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Hello John,

If I turn off the bullets in the features list of the damaged doc (it lets me do that!) and cut/paste the text list into another document, the bullet problem still follows the list! How did they manage that?

Microsoft knows what you want better than you do ;-)

Exactly. A \$150 upgrade of Office every year or two, forever. I'm so po'd at the bugs, I fork up the cash. And they load a new set of bugs to make sure the cycle continues.

You can actually pay Microsoft to attend seminars on how to write robust code.

As others have said before try Open Office. I just did. The word processor is quite bloated and I can't say much about its behavior yet. But I prepared a presentation using its "Impress" part, kind of like Power Point. This was much more stable than Power Point, didn't crash once.

One reason why I currently stick with Word is the preview feature before opening a file. Very handy. However, I have learned the hard way by experiences just like yours to write documents very plainly and only at the end do the "fancifying". Then it'll crash a lot but at least I have the core text saved. I do this last bit of work in a file that is temporarily saved as "temp.doc". When that gets corrupted, oh well. Only when completely done will it be saved via my file numbering system.

BTW I finished a project and thus a document for a client an hour ago. Just as I inserted a schematic things became like molasses and a gray box popped up "Word has generated errors and will be....". Oh man. Luckily it took out just that temp file. Lost about 5 minutes of work.

Regards, Joerg

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