

OT: OpenOffice not 100% compatible?

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Hello Folks,

Happened again: Client sent enclosure drawing as Word document. I could read it no sweat, our layouter uses Word-XP and only saw a blank page. When I opened it into OpenOffice I also got a blank page. So I just converted it into a more compatible (non-MS) format and everyone could read. What causes this?

Here is the scoop:

Word 97: Reads it fine.

Word 2000: Reads it fine.

Word XP: Blank page, can't see drawing.

OpenOffice: Blank page, can't see drawing.

Wish I could post the file for others to try but can't, for confidentiality reasons. But maybe others had this experience and know how to avoid it?

I tried OpenOffice after some fellow newsgroupers suggested it but so far I am not enthused. It takes many times longer than Word (!) to load the Writer program, it has no file preview AFAICT and gobbles up a huge amount of RAM resources.

BTW I use MS-Word strictly in Word-97 mode and so far never had any client complain about not being able to read it. I am not a Microsoft fan at all but must say that it allows the insertion of pretty busy schematics and it still stores the whole document in a remarkably small file size. But the main reason I use Word is the file preview feature, very handy when you receive docs with cryptic file names.

Regards, Joerg

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