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### Designing a Static Form

A static form design has the **Detail Area** in a fixed area on the page. This approach is typically used to handle Print Line mode data, where the input has a constant number of detail lines on each page of the input file. Static form are ideal where most of the documents are one page only.

A static form uses the basic features of FormTrap and reflects the designs of previous versions. The Base page contains the framework for the form and most fixed objects appear on the Base page. Details print within a defined area that is fixed on every page. Forms designed with versions prior to 6.0 and opened with FTDesign are "static" by default.

A static form is characterized by:

- **Header on Base page** - the heading information is displayed on each page of the document. The heading area remains the same size on each page.
- **Static Detail Area** - the area holding detail lines (Detail area) is in the same position and the same size on each page.
- **Table object on Base page** - the column headings and frame for the detail area (collectively Table object) is defined on the Base page.
- **Report footer on Sub-form** - the total information and intermediate page "continued" messages are on different sub-forms with the total at the end of the document.

The image displays three sequential pages of a 'TAX INVOICE' form. Each page features a consistent header with the company logo and name, followed by a table of invoice items. The table has columns for 'Date', 'Description', 'Quantity', 'Unit Price', and 'Total Price'. The layout is identical on all three pages, demonstrating the 'static' nature of the form design where the structure remains constant while data varies.

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