

## Re: OT: Adobe Reader weirdness

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mpm wrote:

On Mar 18, 5:35pm, donald <Don...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

A few months ago I installed Reader 8.1.1 on an XP machine.  
( new install of Adobe Reader to a new new install of XP, on a new  
harddrive)

Sometime in the past few weeks, whenever I double click on a pdf file,  
Reader will open in half of the screen, the lower half.

I went through the options, but when I open a pdf file for the first  
time abter booung up the machine, it will be half a page.

Today I deleted v8.1.1 and installed 8.1.2, and the same half screen  
startup.

Anyone see this before ?

donald

I've not seen it, but I'm somewhat familiar with Adobe weirdness, --  
particularly with their Illustrator-10 product (which I would NEVER  
purchase again!!) So, at least I've been there.

I have a couple questions:

You're saying "half-page". What does that mean exactly?

The Acrobat window consumes half the screen space, or the PDF image  
contained in the Acrobat window is using only half the available  
space?

I double-click on a pdf file in Explorer, Adobe Reader opens and  
the "Blue Bar" at the top of the Reader window starts in the middle of my screen.

I can double-click on that top bar and it fills the screen.

I close the Reader window and double-click on the same pdf file and it opens at mid-screen again.

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Obviously: Check File, File Properties, etc.. and see what the Open Options are set to.

If set to Windows default, that could be your problem. This setting is document specific, by the way....

Also check the magnification factor on startup. (Also, document – specific unless set to Windows default)

You might try opening a PDF and then adjust everything you need to do, to get it to fill the screen. Then save this resulting effort as a new file somewhere. Close Acrobat, and then reopen that or another file and see if things get reset.

Otherwise, I suspect you'll have to track down what the preferences file is for your version of Acrobat (sorry, have no idea what it's called, but it's probably NOT over–written on a re–install incidentally, which is why that approach won't work). You'll have to delete this file and Acrobat will recreate it on its next run.

Yes, I figured that there is a config still hanging around somewhere.

It may be in the registry somewhere as well.

At least, that was the "fix" for the Illustrator–10 bug(s). I suspect the same sort of thing with Acrobat.

Lots of folks will tell you to jump ship and use some other PDF vendor. Sometimes this is the right move. I contend a better move is to simply use version 5.0, which will more than likely do everything you'll likely ever need it to, and it was a very, very stable release on XP platforms.

Good luck.  
–mpm

Thanks

donald

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