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John,

Thanks for your help. With the format I have, I do need to have the photos in the margins, and not within the text. But I will look into the frames and your method of placing within text and moving it rather than floating pics. I never even thought. .. The anchors I do use for continuity between text and photograph alignment vertically. However, that doesn't seem to be the problem, since on screen the photograph is located where it should be. Only when I go to print (or print preview) the photograph has shifted randomly only a couple nudges to the right or left. Usually, when the photograph is anchored, it shifts around if the text or pagebreak or whatever it's anchored to, moves about, but this isn't the case. I think I will try the frames and will let you know how it goes.

As for my other problem, I only print at 300 dpi and my photos are the same. They aren't grainy or "pixalated" but look out of focus. I can't imagine I'm the only one running into this problem and with Word touting about able to use JPEGS, I would've only hoped it would be easy (oh, this may be where I have thing wrong!). Anyway, thanks for all your help. I will try these things and keep you posted. Thanks!

"John McGhie [MVP – Word and Word Macinto" wrote:

- > There's a lot of detail to be considered in for this question, it's one of
- > the areas where "everything depends on everything else."
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- > Begin with this help topic: "Position an object in relation to page, text,
- > or other anchor"
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- > Also take a cruise here:
- > <http://www.word.mvps.org/faqs/drwgrphcs/DrawLayer.htm>
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- > And here:
- > <http://www.word.mvps.org/FAQs/DrawingGraphics.htm>
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- > Safari has a bug that makes it fail to load those pages: keep hitting
- > "Refresh" until you get them, or use a different browser :-)
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> Now: Floating pictures are positioned in relation to their "Anchor". You
> need to know what that is, and where it is, for each picture. If the text
> of a document changes (and if you change printers, it will) then Word will
> try to keep the picture in the same position with respect to its anchor.
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> Until that would result in the picture being placed off the page. In that
> case, Word will give up and position the graphic as close as it can get it
> to the anchor, or to the top of the page containing the anchor.
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> I almost never use (let's face it, I NEVER!) use floating pictures because
> of the difficulties of positioning them in long documents. Instead, I
> ensure all of my graphics are "inline".
>
> 1) Create a blank paragraph
> 2) Format it with your picture style (e.g. Create a style named "Graphics")
> 3) Paste the picture into the paragraph.
> 4) Set the picture's Layout property to "Inline with text"
> 5) Define the paragraph properties of the style to correctly place each
> picture in a uniform position.
>
> Voila! Every picture perfectly placed. Each picture can flow with the
> text, and change page as required, and always be correctly positioned :-)
>
> Your "Fuzzy" printing can have a variety of causes. The first thing I would
> suspect is that you are using JPEG pictures. JPEG sacrifices detail to
> preserve colour when you set the quality rating less than 100 per cent.
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> If you take a JPEG that looks OK on screen at 96 dpi and print it at the
> same size on a colour printer that does 4800 dpi, the result will indeed
> look extremely fuzzy.
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> To get acceptable results when printing, you really need to use an original
> with a resolution of 300 dpi or above at the size you want to print it. For
> best results, choose the TIFF or PNG formats, or set your quality rating
> above 80 in JPEG.
>
> This is a trade-off :-) Colour pictures at "Print" quality are seriously
> large. Expect the document to take a long time to open, save, and print.
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> If you insist on going into the photographs business, have a chat to Santa
> about dropping a Dual-G5 with unlimited hard disk space, and a copy of
> PhotoShop into your Christmas stocking :-)
>
> Hope this helps
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> On 19/7/05 4:15 AM, in article
> 8E1E5967-CF6C-4CD5-B32E-4520EA0655A4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "skittles"
> <skittles@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
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>> Using Word X: (Mac)
>> I've laid out my pictures in the margins of "mirror margins" layout.

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