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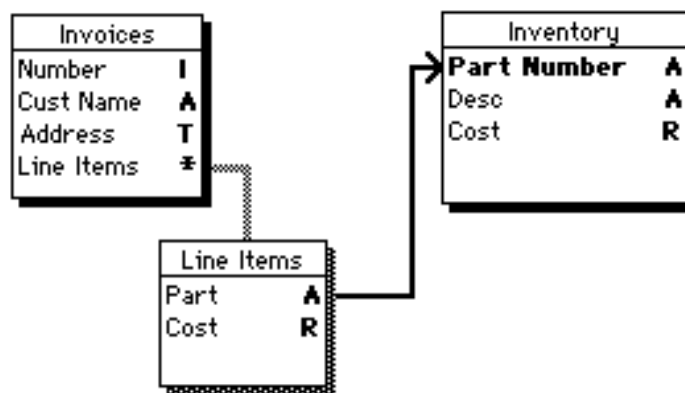
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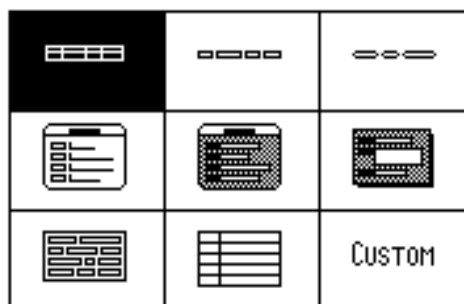
Creating included layouts to look correct
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Included layouts are an excellent way to show information from subfiles or from different files but they can be hard to get just right. This tech note describes step by step how to get an included layout perfect.
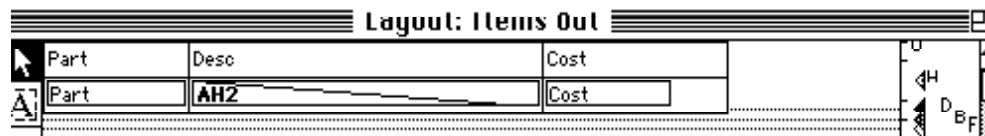
This is the structure:

The task is to create an included layout in the input layout of invoices that shows the Line Items. Start by created a layout in the Line Items subfile. Choose the type in the upper left hand corner and make it 9-point.

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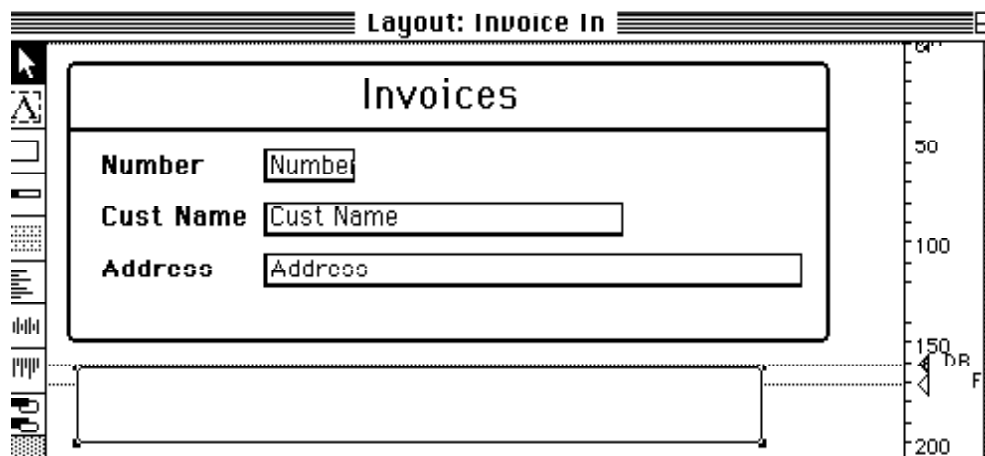
The layout created will look something like this:

Layout: Items Out

▶	Part	Desc	Cost		
A̲	Part	AH2	Cost		

Now alter this layout by moving the Break and Footer lines on top of the Detail line. Also cut the large rectangle that frames the layout and stretch the horizontal line out to the right.

Layout: Items out

▶	Part	Desc	Cost		
A̲	Part	AH2	Cost		

Now the layout is ready to be closed. Create an input layout for the parent and paste in the rectangle cut from the subfile layout.

Layout: Invoice In

Invoices

Number	Numbe
Cust Name	Cust Name
Address	Address

Create an included layout that is roughly as wide as the rectangle, it need not be perfect and the height does not matter. After you've selected the right subfile in the resulting dialog, frame the included layout using Command-1. Delete the original rectangle. Your input layout should look something like this:

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When you're done go into the User environment and add a new record. The included layout will come out looking perfect.

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