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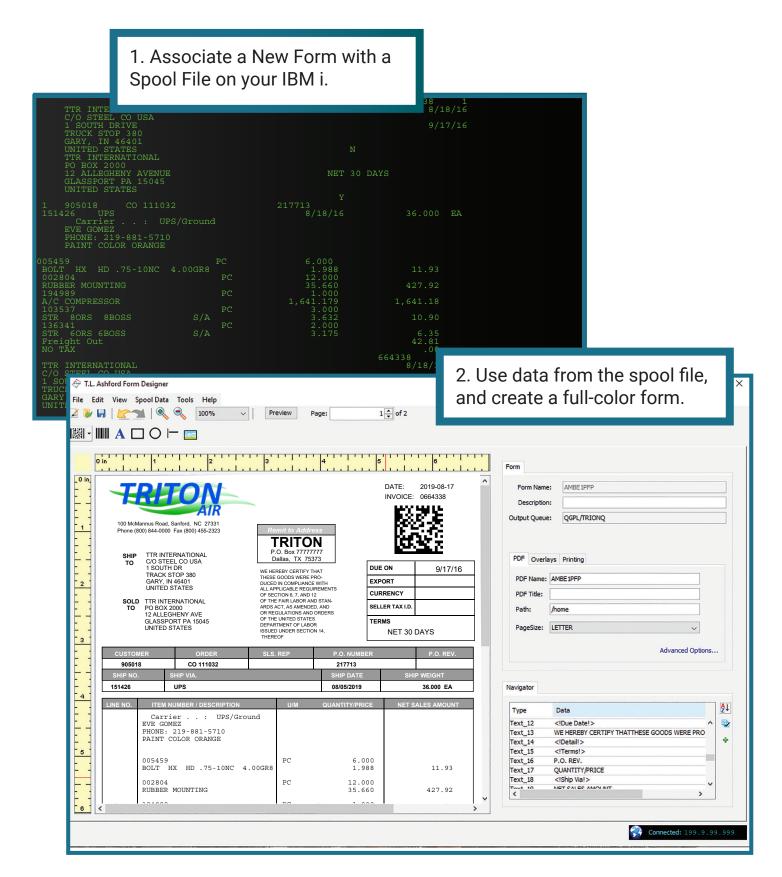
# The Smart Choice for Forms Software on IBM i

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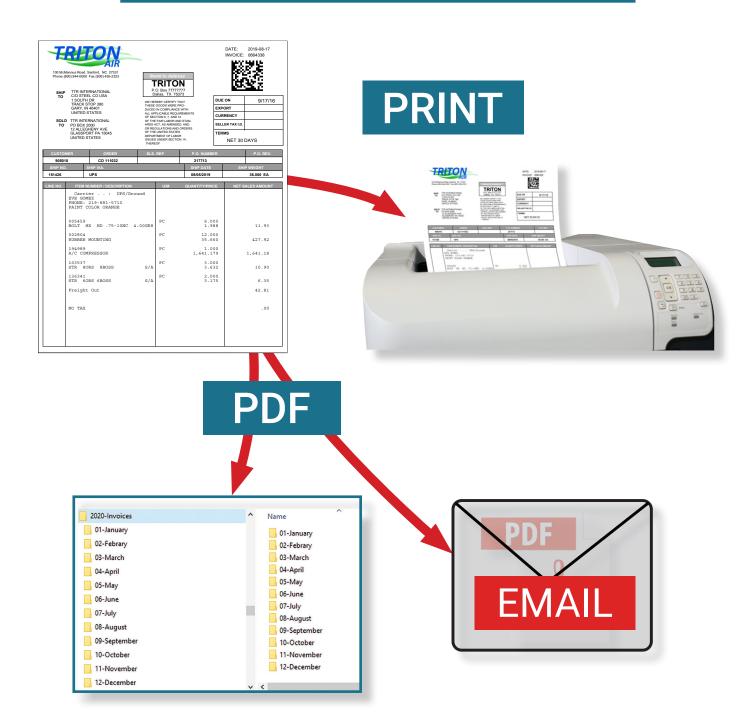
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#### TURN SPOOL FILES INTO BEAUTIFUL FORMS

TLAForms is simple to use. Here's a quick overview of how the software works. In the following pages you'll find details.



3. Forms are automatically generated by the TLAForms software. Our Forms Monitor will 'watch' for spool files to be produced. When spool files are ready, TLAForms uses data from the spool file and generates the form how you designed it. Forms can be printed, archived and/or emailed exactly how you specify.



#### **DESIGN**

The graphical design interface makes designing forms simple. Add text using a wide variety of fonts, add bar codes, images, overlays - all in full color. It's also simple to access and utilize data from the IBM i spool file and IBM i files.

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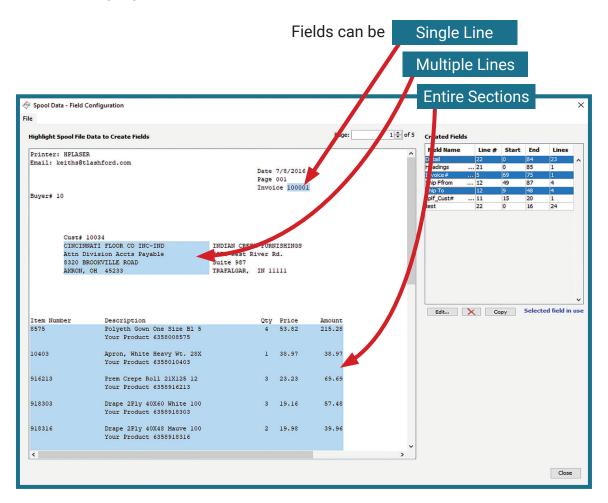
#### DATA FEATURES

TLAForms provides powerful data features. Use data from spool files, data from your IBM i files (using SQL statements), spool file attributes, and use Actions to condition data and the appearance of the form.

# Spool Data

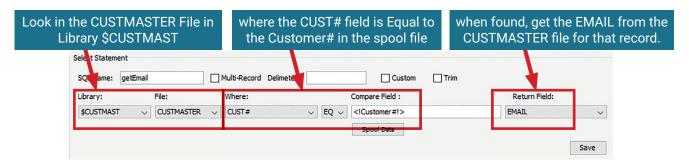
Fields are created within TLAForms from an IBM i spool file. The fields can be used on the form as text, bar codes, or images. Spool file data can also be used to specify output properties for your form including printers, email addresses, email subjects and text, and network locations (for saving forms as PDFs).

Create fields by clicking and dragging to highlight data to be saved as a field.



### SQL - IBM i File Data

SQL statements are configured within the Designer, and TLAForms will retrieve data from your IBM i files based on the SQL statement. Select data from your file using our SQL tool, or use your own Custom Select Statements.



You can then apply the SQL statement to the Output Properties for the form, so the form will be automatically emailed to the email address (or addresses) retrieved from the IBM i file. IBM i file data can be used on the form as text, bar codes, images, and output properties, as well as with Actions.

#### **Custom SQL Select Statements**

Our tools make it easy, but you can create your own custom SQL Select Statement and plug it into the form. TLAForms will use your SQL statement to retrieve data from IBM i files.



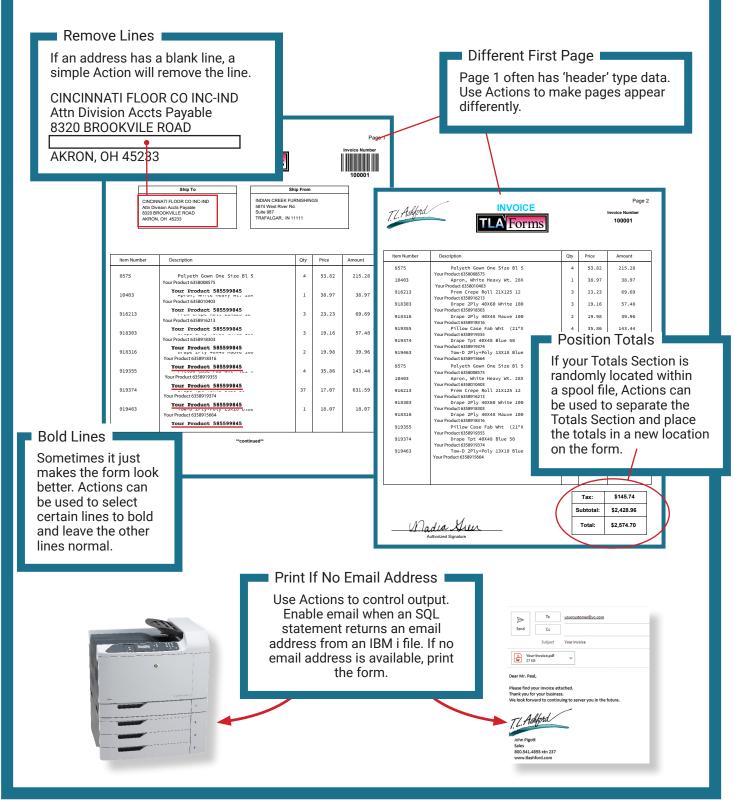
### Spool File Attributes

Properties of the Spool file can be used to define data on the form, but they are most commonly used to define a printer or location to which the form will print.

# Available Spool File Attributes: Form Type User Data User Text Job Name Job Number Spool Name Spool Outq Spool User



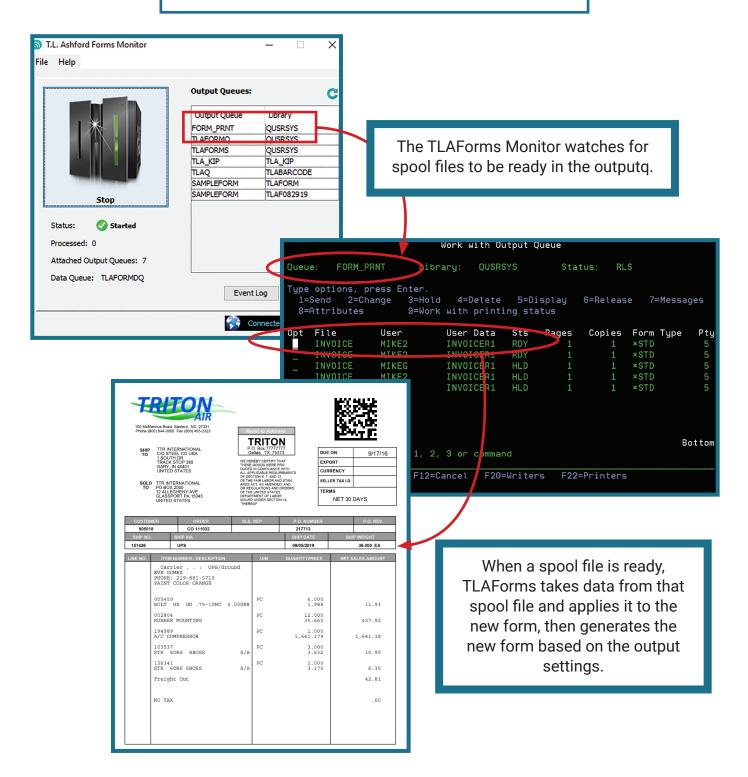
Actions allow you to condition objects on forms or condition how the forms are generated. For instance, you can show a bar code on page 1, but not on other pages. You can also condition output - email your form if you have an email address, print the form if you do not have an email address. Actions are very powerful. Below are a few examples. If you have questions, please call us. We'll talk through how you can use actions to achieve your goal!



# No Programming!

When a form is designed, TLAForms watches, or Monitors, for the spool file to be generated in the output queue. When the Monitor detects a new spool file, data from the spool file is injected into the form. TLAForms generates the form based on the output settings in the form design - print to any printer and/or generate a PDF of the form that is saved to your network and/or emailed.

This means that TLAForms is automatically integrated into every ERP, WMS and/or In-House Application.



# **Generating Forms**

Forms can be printed to any printer and/or generated as a PDF document that can be emailed or saved to your network.

# Print to Any Printer

TLAForms supports PostScript Printers on the IBM i, or any Network or Locally-attached Windows Printer. Forms can be printed to different printers based on data within the Spool file, data from an IBM i file (using SQL statements within the form designer) or Spool File attributes like Form Type, User Data, Job Name, etc.



#### Generate Forms as PDF documents

#### **Email the PDFs Automatically**

Set the email properties within the form. Email properties can be static or variable using spool data or IBM i file data (using SQL).

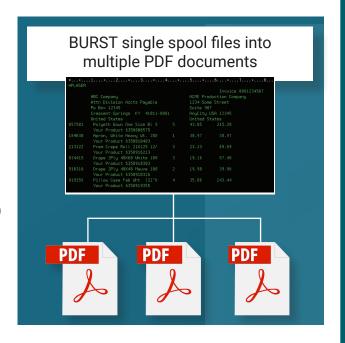
**Email To** 

**Email From** 

Subject

Body (also use HTML to customize the body)

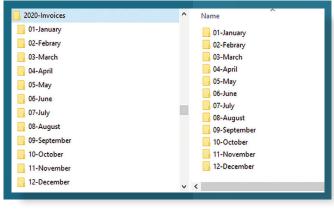
Add Attachments



#### **Archive Your Forms**

Save forms to any network location.
The location can be static or based on information contained within the spool file or data retrieved from IBM i files (using SQL statements).

You control where the forms are saved!



#### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

# The most valuable part of your TL Ashford experience - OUR PEOPLE!

We're well known for our cost-effective software, but we're best known for our exceptional technical support! Our staff has over 100 years of experience supporting our products, and our company is committed to providing you with the best experience possible working with our software!



"It was an absolute pleasure working with you!! I've been in IT for 30+ years and have seldom worked with someone like you!

Thank you!!"

"Very reasonably priced and comes with great technical support. I can chat or email, but when I call, I'm on the phone with someone within a few minutes to get my issue worked out. That just doesn't happen these days."

Our support team has extensive knowledge about all facets of our products. Here's what we'll help you with:

#### We help you:

Designing Labels & Forms
Creating Reports
Bar Code Symbologies
Creating Graphics
Creating Overlays
Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
Meeting Compliance Specifications
Providing you with Pre-Defined Compliance Labels

#### We help you configure:

Configuring Printers
Configuring Output Queues on the IBM i
Connecting Printers to the IBM i
Integrating Barcode400 into existing applications

"Thanks for always being so incredible with your support. I recently had the most frustrating experience with another vendor's product and support, and in the end they actually invoiced us for the help they gave me to get it going.

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#### We help you become an expert:

Training using our software Industry Expertise Assistance with Updates and Upgrades On-line Training Resources

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Can I load the TLAForms software on multiple personal computers?

Yes. TLAForms can be installed on an unlimited number of PC's.

#### Can I print checks using TLAForms?

Yes. TLAForms supports check printing, and the MICR font used on checks is included with the product.

#### Is programming required to use TLAForms?

No. The software uses data from spool files that are already being produced by your applications. The TLAForms Monitor watches for new spool files. When a new spool file appears, TLAForms generates your form.

#### Do I have to purchase separate modules for Email, Archive, SQL, Print, or to Print Checks?

No. TLAForms is a single product containing all of its functionality. When you purchase TLAForms, you get it all - everything in this brochure!

#### What special features do I need on my IBM i?

None. TLAForms will work on your IBM i as is. We do NOT require features such as Advanced Function Printing (AFP), Print Service Facility (PSF/400), or Intelligent Printer Data Stream (IPDS).

#### Can TLAForms burst a spool file into separate documents?

Yes. A multi-page spool file can be burst into separate forms. The spool file can be burst by page or a field in the spool file. Forms can be printed or emailed dynamically to different printers and/or email addresses.

#### Can I retrieve data from an IBM i file based on data from the spool file?

Yes. SQL statements can be added to your form. The SQL statement allows TLAForms to retrieve data from physical and logical files based on data within the spool file. For example, if a customer email address is not in the spool file, the email address can be retrieved from the customer master file based on a customer number that is in the spool file. This address could then be used as data on the form itself, or as a form property, such as the email address to which the form will be automatically emailed.

#### Can I print my form directly to an IBM i printer?

Yes. The form can be automatically printed to any Postscript printer on the IBM i.

#### What type of printers can I use with TLAForms?

TLAForms supports any PostScript printer on the IBM i. The software can also print to any printer connected to your network or locally-attached printers on a PC.

#### Can Lattach additional documents to an emailed form?

Yes. Additional documents can be attached to the email.

#### Can an object - like text, a bar code, or image - be a hyperlink?

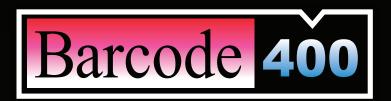
Yes. Text, bar codes and images can be assigned a hyperlink to a web address. When the form is viewed in PDF format, the link can be clicked to open the specified url.

#### Can objects appear/not appear on my form based on data from a spool file?

Yes. TLAForms uses Actions to condition objects to appear or not from page to page. For instance, create a 'header' page, 'detail' pages, and a 'totals' page. Actions are very powerful and provide near unlimited flexibility. See the Actions section of this brochure for more examples.

#### Are there industry standard templates included with TLAForms?

Yes. TLAForms comes with built-in templates from a variety of industries - like a VICS Bill of Lading. We are constantly adding new templates, and will happily provide to you anything we have.



Barcode400 is IBM i-based software used to design bar code labels. A graphical design interface allows you to quickly create labels adding text, bar codes, images, etc. Data from IBM i files is quickly and easily plugged into labels, and Barcode400 can create prompts for users to key in data at print time, use system date and time, and create incrementing numbers like serial numbers or box counts. Label formats are stored on the IBM i providing the Reliability and Security for which the IBM i platform is renowned.

Barcode400 offers many options to generate your labels. Print to hundreds of thermal transfer printers or to HP and compatible model lasers. Labels can be generated as PDF documents, and the PDF's can be saved and/or emailed automatically. Labels are generated interactively through a desktop printing applications, through menus from your IBM i applications, or automatically from your existing IBM i application programs to create a seamless, completely automated labeling solution. Barcode400 has been integrated with virtually every IBM i-based ERP and WMS system as well as thousands of in-house applications.

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We're a group of software developers, technicians, sales and support staff, writing software for bar code labeling and forms generation. We love to work directly with our customers to help implement and use our software to be as productive as possible.

We were founded in 1983 to produce labels for products that were shipped to US government installations. Over the years, we've worked with thousands of companies all over the world, in virtually every industry, to design and generate bar code labels and forms in order to make their businesses more efficient.

We pride ourselves on writing clean, effective software, and backing our products with the best technical support in the industry. Our headquarters, and our entire staff, are located in the greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region just across the mighty Ohio River and a few miles south of downtown Cincinnati.