

Re: Is there a way to define print offsets?

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- *From:* guyeda <guyeda@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Wed, 26 Mar 2008 17:04:06 -0700
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Hey! I'm an academic! It's also not the academics that make these rules, it's the administrators. In all fairness to the school, these procedures are likely the result of trying to have a uniform thesis submission process across disciplines that are substantially different. I just think they need to set up a system like many journals currently have. If you don't submit your document with the proper formatting and styles, the system rejects it. Once you do have the proper styles set, however, the system uses those styles to perform the document layout that's appropriate for both traditional paper as well as the current online publishing formats. The experience would be more relevant to the stated goals of the thesis preparation and would likely be a more efficient process. I can see however, how this may be an even more difficult task for someone in a department that may not have to go through submissions like this on a regular basis. It also introduces the problem of defining some sort of standard document format that would likely result in a mandate for the use of only certain programs/file types. This is somewhat problematic for a public institution (I'm in the US btw) as it requires some reasonable justification for why all its students MUST use/buy Word, for example. There are no easy solutions for this if it's to be implemented on a university wide basis, which is why I think it makes more sense for the departments to decide what is appropriate.

Greg

"grammatim" wrote:

May I suggest that you bring this situation (anonymously seems wise) to the attention of the local media? They never pass up a chance to ridicule academics over minutiae, and this appears to be a perfect candidate for ridicule.

Could you tell us what country you're in?

On Mar 26, 2:08 pm, guyeda <guy...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Graham,

You're preaching to the choir here! I wish I could submit the document

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electronically. It looks great on screen, regardless of the printer I choose. I agree that the process is fundamentally flawed when for the large majority of students, final approval is held-up on the basis of minute flaws in the appearance of the thesis as opposed to the content of the thesis. It also results in a monumental waste of paper as student after student prints out 100+ page documents only to have to revise/reprint because of minute formatting deficiencies of the order of 1/32". So much for this school's effort to be a leader in sustainable living practices. Nonetheless, while I feel this whole formatting adventure is a pretty big waste of time, an even bigger waste of time would be to try to fight the beauracracy on this issue. My guess is that the process will eventually change to match current publishing practices primarily because these formatting requirements are relatively archaic, but also because of the paper consumption issue.

Best wishes,

Greg

"Graham Mayor" wrote:

If you are submitting the documents electronically for the 'reviewers' to view on screen, then unless you know what printer driver the reviewer has set as active printer at the time he/she opens the document, and which release of the font outlines he/she has installed then there is no possible way that you can setup the document to ensure that how it is viewed remotely reflects how you set it up locally.

Word is not a page layout application. It is a dynamic entity that calls on the active printer driver and the Windows fonts to layout the document. If the reviewers are not aware of this, they really have no business criticising the layout of a Word document.

If you want to produce a document appears as more as you intend then you need to create a PDF format of the document which doesn't rely on the printer driver, but on its own driver. It *may* be possible to

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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 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

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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"
<gma...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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

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you have to
supply a file
version.

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

My web
site www.gmayor.com
Word MVP
web
site <http://word.mvps.org>
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guyeda
wrote:

Thanks
for
the
reply
macropod,

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

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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,
but
this
solution
makes
me
somewhat
nervous.

"macropod"
wrote:

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Hi
guyeda,

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

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either
or
both
of
the
printers
need
some
maintenance
-
or
at
least
the
paper
trays
adjusted
properly.

Cheers

--
macropod
[MVP
-
Microsoft
Word]

"guyeda"
<guy...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:07F80670-D1F5-4ACD-BCCD-6FC981BFB

I'm
printing
a
thesis
that
requires
some
pretty
precise
print
formatting
(reviewers

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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

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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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