dejastockwell@my-deja.com (rgs) wrote in <7vv8ok$2nh$1@nnrp1.deja.com>:

> Greetings Jack,
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> here's some free advice, for what it's worth:
> - wipe MSWord from your computer and mind
> - use LaTeX & includegraphics & ps !!!

Although I'm not a huge Microsoft fan I'm going to have to stick up for
Word here against the fashionable MS bashing goes on. Word does the trick
most of the time - it can be quirky and difficult sometimes but much less
so than Latex and it's derivatives. When I started out writing my thesis
I spent a few weeks with Latex but decided to use Word in the end. I find
not working in a WYSIYG enviroment slow and often annoying, causing me to
miss small errors. Even the MS equation editor is not too bad once you've
learnt the keyboard short-cuts.

> It has been my experience that bitmaps/WMF/etc look Lousy
> in Word.

Maybe you should try again - WMFs especially are handled very well giving
excellent results on any screen or type of printer in my experience. I
have used Word for published papers and have had no complaints.

> If you do follow this crooked path (and I strongly
> urge latex/ps if I hadn't mentioned that yet)

It's a shame that the CGI driver doesn't work properly - if it did there
wouldn't be a PS vs WMF argument. I'm surprised that RS haven't sorted
out a WMF driver considering the large amount of effort they have put
into the Windows version of IDL (e.g. IDL as an ActiveX control).

Justin