your accounting system and from external sources such as lead lists, contact manager databases (such as GoldMine and ACT!) or any other data source that contains contact information.

In this example, we are going to create a custom query that contains all customers in our linked accounting system with balances greater than zero (that is, customers who **owe** us money!

To begin, click the [Custom Query] tab on the PDFBlaster Control panel. Then, click the [New] button to begin creating your new custom query.

Step 2



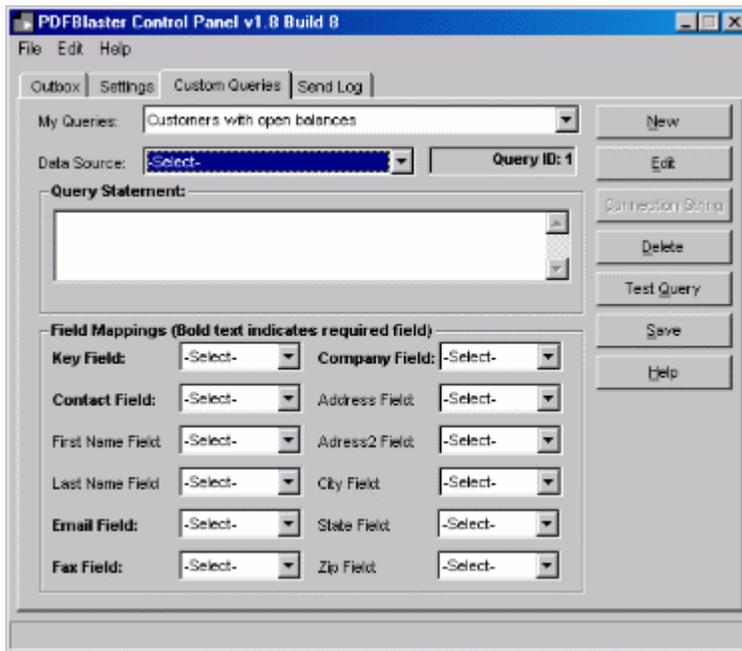
Type in a name for your new query. In this example we want to create a custom query containing

all customer records where open balances are greater than zero (in other words, people who owe us money!).

Type in "Customers with open balances" in the input field.

Then click the "OK" button.

Step 3



Next, select the data source from the drop-down list. This drop-down will contain a list of all the ODBC data sources you have defined on your system, as well as an option to use the "linked accounting system".

In our example, we have previously linked PDFBlaster to ACCPAC Pro Series, and since our custom query is going to retrieve all records in our accounting system where the balance is greater than zero, we'll select "ACCPAC Pro Series" as our data source.

Step 4

PDFBlaster Control Panel v1.8 Build 8

File Edit Help

Outbox Settings Custom Queries Send Log

My Queries: Customers with open balances

Data Source: ACCPAC Pro Series Query ID: 1

Query Statement:

Use Customer File Use Vendor File

Field Mappings (Bold text indicates required field)

Key Field:	-Select-	Company Field:	-Select-
Contact Field:	-Select-	Address Field:	-Select-
First Name Field:	-Select-	Address2 Field:	-Select-
Last Name Field:	-Select-	City Field:	-Select-
Email Field:	-Select-	State Field:	-Select-
Fax Field:	-Select-	Zip Field:	-Select-

New Edit Connection String Delete Test Query Save Help

You will have to know basic SQL for this step, and it helps if you know the field structure of your customer/vendor database. If you need help writing the SQL for your custom queries, contact your PDFBlaster reseller or email PDFBlaster tech support.

In our example we'll type the following SQL statement that will retrieve those customer records that have a positive balance:

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select * from arcust99 where balance > 0
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Step 5

PDFBlaster Control Panel v1.8 Build 8

File Edit Help

Outbox Settings Custom Queries Send Log

My Queries: Customers with open balances

Data Source: ACCPAC Pro Series Query ID: 1

Query Statement:

Select * from arcust99 where balance > 0

Use Customer File Use Vendor File

Field Mappings (Bold text indicates required field)

Key Field:	-Select-	Company Field:	company
Contact Field:	contact	Address Field:	-Select-
First Name Field:	-Select-	Address2 Field:	address2
Last Name Field:	-Select-	City Field:	city
Email Field:	email	State Field:	state
Fax Field:	-Select-	Zip Field:	zip

New Edit Connection String Delete Test Query Save Help

0 records were returned by the query

Click [Test Query] button to test the syntax of your SQL and retrieve your records. If you get an error message, most likely your SQL syntax is incorrect. Please verify that your SQL is valid and click the [Test Query] again to resolve the problem.

Step 6

custno	company	contact	title	address1
ADG1	Addison, Dutton and Gr.	Susan T. Andrews	Vice President	Main Offices
AHC1	Argentina Hanover Corp	David Culigan	Vice President	Av. Cramer 298
AHS1	Albany Hospital supplies	Henry Grover	Vice President	1500 Worthingt
ATS1	Atlanta Trust and Savin	Hank Ehrenberg	President	Main Office
BBE1	Bay Business Enterprise	Mary Anderson	Vice President	
IBI1	International Business Ir	Robert Goodman	Vice President	126, Ave. des C
PCD1	Phoenix Computers	Mark Stone	President	12 Thousand C
SMC1	Super Micro Computer	Leslie Sutton	Purchsing Manager	38984 Fair Oak

8 records were returned by the query

PDFBlaster will retrieve your data. Depending on the size of your database and the number of records in your custom query, this step may take a few minutes. You can check the status by watching the status bar at the bottom of the screen.

When the query execution is complete, the resulting recordset will be previewed in the query results dialog box like the one shown above.

Step 7

Now you're ready to map your customer fields so that PDFBlaster knows how to send documents to them the recipients in your custom query. Click the dropdown next to each field in the "Field Mappings" pane and set the correct field to its PDFBlaster counterpart. In our example:

the custno field is the key field
 the contact field contains the contact's name
 the company field contains the company name
 the email field contains the email address and
 the faxno field contains the fax number.

Click "Save" to save your query. You'll now be able to select this new custom query titled "Customers with open balances" as a recipient list each and every time you want to do a fax or email broadcast.

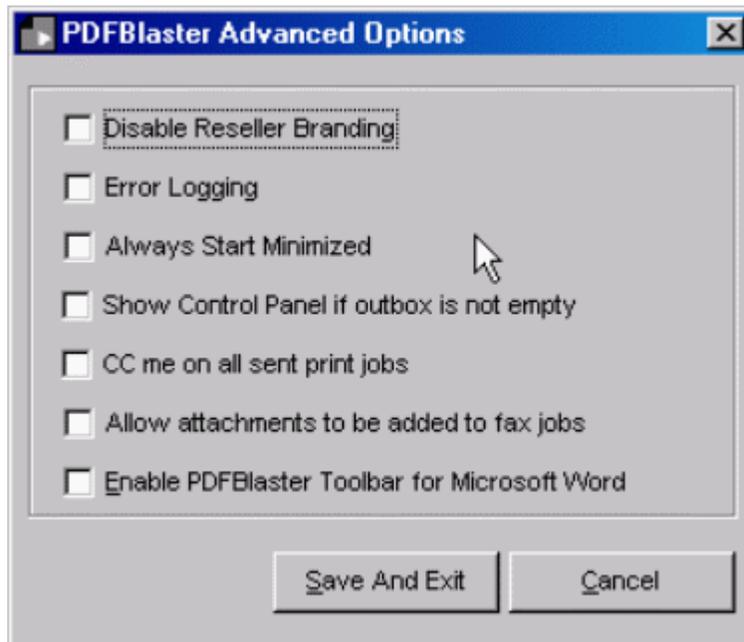
(Note: only the fields highlighted in **bold** are required fields. In this example, the customer database does **not** contain specific fields for first name and last name so we'll just leave the field mappings blank.

Step 8

PDFBlaster includes some convenient additional configuration options that you may find useful.

To access the advanced options screen select [**Advanced Options**] from the Edit menu on the PDFBlaster Control Panel

Step 2



Disable Reseller Branding

Your PDFBlaster software may be linked to your reseller's Web site in order to inform you of timely marketing or technical support information. If your reseller has done this you will see a small logo in the lower left of the PDFBlaster Control Panel screen. If you wish to disable this feature, check this check box.

Error Logging

If instructed to do so from PDFBlaster technical support, you may need to turn on error logging by checking this box.

Always Start Minimized

By default PDFBlaster starts up each time you start your computer in normal screen viewing mode. To start PDFBlaster minimized in your system tray, check this box.

Show Control Panel if outbox is not empty

If there are unsent print jobs in your outbox, checking this box will force PDFBlaster to be the topmost window on your screen until you either send the jobs or delete them.

CC me on all sent print jobs

If you want to receive a copy of each fax or email job you send using PDFBlaster, check this box. CC'd emails will be sent to the email address identified in your Email/Fax settings on the PDFBlaster Control Panel.

Allow attachments to be added to fax jobs

Check this box if you want to enable the ability to include additional attachments with your accounting documents when faxing. In order to use this feature, you must set the SmartFind option in the PDFBlaster Control Panel to "Confirm Each Job".

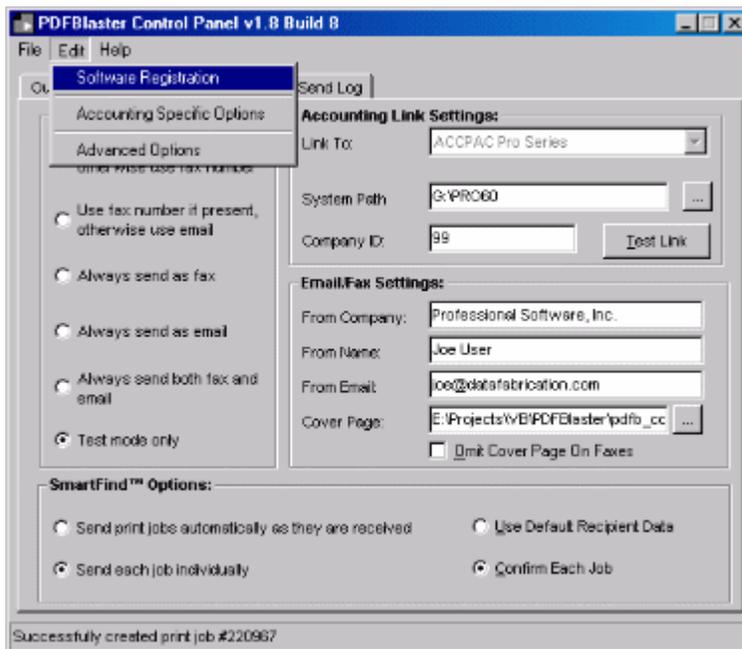
Enable PDFBlaster Toolbar for Microsoft Word

If you want to use the WordBlast! feature in PDFBlaster, check this box. See the support topic regarding WordBlasts! for more detailed information.

When finished choosing your advanced options, click the [**Save And Exit**] button to save your changes.

Registering Your Software

Step 1



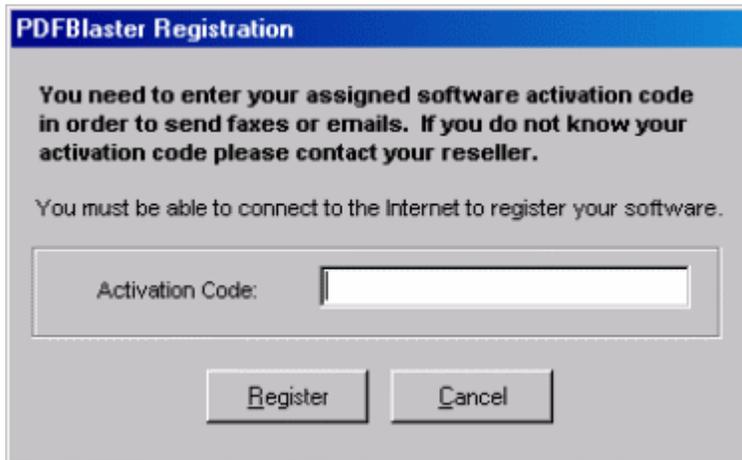
When you downloaded your copy of PDFBlaster, you should have received a 30-day trial activation code via email. You **must** enter this temporary registration code before you can generate PDFs and send them as email attachments during your trial period.

The trial-license allows you to generate PDFs as email attachments for thirty days. You will not be able to send actual faxes during the PDFBlaster trial period. This option is available only to fully licensed versions of the product. Instead PDFBlaster will send your "test faxes" as email attachments to your email address and will include information on the who/where/when of the document transmission if it was being sent using the full version of PDFBlaster.

To activate your 30-day trial license, first click on the [**Help**] menu on the PDFBlaster control

panel and then select [Software Registration].

Step 2

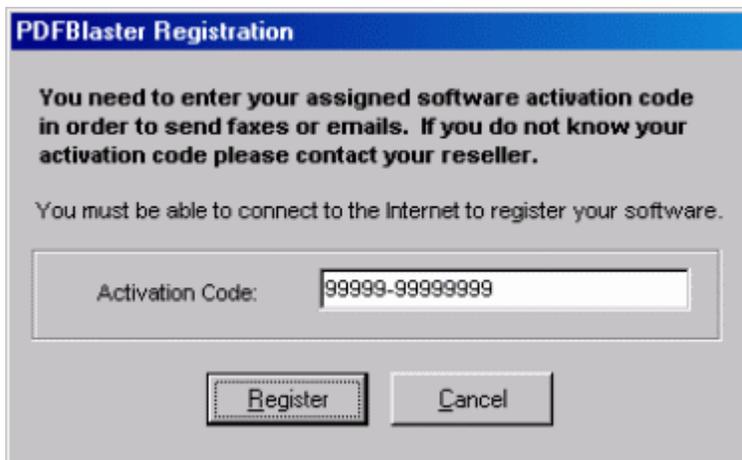


The image shows a dialog box titled "PDFBlaster Registration". The text inside reads: "You need to enter your assigned software activation code in order to send faxes or emails. If you do not know your activation code please contact your reseller." Below this, it says "You must be able to connect to the Internet to register your software." There is a text input field labeled "Activation Code:" which is currently empty. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Register" and "Cancel".

The next screen you will see is the Registration screen show above.

Locate the 30-day trial activation code you received via email when you downloaded PDFBlaster before moving on to the next step.

Step 3



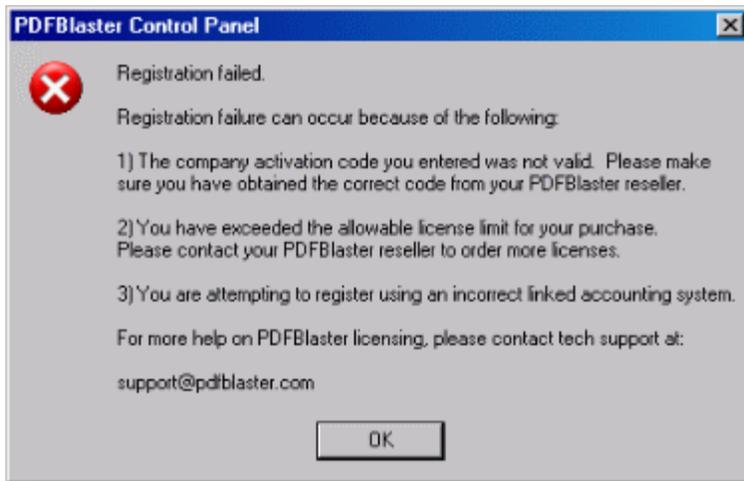
The image shows the same "PDFBlaster Registration" dialog box as in Step 2. The text is identical. However, the "Activation Code:" input field now contains the text "99999-99999999". The "Register" button is highlighted with a dashed border, indicating it is the active or default button.

Type in (or cut and paste) the trial version activation code into the dialog box provided.

Then click the [Register] button to validate your code.

(Note: you must be able to access the Internet from your computer in order for validation to work).

Step 4



If you receive an error dialog like the one shown above, most likely you typed in your activation code incorrectly. Try typing it in again or, better yet, cut and paste the code from the email you received and then click the [Register] button again.

If you still get an error message, please contact PDFBlaster technical support at the email address provided.

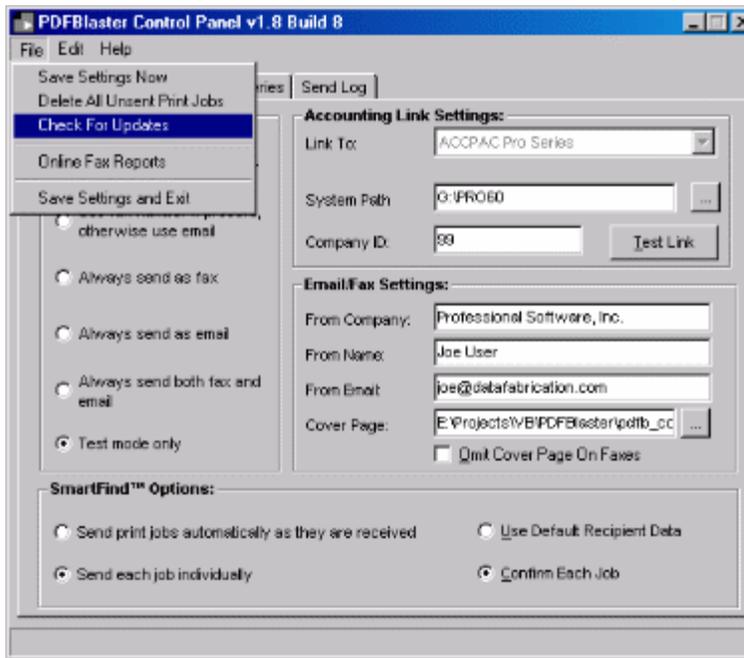
Step 5



Once your activation code has been accepted and registration succeeds your 30-day trial license has now been activated.

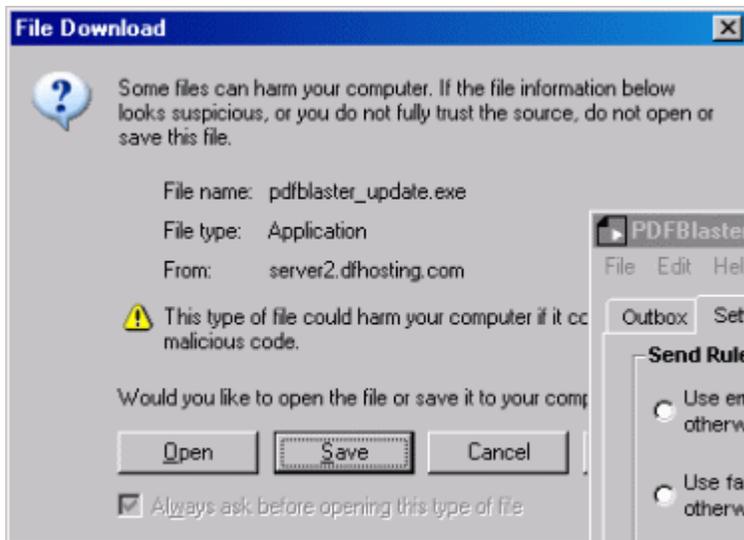
Checking For Program Updates

Step 1



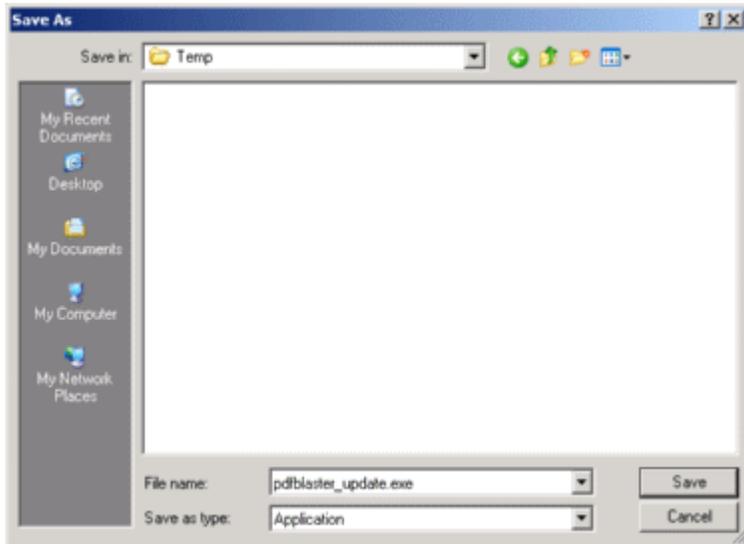
It is a good idea to periodically check for updates to the PDFBlaster software. This can be conveniently done by selecting the "Check For Updates" option on the PDFBlaster Control Panel File Menu.

Step 2

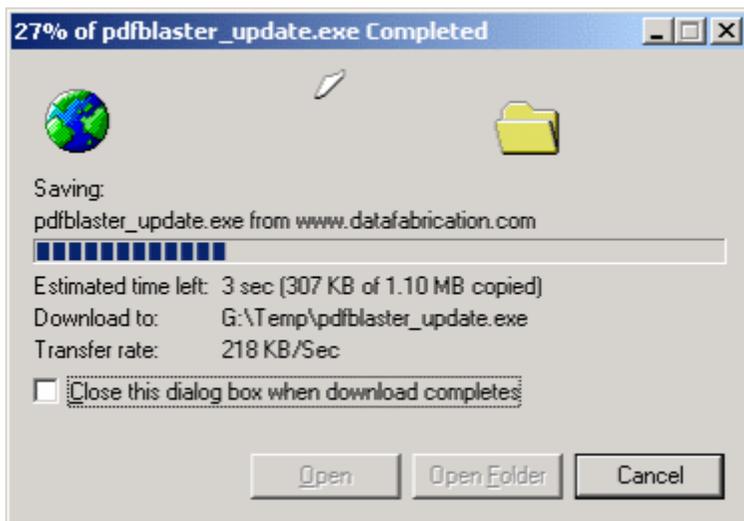


If a program update is found you will be able to download the update program to your local hard drive. The download process will automatically close your PDFBlaster program so you can download and install the update automatically.

Click [Save] to save the update program to your hard disk.

Step 3

It's a good idea to download the update into a temporary folder such as c:\temp. Click the [Save] button to begin downloading the update file from the Internet.

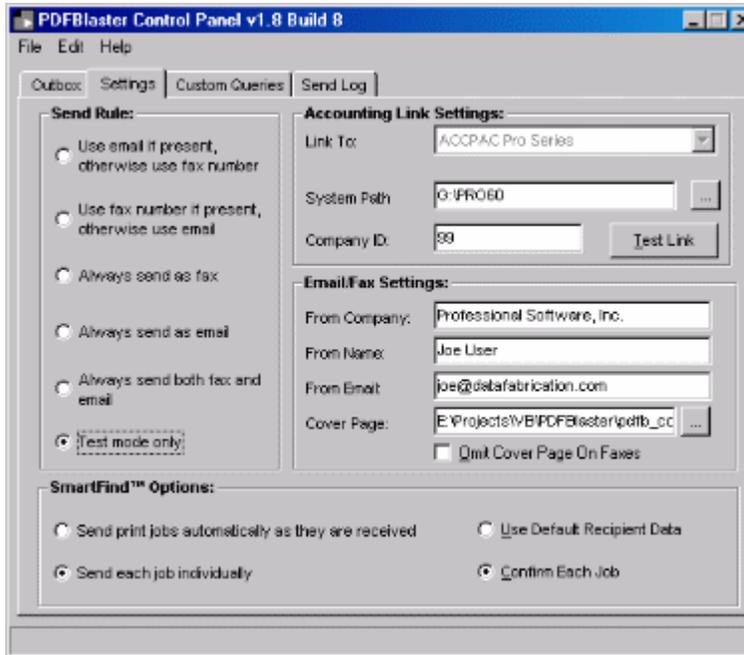
Step 4

The update program is much smaller than the full version PDFBlaster install program. Depending on the speed of your internet connection, the download process will take only a few minutes.

When the download is complete, double-click on the pdfblaster_update.exe file to complete the installation of the update.

Installing The VFP ODBC Driver For Windows XP

Step 1



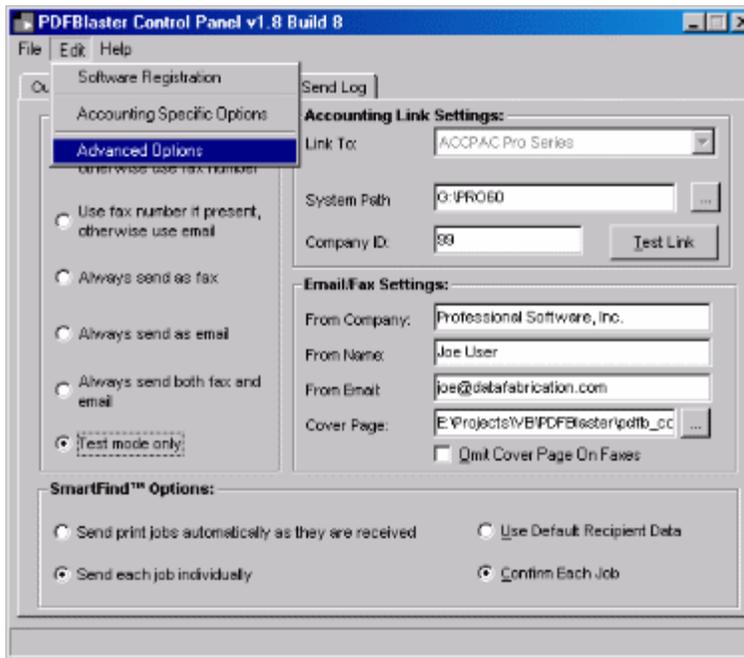
If you install PDFBlaster on a fresh version of Windows XP Professional you may not be able to connect to your accounting data when you click "Test Link".

This is because Windows XP ships with an incompatible version of the Visual Foxpro ODBC driver (v 1.0.XXX). To fix this incompatibility you will need to download and install the VFP ODBC driver (v 6.0.XXX).

[Click Here To Download the VFP ODBC driver install program](#)

PDFBlaster Word Blasts

Step 1



PDFBlaster provides a unique capability to create integrated mail merges using Microsoft Word (2000, XP or greater) and your accounting data. We call this feature **Word Blast!**, and once you try it, we're sure you will agree that using Word Blast! is much easier and more intuitive than MS Word's default mail merge functionality.

In order to use PDFBlaster Wordblast! you'll first need to activate the PDFBlaster toolbar in Microsoft Word. To activate the toolbar, first click the Advanced options link on the Edit Menu of the PDFBlaster Control Panel.

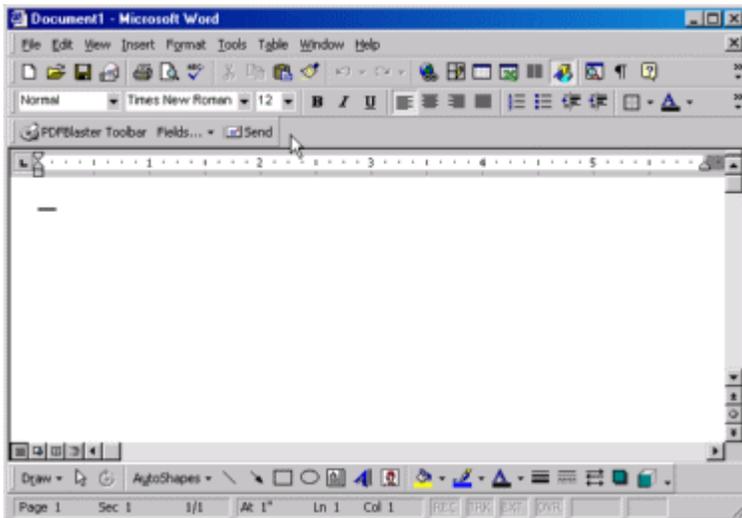
Please Note: in order to use Word Blast!, you'll need to defined at least one custom query using PDFBlaster. In our example, we have already created a custom query called 'Pro Series Customers' that we will use to generate a collection letter.

Step 2



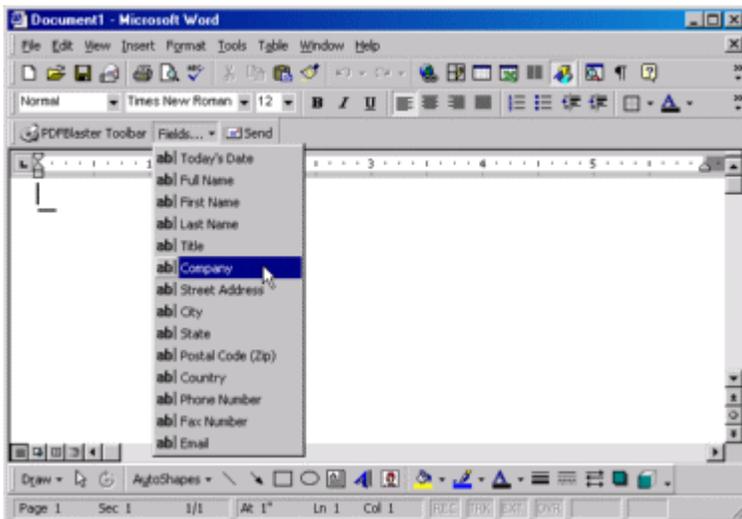
Check the [**Enable PDFBlaster Toolbar for Microsoft Word**] checkbox and then click [**Save and Exit**].

Step 3



Now start Word. You'll notice a new toolbar has been added. This is the PDFBlaster toolbar.

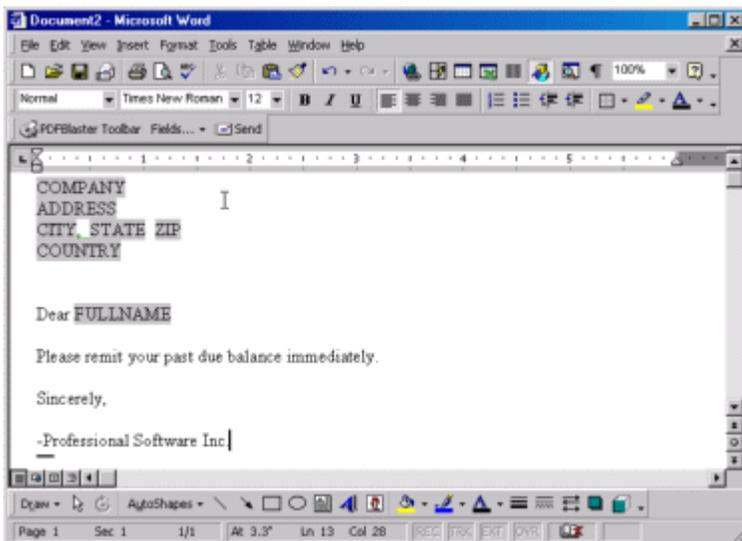
Step 4



The PDFBlaster toolbar has a quick and easy menu that enables you to drop form fields onto your document.

Click The Fields... button and then select the Company field, which will add a field called "COMPANY" to your document.

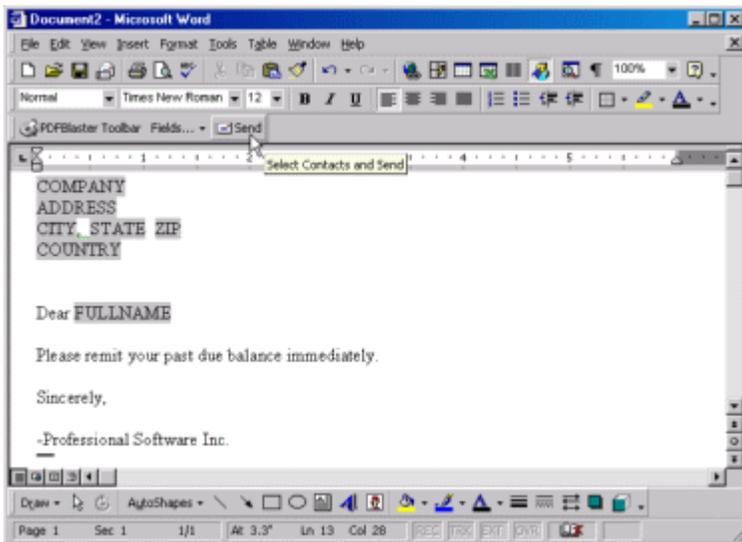
Step 5



Add any remaining fields you wish using the same process described in the previous step.

In our example, since we're creating a collection letter, we're going to add some text reminding the customer to pay their outstanding balance.

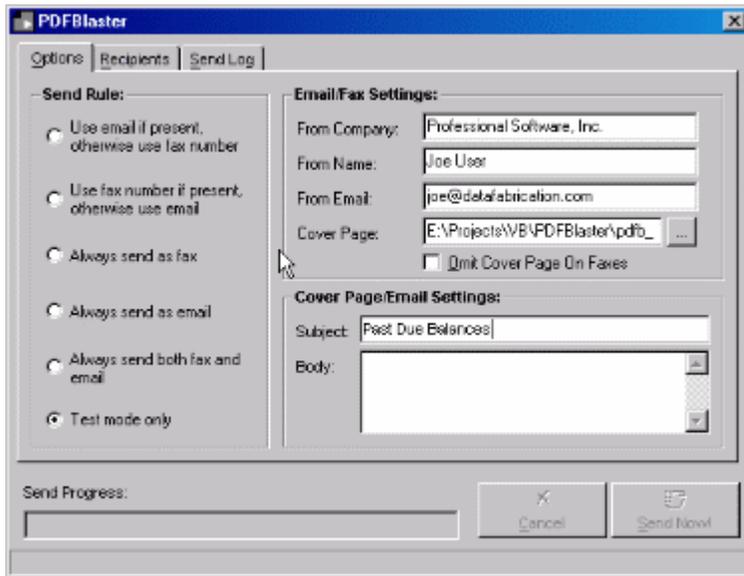
Step 6



Now you're ready to send your WordBlast! to a group of recipients defined in one of your custom queries.

Click the [Send] button to continue.

Step 7

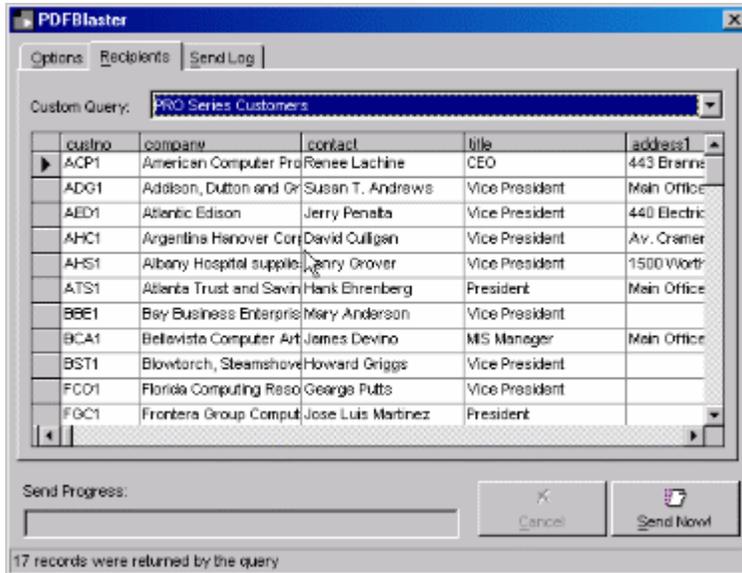


The PDFBlaster toolbar will display a form with 3 tabs. The first tab lets you define your send rule, email/fax settings (along with a cover page option) as well as the subject and body of the fax cover page or email.

The settings here are similar to those found in the PDFBlaster Control panel.

Type the words "Past Due Balances" in the subject field.

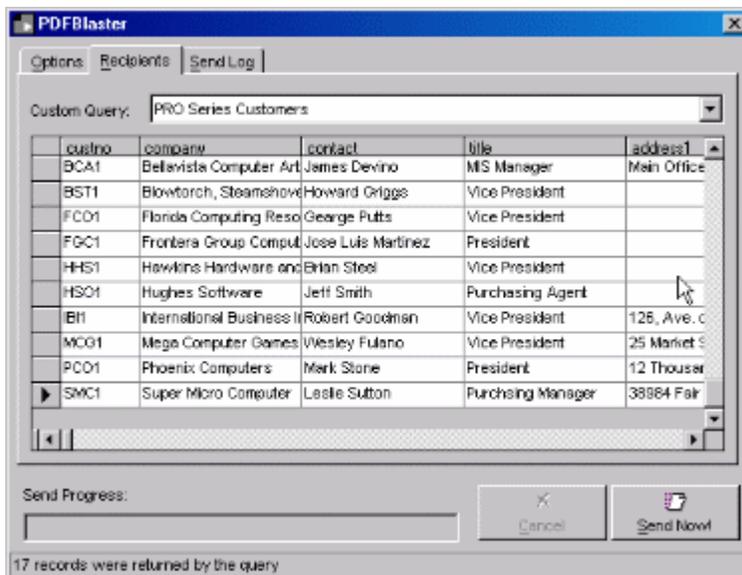
Step 8



Now click the Recipients tab and select the custom query "Pro Series Customers".

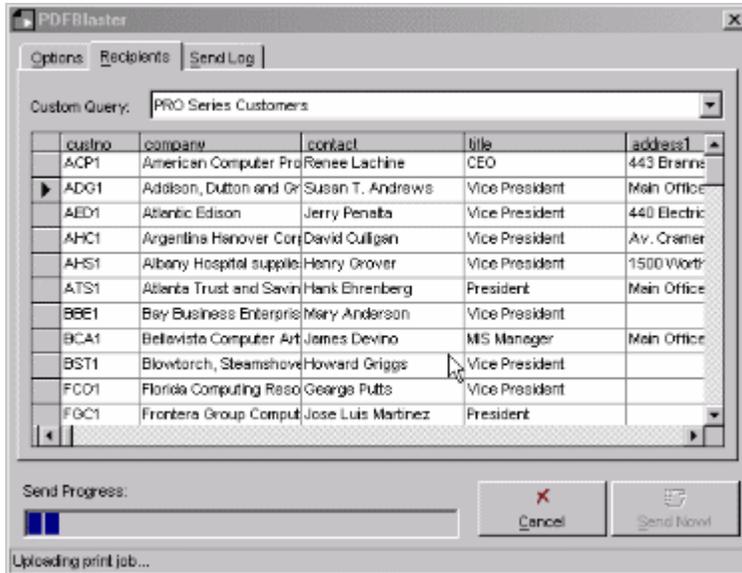
Notice that the PDFBlaster toolbar retrieved the data from your custom query and positioned the record pointer at the first record.

Step 9

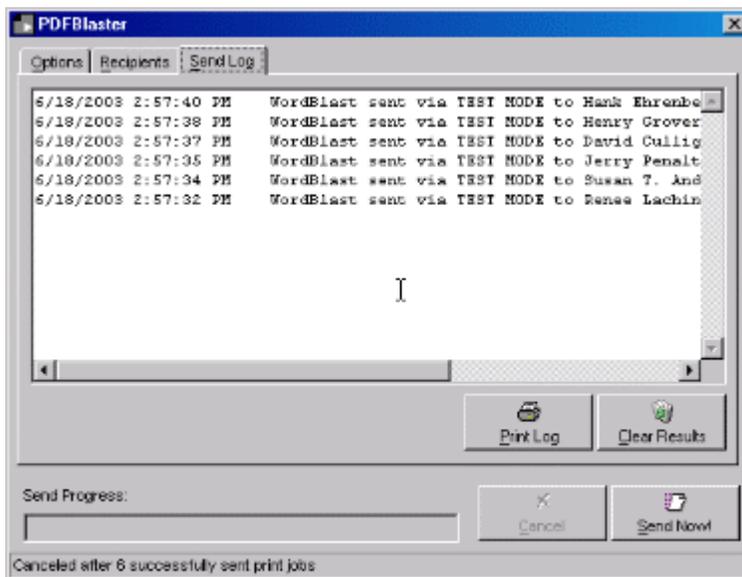


When you click the **[Send Button]** PDFBlaster will automatically perform the necessary field substitution on your letter and send the document according to your selected send rule.

Click the **[Send]** button now to send your WordBlast!

Step 10

PDFBlaster will display your send progress in the lower left hand area of the screen. You can cancel at any time by clicking the **[Cancel]** button.

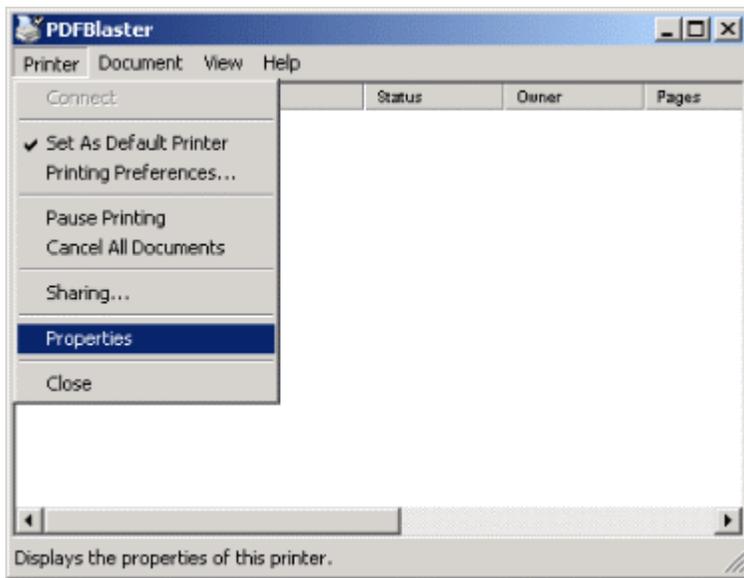
Step 11

At the completion of your WordBlast! you can view the send log to see the results.

It's that easy!

Configuring The PDFBlaster Printer For Exact ES

Step 1



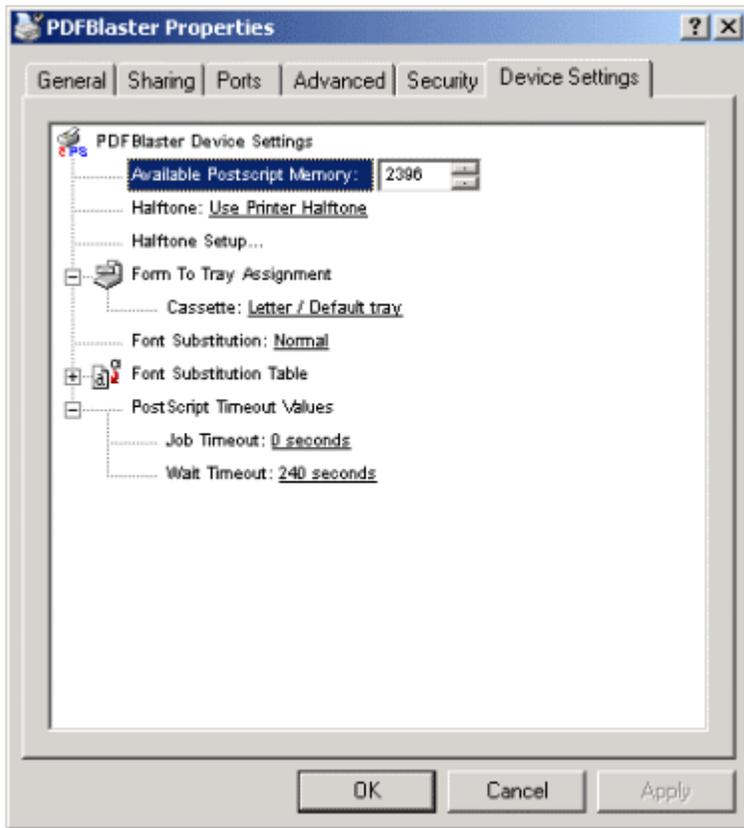
The default report forms that ship with Exact ES use the Verdana font, which is not supported directly by the PDFBlaster Printer.

Fortunately, it's easy to change the font handling of the PDFBlaster printer so that the program can automatically process your Exact ES print jobs.

The first step is to open the PDFBlaster Printer from the Start Menu -> Control Panel -> Printers section.

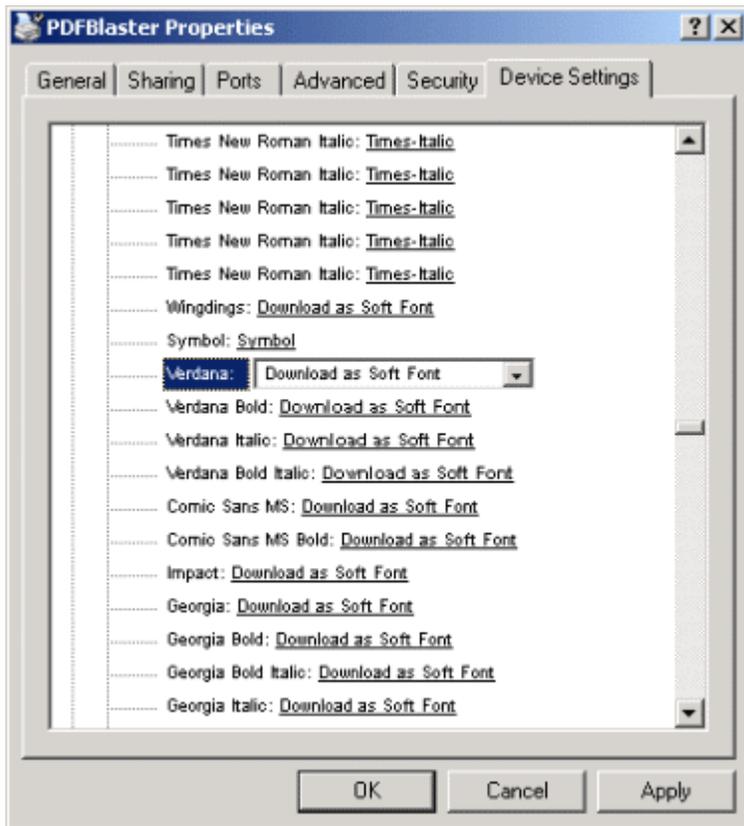
Click on the [Printer] menu then select [Properties]

Step 2



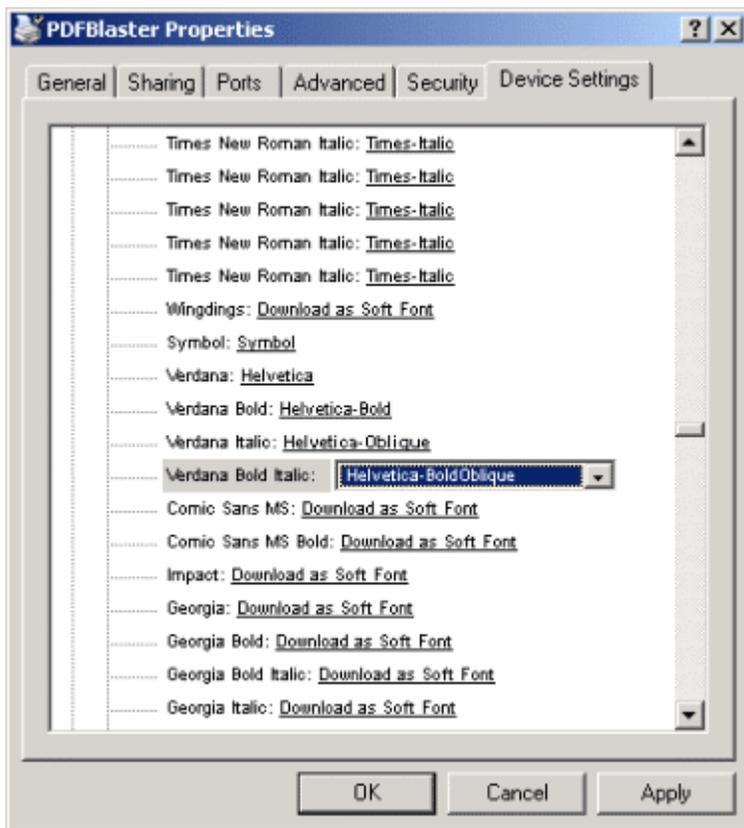
Next, click on the [Device Settings] tab and then expand the [Font Substitution] menu tree.

Step 3



Scroll down the list until you get to the font section that lists the Verdana fonts. By default, these fonts are set to [Download as Soft Font]. This is the setting you will need to change for each of the 4 Verdana font entries.

Step 4



Click the dropdown and change the Verdana fonts to the following substituted fonts:

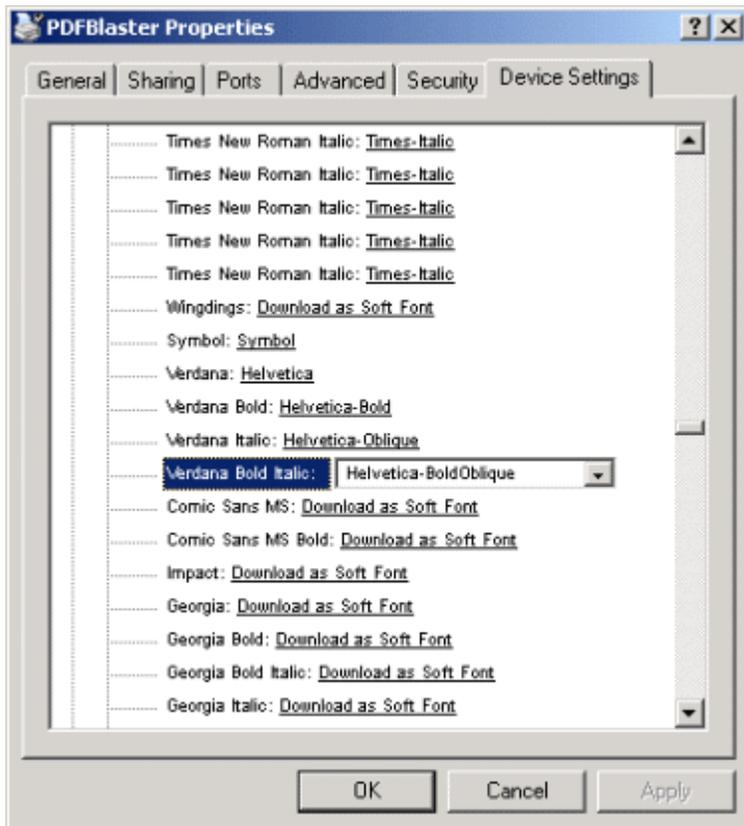
Verdana -> Helvetica

Verdana Bold -> Helvetica-Bold

Verdana Italic -> Helvetica-Oblique

Verdana Bold Italic -> Helvetica-Bold Oblique

Step 5



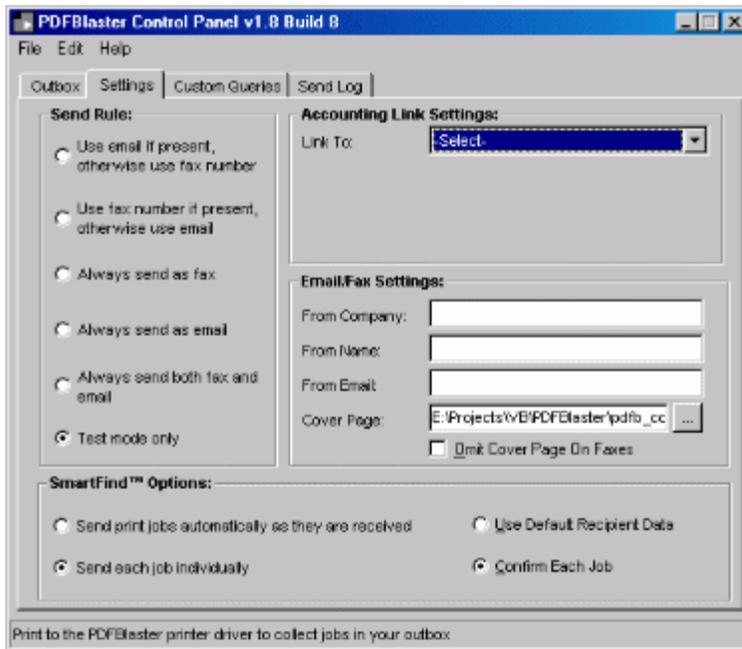
Your font substitution table should match the screen above.

To finish, click the [Apply] button and then [OK] to exit.

You will now be able to print Exact ES documents to the PDFBlaster Printer driver correctly.

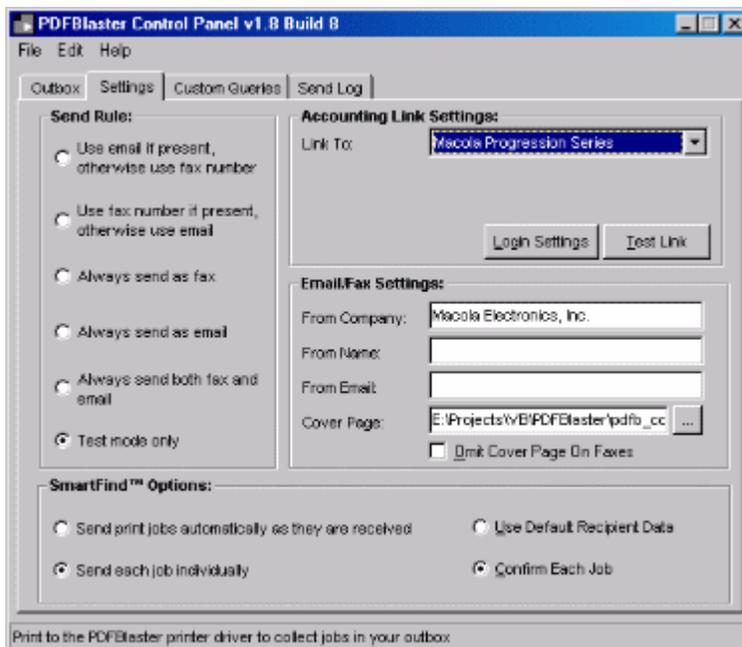
Linking PDFBlaster To Progression Series SQL

Step 1



When you start PDFBlaster for the first time, the software is not linked to any particular accounting system. To link to Exact Progression Series, click on the Settings tab and locate the section called [Link Settings]

Step 2



Select Macola Progression Series from the drop-down list of available accounting systems.

Step 3

Next, Click the [Login Settings] button to display the screen where you will need to enter your login information in order to connect to your Macola SQL Server database.

Step 4

Depending on your system configuration the values entered in the login settings screen will be different. The basic premise is to define the name of the SQL Server running either on your network or locally. If you are running a local copy of SQL Server, type in "local" for the server name. Otherwise, type the name of the SQL Server on your network.

The next step is to enter the name of the Macola database itself. For demo systems this is typically "demodata". For live systems this is most likely different. You may need to consult with your network administrator to obtain the name of the SQL Server database that stores your Macola Progression data.

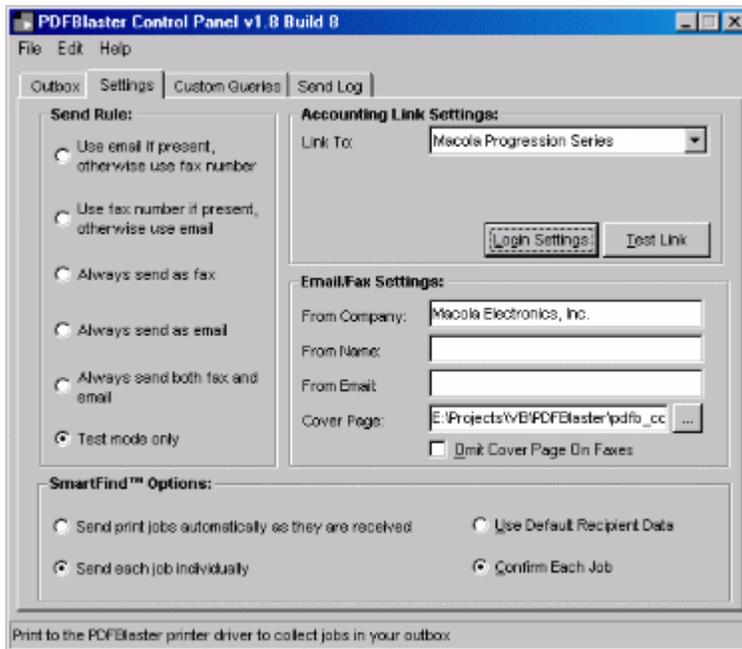
Next, type in a user name and password that has rights to connect to the SQL Server database. This can be the default Macola user name and password or another defined login that your

database administrator set up. In our example, we will be connecting using the administrator login "sa" and password "password".

For Progression Series, you should leave the "Use Integrated Windows Security" checkbox unchecked because Progression does not support this feature.

Click [OK] when finished entering you login settings.

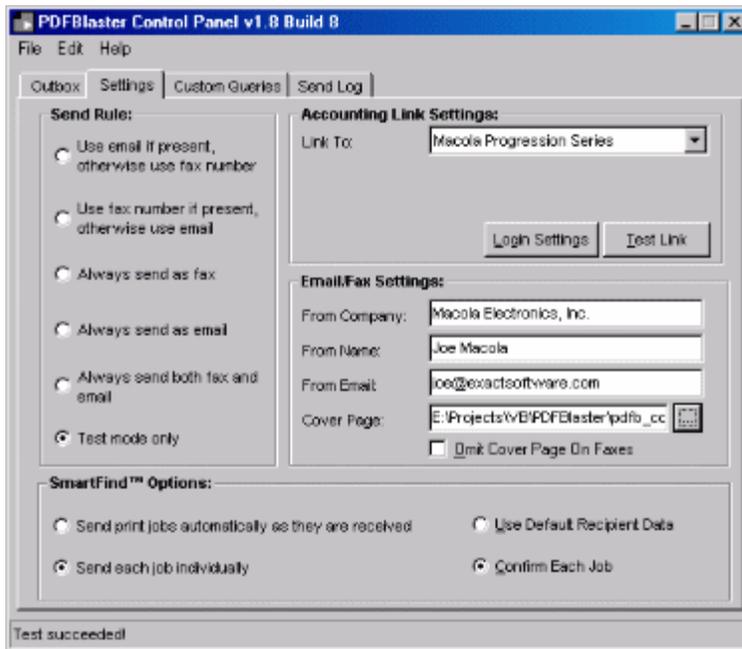
Step 5



Now it's time to test the login settings you just entered. Click the [Test Link] button to execute the test sequence. If the test was successful you will receive a message in the status bar saying "Test Succeeded!"

If your test fails, please check with your network administrator or database administrator to make sure your login settings are correct and try again.

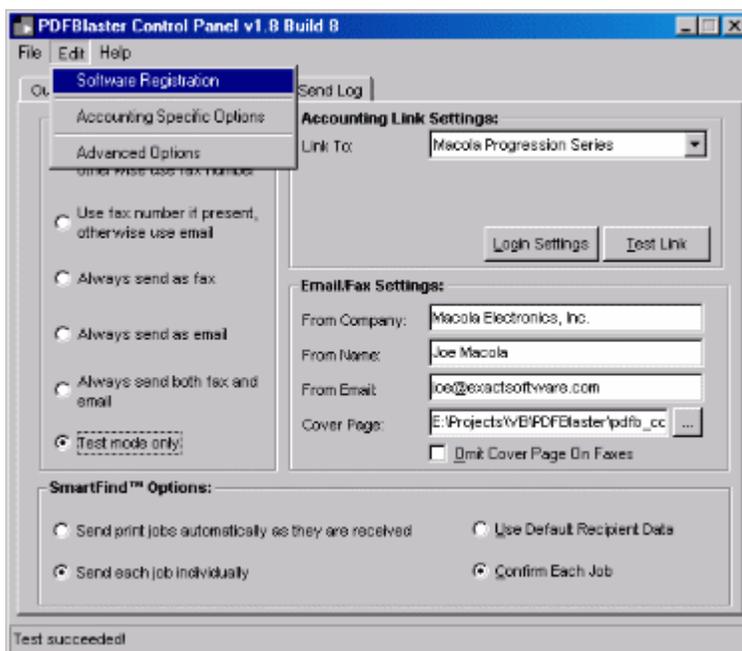
Step 6



After your link test is successful, PDFBlaster will retrieve the company name and pre-fill it in the "From Company" field.

Now you'll need to enter the remaining "Email/Fax Settings". These settings will be used for faxes and emails to indicate who the document is coming from as well as to provide a return email address for transmission confirmation emails and/or failures. Make sure you enter in a valid email address or you will not be able to receive these important notices.

Step 7

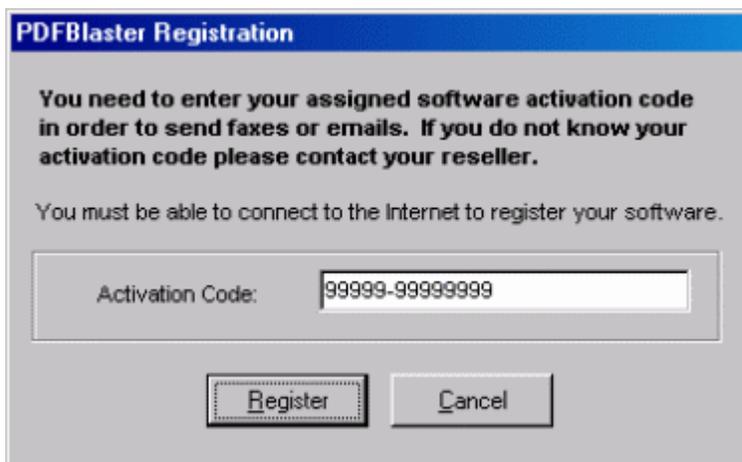


The last step is to register your PDFBlaster software so you can start sending faxes and emails.

You should have received an activation code from your reseller. You will need this code in order to register your software.

Click the Edit -> Software Registration menu to begin the registration process.

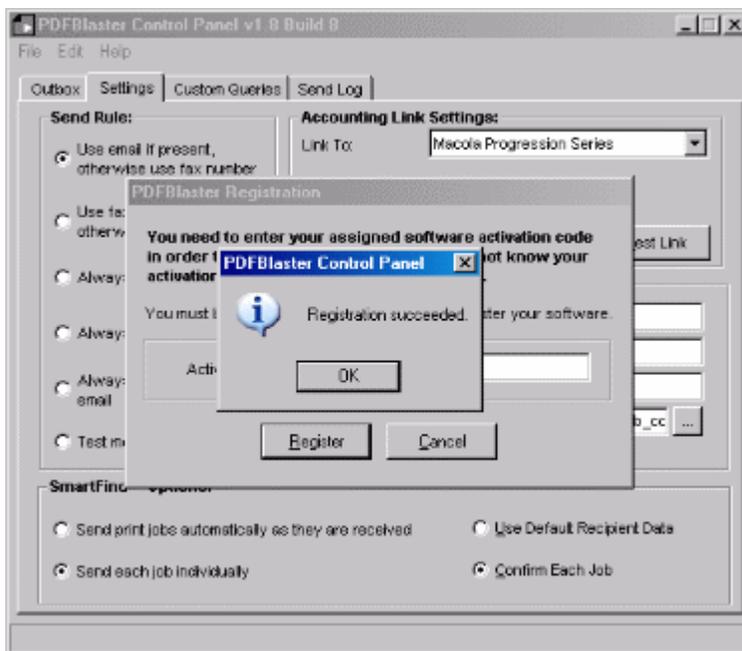
Step 8



Enter the activation code provided to you and click the [Register] button.

Please note that you must be able to access the Internet in order for registration to succeed.

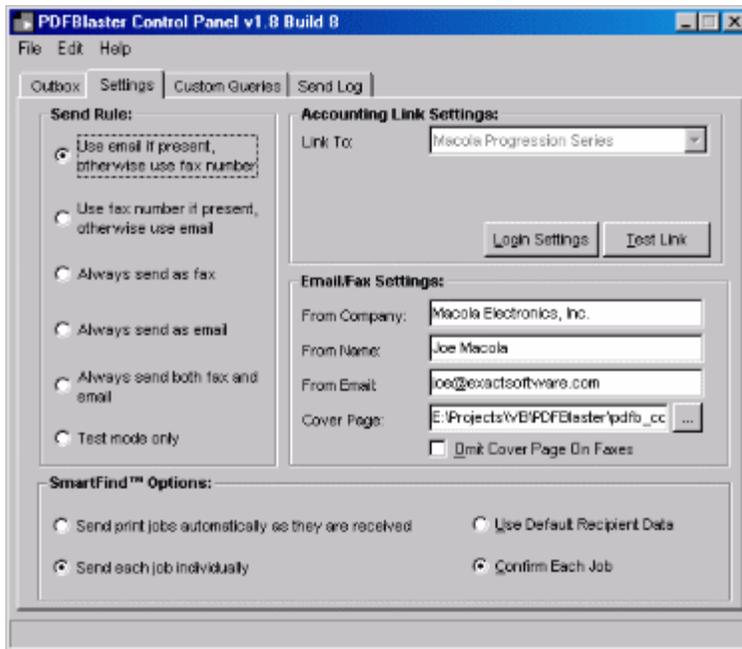
Step 9



Registration takes only a few seconds. You will receive a message saying "Registration Succeeded" which indicates that your software is now registered.

If you receive a registration failure message it could be because PDFBlaster could not access the Internet, your registration code was entered incorrectly or your registration code is not valid for the linked accounting system you selected. Check with your reseller to resolve this situation, or contact PDFBlaster support at support@pdfblaster.com

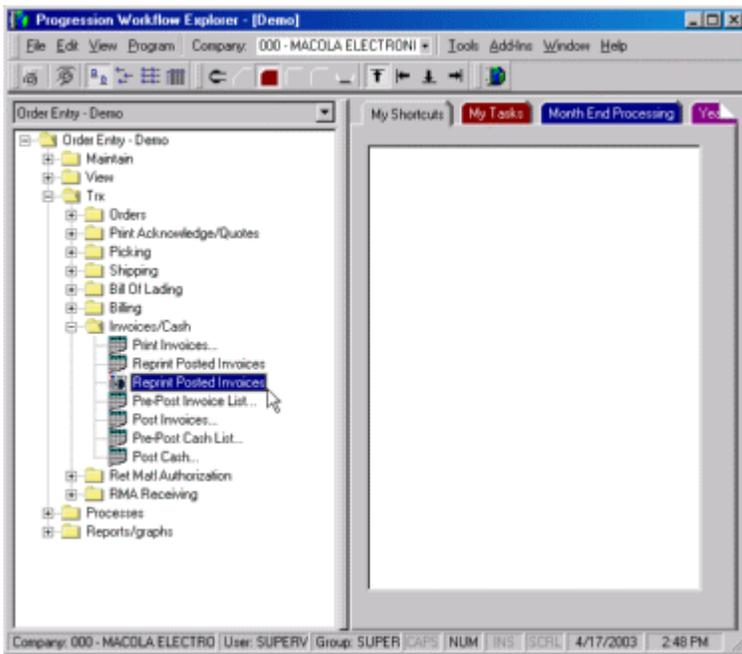
Step 10



Your software is now registered and linked to Macola Progression Series. At this point you can start faxing or emailing in live mode.

Printing To PDFBlaster From Exact Progression Series

Step 1

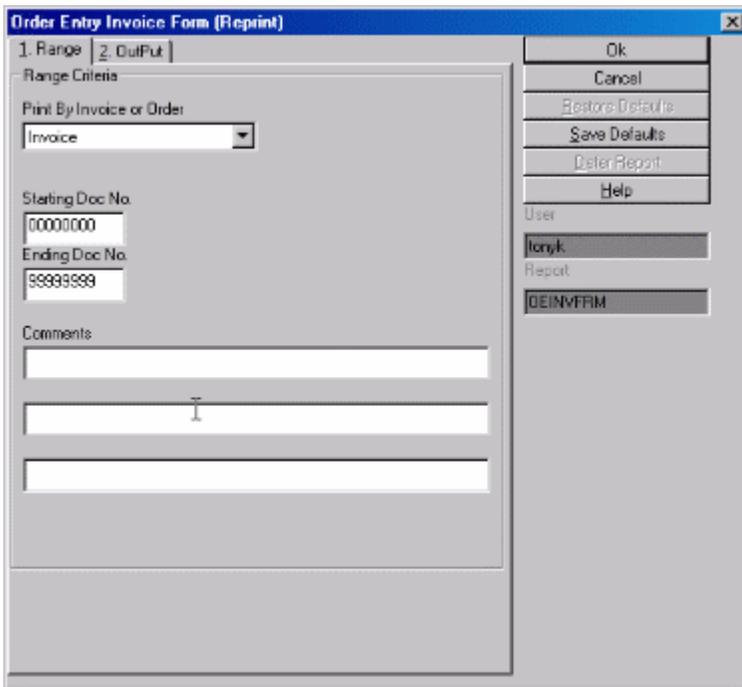


PDFBlaster can easily fax or email documents created from inside Macola Progression Series. It is important to note that PDFBlaster can only be used with the graphical report forms that ship with Progressions Series (Crystal Reports). You can still print text-based forms to PDFBlaster but batch faxing/emailing is not supported and the resulting PDF will contain text only.

For this example, we are going to Reprint posted invoices using the Crystal Reports form. Click on Order Entry -> Trx -> Invoices/Cash and then select the "Reprint Posted Invoices" Crystal Reports version menu link.

(Make sure the PDFBlaster Control Panel is running in the system tray before continuing).

Step 2



Order Entry Invoice Form (Reprint)

1. Range 2. Output

Range Criteria

Print By Invoice or Order
Invoice

Starting Doc No.
00000000

Ending Doc No.
99999999

Comments

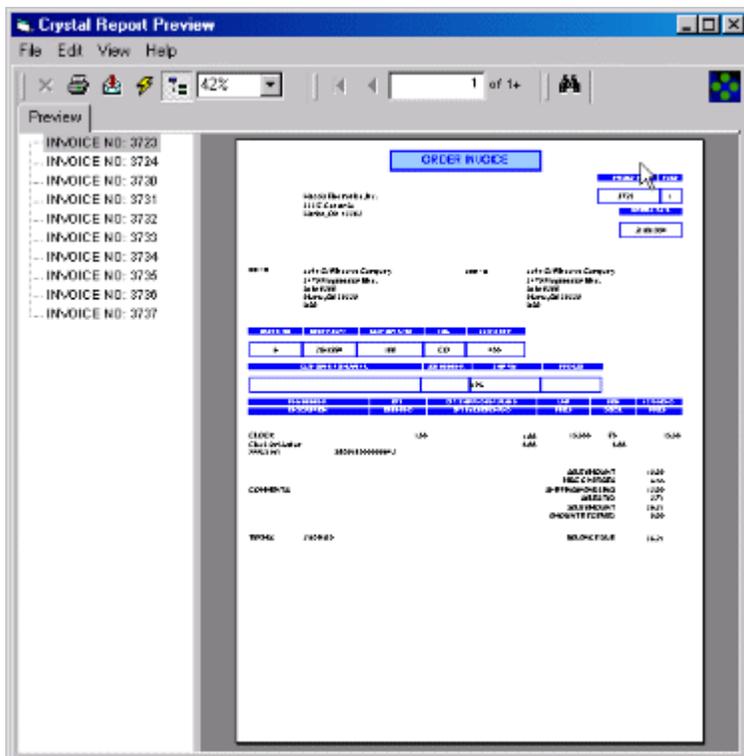
Ok
Cancel
Restore Defaults
Save Defaults
Enter Report
Help

User
lonyk

Report
DEINVFIRM

Select a starting document number and/or ending document number if desired, then click the [OK] button to continue.

Step 3



Crystal Report Preview

File Edit View Help

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Preview

- ... INVOICE NO: 3723
- ... INVOICE NO: 3724
- ... INVOICE NO: 3730
- ... INVOICE NO: 3731
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- ... INVOICE NO: 3735
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ORDER INVOICE

ORDER INVOICE

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT	TAXES
3737					

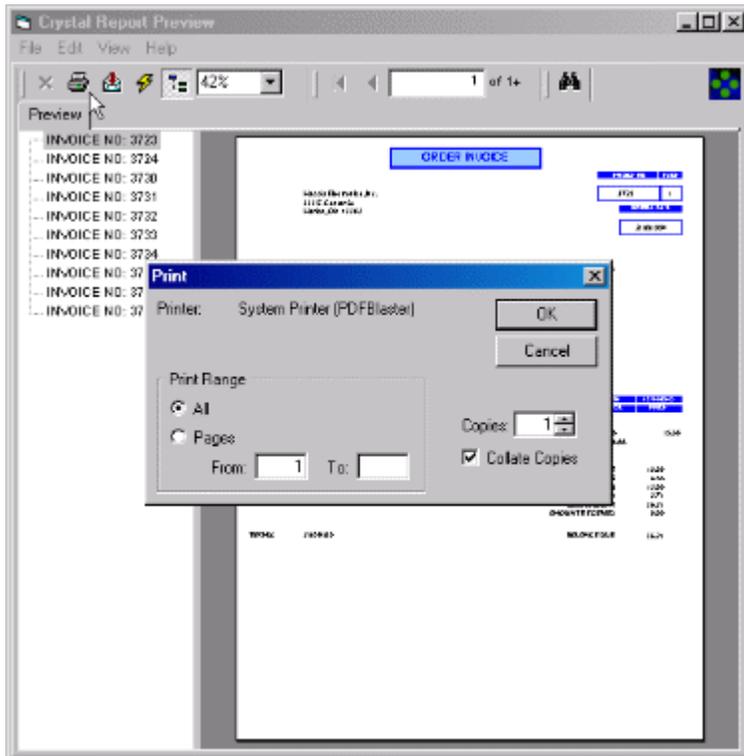
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TOTALS

Progression will run the invoices and display them in the Report Preview Screen. When you are

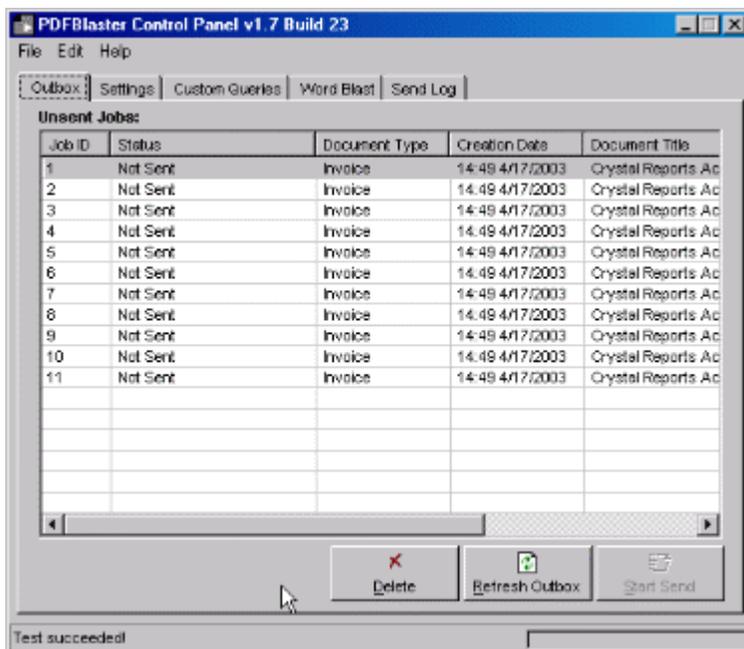
ready to continue, click the [Printer] Icon to send the documents to the PDFBlaster printer.

Step 4



Verify that PDFBlaster is the selected printer and then click [OK].

Step 5

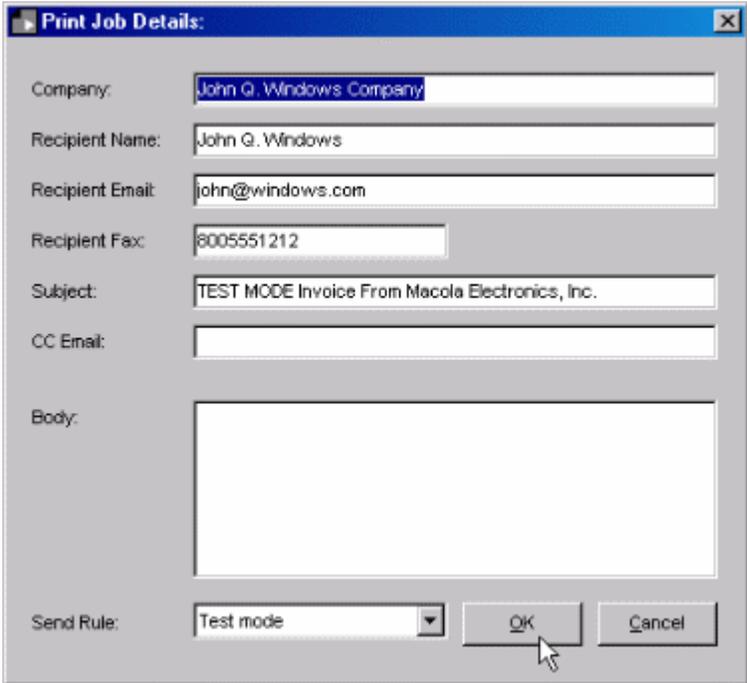


The print jobs will be sent to the PDFBlaster outbox and will remain there until you are ready to send them out.

If you've configured PDFBlaster to pop up when it receives new print jobs, the above screen will be displayed automatically. Otherwise, double-click on the small PDFBlaster icon in the system tray to activate the PDFBlaster Control Panel.

At this point you're ready to send the print jobs according to your send rule. You double-click on a specific job and, if you've set up PDFBlaster to "Confirm Each Job" you'll get to verify the send data (see the next screen).

Step 6



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Print Job Details". It contains the following fields and values:

- Company: John Q. Windows Company
- Recipient Name: John Q. Windows
- Recipient Email: john@windows.com
- Recipient Fax: 8005551212
- Subject: TEST MODE Invoice From Macola Electronics, Inc.
- CC Email: (empty)
- Body: (empty text area)
- Send Rule: Test mode (dropdown menu)

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "OK" button.

The Print Job Details screen displays the recipient data of current print job. This data is pulled on the fly from the Progression database. You can accept the information as is, edit it, or add to it. You can also change the send rule in the drop down if you want to override your global send rule setting.

Click [OK] to send your print job!