

## File size of PDF'd Visio file & watermark

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Hi –

Any takers out there for my message? Would it help to create 4 dotted lines and group them together to make a box to do what I want it to do?

How about the watermark issue?

>-----Original Message-----

>Hi–

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>Visio 2002 Pro, may be SP'd but I can't tell (controlled  
>through corporate IT). Acrobat 5.0.5.

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>I create business process flows using a standard  
swimlane–

>type template. Each page in the flow can have 5–40  
process

>boxes (with text) and associated connectors and other  
>objects (files, reports).

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>First question: Recently, on a page or two, I've added  
>some transparent boxes that have dashed lines and a bit  
of

>text. I use these to visually group a set of boxes  
>together. Whenever I put these boxes on a page in the

>flow, the size of the Acrobat file increases  
>exponentially. For instance, I have a 2–page flow  
without

>the 'bounding boxes' that is 96k. I added two bounding  
>boxes that take up about 2/3 of the page and now the  
file

>size is 1.4 MB. Is there a way to duplicate the effect

I

>want without increasing the file size? I have added

>bounding boxes to other (longer) flows and also

>experienced file size increase. Oh, and when looking at  
>the flow in the PDF it takes probably 30 seconds for the

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>bounding boxes to slowly draw their way onto the page.

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>Second question: On this same flow I wanted to add a

>watermark. So I created a huge 'draft' text box (120

>pt.), and made the font 90% transparent. I put this on

>the background page. The PDF file size increased to

2.7MB

>and the second page of the PDF was completely blank

(maybe

>it eventually would have drawn but I got tired of

>waiting). I could not print this PDF.

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>Any suggestions on how to add a watermark effect that

>preserves file size?

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>I have tried File > Properties > preview=none but that

>seems to affect the size of the Visio file, not the

>resultant PDF.

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>Beth

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