OverView AFP Designer 7

Edit forms and true data layout on one screen

All AFP fonts and logos are used natively without conversion effort or requirement

LINE-DATA: Load ASCII/EBCDIC

Define FIELDS and COLUMNS

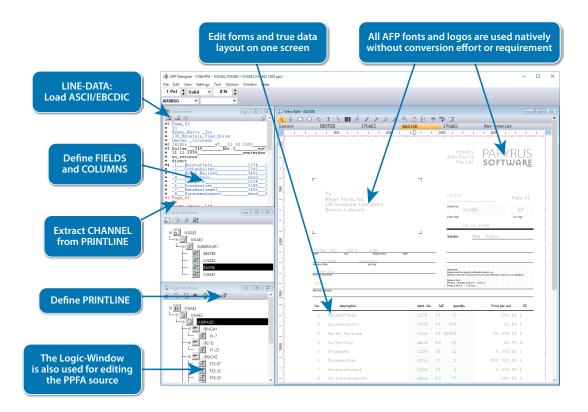Extract CHANNEL from PRINTLINE

Define PRINTLINE

The Logic-Window is also used for editing the PPFA source

Product Description

The **OverView AFP Designer** is the industry standard graphical desktop design tool for complete AFP print applications. It supports through its dot-perfect design process the integrated development and maintenance of IBM standard OGL and PPFA source code.

The OverView AFP Designer is fully compatible with the IBM AFP Advanced Function Presentation standard for all platforms. It enables **unlimited application growth and investment security** for all your print and document applications.

- Use AFP resources like fonts (raster and outline) and images without conversion
- 240/300/600 dpi mode with true WYSIWYG form design
- Import/Export of IBM OGL and IBM PPFA source
- Edit multiple form elements in parallel
- Display the actual print data already during PAGEDEF design
- View and edit the PPFA structure in a visual logic-tree editor
- Internal calculations in 1440 dpi for absolute accuracy
- Display and testing of AFP mixed-mode print files

The most accurate, and therefore fastest, full application design platform for AFP printing and document applications.

Applications

- Maintenance and development of all IBM AFP based forms/data applications for finance, insurance and industry companies as well as government organizations
- All applications can be printed on virtually all types of printers such as IPDS, Xerox Metacode, PCL and Post-script using Papyrus Server

Benefits

- OverView AFP Designer does not use any proprietary formats
- Users require only basic printing and AFP know-how
- Reduces application development effort drastically due to WYSIWYG on-screen design and dot-perfect display
- Requires no specific knowledge about language syntax
- Dynamic switching between forms and data placement reduces test-printing on production printers
- AFP Designer supports all cut-sheet and endless paper formats
- No OGL or PPFA source code tweaks required
- With the optional AFPDS Compiler, OGL and PPFA compilers are not required on the mainframe
- Easy file transfer (functions send and receive) between AFP Designer and z/OS or Unix host for sources (OGL, PPFA), AFP resources (Fonts, PSEG, TIFF, OVL, FDF, PDF) and line data

Forms Design (OGL)

- Load, edit and create OGL compatible source code
- Decompile AFP overlay objects to OGL source code
- Display and edit multiple overlays
- Load and display host AFP fonts and logos in 240/300/600 dpi
- Create lines, boxes, circles, paths and polygons with variable line width and line styles such as solid, dashed and dotted
- Define shading of graphical elements
- Create repeated boxes with diagonals and rounded corners
- Object positioning with mouse or by setting explicit values in LPI/CPI, inches, millimeters or PELs
- Select AFP fonts from the library by font style, size and properties
- Place text stand-alone or into boxes with all alignment and orientation options

- Automatic word-wrap feature
- BCOCA bar code support
- Import TIFF graphics and convert them to PSEG or OGL
- Import TIFF and JPEG files
- 11 zoom levels from 10 to 200 %
- Unlimited undo/redo and integrated auto-save feature

Data Layout (PPFA)

- Design, load and edit all PPFA compatible source code
- Definition of printlines, fields and conditions with drag & drop from the data window to the view/edit window
- Multiple copy groups, subgroups and page formats supported
- Full conditional processing support with testing of conditions
- Edit multiple forms with the actual data displayed according to the page definition formatting
- Basic and enhanced N-up printing, variable positioning of copy groups using Invoke command (sheet, next, back, front)
- Relative positioning of printlines
- Bar code support for fields
- Display and testing of AFP Mixed-Mode linedata files for IMM, IDM, IPS and IPO
- Double-byte character sets (DBCS) and Unicode support
- Finishing and Processing support
- Font definition via CHS/CDP (no FON)
- Automatic spell-check for text in OGL
- Font viewer plug-in for selecting all characters from a matrix

Prerequisites

- Windows Vista/7/8/10/Server 2008/Server 2012/Server 2016
- Standard office PC

- File transfer to the AFP platform
- Windows-compatible printer for test printing on the PC

The OverView Family

- ***OverView AFP Designer 7***
  Integrated OGL/PPFA design
- ***OverView AFPDS Compiler 7***
  OGL/PPFA compiler for PC
- ***OverView Font and Image Editor 7***
  Edit all AFP fonts and logos
- ***OverView AFP Designer 7 for AS400/iSeries***
  Integrated OGL/PPFA design for use with AS400/iSeries