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Overview

This covers implementation of a form in Chinese for a Western company with a Chinese manufacturing branch, wanting to place orders on other Chinese companies in Chinese. The example used was Australian company AUSTRAL GROUP who have kindly allowed their example to be used in this tutorial.

The 鬼佬 (Gweilo – Google it) designing the form does not understand Chinese but has someone who does that he can refer to for a final validation.

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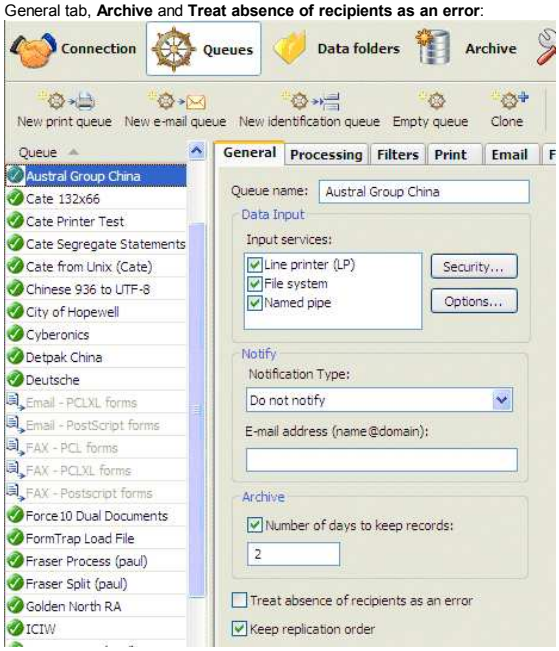
Preparatory Work

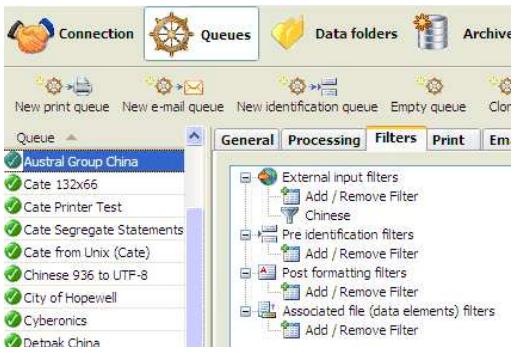
You require two identical data files, produced using a "locale Chinese", one with English and one with Chinese literals. These are output by the QAD "standard report writer" with items below the line turned off (i.e. without any PCL or other printer language inserts). The files are run through the Spooler, with the Input Filter "Chinese (936)" applied, then saved back into a folder as "**filenameC UTF-8.txt**" (Chinese) and "**filenameE UTF-8.txt**" (English).

All form design is done on an English locale machine. The original English file is used to recognize data, with **filenameC UTF-8.txt** used to copy literals. Most sites will require both a Chinese and English version of the form. This is the Spooler setup for UTF-8 conversion:

General tab, **Archive** and **Treat absence of recipients as an error**:



and the Filters tab:



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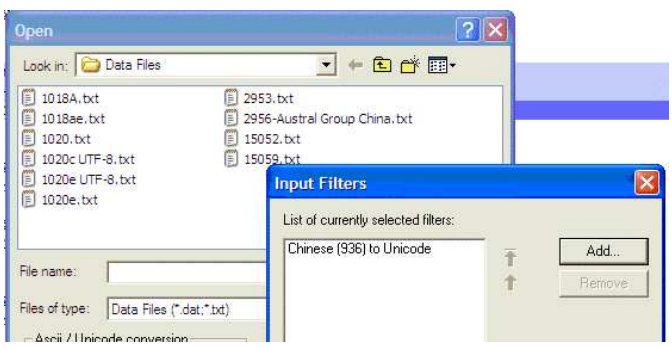
Repagination

In FTDesign, load the original Chinese file (**Tools**, **Load data file ...**) with **Custom**, Filters... and select **Chinese (936) to Unicode** as the load parameters:



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