

File size changes

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Hi,

Just a quick question.

I'm writing my thesis (chapters as separate documents) mostly at work, using Word 2003. At home I have Word 2000 and I understood the file formats to be the same between these two versions.

However often when I take a file home and work on it in Word 2000, after saving the file size has changed unexpectedly. For example last night I saved the file in Word 2003 resulting in a file of 767kb. At home, in Word 2000, I did some minor editing: I added a couple of pages of text, but did not delete (or add) any text, figures, or tables. When I saved in Word 2000, the file was just 646kb.

In both programs, fast saves and versions are both turned off, and all images are inserted from .png files. My question is just is this normal?

I'm probably being over-cautious but I really _really_ don't want to mess up my thesis files by swapping between versions! Why would a file get smaller, especially when images and are untouched and nothing is deleted?

Thanks!

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