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Subject: Re: Religious Wars

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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.

Probably windows.... (see below)

- > 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_orig.eps)
- > [http://www.idlcoyote.com/misc/a\\_modified.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.

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.

- > Oddly enough, Mac users find these results, too, but
- > for the opposite files!!!

So, if I read correctly, my linux results agrees with the mac ones.

Gotta luv them anecdotal data points... :o)

cheers,

paulv

- > 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,  
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> David  
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