

Re: Black tables after converting word to pdf

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It happens on conversion to PDF and Word 2007 can't handle the conversion of a 256 page document I had which had 1 graphic that became solid black fill.

I then used 2 other PDF programs neither of which could convert the 256 page document to a PDF they said error no reason. Word 2007 just wouldn't do it at any point it rejected the document every time – it started the process but it appears each time it reached this graphic it aborted the PDF.

The document had been created using 2003 and 2007 and I put it together using Word 2003 and then PDF with Word 2007. I also tried converting it to 2007 and PDF but same problem. The original document with the graphic had the same problem when I tried.

I then used Adobe 8.1 Professional which converted the document to a PDF in full retaining the one graphic as a solid black image.

I posted to this list but no answer – was it size that Word 2007 would not convert the document to PDF or was it the 1 graphic that became a solid black image on conversion to PDF?

I think it may be a mix of Word 2003/2007 when the document becomes combined from separate documents into one large document which in this case is what happened. And only this 1 graphic remained a full solid black image as though one had put a table or text box of solid black fill over the graphic.

I then put this graphic in a table to see if it helped – no difference. I then repasted the graphic from original document – no change – therefore the graphic error is with the graphic from the original document that was created before it was sent to me.

It is not a PDF error in Adobe 8.1 even though it is the one that makes the graphic appear solid black – as Word 2007 PDF would not even convert the document to PDF.

It appears normal in Word document sent to myself and in the new document I created to join several chapters together. The black graphic happens only on PDF conversion attempts.

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It has to do with Word 2003, Word 2007 and the source of the graphic perhaps and PDF Adobe Professional code as it was the only PDF that even completed the PDF.

I find it odd that Word 2007 actually created the PDF as the time involved in the black graphic on first try is massive. I had at least 100 graphics and Word 2007 PDF converter would not touch the document either as it was delivered to me online in Chapter Form or after I had pasted the graphic into a new document at my end.

There was no resolution to this issue – I had to advise the recipient that one graphic on page x was solid black – they would have to try and reinsert from original source and/or recreate the graphic as a table not a graphic.

That's my input.

"Robert M. Franz (RMF)" <robert.franz@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:6aaagdF36ppl7U1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello Surffreak

Surffreak wrote:

Can someone please help me with this. I use vista and office for vista. My clients use 2000 or XP versions. I took one of their formats and edited it. When I e-mail the document to them and they convert to pdf, all of the tables and graphics are black. The tables were pasted from excel vista. Graphics are jpg. Anyone know what is causing this and how to fix it. PS, I use Acrobat 8, i am sure theirs is older.

they are black when they print it, or on-screen already? The whole cells are black (no text visible)? Or only, say, colored border lines turn to black?

I take it nothing of this happens when _you_ convert to PDF? [Though that doesn't really matter much. If it already does on your side, what happens when you use the Office 2007 PDF/XPS Add-In?]

What I would try in a situation like this: make sure the 2007 document is created in legacy mode (DOC). And try recreating the tables (i.e., create a new table in Word with the needed dimension, then copy/paste the Excel content as raw text only).

HTH
Robert

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