

## Re: Is there a way to define print offsets?

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- *From:* "macropod" <[invalid@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:invalid@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
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Be aware too that printing the exact same file on another printer – even of the same make and model – is likely to result in minor differences in the physical margins. That's just a limitation of the hardware. Start printing on other printers, which likely means using different printer drivers, and you've got another set of variables to deal with.

Cheers

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"guyeda" <[guyeda@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:guyeda@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:0EE64358-4CCB-4489-AE12-85EE01245D47@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Thanks for the replies guys. As for firing the format reviewers, unfortunately that's their primary function. The acceptance process requires approval from your supervisory committee, which makes their decisions on the basis of content, and the format reviewer, who makes his decision based solely on format. So the format reviewer is literally responsible for checking things like font sizes, margins, etc. It's ironic that the rationale for this is to provide experience in creating "publication quality" material, but the submission process for actual publication in my field is entirely via electronic document, not physical paper ones. I'll probably give the PDF format a try, but since everything presumably goes through the print driver my guess it'll still have this minor difference. The problem appears to be more with the black/white printer than the color one and I've got several other printing options for that so I don't think a solution will be too hard. Still, I'm surprised there isn't a way to do this. Back in the day of dot-matrix printers this sort of adjustment was usually mandatory.

Appreciate the help,

Greg

"Jay Freedman" wrote:

If I were the dean of a college and I found that thesis reviewers were wasting

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their time measuring the margins of submissions, I'd fire them on the spot.

Of course, that might explain why I'm not an academic and -- with no more than a master's degree -- I'm employed in a position where I do something useful. :-)

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Regards,  
Jay Freedman  
Microsoft Word MVP FAQ: <http://word.mvps.org>  
Email cannot be acknowledged; please post all follow-ups to the newsgroup so all may benefit.

On Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:03:43 +0200, "Graham Mayor"  
<[gmayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:gmayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>  
wrote:

>Of course they are working fine, but they have different drivers (and  
>drivers that are probably different to those that the reviewers are using).  
>\*Any\* document printed from Word will be a slave to the active printer  
>driver's capabilities. See  
><http://word.mvps.org/FAQs/Formatting/TextReflow.htm>. Print the whole  
thing  
>on the same printer, or use PDF format if you have to supply a file version.  
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>As Word is the industry standard word processing application, if the  
>reviewers are not aware of this aspect of the document creation process,  
>they have no business doing the reviewing!

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>Graham Mayor - Word MVP

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>My web site [www.gmayor.com](http://www.gmayor.com)  
>Word MVP web site <http://word.mvps.org>  
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>guyeda wrote:  
>> Thanks for the reply macropod,  
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>> I think the printers are essentially working fine, they just have  
>> minute differences in terms of the precise print locations. The  
>> left/right difference is less than 1/32" and the top/bottom  
>> difference is about 1/32". Unfortunately for me, that difference is  
>> enough for the reviewers to notice while measuring. I'll probably  
>> end up saving the file as a duplicate prior to the final printing and  
>> goose the Word margin settings to match the physical print margins,

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>> but this solution makes me somewhat nervous.  
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>> "macropod" wrote:  
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>>> Hi guyeda,  
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>>> This isn't something controlled by Word, but by your printer's  
>>> configuration. If you check the Printer properties (either through  
>>> Word's print menu or via the Windows Control Panel), you may find a  
>>> setting that allows you to define the print offsets. I doubt it,  
>>> though. Probably either or both of the printers need some  
>>> maintenance – or at least the paper trays adjusted properly.  
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>>> Cheers  
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>>> "guyeda" <guyeda@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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>>>> [news:07F80670-D1F5-4ACD-BCCD-6FC981BFB493@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:07F80670-D1F5-4ACD-BCCD-6FC981BFB493@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>>>> I'm printing a thesis that requires some pretty precise print  
>>>> formatting (reviewers literally measure margins with a ruler!) I  
>>>> need to print the document on two printers: one for the  
>>>> black/white text pages and one for the color pages. The problem is  
>>>> that the two printers have slightly different print  
>>>> characteristics. The color printer prints slightly lower and to  
>>>> the left and the black/white one prints far enough to the right to  
>>>> have flush-right text fall within the right margin when printed  
>>>> out. Back in the day, this was common and there were settings you  
>>>> could define that could correct for these discrepancies, but I  
>>>> can't seem to find them in Word 2003.  
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