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Apple OneScanner 600/27: Creating Electronic Forms (5/96)

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TOPIC -----

I want to scan in a form using the Apple OneScanner 600/27, then type over the top of the electronic version of the form. Does the Apple OneScanner 600/27 software convert the text of the form, but leave the lines and other artwork alone?

DISCUSSION -----

You can scan with the OneScanner Dispatcher software an image or document, then add text or edit graphics before archiving the document for later retrieval. Added text to the image may be later converted to text using the bundled TextBridge OCR software.

You can also use TextBridge to scan and convert hard copy directly, or with TextBridge, open and convert existing on-line (electronic) images into formatted text files. TextBridge OCR Software output options include Text, Page Image, or Both:

- If you want to capture and convert only the Text, select Text.
- Choose Page Image to only output page images.
- Click Both to create a text and a page image file. Use your text editor or page layout program to manipulate the text file, or a graphics package to manipulate or extract any illustrations from the image file. In the case of a form (a type of image), you will be able to modify the image with a graphics application. The Both output, however, does not create a single document containing editable graphic and text elements: you'll need text and graphic applications to recombine the graphic and text elements while allowing discrete graphic and text edit control.

An Auto Zone feature recognizes pages that have more than one column and/or unusual layouts and outputs the recognized text in the proper order. You can preview and manually override any automatic zones.

The Tech Info Library article titled "Color OneScanner 600/27: Dispatcher Software Description" contains a complete description and functions of the software.

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