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Printing forms with merged data Merging Data from Files PDF version Preparing Data Files When you print your form containing linked objects, you select the data file to merge **Defining Fields** for the current print run. FoD-OMR opens the file and examines the first record (line), Linking to Fields extracting the data for its fields. Data fields from the record are displayed on the Masking form as text, barcodes and response position pre-slugging and the form is printed. Printing Forms with merged Data The process repeats for each record in the file, with one records corresponding to a single form. Click the Print button to open the Print dialog box and select the Merge tab. ? Print or preview Printer: \\PLATO\HP Color LaserJet 4600 PS 💌 Properties... General Merge Plates Marks Data file (leave empty if not required) C:\Program Files\TCGIS\Flips OMR\Examples Browse ... Input type: Separated values Options... 公 Preview Print Cancel From the Merge tab, click Browse to locate the data file. FoD-OMR shows either fixed size records or delimited records, depending on the answer to this question when this form was set up: ? Input data Data fields are of fixed size OK Data is delimited (csv, tab) Cancel Separated values defines delimited data files. Click Options to select the Field Delimiter and the use (or not) of the Text qualifier:

	Print or preview ?X Printer: WPLATOUUR C.L. L. 1000 DC. Properties Options ?X
	General Field delimiter OK Data file (© Comma (.) Cancel C:\Progr. © Semicolon (.) Cancel Input type © Other Text qualifier: Previe Text qualifier: Double quote ('') Previe First row co Single quote (') None None
Some databases and spreadsheets enclose text fields in a single or double quotation mark. FoD-OMR can remove this character when extracting text if you select the Text qualifier used.	
Most databases and spreadsheets also put the name of each field in the first record of their file, like a table header. If your data file is formatted in this way, you can select First row contains field names . When this option is checked FoD-OMR will use the first row to identify each column and extract the information to the relevant data field.	
If your data file does not have column headers, the order of extraction is determined by the start position of each data field. The first column is the data is extracted to the first data field, the second column to the second data field and so forth. For more info on defining the start position of a data field see Defining Fields.	
Click Print print run.	to merge the files and print them, or Preview to view a sample of the

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