

Re: Attachments in double

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On 2004-03-16 09:57:13 -0700, adamb@lull.org (Adam Bailey) said:

> thierry <thierry@NOSPAM8p-design.com> wrote:
>> I'm attaching images in emails, and my recipient receive them in double.
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>> I can clearly see, when pressing 'send', that Entourage encodes two times as
>> the dialog flashes twice and I hear my disk scratch twice.
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> Are these Windows users? See
> <<http://www.entourage.mvps.org/faq/faqs.html#Anchor-17>>.
>
> I recommend using BASE64 when sending attachments to Windows.

To add to this and to the faq (which says "Note: if you send a file that has a Macintosh Resource Fork (e.g. A graphic file with a preview & custom icon) the windows recipient MAY receive two files – the first (with the original file name) being the data fork, and useable to him or her, the second (the original name with an exclamation mark prepended) is the stuff from the resource fork and is useless to those on windows."):

All Mac files that I have encountered have two forks. That's just the Macintosh file system at work. The PC user will see the name of the file, and from my experience, the same name for the second file, however it will have a period preceding the name.

You are correct that Entourage compresses twice. It is in fact compressing both forks, and your PC recipient is indeed receiving what it thinks is two separate files.

You can do as Adam suggests by doing it two different ways. The first, each time you send an attachment, you can specify "Encode for Windows (BASE64/MIME; no compression; Windows file name extensions." The second way to do it is to specify that type of encoding in your Preferences: select "Mail & News Preferences" from the "Entourage" menu, click on the "Compose" tab, and select "Windows (MIME/Base64)" at the "Encode for" field. Just about any user running any OS will be able to read this encoding type.

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Another option is to download a utility that will strip the resource fork off any file, usually by right clicking on it and choosing from the contextual menu. You can do a search on versiontracker.com for "resource fork" and see many of these available, some for free. A catch to this is that once you have stripped the resource fork, do not open it in it's application again or another fork will be added to it.

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