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Hello again, I can't seem to insert my comments between your in this reply box, so I've quoted back your comments in context (without using >), and my new comments begins with an asterisk (*) below.

> In experimenting with the Page Setups in both Word X and Preview, I
> found that when I selected my own home printer+tabloid+115% for the
> Word .doc and Saved to PDF, I had mixed results. One time, the page
> setup of the .pdf in Preview was maintained from the .doc as "Other
> (11x17)" at 100%+the home printer. Two other times, the page setup
of
> the .pdf was switched on me to "A4" at 100%+the home printer. To get
it
> back, I had to change the setting back to "Any Printer"+Tabloid, and
> then switch the setting back again to my home printer and then the
size
> switched itself to "Other (11x 17)" from A4. Perhaps I have to
manually
> switch the printer setting back and forth to force the tabloid
setting
> to stick because the system knows that my home printer can't
actually
> print on Tabloid sized paper?

You wrote, "Exactly. Me, I'm an Australian living in Europe, so I wouldn't know what inch sized paper looked like any more, so some of this advice is guessing. I had to get onto Google to find out that Tabloid is 11" * 17".

*Thanks for your heroic effort!

You: "That is enormous, approximately double the size of A4. What we in the old West call A3+. If you have an A4 printer, there is no way it can print tabloid. No wonder you are having the trouble you describe."

*The reason why I set the paper to Tabloid size (17" x 11," as landscape orientation) is because I am trying to create a brochure that is sized 15.58 inches wide by 8.25 inches long, which is A4 size + one

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additional panel. (The brochure folds in half and then folds in half again). I thought it would be easier to use a Tabloid-sized page setting than creating a "Custom size." I tried the latter as well, and had the same problem, with the .pdf reducing on me.

*I would use centimeters for my ruler, but I can't figure out how to change the ruler into centimeters in Word. And the printing companies over here in Malaysia work using inches from some held-over, 19th-century Imperial system, I guess, or maybe because inches are the defaults on their own PC systems. Not sure exactly why.

> The scaling at 115% in the original .doc is always lost, I guess, but
> easily changed back. I couldn't fathom why at times, the .doc Page
> Setup settings were maintained in the "Save to PDF" process and at
> other times, they weren't. They are easy enough to change back. I
just
> have to remember to do so, and I find it weird.

You: "The on-screen magnification in Word has no effect on the printed document."

*The "115%" is NOT the on-screen magnification setting. You're talking about the "Zoom" setting under View. I'm talking about the "Scaling" setting in the Page Setup dialogue box. The scaling setting DOES effect the printed size, not how the document looks onscreen.

*I thought the scaling would be part of the Page Setup specs that would get frozen into my .pdf, but the scaling isn't getting frozen in. Neither is my Page Size. I don't understand which settings, exactly, get frozen into the .pdf apart from the page breaks that you mention below. I think you're saying that the look of the Mac fonts don't even get frozen in because of the varying look of "resident fonts" on other people's printers. Do I understand you right?

> Two questions remain: 1) If I "Save to PDF" using my home printer
> setting in the Page Setup (rather than "Any Printer"), will the .pdf
> file look different again (i.e. change) at the printing company when
> they open the .pdf using their own print parameters (their own
printer)
> on their PC? You wrote, "Print to PDF has [sic. is?] handled partly
by
> the OS, and it [the OS] and Word respects the page margins of the
> chosen printer." Do you think that a Windows OS + CorelDraw will
also
> respect the settings of my home printer "frozen" into the .pdf file?

You wrote: "PDF freezes the page breaks. When printing a PDF the user may optionally choose to optically enlarge or shrink the type to fill a larger or smaller paper size when using some PDF reader software. They will not have any chance to re-flow the text onto different pages.

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*At the moment, I can't get too excited about .pdfs maintaining (freezing) my page breaks because my brochure is only one page long! (Separate .pdf files for front and back.) For future jobs, this might make me very happy! Are you saying with your last two sentences above that on a PC, ANYTHING can change about the document EXCEPT for my page breaks? What do you think I can expect to change on the PC at the printing company?

*I think you're saying below that the look of the fonts will change, too. I thought those stayed frozen in a .pdf, as if the type were graphics, rather than text. That's why the printing company can print my text from my .pdf and keep their look, even when they don't have the fonts I need at all! (My fonts they don't have, like Stone Sans, are not "substituted." For this particular design purpose, I can't simply use TNR, Helvetica and Arial, unfortunately.)

> 2) Do you have any idea why when I do a "Print Preview" of a saved pdf
> WITHIN the Preview program, the resulting "Untitled" .pdf displayed is
> reduced further? Yet more jelly?

You wrote: "If your original PDF were 'printed' with tabloid, and you try to print the PDF on A4, then Preview will ask if you want to scale or crop. If you choose scale, then your type will be roughly 71% of the original height (A3 is square root of 2 times A4, in other words the area is double – much the same as "letter" to "tabloid" I guess)"

*Elliott, even if I were to do a preview of a simple A4 letter saved as a .pdf, the preview version that pops up in the "Untitled" window is STILL a reduction. This "preview of a .pdf reduction" weirdness has nothing to do with this tabloid issue (i.e., trying to squeeze a tabloid-size document onto an A4 piece of paper).

*My version of Preview (2.0.1) isn't that polite. It's not asking me whether I want to crop or scale to fit. It just shrinks the thing to fit, regardless of what I want. If it gave me a choice in the matter, then I wouldn't be so unhappy! Are you working off a different version of Preview? I'm still on Jaguar....

*When I followed your advice and chose my home printer instead of "Any Printer" in the Page Setup, then I was able to get a .pdf to save in the original Tabloid size even though I can't print it at home. That was a breakthrough in and of itself. Then, I changed the setting to A4 in the .pdf to print it at home, so I could at least proof my brochure (at a reduced size) before sending it off to the printer (which I have yet to do!)

> Thanks a million. I'm amazed that this jelly business about Word isn't

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> more widely known (or at least by me, after using Word for almost 20
> years).

You wrote: "Indeed. When most people are using the same size paper, and the same versions of fonts, and the same printers, it never shows up. If you posted hard copy snail mail it never showed up either.

"Now that there are more A4 printers in use in North America, and printer and paper technology is rapidly moving to deal with photo printing, and everyone does e-mail, most of us won't be able to go another 20 years without getting bitten by it.

*Nice to know there are more A4 printers in use in North America (A4 is a very nice size), but I'm not too concerned with those folks at the moment! As I mentioned, I'm writing you from Malaysia, where there are no 8 1/2" x 11" printers. Hah! (Not to pose as a Malaysian, though; I am a North American over here, waiting for the winds of change to blow over that continent, not that you asked!)

You wrote: "There are plenty of tricks for minimising the effects. If you are preparing documents for use all over the world..."

*No, I'm not that important! My brochure is only for circulation in this one town, but the information about formatting you provided is nice to know.

... [I'm skipping parts I understand]...

You continue: "Consider your headers and footers in setting page margins. If your page numbers disappear when printed, you have tried to print them in the part of the paper your printer can't reach."

*Yes, that always happens with my longer documents! (Not this brochure.) I can't control how far from the edge of the paper the page number appears in the Header/Footer dialogue box (Insert->Page Numbers->Format). Where can you adjust this distance?

You wrote: "Use common fonts. Arial and Times New Roman, (from the Office distribution) will cause less 'cross platform' trouble with differing line breaks and page breaks than Helvetica and Times as delivered with your Mac. Most people cannot tell the difference between Arial and Helvetica anyway. Both of them are boring and innocuous.

*Indeed, which is why I can't use them for this brochure! BTW, do you happen to know what the difference is between "Times" on the Mac and "Times New Roman"?

You continue: "Be aware that even when they have the same name, fonts on different machines may be different. Also be aware that some (most) printers have Arial, TNR, Times and Helvetica as resident fonts. There is no guarantee they are the same as your Mac's. If you get a chance,

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over-ride the resident fonts when printing. It used to be slightly slower to send the fonts to the printer, but with 100 Mbit ethernet, you won't notice any difference."

*You've lost me here. How do I override the "resident fonts" when printing? Do you mean printing on my own printer? Or when sending a pdf file to a printing company, I should somehow "send over" my own fonts to them? So, the printing company (or whomever my intended recipient is) would have to somehow install MY fonts on their computer before printing? Can you point me towards some directions on how to do that?

Thanks again, Elliott. You're very kind.

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