

Table Problem 1 of 2: New Tables Overshoot Margins

Notice that the left and right sides of the newly created/inserted table extend beyond their respective margins. Surely this can't be right?

Greetings,

The table shown was automagically created by using the Table » New Table command (via the old skool menu system). You will observe that the table stretches beyond the left and right margins. I find this not merely irksome, but wrong.

The problem, if it be a problem, seems to result from the (IMHO) odd way TM 2021 is handling cell sizes. It starts with the cell width, then it expands the cell borders to allow space for the Table » Cell Properties » Format » Margins. Surely the cell width should be sacrosanct and TM should instead be reducing the usable space inside of the cell by the margins?

N.B. As I recall, a similar issue occurs when placing borders (“lines”) around objects. The enclosed object is not reduced to make allowances for the border (line) widths, but rather the lines extend past the object (and possibly the margins, etc.).

The table problem I reported above is only one of two problems introduced by the new (or at least newer) version(s) of TM. The second problem is TM’s intermittent refusal to change cell widths. The table dialog will accept changes to the Table » Cell Properties... » Format » Width, but the changes will

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not be applied when the dialog is closed. Because of its intermittent nature, I have not been able to document it *in flagrante delicto*, but I'm gunning for it.

Kind regards,

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