



For years, forms processing software has promised to save companies millions of dollars in data entry and operational costs by automatically capturing data from paper forms and delivering it into business applications. But the systems have been expensive to buy, difficult to set up, a hassle to maintain, and unfriendly to use.

Not any more. Ascent® Xtrata™ makes forms processing truly realistic by overcoming the barriers that keep most organizations from even trying to implement forms processing: complexity and cost.

The Problem with Forms Processing

With most traditional forms processing systems, you must design your forms in the system, print them, and then scan them to see if the system can find the fields that contain the information. If the printing or scanning are even a little bit off, the system won't find the fields, so you have to adjust the system and try again. You test and tweak until the system finds the fields, and then you're finally ready to go. At least until you reprint the forms, or normal scanner wear causes images to shift or stretch, or you use a different scanner, or you use multiple scanners in distributed locations, or you add a new form or change an existing form. Any variation in your printers, scanners or forms can require manual processing, expert assistance and more set-up and maintenance. Not exactly what you bargained for when you purchased an "automated" system.

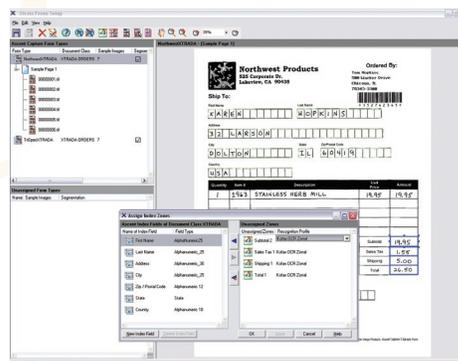
The Revolutionary Solution

Ascent Xtrata eliminates all that. It uses exclusive Xtrata technology from Kofax to make forms processing successful under real business conditions.

With Ascent Xtrata, you can use your existing forms and business processes because setup is a breeze. It automatically identifies all zones on a form. You just click on a zone, or use the lasso to select multiple zones, and Ascent Xtrata instantly suggests the associated field names and recognition profiles. That means you can add new forms or make a few changes to an existing form without intervention from an expert.

You can also add new scanners, make copies of a form and accommodate normal scanner wear without system updates or manual processing. Ascent Xtrata's superior image registration makes it possible by automatically adjusting for stretched or scaled images. That means more forms are successfully processed, more information is automatically captured, and less manual data entry is needed.

Finally, because Ascent Xtrata plugs into Ascent Capture®, the world's most popular information capture platform, you get a single system that can capture all your information – whether it is in forms or documents, whether it is handled at a central office or at remote offices throughout the world.



Xtrata automatically identifies the zones and suggests field names based on the values in the zones. It also suggests a recognition engine for those zones as well.

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Benefits

- 50% less setup time than traditional forms processing systems
- Dramatically diminishes classification and registration errors
- Reduces template maintenance and printing costs
- Lowers equipment costs
- Improves recognition rates
- Reduces QC and validation
- Provides an affordable single-vendor solution for both forms and documents

Reduces Setup Time and Expense

On the surface, automated forms processing appears to be a perfect solution to manual data entry. Dig a little deeper, and the cost of setup, deployment and on-going maintenance stops you in your tracks. Ascent Xtrata provides affordable forms processing technology that you can set up in hours, not days. Gone is the need to draw boxes, manually set background dropout or registration. Ascent Xtrata can even let you bypass most manual template design, registration and classification for new forms. Use its Unattended Mode to scan multiple structured forms and it will automate most aspects of adding a new form to the system. Ascent Xtrata doesn't require a production scanner for template design or distributed scanning.

Diminishes Template Maintenance

How many times has someone made a "few quick copies" of a form until the new batch arrives from the printer? And how often have those forms failed, along with the forms from the new print run? Or maybe the forms begin to fail because of normal scanner wear and tear. Subtle changes such as these typically require template adjustments. Ascent Xtrata is designed to adjust to these changes with no manual intervention, keeping forms flowing smoothly with little or no template maintenance. It can resolve scaling and shift errors of +/- 2%.

Improve Accuracy

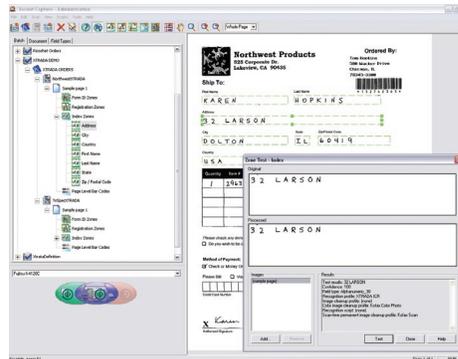
You invested in a forms processing system to automate manual processes. However, every time a form fails or extraction is off, a human must intervene and the process is no longer automatic. Not only does the manual intervention slow down the workflow, it opens an opportunity for errors. Ascent Xtrata reduces the number of forms and fields requiring manual management. Even better: it learns from mistakes and corrects them automatically on future documents.

Leverage the Power of Ascent

Ascent Xtrata is built on the industry-leading Ascent platform for information capture. Combine Ascent Xtrata with Ascent Capture and you have a powerful single-source solution for forms processing and document capture. Ascent's legendary ease-of-use, scalability and compatibility with a wide range of scanners and applications means you can tailor the system to meet your specific needs. You can use simple paper capture devices such as scanners, digital copiers and fax servers, and you can extend the system to capture forms and documents directly from remote offices.

For more information

Visit the Kofax web site at www.kofax.com for more information. Or give us a call for further assistance!



Xtrata automatically performs background dropout, removing lines and boxes while retaining the integrity of the data for improved recognition accuracy. This example of background dropout shows a 100% recognition confidence level.

The Operating System of Capture

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