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Christmas 1978 - Radio Shack TRS-80 Microcomputer

A New Look for Colleague

Datatel is developing a new interface that will transform the way users interact with Colleague. The new interface is web-based, and provides new ways to accomplish repetitive tasks and improve user efficiency.

The new "User Experience", as it is called, is still in development, but information is available on the Datatel web site. Delivery is expected in 2009

["Watch the Demo "Transforming the User Experience"](#)

[Get answers to commonly asked questions about the new Colleague interface](#) (this link requires a Datatel web site login. If you do not have one, sign up now. Our customer number is S15.)

HELPFUL HINT for TODAY Overriding Colleague Formatting

Colleague software includes some re-formatting shortcuts for data entry. You might have noticed that when you type in a last name, the first letter always capitalizes itself. In addition, if you type in a name that begins with "Mac", the first letter following "Mac" will capitalize itself. For example, if you type "macintosh", The field will re-appear as "MacIntosh".

There is a table in the Colleague setup where we tell it what prefixes to capitalize after. In addition, there are instructions for what words to never capitalize ("and", "or", for example, and which to always capitalize ("PO", "NW", "DVC" for example). Capitalization rules are invoked for name and address fields.

However, sometimes capitalization is non-standard, "Macon, Georgia" will format itself as "MaCon, Georgia". To override the automatic capitalization, type an equals sign (=) at the beginning of the field, and Colleague will let you do all the formatting.



By the way, there is a table where we can enter words that should never be re-formatted, such as "Macon", and "Machine". If you encounter a word that you think should be added to the table, or any of the tables for that matter, send an email to AIS@stmarys-ca.edu.