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SNA•ps 5250 1.0 and OfficeVision/400 (10/93)

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TOPIC -----

When using SNA•ps 5250 in OfficeVision/400 (OV/400), and I use the word processing feature, the attributes (underline, and bold) don't work. Also other standard word processing functions like (insert, backspace, paragraph insert, margin ajust) don't exist. The Notes window doesn't scroll. The end of line word wrap doesn't work correctly.

With TokenAccess, I don't have this problem. Is something wrong with my configuration, or do these features in OV/400 simply not work with SNA•ps 5250?

DISCUSSION -----

To support Text Assist, the emulation must support additional structured fields in the SNA data stream. SNA•ps 5250 does not support them so it gets the Notes window in OV/400 as a straight text window. Using InterAcess or an IBM terminal (3196), the Notes message window does scroll within the total Notes window. The SNA•ps Notes window does not word wrap correctly at the end of the line, it just divides the word into two pieces. We would assume any other "standard" OV/400 word processing features would not work either.

The reason for not including Text Assist with SNA•ps emulation is the very low use of OV/400 as a word processor, when you can use a Macintosh Word Processing Application rather than the AS/400 resources. There have been marketing discussions about adding Text Assist to the SNA•ps 5250 product but no decision has been made, and no product is available as of October 1993 with a development schedule to include it.

We have advised Macintosh customers to use InterAcess as their 5250 emulation if Text Assist support is essential. There is no other workaround.

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