
Subject: Re: Religious Wars

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On Oct 24, 6:07 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,
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> I am not trying to start a religious war here, but I
> have some reason to believe the software Mac owners
> use to view PostScript files is screwy. :-)
>
> Or maybe it's Windows user's software, I don't know.
> I'm just trying to get to the bottom of a perplexing
> problem.
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> The issue concerns encapsulated PostScript files. Here
> are two encapsulated PostScript files:
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> http://www.idlcoyote.com/misc/a_orig.eps
> http://www.idlcoyote.com/misc/a_modified.eps
>
> If I open these files on my Windows machine, using the
> latest version of GSView (a GUI to GhostScript), then
> the a_orig.eps file looks perfect as long as I modify the
> GSView view to landscape orientation. If I view the
> a_modified.eps file, the output looks cut off at the far
> end in both portrait and landscape orientations.
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> Oddly enough, Mac users find these results, too, but
> for the opposite files!!!
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> If I put these documents in, say, Google Docs, then
> Google appears to agree with the Windows outlook
> on things. Of course, if I put them in Windows documents
> (Word, Framemaker, etc.) they agree with the Windows
> outlook, too. In fact, the only thing that *doesn't*
> agree with the Windows outlook, that I have been able
> to find in my experimenting, are Macintosh applications.
>
> So, here is my question. Is this a religious war? Should
> these eggs be broken on the big end or the little end?
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> Any help greatly appreciated!
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> Cheers,
>
> David
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> --
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Hi David,

I tried these files on my Mac (Snow Leopard). The result is the same for distiller, preview, and gs. The a_orig.eps file looks cut-off and the a_modified.eps looks fine. Rotating the figures does not change the result.

Regards,

Volker
