



CASE STUDY # 108

Company / User: Cessna Aircraft, Wichita, KS.

Before: Cessna contacted APWI because Xerox was dropping support for their XES printers and Cessna was not prepared to stop using the applications that generated that type of data. XES (Xerox Escape Sequence) is a page description language (PDL) developed by Xerox corporation and introduced in 1982. The company needed to convert XES into a common print language in a Windows environment.

After: APWI provided the HostServe™ software to enable this integration. Using the tools within HostServe™, APWI solutions specialists accomplished the successful conversion of their XES data so that it ran successfully on any one of over 500 different printers spread across the entire Cessna manufacturing facility in Wichita, Kansas.

How the XES solution works: Data comes in from their Host into a folder on the HostServe™ server. Then HostServe™ automatically picks up the documents—including reports and letters, processes it into PCL, and sends it to the printer.

Impact: HostServe™ provided a unique, cost-savings solution through the software integration. HostServe is a very maintainable, scalable, reliable software solution for transferring documents from legacy mainframe environments to Windows print.

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