

Win 5- PrintShop Mail TEXT_FILE Function

Creating variable text blocks, such as sentences, paragraphs and bodies of letters is easier now with the TEXT_FILE function. The ability to read RTF (Rich Text Format) and TXT files eliminates the need to copy and paste text strings into logic formulas.

Text strings in RTF/TXT files can be utilized in the variable text box.

1.RTF

You are invited to a special event.

2.RTF

It was a pleasure to have you visit us.

3.RTF

We missed your presence at the event.

In previous versions of PSM, "variable" text strings were embedded in the IF logic statement (expression).

Example: The field named Trigger1 in the database contains either the "1", "2" or "3" text character. A different text string is needed for each of the three characters.

ZIP	Trigger1	Trigger2
91335	1	1.RTF
85245	2	2.RTF

Old expression: **IF([Trigger1]="1","You are invited to a special event.", IF([Trigger1]="2"," It was a pleasure to have you visit us.", IF([Trigger1]="3","We missed your presence at the event.", ""))**

New expression1: **TEXT_FILE([Trigger1] & ".RTF")** - database field not containing the filename extension
 OR expression2: **TEXT_FILE([Trigger2])** - database field containing the filename extension

How do I get to the TEXT_FILE function?

- 1 - Create a text variable: Draw a textbox > type "@text@" (any keyboard character in between @ signs will work).
- 2 - Left click on the Variables tab (bottom right of screen)
- 3 - Left click 2X on "text". The Edit Expression for "text" window will appear.
- 4 - Under "Functions" scroll down and left click 2X on TEXT_FILE. This will put it into the Expression window.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

How do I make a RTF or TXT file?

If available, check either the Export or Save As menus of any Word Processing/Graphic Design program.

Which MicroSoft programs can make RTF or TXT files?

MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Works and WordPad: Open program > create text > File > Save As/Save as Type > select .RTF or .TXT > Save.

Where can the RTF/TXT files reside?

There are two ways for this:

- 1) *Absolute - Put the files in the same folder as the .psm5 file.*
- 2) *Relative - Include the path to the file in the database field or Expression.*

	ABSOLUTE	RELATIVE	
ZIP	Trigger1	Trigger2	Trigger3
91335	1	1.RTF	D:\Files\1.RTF
85245	2	2.RTF	D:\Files\2.RTF

Can I have "static" text with a RTF/TXT text variable in the same text box?

Yes, all the properties of the text box plus "wordwrap", "copyfit" and "textflow" to other text boxes is available.

Can I change the font formatting of the RTF/TXT file when it is in the text box?

Yes for TXT files. Highlight the variable > Text > select the formatting type.

No for RTF files. This format is viewed as an object. Changing the font property will have no affect.

I am receiving job elements from a Mac user, what file format should I request?

Request a Mac-MSWord file. Use Win-MSWord to open, reformat and save to RTF/TXT file format.

* RTF files can contain tables. Embedded images are not supported.