

## Re: floating check boxes on web pages

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Might re-read my post, the patch IS sp1.

I'd suggest sending me your file for me to make some suggestions after I review it. I noticed on the testing page if the mouse is over the test for success paragraph the whole text box pops up in a tooltip. I have only seen one other customer do that and at the moment I don't recall what they did wrong to get that. I just remember that I fixed it after I got the file. I'd have to review your file to recall what that issue was.

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for Publisher help:  
[www.davidbartosik.com](http://www.davidbartosik.com)  
enter to win Pub 2003:  
[www.davidbartosik.com/giveaway.aspx](http://www.davidbartosik.com/giveaway.aspx)  
"K." <[anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote in message  
news:1409701c3f9ba\$9920c200\$a101280a@phx.gbl...  
> Thanks for the mini tour! I will thoroughly read the  
> first four articles on your web site (2002) so I can come  
> up to speed. I am a novice at this.  
>  
> Although I sound like I am freaking out, I am more  
> frustrated than anything. I knew Publisher from a  
> publications point of view, but my boss wanted a website  
> (now!), so he asked me to put something together using  
> what software we had. I think I did okay with the first  
> version I did. The form control check boxes looked fine  
> on my web page preview, but I downloaded a patch so that  
> my version of Publisher 2002 had the export command.  
> That seemed to change things the check boxes, etc.  
>  
> I will be happy to download the SP1 patch, but when I  
> search on MS downloads, I come up with multiple listings,  
> so if you could tell me the date of the patch, whether it  
> is a Publisher-only patch or an Office patch or other  
> specifics, I would appreciate that.  
>  
> I will redo the two form pages, since the text ordering  
> as previously described in my other complaints is not  
> ordered correctly. If none of this corrects the problem,  
> short of becoming prematurely bald through hair plucking,  
> I will send you either all 14 pages of the publisher  
> website file or just the two form control pages -- the  
> only ones I am having problems with -- whichever you

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> prefer. And though I don't drink, I will buy YOU a beer  
> if you can help me out.  
>  
> You can check out the website as it currently exists  
> (uploaded with all the checkbox problems) at  
> www.diamondbacktechnology.com There are still glitches  
> throughout, but the form pages are pages 10 and 11 (not  
> numbered) On the home page, upper right, click on "Ask a  
> question" for page 10 and "Request a quote" for page 11.  
> The e-mail form I want to receive these in is still not  
> working, but that's a problem for another day.  
>  
> Another long e-mail. Sorry, I write like I talk --too  
> much information.  
>  
> >-----Original Message-----  
> >well first off you really seem to be freaking out over  
> the whole filter web  
> >page option.  
> >  
> >you should read the first 4 articles on my sites 2002  
> page to educate  
> >yourself on this fully.  
> >  
> >I'll give you a short nickel tour version now to try an  
> calm you down.  
> >  
> >The release of 2002 introduced a drastic change in how  
> it did web sites. The  
> >File, Save as web page operation generated html files  
> that were a blend of  
> >complex xml and xhtml. There was so much code in the web  
> page that a simple  
> >minimum textual page could be 400 kb. (compared to maybe  
> 20 kb in version  
> >2000) All the extra code was mainly there to allow 2002  
> to open these html  
> >files for modification. MS called this "round-tripping",  
> whereby instead of  
> >having a .pub file and making modifications to the .pub  
> file (as in all  
> >previous versions) and then generating new html files  
> after every change you  
> >now no longer used a .pub file. You directly opened and  
> modified the html  
> >files and keep using the same ones.  
> >The size of such a web page and it's impact vastly  
> outweighed the  
> >resourcefulness of this and MS wrote a patch to stop  
> this behavior and  
> >return to the design of a .pub file and therefore strip  
> most of the bulky  
> >code from the html pages.  
> >This patch (now known as SP1) converts File, Save as web  
> to File, Export as  
> >web.  
> >This is to distinguish it from the previous design which  
> they retained, if  
> >you know where to look (keep reading).  
> >They then termed this as "filtered" web pages.  
> >So File, Export as web generates one time use html files  
> written in a

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> >simpler xhtml format, that, though still a larger file
> size than it's
> >younger sister, is at least usable online.
> >The other design they then termed as "rich-output". It
> is still available if
> >you desire elephant size files rather than cat size
> files (ideally they'd be
> >mouse size). Simply do not use Export as, instead use
> Save as and then
> >select 'web page' from the file type menu. (this
> paragraph applies to
> >version 2003 as well though 'export' now
> reads 'publish').
> >Unfortunately it was discovered after the patch release
> that it didn't
> >properly code the form controls. However the work-around
> for this issue is
> >better than the alternative (of using MB gobbling web
> pages).
> >
> >Since the release of the patch I have not encountered a
> single customer that
> >had this form control issue, be unsuccessful with the
> work-around. That said
> >my only option to offer you is that you send me your pub
> file for my review.
> >Then grab a beer an chill awhile :-)
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> >>
> >> First of all, thank you for responding so quickly. I
> >> read your response and checked the information on your
> >> website. Here is my dilemma.
> >>
> >> I don't mind starting over to reorder the placement on
> >> the form controls to correct the problem with the form
> >> controls, but I cannot resolve the issue with the
> >> floating text boxes. I was aware of the group/ungroup
> >> issue, but even ungrouping them doesn't resolve the
> check
> >> box problem. The text associated with the check box
> >> appears where it should, but the check boxes
> >> appear "everywhere." I have heard that it may have
> >> something to do with exporting in the web filtered
> >> format. Do you know anything about this? Now that I
> have
> >> done that (exported into filtered), I cannot export it
> >> into any other format as that is the only option I am
> >> given each time I try to export. Is that correctable?
> >> Even though I have the saved publisher file, the web
> >> filtered format is the only choice available.
> >>
> >> Secondly, I have downloaded every patch and service
> pack
> >> available for Windows XP and Publisher. I am still
> faced
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> >> with the same two problems: floating check boxes and  
> >> export into web filtered format only. Do I need to  
> start  
> >> over with both "form" pages in the website? And to  
> >> correct the export problem (more selections than web  
> >> filtered), do I need to redo the entire website in a  
> >> separate publisher document. As it is, I cannot export  
> as  
> >> anything but the "web page filtered."  
> >>  
> >> Sorry for the long post. Just want to be clear. Thanks  
> >> for any input!  
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