
Subject: Re: Religious Wars

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On Oct 24, 5:29 pm, Paul van Delst <paul.vande...@noaa.gov> wrote:

> David Fanning 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. :-)

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>> 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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> Probably windows.... (see below)

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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

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>> 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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> On my linux box (RHE5), the file a_orig.eps is all screwy (no matter what orientation I choose in kghostview), and the

> file a_modified.eps looks just fine.

Same results on my linux box (RHE5 as well - so no big surprise here).
gv does not display a_orig.eps properly (regardless of orientation);
however, if I toggle the BBox button and select an A4 page-size, then
I can see the plot. Running eps2eps on a_orig.eps also worked -- only
the orientation needs to be changed in this case and not the BBox
setting. a_modified.eps works fine with default gv settings.

Cheers,
Manodeep

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>> Oddly enough, Mac users find these results, too, but
>> for the opposite files!!!
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> So, if I read correctly, my linux results agrees with the mac ones.
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> Gotta luv them anecdotal data points... :o)
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> cheers,
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> paulv
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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.
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>> 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,
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>> David
