

Re: PLEASE HELP WITH MARGINS--Daiya's "Booklets in MacWord" page with imposition software--ALL PROBLEMS SOLVED

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Hi Michelle,

To get around the "creates two PDFs" problem, just google for PDFLab or Combine PDFs to stitch the two back together after creation, then send the combined file to CocoaBooklet. Not worth hassling with.

I would say that a Header Margin of Zero might be causing fits. Your printer can't print all the way to the edge, so the header/footer margins should be big enough to block out the area that your printer can't print on anyhow.

The header/footers margins can be larger or smaller than or equal to the document margins, that actually doesn't matter so much--just realize that a header/footer margin bigger than the document margin will push into the document and effectively change your document margin, unless the header/footer is empty.

The footer text fits between the footer margin and the bottom margin. I notice that you are only giving your footer .04 hundreds of an inch of vertical height to exist in, though I'm not sure if that matters, as the footer will automatically push the main text out of the way as necessary.

Daiya

Michelle wrote:

I'm at a loss. Now it's working correctly again. It'll send as one file once, then turn around send as two files the next (I'm pretty sure that no changes have been made between them, but as much minor editing as I've done with this document over the last few weeks, I'm swearing to nothing!

A little feedback on the document/footer margins would still be helpful though! Every time I go to do this in documents, I can never remember if the footer/header margins have to be smaller than the document margins are larger. I'm sure it's smaller, but I draw a blank every time and have to rethink the logic.

On 3/13/07 12:13 AM, in article C21B9D13.6E54%teacher24_70@xxxxxxxxxx, "Michelle" <teacher24_70@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

One other issue has arisen once again---I did get it to send as one file, now it's back to 2. I'm trying to figure out the formulas for setting up document margins and footer margins so that the print dialogue won't say that it's outside the printable area. I got it to work once, but now the same settings don't seem to be working once again.

I know that my printer always adjusts the bottom margin to .56---that's the smallest that it will allow that section due to my printer unless I ignore it's offer to fix. So here's how I have the various margin settings---however, its now sending p. 1-38 as one file (section 1) and p. 38-40 as a second file (sections 2-4). What do I need to do so that the document margins and footer margins work together.

Top=.5
Bottom=.6
Left=.5
Right=.5
Header=0
Footer=.56

I have no header in the document---just a footer. This is what's giving me the problem. I thought that giving the footer the same margin as my printer defaults to and then setting the document margin outside of that would work. What's the problem with these settings?

On 3/12/07 11:57 PM, in article
OA1tWwSZHHA.4720@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
"Daiya Mitchell" <daiyaNOSPAM@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Michelle,

I'm sorry I never managed to try this out and be helpful. But your research will enrich the results of others, I am sure, and I will try to remember to update the article to warn people away from Page Setup | Settings | Custom Paper Size (which I have never seen work) and toward Page Setup | Paper Size | Manage Custom Sizes (pre-Tiger, one needed Text Edit to access this Manage Custom Sizes dialog). Actually, perhaps I'll just write a new article, because that misleading setting has caused problems before, and it's hard to remember to think of that as

a problem.

The random margin message no one really understands---I think you found the best/only solution for that one.

Thanks so much for sharing your results.

Daiya

Michelle wrote:

I solved all my problems with a couple of different fixes for the different problems.

As far as splitting the PDF into multiple sections based on sections, here's what I did. Even though I had already checked each section and verified that the settings were the same, Word kept contradicting me. After various attempts, I think that what finally worked was simply selecting all (apple-a), going back into format document, reset the margins, header/footer settings, and making sure that I had "whole document" selected instead of "this section". I could have sworn that I had tried this a couple of times before and it didn't work, but finally it did---or else I did something else inadvertently that did the trick. Regardless, I finally got the document to transfer to PDF as ONE file.

I also figured out what was happening with the original document margins. In a previous e-mail, I had noted that:

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document
to
the
print
window.

Here's what was happening---
When I first set up my document, I went to
"Page Setup>settings>custom paper
size and had set it up for 5.5 x 8.5. However,
later when I went to the
print dialogue, it wasn't reflecting this in
"page setup>paper size". So,
my document was formatted for the custom
paper size, but it wasn't actually
setting itself to PRINT on that size paper. At
first, the closest I could
come to fixing this was making sure that it
was selected in the page
setup>settings>custom paper size, and then
choosing A5 in the Page
Setup>Paper size menu---A5 being the
closest option I could find for the
dimensions that I needed.

Then I remember that in Daiya's original
article, she said you have to go
into Text Edit to create a custom paper size
before it will be reflected in
Word's option menu. I had forgotten about
that tip, because Word WAS
letting me set the page size in Page
Setup>settings>custom paper size, just
not in Page Setup>Paper size. This still
doesn't make complete sense to
me---if the first submenu will let me set a
size, why isn't it reflected in
the 2nd submenu.

Anyway, I'm just happy that the problem is
solved. It ended up being an
easy solution, it just took a lot of digging to

find out exactly where the problem was. It appeared fine on my Page Layout view, it looked fine in "print preview" through the toolbar or the Menu list. It was ONLY when I finally pulled up the Print dialogue that things changed. This was why it took me a while to narrow down the problem.

Thank you everyone for your patience as I worked to solve the problem. And thank those of you who have added your input and verification of my issues. This will help clarify things in future projects and I'll know what kinds of troubleshooting routes to take to circumvent certain problems.

What a great resource this newsgroup is!

On 3/11/07 10:12 PM, in article C21A2F56.6E15%teacher24_70@xxxxxxxxxx, "Michelle" <teacher24_70@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I almost have it fixed (although in a round-about way). My only problem now is that when I save as PDF, it processes the pages and when it gets to section 4 of the document, it says that a footer is outside of the printable area. The footer of this section and all associated margins are EXACTLY the same as for the previous 3 sections, so I'm not sure why it's finding an error there.

Regardless, I tell it to continue in saving as PDF--however, for

whatever
reason, possibly due to the
previous footer issue, I end
up with 2 PDF
documents. The first one has
almost the entire
document--p. 1-38. The
2nd
PDF is given the same file
name with a 2 on the
end--this contains only the
last page of the
document--p. 39.

Why is Word splitting it into
2 PDF files when it gets to
the page that
contains the footer in
question? (even though it
says the footer is outside
the printable page, I'm
POSITIVE that it's the same
as the rest of the
document.)

On 3/10/07 10:30 PM, in
article
C218E20E.6DCD%teacher24_70@xxxxxxxxx,
"Michelle"
<teacher24_70@xxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

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document in
the "quick
preview"
window
with the
print
window, the
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the print
window.

Any ideas?

On 3/10/07
9:58 PM, in
article
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"Michelle"
<teacher24_70@xxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

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Adobe
Reader),
it
says
that
the
document
is
8.5
x
11.
So
it's
taking
my
smaller
page
and
placing
it
on
a
larger
PDF
page,
thus
when
the
imposition
software
does
its
job,
the
margins
are
already
too
large.

Does
this
make
sense?
Is
there
a
way
around
this?
How

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the
margins.
It
looks
almost
identical.

On
Mar
2,
9:32
am,
Daiya
Mitchell
<daiyaNOS...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

Hi
Michelle,

It's
entirely
possible
that
you
are
doing
nothing
wrong,
but
that
Cocoa
Booklet
has
changed
since
I
wrote
that
article
on
a
few
versions
back
(maybe
1.5
years
ago?)

If

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you
are
in
a
hurry,
just
run
CocoaBooklet
on
a
regular
8.5x11
page,
and
let
it
shrink
the
text
and
get
slightly
big
margins.
MAKE
A
COPY
and
change
the
margins
on
that.

If
you
have
time,
I
should
have
a
chance
to
update
my
CocoaBooklet,
probably
later
today,
play

around
with
it,
and
see
what
can
be
done.
Or
someone
else
may
have
a
key
suggestion
in
the
meantime.

Daiya

Michelle
wrote:

I'm
trying
to
help
a
friend
make
a
booklet
in
Microsoft
Office
2004.
I've
been
following
Daiya's
help
page
<http://daiya.mvps.org/booklets.htm#E>
and
am
using

the
CocoaBooklet
freeware
(version
2.0.4).
I
followed
her
advice
and
used
a
custom
paper
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x
8.5)
so
that
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wouldn't
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shrunk
by
CocoaBooklet
when
doing
the
imposition.
This
is
supposed
to
help
reduce
the
large
top
and
bottom
margins
created
because
of
the
proportion
difference.
I
am
still

getting
huge
top
and
bottom
margins
and
even
quite
large
left,
right,
and
middle
(in
the
fold)
margins.
I
have
even
set
my
CocoaBooklet
margins
to
0
and
my
Word
margins
to
.35
and
I'm
still
getting
the
huge
margins.
It
IS
shrinking
the
font
and
text.
Any
idea
what
I

could
be
doing
wrong?
Please
help
me,
I've
tried
EVERYTHING
that
I
can
think
of.--
Hide
quoted
text
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Show
quoted
text
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