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1.0 Installing "The Leaf Writer"

1.3 How to install

1.1 Obtaining "The Leaf Writer"

"The Leaf Writer" is offered to you via our web site www.leafwriter.com as well as many other sites:

Download it off the Leaf Writer website for free. This is the fastest method of obtaining the software, particularly if you use a download accelerator, your download would be a breeze. (Approximately 30MB).

1.2 Installation packages

"The Leaf Writer" is designed to cater to the varying MS-Windows platform requirements and thus we offer three installation packages, each for the following operating systems.

- MS-Windows 98
- MS-Windows 2000 Professional/Server
- MS-Windows XP

Whether you are downloading it or getting it off the CD, you have got to ensure that the correct version is installed on your system for best performance.

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Windows 98 package		
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This is an extremely straightforward process. Simply follow these steps in order:

- 1. Insert the Setup CD and identify your version depending on your OS.
- Double-click on the package LeafWriter-9x-Setup.exe, for example and the setup would start with the following screen:



Once the extraction or preparatory process is complete, you are taken to the actual Leaf Writer installation program, which looks like this:



Click the Next button as shown above and sit back.

In a short while, you can get to business. Welcome to the Leaf Writer ...

1.4 Post installation start-up

Once you've installed the package, you would initially be asked whether you wish to start work on it right away. During this time, the screen may look like this:

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		Thank you for downloading The Leaf Writer.		
Initial opening s that appears wh the Leaf Writer launched for the time after setup complete.	creen ien is e first o is	 This is a fully functional version with a limitation on changing the company name. Please note, the registration key will be emailed to you on receiving the payment. This key will enable you to change the Company Name. Please visit our site, the page Updates to view the latest on the product. http://www.leafente.com/Updates.htm 		
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Subsequently, starting the Leaf Writer Program will show the following 'splash' screen:

At this point however, you don't need to do anything a s this will automatically go off when the menu screen appears. If the installation was successful, the following screen should appear, with the main menu on it.



1.5 Main Screen:



2.0 Initial configuration

Now that you've got The Leaf Writer working, it's time to configure it to suite your business.

2.1 Command to Select

We move onto the Settings screen by selecting the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Settings}}$ command from the Main Menu.

In order to make changes, you should hit the **F12** key, after which the screen should look like this:

ATTENTION:

Before you proceed with any of the other tasks, we advice you to first enter your company's details and obtain a registration key for the package.

Default values are the data that come preinstalled. Thus they reflect your current settings.

> You may only proceed with the Save operation after entering a valid Registration Key.

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2.2 Facts & Rules

The most important items of data above – in order to allow you to set up The Leaf Writer – are,

- Your company name
- A Registration key
- The signatory designation of course, this item can be changed at a later time as well.

2.3 Modifying and updating the settings

Here is a guide to the information shown on the preceding screen.

	Item on screen	Explanation		
1	Company Name	The name of your company for which cheques		
		are to be issued by The Leaf Writer.		
		This is only for reference purposes.		
2	Signatory Designation	The alternative text to be used in place of the		
		conventional rubber stamp		
3	Security On	When checked, it requires you, the user to login		
		with a user name and password.		
4	Crossing Definition	The text "Acc/Payee Only" is printed on the		
		cheque when this is ticked.		
5	Currency Change	The type of wording for minor units of the		
		currency used. In the UK, for example, this may		
		be Pennies, Dirham in Qatar.		
6	Decimals	The number of decimal digits to use for the		
		minor units of currency.		
7	User Name	The Default user ID to be used in order to login,		
		when the Security mode is set to On		
8	Company Name	The Company name that you have provided and		
		obtained from The Leaf Writer. It is essential		
		that you specify this correctly, as the		
		registration key is designed around it.		
9	Address of Correspondence	Your postal address.		
10	Company E-mail	E-mail		
11	Registration Key	Provided by The Leaf Writer.		

NOTE:

Please note that all these services require payments to be realised prior to making the request for a registration key.

2.4 How to obtain a registration key

Simple, you have these options to obtain a registration key:

- By payment online, thereafter, the registration key will be emailed to you shortly.
- By bank transfer followed by submitting your company's information along with the bank transfer information via email, thereafter, the registration key will be emailed to you after verification.
- By visiting our representative office in your area and submitting your company's information along with the payment.

Steps:

- 1. Select the Settings command from the Main Menu
- 2. With the cursor in the **Registration coupon** area, hit **F12** to allow editing.
- 3. Once you make the necessary changes, simply hit the F8 key or click on the Save button to update your information.

$\mathbf{3.0}_{\mathsf{Maintaining bank and account information}}$

Although this is not the most often used feature, it is inevitably among the most essential parts that need to be configured before you can enter any cheque.

3.1 Command to Select

Select Banks from the Main Menu and you should see a screen like this:

	Define Banks
www.wvite.com	Sect
Bank Code :	Init
Name of Bank : Address :	
Tel Number : Fax Number : Account Number :	
<i>l</i>	
Jæ	OK F2 · Lookup Cancel



3.2 Facts & Rules

In order to configure your bank information, you need to have the following:

Information required	How it relates to The Leaf Writer
A unique code to identify your bank,	Bank Code
maximum of 5 letters or numbers or	
combination of both.	
Name of Bank	Name of Bank
Telephone number of bank	Tel Number
Bank's fax number	Fax Number
The account number from which you are	Account Number
going to issue cheques	

3.3 How to make a new entry

When entering details of a new bank, the first thing you need to do is to think of a suitable and unique Bank code. When we say unique, we mean that no two codes should be identical. For example, the following codes would be incorrect.

B	Bank Code	Name of Bank
BOC		Bank of Ceylon
E	BOC	Bank of China

More correctly, we could use BOC and BOCN instead. You do not need to worry about memorising these codes anyway as they are only for the computer's reference.

Bank Code	Name of Bank
BOC	Bank of Ceylon
BOCN	Bank of China

Now, to make a new entry of a bank, simply perform the following steps in order.

1. Type in a unique Bank Code and click on the **OK** button to get a screen like the following:



 Click on the Save button or hit F8 to update your entry. Clicking Cancel would discard the changes, while clicking it for a second time would close this screen.

3.4 Modifying existing bank information

You would typically use this if,

> You made a mistake in your entry and realised it after you saved it, or

> Your bank's details such as the address or phone number has changed The steps to modify bank information can be summarised as follows:

- 1. Select Banks from the Main Menu
- 2. With the cursor in the Bank Code text box, either click on the **Lookup** button or hit **F2** for the search screen like this.



2. Once you've made the changes to the bank details, simply click the Save button or hit F8 to update your changes.

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If you wish to discard your changes, you may click the Cancel button once, and repeat the click once more in order to close this screen.



3.5 Deleting Information about a bank

Deleting is to physically remove the record of a particular bank from the Leaf Writer database. Please note that once you delete a record, it cannot be undone. So it would require a fresh entry altogether for that specific bank.

Deleting a record is probably the easiest task that you could perform on the Leaf Writer. Just follow these steps:

- 1. Select the Bank information screen by clicking on the **Banks** command on the **Main Menu**.
- Lookup your bank's code from the Search screen by clicking on the Lookup button or hitting F2
- 3. Click on the **Delete** button or hit **F10** to permanently remove the selected bank's information.

4. Payee Information Maintenance

A payee is the one to whom you are issuing a cheque. In other words, the one to whom the cheque is written.

4.1 Command to select

From the Main Menu select Payee and you should see a screen similar to the one below.

		Def	ine Payee
www.	S	ee	Lite
Payee Code :			
Name : Address :			
Tel Number :			
Mobile Number :			
Email Address :			
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information required	HOW IT relates to the Leaf Whiter
A unique code to identify your payee,	Payee Code
maximum of 5 letters or numbers or	
combination of both.	
Name of payee – person or organisation	Name
to whom the cheque is issued	
Address of Payee	Address
Land phone	Tel Number
Mobile phone number	Mobile Number
E-mail address	Email Address

4.2 Facts & rules

Payee information is just as important as bank information. Thus in order for you to issue cheques to specific persons, you need to first store details about

Here's how the components on the screen relate to the information that you

them. Without this, you may only issue cash cheques.

should have ready before sitting to input payee information.

4.3 Recording new payee information

Here are the steps required to store information about your payees.

- 1. Open up the Payee information screen (titled **Define Payees**) by selecting **Payees** from the **Main Menu**
- 2. With the cursor in the Payee Code text box, type in a unique code for the new payee as shown below



3. Click the **OK** button at the bottom of the screen and continue with the entry of other items such as name, address and so on, as shown below.

1	Define Paye	e
Compulsory entries Payee Code Name of Payee 	Payee Code : MIZ	\dd
Like all screens you have seen before, note that the Cancel button discards any changes that you've made.	Name : M.I.Z. Khalid Address : 32A Bhathiya Mw., Dehiwela Dehiwela Tel Number : 001-5512443 Mobile Number : 0722/980-688 Email Address : Email Address :	
	fa: F8 · <u>S</u> ave Cancel	

4. Click the Save button or hit F8 to confirm and update your entries.

4.4 Modifying Payee information

Having performed similar tasks with The Leaf Writer, you should have no problem modifying payee data. Anyway, here are the steps in brief.

- 1. Open up the payee information screen.
- 2. Lookup a Payee code to modify, using the Lookup button
- 3. Click OK to confirm your selection
- 4. Make the necessary changes to the payee's record
- 5. Click the **Save** button or hit **F8** to update your changes, or click **Cancel** to discard them.

4.5 Deleting records of a payee

By now you are familiar with the system of deleting records on The Leaf Writer. This package has been designed with user-friendliness in mind and thus all information-handling routines have adopted a uniform approach to performing different commands. Still for all, here is what you need to do in order to delete a record of a payee.

- 1. Open up the payee information screen.
- 2. Lookup a Payee code to modify, using the Lookup button
- 3. Click OK to confirm your selection
- 4. Click the **Delete** button to permanently remove the record of a payee.



WARNING! Deleting a payee's record will affect the way your package works, particularly where reporting is concerned.

So unless you are really sure that you no longer need a payee's record, it is best to leave it as it is.

5.0 Setting up templates

5.1 Command to Select

From the Main Menu, select the Templates command, after which the followingscreen should appear. Observe that the measurements are Cheque Design / Format in inches, although the ruler is shown in Visual Alignment Tool centimetres Bank Code : Placement (inch) mage Control Grav. indicates the Width Height vvvv / mm / dd 12005/08/281 dd / mm / yyyy [28/08/2005] O dd / mm / yyyy [28/08/2005] O dd mm yyyy [28/08/2005] O dd mm yy [28/08/2015] O Show Image :
Show Overwrite :
Drag On Click : unprintable area of Show Unprintable Area 🔽 Portrait Mode the specific printer Ū. Landscape Mode 14 15 16 17 18 19 m 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 installed Date 2005/08/01 0 0 0 0 00 0 0 Output view Acc Pavee Only showing the Pavee position of Amount in Words Line 1 Amount ###.00 printable text Amount in Words Line 2 The Leaf Writer 4 against the ruler F2 - Lookup Cancel

5.2 Facts & Rules

Setting up the template is the most important functions that must be done in order to print correctly. This process would take between 5 to 10 minutes on the first one and 2 to 3 minutes thereafter once you have got the hang of it.

You may request The Leaf Writer to provide you with template settings free of charge, provided that you send them a blank cancelled cheque. These template settings could be imported into the system for immediate use with almost no alteration.

This function (Defining a template) can help you adapt to any cheque format that you may receive in the future, thus making The Leaf Writer your One-Time Cheque Writing Software you will ever need.

You need to set only one template per bank, regardless of the number of accounts that you may operate from. So it is possible that you only need to select this function either if your bank changes its existing layouts, or if you need to include a new bank.

The table below identifies the main parts of this screen and explains them briefly.

	Screen element	Explanation
1	Bank Code	Your Bank Code from which a cheque is to be issued
2	Leaf Width	Width of the cheque leaf without the counterfoil
3	Leaf Height	Height of the cheque leaf
4	Тор	These values are in TWIPS (1440 TWIPS = 1 Inch) and they have
5	Left	been places for fine-tuning purposes, so you may get an ultimate
6	Width	precision.
7	Show unprintable area	Indicates whether to show the unprintable areas as per your printer. When ticked, a gray bar will appear on the left and top
		of the cheque screen.
8	Portrait or Landscape	Refers to the method of feeding the cheque leaf.
9	Date Format	Allows you to choose from a range of date styles. This depends
		on the format of the cheque.
10	Image (button)	Click this to select the image of your cheque (which you may
		have scanned or imported)
11	Show image (check box)	When checked, it displays the selected cheque image in the
		main output view area so that it makes easy when placing all
		text around the cheque.
12	Show overwrite (check box)	When checked, it shows if text placed overlap each other, thus allowing you to more accurately align them.
13	Drag on Click (check box)	When this is checked, you will be able to easily drag the selected
		text to the desired position of the screen. Thereafter, aligning it
		with the Top & Bottom buttons for precision.
14	Visual alignment tool	Manipulating the controls to the left of this little image allows
		you to move the position of the cheque image for better
		viewing.
15	Output View	Shows how text appears on the cheque according to your
		specific measurements

5.3 Creating a new template

Although The Leaf Write comes with a standard set of templates, there are times when you may need to create your own ones. Here are the steps to follow:

- 1. Select Templates from the Main Menu
- 2. Type in the Bank Code or simply press F2 for a list of bank codes.



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Show Unprintable	HSBC	Hongkong and Shanhi Banking	
	PB	Peoples Bank	
cm 1.	QIIB	Qatar Int Islamic Bank - 001	=
	QIB1	Qatar Islamic Bank - 001	
-	SAMB	Sampath Bank	
E	SEYB	Seylan Bank	
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3. Once the bank code is selected, click on the OK button at the bottom of the screen, after which the following screen should appear.



- 4. Click on the **Image** button to load an image of a cheque.
- 5. Type in the Length and Width of the Leaf in the respective textboxes (in the Placements section)
- 6. Make the necessary changes to text positions in order to fine-tune the 'look' of your cheque.
- 7. Click the Save button or hit F8 to update your new cheque information. Once again, clicking on the **Cancel** button discards whatever changes you made.



because no cheque

5.4 Modifying a template

Now that you have a clear idea on what goes on the Templates screen, here's what you need to do in order to create one.

- 1. Select Templates from the Main Menu
- 2. Type in the Bank Code and click the **OK** button

Here is the layout after the user had typed BOC and clicked on the **OK** button.



In order to ensure that your cheque is generated in the exact manner as per the actual leaf, you may first use the Test Print button to 'preview' its appearance.

- 3. Make the necessary changes to your layout
- 4. Click on the Save button or hit F8 to update the changes.

5.5 Deleting a template

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If for some reason you no longer need a specific cheque's layout, we'd advice you to export it before you attempt to delete it. On the other hand, you really don't need to delete it since it occupies a very small amount of storage space.

Steps to delete a specific template

- 1. Open up the Templates screen from the Main Menu
- 2. Select your Bank Code by typing it in and Clicking on the **OK** button.
- 3. Click the **Delete** button to get rid of the selected template.

6.0 Making cheque entries

6.1 Command to Select

From the main menu, select "Enter Cheque" and the following screen should appear.



6.2 Facts & rules

This is the most often used function of The Leaf Writer. For any cheque that you need to issue, you need to have the following information at hand. Observe how this information is related to the The Leaf Writer program

Information required	How it relates to The Leaf Writer
The name of the bank that you intend to	Bank Code
issue the cheque and the account from	
which you are issuing the cheque.	
The cheque number	Cheque Number
Today's date - it is best that this date is	Entered Date
not changed. This keeps a track of	
cheques issued for that date.	
The date that is going to appear on the	Cheque Dated
cheque. Or simply the date of the	
cheque.	
Whether the cheque is crossed or not	The Crossed check box
Whether the cheque is open (cash) or	The option buttons that read Cash
personalised to a payee.	or Account Payee
The code of the recipient of the cheque	Payee Code
Cheque amount	Amount

6.3 Method of entry

Follow these steps in order.

1. With the cursor in the Bank Code text box, hit F2 or click the Lookup button.



- 2. Select your bank code and click the **OK** button.
- Type the check number of the cheque that you are issuing, and click the OK button.



When you click the **OK** button, the image of the cheque leaf should appear on the screen as shown below. However, this image is only for your convenience and does not affect the way your cheque will be printed.

- Next, observe that the Entered Date text box indicates the current date. If this date reflects the current (and correct) date, simply ignore it. If on the other hand you need to make a change, simply key it in.
- 5. Now specify the cheque date using the date picker (1000) as shown on the screen below.



Here is a more complete view of the screen with the date being selected by the user.



1. Now select the Payee by clicking the **Lookup** button or hitting **F2**.



2. Confirm your selection by clicking on the **OK** button and type in the amount in the text box as shown on the next screen.





Note that when you type in the amount in numbers, it automatically appears in words, thus saving you time and maintaining accuracy.



If you continue printing and the printer happens to be turned off or out of paper, an error would be generated.

Clicking **No** would not print, but the entry would still be saved.

- 1. That's it! Now all you have to do is click the **Print** button or hit **F8** to print the cheque out.
- When you click the **Print** button, you have one last chance to proceed with the printing or cancel it at this moment. Thus the following message appears.

The Leaf Write	erfx 🛛 🛛
Do you wish to Print the Cheque	
<u>Y</u> es	No

3. Click Yes to print or No to cancel. And we are done!



6.4 Discarding your entry

Simply click the Cancel button to discard your entry. Clicking it for a second time would close the cheque entry screen shown above.



Your manual chequebooks have counterfoils, which act as evidences of cheques issued and also assist in audits and reconciliation. The reporting feature of The Leaf Writer generates this and others.

7.1 Command to Select

You can call up the reporting feature by clicking on **Reports** from the Main Menu. Here's what you should expect upon activating it.



7.2 Facts & Rules

This is a fairly simple task but here are the details of the screen above.

	Screen text	Explanation.
1	From	The dates between which you want to
2	То	filter and generate a report.
3	Cheque Date option button	Relate the above dates to what is on the cheque and the report will generate in the order of the cheque dates.
4	Entry Date option button	Relate the above dates to the dates on which you made the entries and the report will generate in the order of the entry dates.
5	Payee	Typing a Payee Code here would filter the report to show only of a single payee. When left blank, the report will generate all cheques issued to all payees.
6	Bank	The Bank for which you want the report. When left blank, the report will generate all cheques issued by all banks.

7.3 Method of generating a report

Steps

- 1. Select the Reports Command from the Main Menu
- 2. Specify a date range to narrow down your results
- 3. State if the dates refer to the \mbox{Cheque} dates or $\mbox{Entered}$ dates
- 4. Type in a **Payee Code** if you need to filter the report for a specific payee (otherwise leave it blank)
- Specify if you need to see the results only of a specific Bank account. This is not however, relevant if you have only one account.
- 6. Click the **Preview** button to view the report and print it if necessary.

7.4 Setting the Paper size

Although this is automatically done at the time of configuring your printer, this feature is helpful for customising the type of paper to use on your printer, in order to get a report.

By activating it by clicking the **Paper Size** button at the bottom of the screen, you should see an extension to the current screen as follows:

	Cheque Register
Extension to the screen showing the paper size and	From: 2006/07/26 O Cheque Date To: 2006/07/26 C Entry Date Payee: Bank:
related settings	Canon LBP-800 Paper Size : A4 • 8.25'X 11' - Landscape Mode Report Width : Top Margin : Bottom Margin : Set Margins as Default
	Cancel Preview Lookup Setup CPaper Size

These settings are only valid for this session. If you need to make them permanent, you ought to use the Printer settings command on Windows

System Requirements

The Leaf Writer is a Windows-based software that best works with Windows Xp. Although The Leaf Writer does not require too many system resources, it would certainly perform better with more memory (RAM).

Minimum Requirements

OS - Windows® XP [recommended] / Windows® 2000 / Windows® Me / Windows Vista® / Windows® 7

PC - P3 or higher

RAM - 256 MB or higher

HDD - 40 MB free