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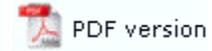
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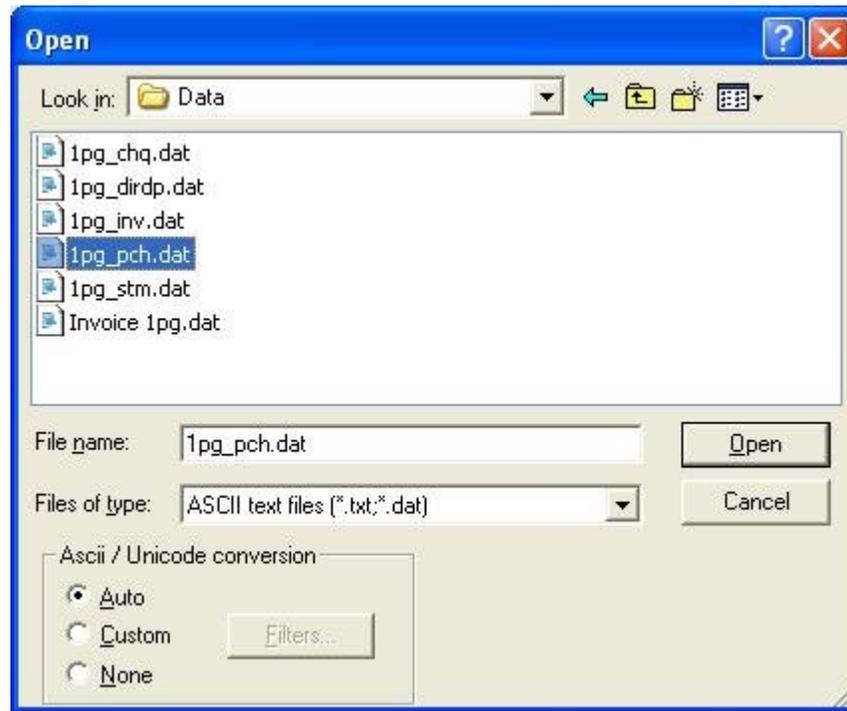


Before creating your load (.asc) file, you can test your forms using FTPreview. FTPreview simulates a production print run using the .asc file and a sample print stream.

### Preview the Forms

To preview your form:

- Select Load data file... from the Tools menu.
- In the Open dialog box, select the data file you wish to use as a sample.
- Select the appropriate Ascii/Unicode conversion option:
  - Auto - If necessary, FTDesign automatically converts the selected sample data file to Unicode based on your current system locale.
  - Custom - Choose a custom filter to convert the data file. Click the Filters... button and the Input Filters dialog box will open. Click Add and select a filter to be used for conversion.
  - None - No conversion filter is used.



- Click the Open button to load the sample data file.
- Select FTPreview (b&w) or FTPreview (color) from the Tools menu.
- FTPreview appears with the sample data file formatted with the current form.
  - PCL Preview - if you have selected a PCL printer driver to preview the form, the preview will be in black and white PCL format.
  - PostScript Preview - if you have selected a PostScript printer driver to preview the form, the preview will be in color PDF format for FTPreview (color), or black and white PDF for FTPreview (b&w).

If a data file has not been loaded to use as sample input FormTrap will not be able to preview the form.

[More information on Configuring FTPreview in Design Options](#)

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