



Tech Info Library

WPL: Using it to personalize form letters

Revised: 9/5/85
Security: Everyone

WPL: Using it to personalize form letters

=====

You can use WPL to personalize a form letter directly from the keyboard. Use the following sample Applewriter WPL program: it inserts text into a form letter or contract, allowing you to enter names, dates and other data into a preset form. The program then prints the final form with all the new data in place.

```
NY
L filename,D2
PIN Enter Date:   =$A
F/(DATE)/$A/A
PIN Enter Date:   =$B
F/(NAME)/$B/A
PIN Enter Sales Order #:  =$C
F/(SONU)/$C/A
PIN Enter Customer #:    =$D
F/(CUNU)/$D/A
PIN Enter Due Date:      =$A
F/(DUOT)/$A/A
PNP
```

Notes:

1. You're only allowed four variables in WPL (\$A,\$B,\$C,\$D). If you need more than four variables, simply use them over. \$A, for example, is assigned twice in the preceding program: once with the date, and then again with the due date.
2. There is a 64-character limit for each variable. Refer to your WPL manual for more information on programming in WPL.
3. The second line in the program is written for the DOS version of AppleWriter. For the SOS version, change the second line to L .D2/filename. For the ProDOS version, change it to: L /volumename/filename.

Below is a sample letter that demonstrates the way to set up a form to use with the WPL program shown above.

(DATE)

Dear (NAME)

Customer Number: (CUNU)

It has come to our attention that you have overpaid the invoice sent to you on sales order number (SONU). We will send you a check or credit your account for the overpayment. Please let us know by (DUDT) whether you would like a check or have your account credited.

Sincerely,

Freddy Friendly
Account Manager

Note that, as in the program AUTOLETTER in the WPL manual, the replacement strings (DATE), (NAME), (SONU), (CUNU), and (DUDT), must be exactly the same in both the program and the form letter.

Apple Technical Communications

Tech Info Library Article Number:1284