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Thank you Beth.

It's nice to get a different viewpoint. I think it's easy to use 'corruption' as a reason for something one can't understand – and deleting normal.dot or registry keys tends to (a) get round many issues and (b) hide the evidence. And so the myth continues to gain strength.

I'm not entirely sure I agree that 2003 is more stable than earlier releases but it does handle abends much better so users are less likely to lose work (which is a big improvement) when they happen.

As I said, I usually put it down to user error when no other explanation is obvious. I certainly always like to know why (or at least under what repeatable circumstances) but determining that requires me to remember what I did yesterday – which isn't always easy :-)

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Enjoy,  
Tony

"Beth Melton" <bmelton@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:OpjNOiMGHA.1028@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OpjNOiMGHA.1028@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi Tony,

I have a different 'take' on this issue than others. :-)

Changes to the defaults are typically attributed to a third-party add-in or template. So if you notice your settings have been changed then that's the first place to start looking. There are a LOT of add-ins and templates out there that modify Tools/Options along with various preferences. For example some of the Resume templates created by Microsoft will turn table gridlines off, field shading, non printing characters, field codes, etc. Others may turn on the Drawing Grid, force the view as Print Layout etc.

Nothing can simply 'magically' change nor is Word 2003 more

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susceptible to corruption than previous versions. It's a computer program – it does what it is 'told' to do. Personally, I find it to be the most stable of all the versions released. I suspect the reason we encounter this issues more is because of the growing number of add–ins along with the availability of templates for Word.

Any time I've ever encountered a change in my preferences I've always found an add–in or template to be the cause. Granted that requires a little effort to open templates and check the code, or in the case of an add–in and you can not view the code due to a locked project or a COM Add–in, it takes a little experimenting to determine the precise changes that are being made. (But then I'm that oddball who wants to know WHY. <grin>)

Of course, if you don't care to find the exact cause then force the settings you want using a macro. But at the very least, know it is a third–party and not caused by instability. :–)

Please post all follow–up questions to the newsgroup. Requests for assistance by email can not be acknowledged.

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"Tony Jollans" <My Forename at My Surname dot com> wrote in message [news:Obb7BY7LGHA.3896@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Obb7BY7LGHA.3896@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Graham,

I've been suspicious for some time that Word 2003 changes settings all by itself but I usually put it down to user error as I routinely change all manner of my own settings (just to see the effect).

Is there anything known about this? Are any particular settings more susceptible than others? Does any particular type of action, or document, tend to cause it?

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Enjoy,  
Tony

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"Graham Mayor" <gmayor@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Tony has identified the likely cause, but as this may happen  
again

(Word

2003 can do that), it would be worth adding the line

Application.ShowWindowsInTaskbar = True

to your macro to ensure it is correct each time you run it.

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Joanne wrote:

System: Dell Opti Flex, 1gb memory, winxp  
pro, MSoffice 2003

I use a macro called 'get files' to open 50 text  
files at a  
time –

here is the code for the macro, to which I  
have made no changes:

Public Sub GetFiles()

'Application.CommandBars("Main  
Menu").Visible = False

Dim Resumes As String, FileArray() As  
String, Num As Long,

OpnFile As

Long

Dim PassNum As Integer, temp As String  
'sorting variables

Dim Upper As Long 'Upper boundary of  
array

ReDim FileArray(150)

Num = 0 'Setting counter to 0

OpnFile = 0 'Setting counter to 0

Resumes = Dir\$("C:\1\cweekly\\*.\*)" )

'Where the files are at

Do While Len(Resumes) > 0 ' Loop to put  
files into an array

FileArray(Num) = Resumes

Num = Num + 1

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Resumes = Dir$
Loop
ReDim Preserve FileArray(Num - 1)
Upper = UBound(FileArray)

' Sort array
WordBasic.SortArray FileArray

' Open the files for editing
For OpnFile = 0 To 49
If OpnFile <= Upper Then 'if there are files
in the array
Documents.Open
FileName:="C:\1\cweekly\" _
& FileArray(OpnFile) 'then open the next
one and increment
counter
ActiveWindow.ActivePane.View.Zoom.Percentage
= 118

End If
If OpnFile = -1 Then
Application.Quit
End If
Next

End Sub
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Until today, the files would open on top of each other on the screen and in a 'group' in the taskbar. Now all of a sudden the files are opening in 'cascading windows' which causes me to do a lot of extra clicking and window moving so that the files are not on top of my other 2 apps that I am running to process the files. I want them to open in msword 2003 (which is living only on the top 50% of my screen and allowing me to use the bottom 50% for the other 2 apps). I don't remember making any changes anywhere and so I can't figure out how to

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get this to work as it was before today,  
MSWord owns top of  
screen,  
other apps own bottom of screen and all files  
open on top of each  
other with no cascading down the screen.  
Can someone please help  
me  
get this fixed? I tried using the  
ApplicationWindowState and  
chose  
'minimize', but then I have to click them one  
at a time to get  
them on  
the screen again and they come back in their  
cascaded position,  
leaving me with my other apps behind them  
again. Don't know what  
else  
to try.  
Thanks for your time and help  
Joanne