

## Re: spacing between paragraphs: before+after vs. max(before,after)

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In article <CA64EC7B-05A9-4DF4-8B43-27450DD577BB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, BenW <BenW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

FYI, we are still using Word 2002 here. Now for my issue, which I'll relate through the following experiment. Let's say I have a short Word document with the following three lines (all in Normal style):

First  
Middle  
Last

Now I select all three lines (Ctrl-A), RightClick->Paragraph..., set Spacing Before=6pt and After=6pt, OK. In some documents the result is that there are 12pts of space between "Middle" and "First" and, likewise, between "Middle" and "Last" (i.e., 6 + 6, the sum of Before & After.) Sometimes (never in the same document, but in another document) the experiment yields spacing is only 6pts between "Middle and "First" or "Last". In documents with this latter behavior the spacing is always the greater of Before or After.

Is there some "secret" attribute in Word that makes it behave one way vs. another. This has driven me nuts for years. BTW, I LIKE the first behavior.

You seem to have blundered into Word for Macintosh by mistake. What \*is\* this RightClick of which you speak?

In Mac Word 2004, it is controlled by the preference setting "Don't use HTML paragraph spacing". I think "don't" means add the spacings.

That might translate into Word for the Dark Side somehow.

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