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GREAT DESIGN SETS THE STAGE FOR GREAT RESULTS.

Intuitive forms are the building blocks of successful data collection projects. NCS DesignExpert™ allows you to design, print, and personalize scannable forms for automated data capture.

By using NCS DesignExpert software, you can quickly create hundreds of scannable forms with a click of a mouse. The software includes a wide range of graphics and text capabilities and combines the features that you need to create scannable forms from your desktop PC.

Features and Capabilities

NCS DesignExpert software works with the latest versions of Microsoft® Windows® operating systems and the latest in desktop publishing technologies. The features include:



Document Setup Wizards allow you to easily design forms – from single or double sided sheets to continuous forms, multi-parts, and booklets up to 120 pages.

Graphics & Text Capabilities include a variety of tools such as optical mark read (OMR) response and handprint tools, text tools, line tools, boxes, polygon tools, precise paragraph alignment and spell check.

Image Import functionality that imports artwork from almost any illustration package, including scanned images such as company or organization logos.

Bar code and Pre-slug your forms using your own laser printer. Forms designed with the OMR version of NCS DesignExpert can be pre-slugged with variable information from your database.

Personalize with MergePrint

The MergePrint utility enables you to personalize your forms by merging variable data with your design template. This utility is used when forms must be personalized at multiple remote locations. All you need is the MergePrint Utility, NCS DesignExpert files, your database containing the variable data, and copies of the scan form.

After the form has been printed, use this utility to perform the variable printing at your own location.

Forms can be personalized with serial numbers, demographic data, logos, or artwork and works similar to the mail merge feature used in word processing software to address letters or envelopes from a mailing list. The MergePrint utility is a highly effective tool for data, such as names, Social Security numbers, course codes and dates.

Flexible Printing Options

NCS DesignExpert provides two printing options.

Print at Pearson – Once your design is completed, save time and hassle by having us produce your forms. Simply transfer the NCS DesignExpert file electronically to one of our Print Services facility and we will do the printing for you.

Print at your location – If your project requires a small quantity of forms and you need them right now, you may want to print them on your own laser printer. Using a PostScript® laser printer to print forms in house is a fast and flexible option for many low volume print projects.

PrintFlex™ Module - For even more flexibility utilize the optional PrintFlex module and print your forms on plain paper or paper purchased at our online store (Store.PearsonNCS.com). The required timing marks will print at the same time as the form design.

Automatic Scanning Interface

Save time by automatically creating your ScanTools® Plus scanning application during the design process. The OMR version of NCS DesignExpert 5.1 has a full Document Setup Wizard that will define the scanning response areas and export the location of the data in your form design to ScanTools® Plus to automate processing and convert responses to usable information.

Support & Training

NCS DesignExpert software includes one year of Software Subscription Service. This support service consists of new software releases including product patches, updates, and all upgrades. You will also receive telephone support and access to our Web-based support site, support.PearsonNCS.com, which contains valuable software use information.



Training is available at a Pearson facility or at your site. To review the courses and schedules of locations, visit training.PearsonNCS.com

100% Satisfaction Guaranteed

At Pearson, we are committed to designing and producing scan forms that are of the highest quality and guaranteed to meet your specifications and data capture needs. Pearson guarantees that all forms produced at our print facilities are 100% scannable when used with the Pearson line of scanners.

System Requirements

NCS DesignExpert version 5.1 is fully compatible with Microsoft Windows XP Professional (Service Pack 2) and Windows 2000 Professional (Service Pack 4) operating systems.

NCS DesignExpert requires the following hardware components:

- Pentium® 4, 2.5 GHz computer with at least 56 MB disk space (1GB recommended) and at least 64 MB RAM (1GB recommended)
- A CD-ROM drive and mouse
- An Internet connection and a web browser for accessing online product registration, support information, and product updates. It is not required for product operation
- A PostScript® or PostScript-compatible laser printer; duplex recommended.
- An SVGA monitor with at 800 x 600 resolution (1024 x 768 is preferred)
- Open Type® and True Type® fonts are recommended for designs to be printed at Pearson or to be PostScript laser printed. Adobe Type 1 fonts are recommended for designs to be PostScript laser printed only.
- The optional PrintFlex™ module requires the use of an iNSIGHT™ 70, 5000i®, or iNSIGHT 2/4 (with imaging) scanner and ScanTools® Plus with ScanFlex™ version 6.1 or later software for forms processing.

Pearson Assessments' engineering and production processes for data collection systems and forms are ISO 9001 certified.



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