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Hi CyberTaz,

Thank you very, very much for the enlightenment!

I have used Word for many years, in Windows as well as with the Mac, but usually for light and easy material. I truly did not want to become an expert in publishing and thought it would be easy to do a special 'retirement project'. I will have to rethink my strategy, since I do not want to give up this project but I also do not want to trouble shoot the document every so often as has been the case. Granted, since I subdivided the document into a bunch of subdocs, it has been more consistent, but it also has been frustrating and time-consuming.

Where could I get advice for some decent publishing software? Any suggestion? I hate to give up.

Thank you  
Rudolf

CyberTaz wrote on 5/12/06 1:52 PM

Pictures in Word documentHello Rudolf –

If you first take a look at:

<http://word.mvps.org/Mac/PagesInWord.html>

You'll better understand what I mean when I suggest that Word may not be the best program for your purpose. IMHO, you are going to need the features provided in a page layout/desktop publishing application which simply don't exist in a word processing program.

You might also be interested in taking a look at:

<http://word.mvps.org/FAQs/General/WhyMasterDocsCorrupt.htm>

Especially with a large number of graphics involved, as they have a tendency

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to exacerbate the complexity of the doc, increasing the likelihood of corruption.

I don't mean to be an alarmist, but the plethora of 'features' added to an excellent word processing program often gives the impression that it does all those other things equally well. That, unfortunately, isn't the case. Please don't misunderstand, though, it isn't that the features don't \*work\*, nor that graphics cannot be acceptably dealt with. It's just that there is a very real limit to what can be effectively handled and that what has to be done almost amounts to a full-time profession in itself.