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Subject: List View page break after additional rows  
Posted by [gpatti](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 15:20:59 GMT  
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Got a tricky problem with forcing a page break at the correct place:

I'm creating a LIST report of people with contact information. I am printing Name and basic information and then want to print the address and other contact info over multiple lines. I'm using `_cm_ListView_pre_print()` to construct the additional lines, which are printed after the main line. I'm doing this by taking the data from `$prev_row`.

The basic report works great. Now, I want to force a page break when the surname initial letter changes alphabetically. The problem is that the page break occurs BEFORE the contact details of the `$prev_row` are printed.

I need the ability to force the page break after the additional rows are printed, but before `$curr_row` is printed.

Can you think of a way to solve this?

Thanks,

Graham

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Posted by [AJM](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 22:52:41 GMT  
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The only way I can do this is to replace the `_cm_ListView_pre_print()` method with two alternative methods - `_cm_ListView_print_before()` and `_cm_ListView_print_after()`. See the attached file.

Here are some examples of both methods in use:

```
function _cm_ListView_print_before ($prev_row, $curr_row)
// allow extra rows to be created in List View
{
    $output = array();

    if (!empty($prev_row)) {
        // row has changed
        if (substr($prev_row['last_name'], 0, 1) != substr($curr_row['last_name'], 0, 1)) {
            $this->pdf->AddPage();
        } // if
    } // if

    $output[0]['pers_type_desc'] = 'before ' . $curr_row['person_id'];
```

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return $output;

} // _cm_ListView_print_before

// *****
function _cm_ListView_print_after ($curr_row)
// allow extra rows to be created in List View
{
    $output = array();

    $output[0]['pers_type_desc'] = 'after ' . $curr_row['person_id'];

    return $output;

} // _cm_ListView_print_after

```

As you can see this allows `_cm_ListView_print_before()` to call `$this->pdf->AddPage()` when the first character of the surname/last\_name field changes.

NOTE: if your table class contains the old `_cm_ListView_pre_print()` method then this will be called in preference to the two new methods, so any code which uses the old method will still work and the new methods will not be called.

Try it out and tell me if it does what you want.

## File Attachments

1) [std.pdf.class.zip](#), downloaded 1382 times

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**Subject:** Re: List View page break after additional rows

**Posted by** [gpatti](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 09:00:43 GMT

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I'm getting an error

Fatal error: Call to undefined function `convertTZdate()` in `C:\xampp\includes\std.pdf.class.inc` on line 1426

Do I need to upgrade to 1.51 to avoid this?

In the meantime I have removed the timezone from the user account to bypass the date conversion and the before and after functionality works perfectly. Thanks.

Graham

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Posted by [AJM](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 09:17:32 GMT

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gpatti wrote on Tue, 08 September 2009 10:00Do I need to upgrade to 1.51 to avoid this?  
Yes. Any updated files I supply are always based on the latest version.

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Posted by [gpatti](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 09:43:00 GMT

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Thanks.

In addition to the split of before and after printing I'd like to suggest an enhancement for the future - to be able (optionally?) to force lines printed before/after \$curr\_row to be grouped such that a page break does not split them, so they are always printed with their associated row. Do you think this might be feasible?

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Subject: Re: List View page break after additional rows

Posted by [gpatti](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 12:41:55 GMT

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Tony,

I've moved everything to v1.51 but I still get the same error message. It seems there is a function convertTZ() in include.general.inc but std.pdf.class.inc is trying to call convertTZdate()

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Subject: Re: List View page break after additional rows

Posted by [AJM](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 16:44:27 GMT

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gpatti wrote on Tue, 08 September 2009 13:41I've moved everything to v1.51 but I still get the same error message. It seems there is a function convertTZ() in include.general.inc but std.pdf.class.inc is trying to call convertTZdate()

Whoops! My mistake I'd forgotten that I'd updated include.general.inc AFTER I had released version 1.51, so attached is an up-to-date copy.

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Subject: Re: List View page break after additional rows

Posted by [AJM](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 18:24:44 GMT

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gpatti wrote on Tue, 08 September 2009 10:43In addition to the split of before and after printing I'd like to suggest an enhancement for the future - to be able (optionally?) to force lines printed before/after \$curr\_row to be grouped such that a page break does not split them, so they are always printed with their associated row. Do you think this might be feasible?

Attached is a new version of 'std.pdf.class.inc' which includes a new function which will return the number of lines remaining on the current page:

```
$lines_left = $this->pdf->getLinesRemaining();
```

You can use this to compare against the number of lines required so that you can issue a call to \$this->pdf->AddPage() in order to start a new page.

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Posted by [gpatti](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 18:26:24 GMT

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That still seems to be the same version of include.general.inc Tony.

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Subject: Re: List View page break after additional rows

Posted by [AJM](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 23:48:44 GMT

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Trust me to look in the wrong directory! Try the attached version.

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Subject: Re: List View page break after additional rows

Posted by [gpatti](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 09:26:49 GMT

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Thanks Tony.

Everything works as required now with all the new functions.

Graham

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Posted by [gpatti](#) on Tue, 29 Sep 2009 10:24:28 GMT

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Tony,

Have noticed that my LIST reports now seem to have an extra blank line printed at the end of the report (last page only).

I'm guessing that may have been introduced with these recent changes. Is not a major issue, but maybe something you want to take a look at.

Graham

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Subject: Re: List View page break after additional rows

Posted by [AJM](#) on Tue, 29 Sep 2009 11:02:39 GMT

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I have already spotted this, and it will be fixed in the next release (which is due in a few day's time).

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