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Yes, my 17" CRT screen is set at 1024 x 768. I am running this on a G4, 400 MHz (AGP Graphics). (I know, I know, that's pretty pathetic, but it does everything I need it to do, and I didn't have this "iconic" problem until now...) I have played with the resolution at 1280 x 1024 and found myself in the situation I was describing: Toolbard are fine but I have to view every document at 150% to be able to read 12-point type. Of course, that same resolution will show larger on my 19" TFT, when I receive it...

Louis

CyberTaz wrote:

Another thought – you don't mention anything about the system, itself, & the older OS/Office versions suggests that it may also be a somewhat older Mac. Are you running at a resolution of 1024x768 or better? If not Office 2004 will not display a number of things correctly. It requires that as a minimum.

Regards |:>)
Bob Jones
[MVP] Office:Mac

On 7/30/06 5:11 PM, in article
1154293887.348764.49630@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "LouisF"
<louis.ferland@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Thanks, Jim.

I'm not sure what "haxies" are but I know I didn't install anything that would cause this, at least not voluntarily. I just upgraded to OSX from OS 9.2.2 and so far, all I installed is the OS itself, Office 2004, a French spelling / grammar SW called "Antidote" (plugs-in into MW Word and other word processors; no reason to suspect it of messing up with icon size; besides, I saw the big icons in Office before I

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installed Antidote), and some SW from my ISP (Earthlink-DSL; the package includes anti-virus, firewall, pop-up blocker; that kind of stuff, so again no reason a priori to suspect this to be the culprit).

I did see the Universal Access control panel when I first toured my new OS but did not turn on anything (just checked again). Besides, this would have enlarged everything on screen, not just the icons on the toolbar, so I'm pretty sure this is not the problem.

Thanks for the effort with the VB script, even if you know that it would actually be ignored by Office 2004, but anyway, what I want is to get my icons smaller (like they were, and indeed still are) on my old Word 98, under Classic, not larger.

Any other ideas?

Jim Gordon wrote:

Hi Louis,

There used to be a setting to turn on large toolbars in Mac Office. In Excel 2001, for example, you would use Tools > Customize then click on the Appearance tab. There's a checkbox for "Large Buttons."

In Office 2004 there is no corresponding checkbox or setting. It is not possible to turn on large buttons because the program no longer has the ability to display them.

Even if you try to use visual basic to change the size, it won't work.

This code will make the buttons large in 2001 but is ignored by 2004:

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Sub MakeLargeButtons()  
Set allBars = CommandBars  
allBars.LargeButtons = False  
End Sub
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I say this because it is pretty safe to assume that if the toolbars in Office 2004 are extremely large, it is almost certainly being caused by something other than office.

Have you installed any "haxies"? These are programs that can enhance the Mac OS user interface. Perhaps you got into MacOS settings

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under System
Preferences > Universal Access and changed something
there.

Look for a cause outside of Office, because I don't think the
button
size is even able to be changed no matter what you do within
Office.

–Jim Gordon
Mac MVP

LouisF wrote:

Hi,
Since I upgraded to OSX Tiger 10.4.7/Office
2004 (straight from OS
9.2.2/Office 98!), the toolbars in MS Word
are enormous on screen, in
my OSX environment (though the toolbars
in my old Word 98, under
Classic, are still just fine).

A friend found a posting somewhere saying,
if we understood well, that
the "Customize toolbars/menus" dialog box
should have an "Options" tab
where I might be able to control the size of
the buttons in the
toolbars. I don't seem to have such a tab in
this dialog. Am I looking
at the right place?

The toolbar buttons are just as big in Excel
(2004) so this may be a
more general setting; is there a central
preferences panel for all
Office, where such a control might be
located?

Any other ideas?