

## Re: Outlook Express V6 is displaying some attachments in-line

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By default, OE displays any image attachments (JPG, GIF, BMP) at the bottom of the message text. This is a display only (not a duplicate attachment) and only affects what you see on your PC, not what the recipient sees. Whether the recipients also automatically see the image is dependent on their mail program and its settings. To change whether or not you automatically see the images on your PC, see the following article:

Outlook Express Slide Show OE5, OE6

<http://www.fjsmjs.com/OE/slideshow.htm>

In the case of OE6, if the "Automatically Inline Images" key is missing, it can be added with a value of 0 to disable display of images at the bottom of the message text. Not having the key or setting it to 1 enables display.

Having OE display them in the Preview Pane will actually protect you from some Trojan Horses. One type uses an attachment with a name such as IMAGE.JPG.exe hoping that you think it's a JPG rather than a program. (The IMAGE part varies and the .exe can be any type of program including .com, .bat, .pif, .vbs, etc.). If you have told Windows to hide file extensions, (Settings, Folder Options, View, Hide File Extensions) you are more likely to get tricked by this. If you have set OE to open images in the Preview Pane and OE doesn't automatically display it then it's not a real image.

Note: In Windows XP SP2 or Windows 2003 SP1, when Tools, Options, Read, Read All Message In Plain Text is selected, that also stops the display of images. (For a quick workaround for the current message, press ALT+Shift+H)

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I am running Windows XP Professional with Service Pack 1.  
I am running Outlook Express v6.

I find that some attachment types display as part of the message that they are attached to, rather than just being listed as an attachment.

For example, if I "Attach" a ".JPG" file or a ".BMP" file to a message and send the message to myself the image (or images) display at the end of the text and are listed in the "Attach:" box, rather than just being listed in the "Attach:" box.

I send messages as "Plain Text".

Things work correctly for some file types, such as ".HTM" or ".PDF". By correctly, I mean that the Plain Text message is the only thing displayed in the "Text:" part of the window displaying the message and the file names of the attached files appear in the "Attach:" box, and can be saved or opened as desired.

The problem may have been going on a long time, but very few people send me pictures and they don't use Outlook Express and don't use plain text, so I always thought that the problem was on their side. However, yesterday I sent myself a Plain Text message to which I had attached a ".JPG" file to and the image displayed in the message window in addition to the file name being listed in the "Attach:" box, so I now think the problem is with my Outlook Express settings or some file association.

Does anyone know what I have to change to get all types of "Attach"ed files treated as attachments to the message and not as part of the displayed text of the message?

Note that changing a security setting, as described in [http://www.onecomputerguy.com/app\\_info/outlook\\_express\\_6.htm#security](http://www.onecomputerguy.com/app_info/outlook_express_6.htm#security), doesn't address the problem, since I still want to be able to save and open attachments: I just want attachments to be treated as attachments, not part of a fancy message that happens to have images in it. Also note that I am not asking how to limit the permitted formatting of the text of a message, but rather how can I stop Outlook Express from treating attachments as part of the text.

Thank you.