

Re: inline objects <-> floating objects

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Eric,

I'll address your questions (and key statements) from last to first:

Note: I'm using Word 2000 terminology re inline vs floating.

VBA code necessary so dragged images become inline objects and not floating objects:

— not necessary; once you have converted all graphics with floating wrapping style to In line with text wrapping style, you can manipulate the inline graphic just like you would any character or group of characters in Word; wherever you drag it, it will remain an inline graphic

Changing the layer a graphic lives in:

— assuming we want to change floating objects to inline objects, first double-click the object, click the Layout tab; if the In line with text box is not grayed out, click it and click OK; you have converted the floating object to an inline object.

If the In line with text box is grayed out, exit the dialog box; copy the floating object, move the insertion point to where you want to insert it, click Paste Special, click Picture (png) and click OK; double-click this pasted object (still a floating object), click the Layout tab, click In line with text and click OK; then delete the original object. You now have an inline object.

Telling what layer a graphic lives in:

— if you click an inline object, the sizing handles will be black; if you click a floating object, the sizing handles will be white; to review the status of the wrapping style of all the graphics objects, click Options on the Tools menu; click the View tab; make sure the Picture placeholders check box is cleared (related to inline objects) and make sure the Drawings check box is checked (related to floating objects); click OK; if you switch to normal view, the only graphics objects visible will be inline objects (Note that inline objects are visible in all views; floating objects are only visible in print layout and web layout views)

"Converted" floating objects not visible in normal view:

— the 2 preceding "paragraphs" address this issue

Should behave in a predictable manner:

— there's no question inline objects are far more stable and simpler to understand and manipulate than floating objects (problems with anchors, shifting positions, etc.); one tip would be to place the inline object in an otherwise empty paragraph in all situations except where you need the features of a frame

Reports and proposals requiring graphs, images and tables, usually with captions:

— floating objects are a disaster when it comes to captions (and the table of figures you can generate from them); a caption for a floating object is inserted in a text box (a floating object); consequently, it's in the drawing layer; fields in the drawing layer are not recognized by fields in the text layer so all captions in text boxes will be omitted from a table of figures; this is not a problem with inline objects which are in the text layer. This shortcoming of captions for floating objects also affects other fields, such as cross references

Finally, if you need to wrap text, just put the inline graphic and the caption in a frame (Insert Frame on the Forms toolbar; not on any menu).

Good luck!

Jon

"eric theise" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:CE0A8A2F-8236-4981-8753-7AAB81D8E149@microsoft.com...

> *We're having problems, wrestling with graphics in Word 2000 and Word X.*

> *From what I've read, it seems that we'd be better off using inline objects and frames instead of floating objects. We never need to put graphics behind of or in front of text. We're generating reports and proposals that require graphs, images, and tables, usually with captions, that should behave in a predictable manner to the co-authors of the documents.*

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> *Some questions:*

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> *<http://word.mvps.org/FAQs/DrwGrphcs/DrawLayer.htm> and other resources*

linked from that doc talk about converting floating objects to inline objects by selecting Format + Picture, Layout, Inline with Text. I do this, and expect that the graphics will then be viewable in Normal View. But they are not, and I do not believe that they've been converted.

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> *How can you tell what layer a graphic lives in? How can you change it?*

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> *Finally, is it really necessary to run VBA code to reconfigure Word so that dragged images become inline objects and not floating objects?*

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> *Thanks, Eric*

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