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- *From:* "DavidF" <Nope@xxxxxxxxxxx>
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Devra,

Thanks for the report. Too often I make a best guess at how to fix a problem, and the OP never reports back as per the final solution. We are all here to learn, and it is appreciated that you took the time.

I presume that you are still adjusting your layout on a more narrow page width, as your site shows no change. I really think it is a smart decision. Read that article about padding that I gave you. It might give you some ideas about how to use that more narrow page more effectively.

I would also remind you one final time that web media is very different than print media. The way you approach it, the mindset is entirely different. Invest some time in learning about the fundamentals of webdesign if you plan on pursuing this. In fact if you do, I would expect that you quickly move away from Publisher. You can do a lot with it, but it has way too many limitations for a professional web designer. Anyway, there is lots of good information out there just a google away. To get you started, check this out in all your free time:

<http://www.webdesignfromscratch.com/>

Good luck to you. Post back when you get the site redesigned. We are looking forward to a before and after <g>.

DavidF

"Devra" <Devra@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:3E98D9A0-4B73-4CBD-92B4-41F701FB7403@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I downloaded Firefox like you suggested and took the border off from around the project on all of the pages and then changed my background to white.

I hadn't used a Master Page so didn't have to do anything with that. I had already ran the Design Checker before and fixed everything it brought up.

I thought about changing the width but decided against it but after Mike made

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the comment about it today I did make it narrower per your and his suggestion.

You had suggested changing the font but it showed that it was a Web font so I didn't change it. I haven't checked the website on another computer but if it shows up as a font I don't like then I'll change the font. Papyrus is the font they have on all of their stationery, that's why I used it.

Thanks again for your help. I hope that someone else gets some use out of this also.

Devra

It DOES work on the Mac's and they're very happy now!!!

"DavidF" wrote:

Devra,

Thanks for posting back. I see the links do work now in FF. Are you saying that they also work on a MAC now?

Would you please share with us which of the many different possible fixes I proposed actually did fix the problem with the links? It would be appreciated.

DavidF

"Devra" <Devra@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:2A181391-6FF1-4A25-9EE7-9AC6491D72B6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

David,

Just wanted to let you know that all of your efforts into helping me have paid off! I had it done by noon yesterday but was waiting for the owner of the website to make sure it worked correctly and it did!!!!

Your instructions were very simple and concise and I appreciate your help

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immensely!

Thank You Again!!!

Devra

"DavidF" wrote:

Devra,

By the way, I didn't read your original post very well. You did say that you were using Pub 2007 and I just didn't notice. I tend to assume people are using 2003 and thus the directions about VML...sorry.

You have fallen into the common trap of using print document formatting, fonts, and design techniques. Web pages are a different medium, and you can't convert everything you do on a print document to html. You have to change your mindset.

This is probably why the hyperlinks do not work on an MAC, or in FireFox as Mike points out. Everything including the links are converted to images in FF, and this kills the links.

You should design and test your Publisher webpages so that they work in both IE and in FF. If you accomplish that goal, then I would bet that your MAC friends will also find the links work.

The first thing you should do is download and install FireFox.

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<http://en.www.mozilla.com/en/firefox/>

It is a relatively small file size and a quick download...and is free.

Then

you can install it, but opt out of making it the default browser, so

you

can

still use IE as the default.

Then when you want to test your Pub

webpages in FF, just Publish to

the

Web

and direct the html output, the index.htm file

and the index_files

folder,

to your computer where you can easily find

them. I use a folder on the

Desktop. Then open FireFox and go to File

> Open File and browse to

where

you put the index.htm file. This way you can

preview and test the page

before you upload it.

As you now have FF installed and have

produced test files, when you

open

either your internet home page or the test

"index.htm" file of your

web

site

on your computer, try to left click, drag,

select any text on the page

and

you will notice that you can't. It has all been

converted to an image.

And

of course the hyperlinks are dead.

To fix your page so it will work in FF, you

are going to have to

change

some

stuff...and should probably redesign most of

the page. First to the

stuff:

Run the Design Checker in Publisher and see

what it finds are design

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problems. It will likely find most of the things I noticed, and perhaps more.

First of all if you are using a Master Page in your document, then don't.

This works fine in a print doc, but not a web doc. If you were using a master page and have fixed all the issues found by the design checker, then much of the rest of this reply may not apply.

You probably need to get rid of that green border. It appears that you drew lines around the content and in doing so you created one big image in FireFox.

http://www.islandtimerealty.com/index_files/image408.gif

This means everything within it is also converted to an image and that the page is forced to be as long as the image, even though the page length isn't needed. Publisher normally automatically ends the page after the last design element, and thus will produce custom length pages. In this case, you end up you forcing a 4608 pixel length page...the length of that border.

Another possible reason for everything being converted to an image is that

you have apparently "covered" the background image that was in the original publication. It is in the code, and in the background, but it does not show

on your page. Here is the background image:

http://www.islandtimerealty.com/index_files/image321.gif

Here is the image that you "covered" the

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background with:

http://www.islandtimerealty.com/index_files/image809.gif

This is a white colored image that is 1344 X

4608! I am not sure how

you

did

this, but if you added the image to cover the

background or a white

filled

text box, that was the wrong approach. If

you want a solid white

background

on your web pages go to Format >

Background. Under Apply a background

select

the white color. That will replace

image321.gif as the background

image,

and

you will not need the white image or text

box you added to the Pub

document

as a background. Fix this and you may fix

the page length problem and

everything turning into an image when you

create the html.

The next problem to fix is the fonts you have
chosen to use. Papyrus

is

not

a web friendly font, and as a result Publisher

converts it to an

image,

and

kills the links. Change your nav bar button

fonts to a web friendly

font.

Select the text, go to Format > Font and in

the dialog make sure that

Show

only Web fonts are selected. Choose one of

those. Test to see if this

alone

will fix the problem of killing the link in FF.

You may also have to

remove

the border on those text boxes. If you prefer

to use a non-web

friendly

font

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in a title or some other way, then might be ok if you are ok with it being an image. However, that text will probably look a little fuzzy as an image...and of course the search engine robots won't be able to index your page cuz they don't read images...your choice.

Now those are just the problems I caught on your home page...there may be more. Remember some things you do in print, just won't convert to html.

Here is a good reference and though it is talking about formatting an email message in html, many if not most of the formatting issues it discusses also apply to web pages. So you can use this list to help you troubleshoot any other issues you have on your page(s).

Reference: Tips and troubleshooting for sending a publication page as an e-mail message:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/publisher/HP010390591033.aspx?pid=CH0625248>

Now I also asserted that it would probably be a good idea to do a complete redesign. As you will already be making a lot of changes that will probably require you to change your layout, I would suggest that you reconsider your page width. If you purposely chose to make your page 1344 +/- pixels wide, then in my opinion that is a major mistake. That is way too wide.

If you go to Edit > Page Setup you will notice that you have three

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default

web page widths of 600, 760 and new to Pub
2007, 984 pixel wide pages.

And

if you see these measurements in inches then
back up a step and go to

Tools

Options and on the General Tab change the
Measurement units to pixels

from

inches. It is much better to design a web
page using pixels rather

than

inches. But I digress...there are reasons the
widest default page

width

is

only 984 pixels wide. The primary one being
that pages wider than that

are

going to require horizontal scrolling on way
too many users'

computers.

Yes,

monitors are coming bigger and bigger, but
think about the 14" and 15"

screen laptop users. Chances are they are
going to have to scroll

sideways

to read your page, and guess what...they
won't. They will leave the

page

rather than deal with the hassle.

With this said, though you can probably

make your pages work at their

current width in FF and thus on MACs, since
you are already

redesigning

and

redoing much of the page anyway, I would
suggest that you also change

the

width of your page to either 760 pixels wide
or at most the 984 pixels

and

change your layout to fit that width. The
people that view the page

will

thank you.

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As you redesign, you should also read this:
Understanding background
padding
in a Publisher web (aka white space) :
<http://msmvps.com/blogs/dbartosik/archive/2006/01/07/80563.aspx>
Until we figure out a way to do it with code,
the best you can do is
simulate centering your web page in 2007.

OK, now that I have written a small book, I
will turn it over to you.

I
know
I have suggested a lot of work, but if you
want a functional web site,
you
will have to make changes. Work through
what you can, and if you need
more
help please post back with the specific
problem and the URL pointing
to
it,
and we will try to help more.

Good luck.

DavidF

"Devra"
<Devra@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message
<news:D95F974B-A43B-4240-A841-B2C9472D1C90@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

David,

I didn't use a normal
navigation bar, I just put a
box and typed the
page
names inside the box and
created links to the other
pages and also
links
within the pages to either
e-mail or take them to
another page on
the
site.

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The website is:
www.islandtimerealty.com

Thanks for your help!
Devra

"DavidF" wrote:

Ok...you
didn't
specify
which
version of
Publisher
you were
using
and
the
"rely on
vml..."
option was
removed in
Pub 2007.

Please post
the URL of
the website,
and we
might be
able to help
you
further.

Chances are
the navbar
is being
turned into
an image by
the browser
that
doesn't
work. This
kills the
links. If you
are per
chance
putting
the
navbar
on a master

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page, that
would also
mess things
up...don't
use a
master
page
with
Publisher
web pages.

What you
might have
to do is
build a
textual
menu and
place it on
your
site,
perhaps at
the bottom
that will
work in all
browsers...will
explain
further
after
viewing
your site.

DavidF

"Devra"

<Devra@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in
message

news:D51F97C5-F8FB-4410-B4D4-E004B356F95B@xxxxxxxxxxxx

I
have
Publisher
2007.
When
I
go
to
"tools"
and
then
"options"

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and
then
the
"web
tab"
the
box
to
"allow
png....."
is
already
unchecked
and
there
is
nothing
that
says
anything
about
"rely
on
VML....."

The
only
problems
that
I
am
aware
of
is
they
can't
click
on
ANY
links,
thus
not
being
able
to
navigate
through
the
website.
It's
as

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if
there
are
no
links
made,
but
I
have
checked
on
3
computers
(not
MAC)
that
it
works
fine
on.

Any
other
suggestions?

Devra

"DavidF"
wrote:

Have
them
buy
a
PC.
<g>

Getting
full
cross
browser
compatibility
is
a
challenge
with
any
program
you
use

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to
build
a
web
site.
In
most
cases
you
can
work
through
some
of
the