
Subject: Re: output

Posted by [jeyadev](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2003 20:47:21 GMT

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In article <4a097d6a.0303200955.728ea248@posting.google.com>, M. Katz <MKatz843@onebox.com> wrote:

> I bring IDL-created EPS files into Word all the time on Mac OS X and
> it works. Let me add a few comments to this discussion for the Mac
> users out there...

I did forget to add this. One of the very first documents I wrote with Word, was on a Mac. The figures could be seen on the screen very nicely -- not some very low resolution stuff.

> If you're having trouble getting your picture to stay put on a specific
> page or in a specific location, then join the club. (This isn't just a

I am a life member ... But I hope to retire as soon as possible so that I do not have to use MS stuff ...

> Mac Word issue.) Word is terrible in this regard! Word is not a
> reliable layout program (for fonts, graphics, . . . anything.) That
> said, I always de-select any option or preference that asks to Float
> the Image over the Text. Good luck finding said options. Alternately,
> in the Picture > Format > Layout > Advanced menu, make sure the
> picture is "In Line with Text" or some similar option. Yes, the image
> will flow with the text, but at least you won't find your
> bottom-of-page-3 graphic on the bottom of page 4 unexpectedly.

Now here is something they changed, for the worse IMHO, in Word2000. In Word95, there a layout option (I forget the name) in which the picture took up the entire horizontal real estate on the page, even if it did not stretch across the page. In Word2000, this appears to be missing. The 'Square' option allows text to creep into the sides of picture/frame/textbox. 'In line' does not do it, either. The only way is to put a text box around the plot and caption and size the textbox's width to be at least that on the text area. This will make the text 'break' the way I like it.

> One last warning. A Word document containing EPS graphics that was
> created on a Mac/PC may not print properly on a PC/Mac. In fact, if
> you drop the phrase "containing EPS graphics" from the previous
> sentence it's still true. So much for seamless integration.

Touche!

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