Create Vertical Headings in Tables
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*Note: Most of the article is about creating a comparison chart using the Table feature. Everything but the portion about creating vertical headings has been deleted.*

Determining Heading Length

To create vertical column headings using the graphics user box feature (see sample figure below), you'll need to determine the length of the longest heading first. This will tell you how long to make the boxes.

To do this, press (Ctrl-Down Arrow) to move your cursor below the table. Starting at the left margin (1"), type the text for the longest heading. Look at the Pos marker on the status line, in the bottom right corner of your screen. Subtract 1" from this number (for the left margin) to get the length of the heading, then round the number up to the nearest quarter inch. For the example, using a CG Times 10-point font, a result might be 1.65". This is then rounded up to 1.75".

Your result will usually be 2" or less, but this varies depending on the font you select for your document initial font. Remember to write this number down so you can use it in the macro below.

The VERTHEAD.WPM Macro

To use the included VERTHEAD macro, place the cursor in the first cell where a vertical heading is needed. Now invoke the macro by pressing Macro (Alt-F10), typing "verthead" and pressing (Enter).

First, you'll be prompted for the length of the longest heading. (This was determined previously: 1.75" for this example).

Once you've typed the length, press (Enter); the graphic box editing screen appears. Now type the text for the first vertical heading, then press (Enter). This returns you to the document screen, where you'll be asked if you want to type another header. *Note: You should press the (Space Bar) before typing the text for the heading; by doing this, the text won't touch the table line below it.*

If you press (N) No, the macro quits. If you press (Y) Yes, you're prompted to go to the next heading cell and press (Enter). If you do so, you'll be taken to the graphic box editing screen to type the next heading.

Continue the process until you've finished, then answer (N) No to the prompt "Do you want to type another header?" To see the headings, press Print (Shift-F7), (6) View Document. When finished, press Exit (F7) to return to the document screen. At this point, Save (F10) your chart, replacing the old version.

*Note: The prompt to type another header does not seem to work properly, so you'll need to run the macro for each heading.*

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