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Case Study: IS Coordinator for USPS Uses pdfFactory to save paper, time and money

- The Customer** Tim Perez is an information systems coordinator for the United States Postal Service (USPS).
- The Problem** The Facilities Department of the USPS uses a PowerBuilder-based application that produces leases, financial documents, contracts, work orders and funding requests for construction and/or leasing of facilities. This application can only produce output in printed form. To reduce printing output, Tim searched for a method of capturing data from a legacy application and storing it electronically. Further, Tim hopes to reduce physical storage space by archiving these documents electronically.
- The Solution** The solution that Tim discovered was FinePrint Software's pdfFactory, an easy-to-use and inexpensive tool for creating Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files. pdfFactory is a powerful tool that enables the Postal Service to convert its PowerBuilder documents into PDF files. Priced at only \$49.95, pdfFactory made good economic sense to Tim by offering a much lower cost-per-unit product than the \$249 retail price of Adobe® Acrobat® 5.0, while offering most of the features commonly used by both individual and business consumers.
- Postal Service employees use pdfFactory to electronically capture the output from their PowerBuilder application. They then use Acrobat 5.0 for any edit changes to the document. pdfFactory enables employees to combine multiple print requests from PowerBuilder into one PDF file in a very simple, quick and efficient manner. In addition to saving time in the printing process, this approach is much quicker than scanning a document for electronic archival.
- In terms of electronic storage, if employees within the facilities department have questions about a lease, for example, a PDF of the lease can be placed on the USPS intranet. The employees can now be provided with a copy instantaneously with the answer to their question.
- Tim's department began using pdfFactory shortly after its release in June. Now approximately 50 users utilize the application.
- Success!** "The true benefit and beauty of FinePrint is its simplicity and ease of use. I was able to convince my users very easily to use this method because of these factors. We are testing this application in another region and fully expect them to convert in a few months, if not sooner."

The Bottom Line

“Before, we had to print out three copies of a lease, contract or work order—one for our records, and two for the lessor. Some of these documents can exceed 30 pages. We would then wait a few days for delivery of the documents and their return. If there were any changes to the lease we would have repeat the process. Now we can send one PDF file via email, and we can make changes electronically thus reducing the process from days to a few hours.”

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