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Acrobat 5.0 eTips and Techniques

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This eBook sampler is a free download of excerpted pages from my 101 Acrobat eTips and Techniques. For a complete list of all the topics included in the complete work, a table of contents is included in this document.

For the complete work, visit:
<http://www.mightywords.com>

The complete work covers over 100 helpful tips and techniques in working with Acrobat 5.0.

In addition to this book, I also have 101 Acrobat Forms Tips and Techniques available on MightyWords. Both publications are sold for \$11.95 each.

If you're an Acrobat maniac, look for my Acrobat 5.0 PDF Bible, April 2001.

Best Wishes.

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Distiller's Downsampling Threshold

When using Acrobat Distiller for version 4.x or 5.x, the default downsampling threshold in the Distiller Job options is 1.5. Acrobat 3.x used a downsampling threshold of 1.0. Hence, you may have found distilled files are larger with Acrobat 4 and 5 than found with Acrobat 3.

When you use a downsample amount of 150 dpi, the images will be downsampled to 225 dpi. 72 dpi results in 108 dpi. (1.5 times the amount used for downsampling).

To change the threshold to a 1:1 [downsampling](#) amount, open a set of [Job Options](#) in a text editor. Find the line of code:

`/ColorImageDownsampleThreshold 1.5000`

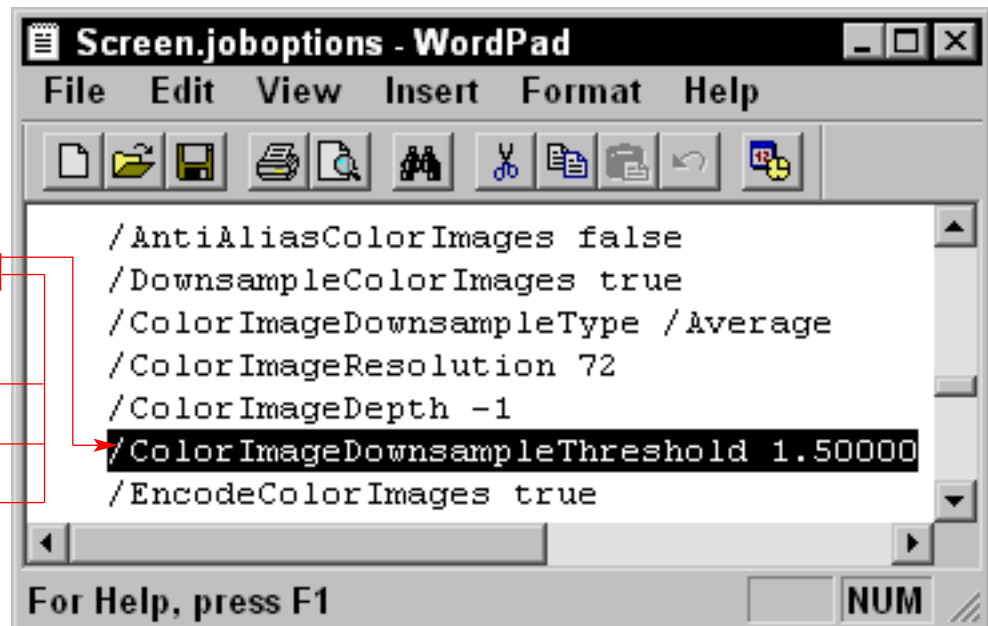
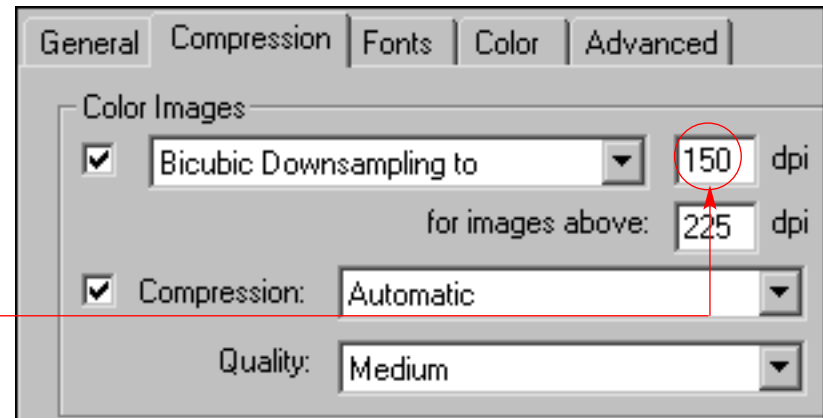
Also find:

`/GrayImageDownsampleThreshold 1.5000`

`/MonoImageDownsampleThreshold 1.5000`

Change the three values to 1.0000.

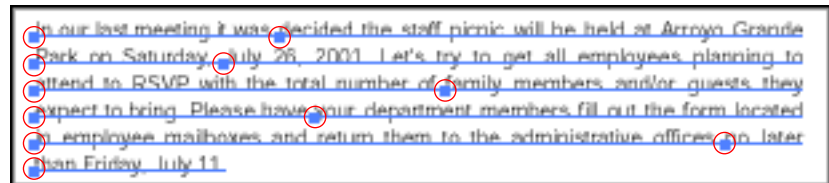
Save the file with a .joboptions extension to the Distiller:Settings folder.



Editing Text Blocks in Adobe Illustrator

Text blocks are often a problem when PDFs are opened in external editors. If the TouchUp Text tool can't be used in the PDF where paragraphs are to be edited, you need to use an external editor.

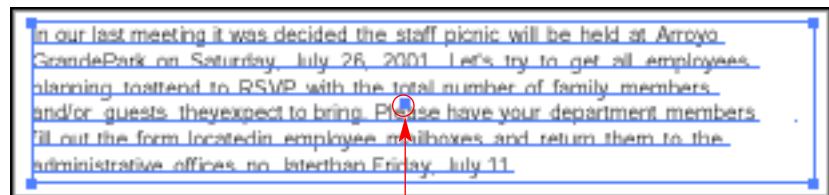
When a PDF file is opened in Adobe Illustrator, the text blocks will be broken up as shown right. Tabs and indents will be a problem and word wrap won't work at all.



To resolve the problem, select all text in the block to be edited (Control/Command + A). Select Edit → Cut. Use Illustrator's Text tool and drag open a text rectangle as shown right. The cursor will appear blinking in the top left corner.



Select Edit → Paste (shown right). The text block will be pasted into the rectangle. All text will now appear as a contiguous paragraph block where tabs, indents and word wrap will function properly.



Center point of the rectangle. The text is not broken.

Bonus...

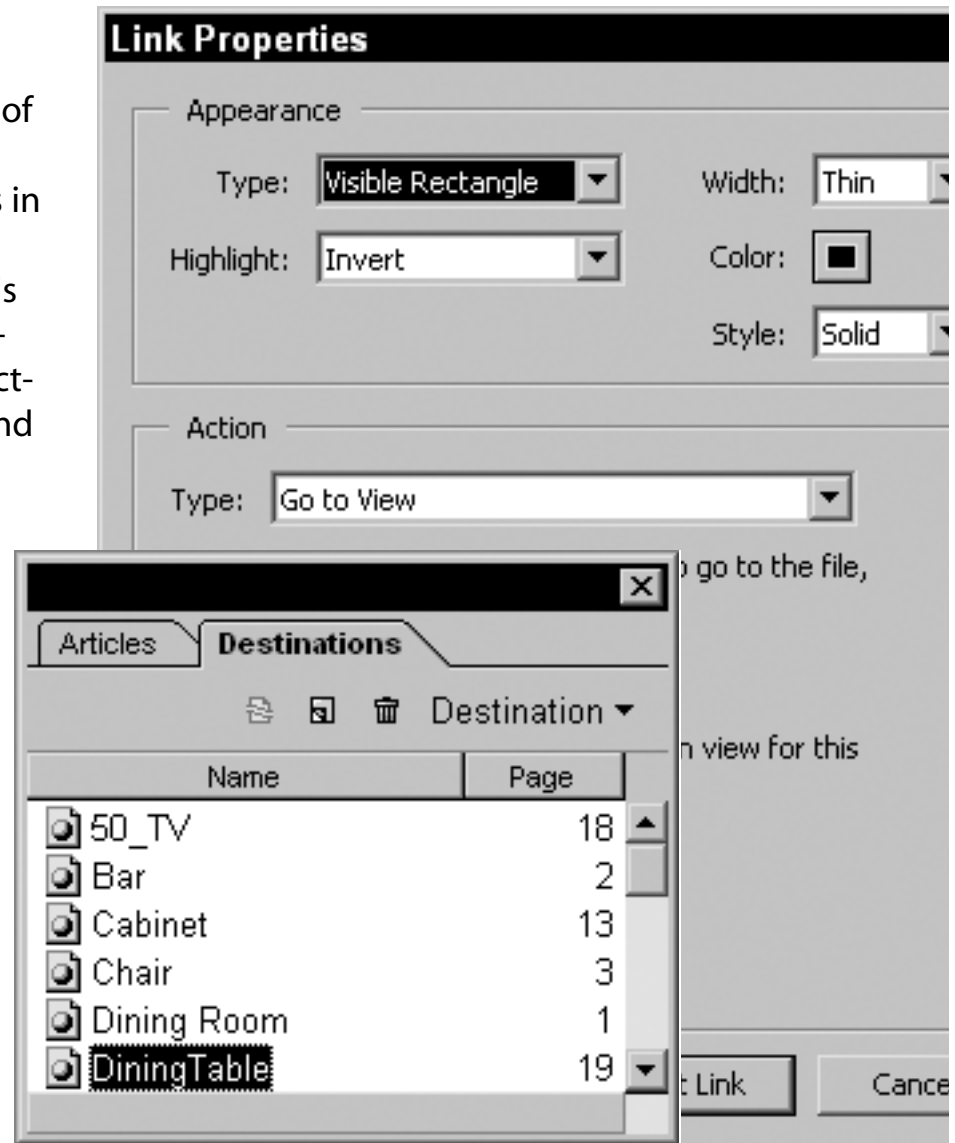


Linking to Destinations

If you create a link from one document to another and subsequently delete the page of the link destination, the link will become unusable. An alternative to linking to pages in PDF files is to use the [Destinations](#) palette and create a link to a destination. If a page is deleted, the next page occupying the destination will be opened when the link is selected. For example, if a destination is page 2 and page 2 gets deleted, the new page 2 will become the new link destination.

In the destination document, scan for destinations. Create the destinations to be linked to. In the source document create a link with the [Link tool](#). While the Link Properties dialog box is open, select the destination document and scan the destinations palette. Select the destination name for the page to link to and click on Set Link in the Link Properties dialog box.

When the link is selected, the destination file will open and the page where the link was targeted will be displayed.



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