

Re: Sharing docs between Mac and PC

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On the mac, your friend will likely have to put the ".rtf" on the end of the filename. Macs do not require or use filename extensions. Your friend would be saving in Rich Text format. Appleworks is an old program (pre 1990, I believe), predating ClarisWorks.

When your friend receives your documents, they probably will not have the markers that the Mac uses to determine file types. Your friend will have to learn how to set those.

It may be easier for you to convert to text and incorporate in email messages (as part of the message, not as an attachment).

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Word New User FAQ & Web Directory: <http://addbalance.com/word>
Intermediate User's Guide to Microsoft Word (supplemented version of Microsoft's Legal Users' Guide) <http://addbalance.com/usersguide>
See also the MVP FAQ: <http://www.mvps.org/word> which is awesome!

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"Richard Treadgold" <richard@NOSPAMwordshine.com> wrote in message news:Xns94DEE50481129richardwordshine@203.96.92.12...

> I'm sharing documents with a friend of mine. I use Word 97 on a PC, he uses

> Appleworks (I don't know which version yet) on a Mac.

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> Opening the files in Word, I usually find I have to choose "Recover text
> from any file" to avoid the pages and pages of empty rectangle symbols,
but

> even so, many special characters and punctuation marks get converted
> incorrectly to foreign language characters. It's a real nuisance handling
> them, because soon the text we're working on will be published, so we
don't

> want any rubbish at all in the files.

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> In the absence of conversion software such as MacLink, I suspect the
easiest

> way to avoid these errors might be to Save as... .rtf on the Mac before
> transfer to the PC.

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> Do you agree? Would you have any other suggestions?

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> I don't have a Mac, yet I want to tell my friend precisely what to do, and
> what to expect, or he'll panic because he hasn't been using computers for
> very long.
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> So, on the Mac, where is the Save as... option? Is it File | Save as...? Then
do
> you select rtf from a drop-down list? Are there any other issues I might
> warn him about? Or anything else that would help him?
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> I'd really appreciate any help you can offer.
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> Thank you very much,
>
> Richard