Chapter 1 : Adding "PAGE LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK" on Word created blank pages

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After showing that most blank pages are defective, we suggest a number of alternatives, factually correct or less ambiguous. Comparison of self-referentialism in surrealist art and academic literature. It is generally accepted that its purpose is to indicate that the page on which it appears is purposely bereft of content. Yet the very inclusion of this phrase nullifies its intent: Indeed, it is now intentionally not blank. By virtue of self-reference, the phrase denies its own existence, despite the fact that we know it is there. The US Code of Regulations actually mandates that blank pages in certain books and pamphlets must be marked as such. This has lead to a large number of people attempting to solve the philosophical conundrum such non-blank blank pages create, often through online fora and crowdsourcing platforms. Please do not read it. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first systematic study of intentionally blank pages IBP in the academic literature. Methodology A total of 56 individual IBPs were found on the online ScienceDirect platform, 24 of which were immediately available for purchase and study. These appear to be a cross-disciplinary selection, so it is felt that this will give a good indication of the treatment of IBPs over a wide range of subjects. It is notable that these IBPs are largely from books. It appears that journals generally do not leave blank pages, intentionally. Variability in font family, size and resolution of the text on intentionally blank pages. Analysis Out of 24 PDFs, only one was truly blank. This was checked by rendering of its contents at high resolution dpi followed by a search for non-white pixels. The remainder were manually examined, showing some variety in their style Figure 3. One used a sans-serif font, although the majority 22 out of 24 used a rasterized sans serif font in varying sizes and positioning. The reason for the omission of the informative text on this page remains wholly unclear. Histogram of disclaimer text width on IBPs. The data point corresponding to the single perfectly blank page in our sample is highlighted in orange. The BDR can be defined as the amount of space on the page that is in fact not blank, primarily caused by the presence of text. Automated determination of the BDR was undertaken using custom Mathematica scripts. The font used may also affect the BDR, whereby fonts with serifs cause higher BDRs, due to their occupying more space. Additional interference effects may also be present. By contrast, our control has a size of merely bytes. Even the peer-reviewed genuinely blank IBP was 8. To put this into perspective, only average IBPs provided by journals can be stored on one standard floppy disk; our control allows for the storage of IBPs. Printing these would certainly provide enough blank pages for most practical purposes. Chart showing text alignment across the sampled IBPs. Positioning of Text Visual observation shows that most pages have their text placed centrally, both horizontally and vertically. There is some variation, however, most commonly horizontal displacement of the text to the right and downwards vertical displacement. This distribution can be seen in Figure 5. The pages are all designed to be viewed in portrait mode, with no line-breaks being used. What is intended to occur if pages are purchased for use in landscape orientation is unclear, but the text will be misaligned in such situations, causing readers to have to turn either their heads or their reading material in order to confirm that the page is indeed blank. Our control was created in a matter of minutes, for free, using a simple text editor. Considering the current pressure on research funding, and to ensure no unnecessary spending of taxpayer money is undertaken, we recommend the use of our control IBP in future. There is some variability in this price, owing to variations in the BDR. We note that publishers could substantially increase profit margins by selling truly blank IBPs. This would greatly alleviate the heavy financial burden borne by academic institutions that frequently require blank pages. If this were to be true, the absence of any philosophy or religious texts from the sample is surprising. Such a hypothesis would suggest that the readers of publications such as Frontiers in Dusty Plasmas and Asymptotic Methods in Probability and Statistics are well ahead on the Zen-curve, an unlikely conclusion. This value has been added through a rigorous process of peer-review and professional copyediting, and usually takes the form of the added text. By contrast, our control IBP lacks this additional text and has not been peer-reviewed according to normal procedures. The publisher supplied pages are therefore less confusing to most readers, who would otherwise be left to infer for themselves that the pages are, in fact, blank. We are considering the

addition of similar text to all blank pages in our possession, and printers. There is nevertheless an alternative, intriguing explanation. The presence of blank pages in multiple domains may imply that several editors have fallen to this creative impairment. Indeed, given the volume of published academic texts, it is unlikely that just one editor would be responsible for this series of blank pages. Unfortunately, it is not a standard practice to report the name of the editor associated with each IBP and it is therefore impossible to draw a firm conclusion. We hope that this work might instigate interest from social and behavioural specialists to further investigate this intriguing possibility. Alternatives Our analysis suggests the intentionally blank pages are flawed in a number of ways. Here we suggest some alternatives, the use of which will vary depending on the desired outcome. Where the intention is to reassure the reader that they have come to the end of the current text, some syntactically meaningless symbols at the end of said text can indicate that it was not left blank accidentally. Emojis may provide a novel method of conveying to the reader that the text has ended e. Otherwise, the traditional blank page paradigm may be maintained with some alteration to the current standard phrase. The page on which this statement has been printed has been intentionally left devoid of substantive content, such that the present statement is the only text printed thereon. If using typesetting software, such as LaTeX, it may also be possible to automatically state exactly how much blank space is present on a page. A proof of concept was developed see additional resources , by calculating the BDR in an iterative manner, meaning that this could in theory be applied to all intentionally blank pages. This method both eliminates the usual existential questions posed by self-reference, and is satisfyingly accurate. If the primary intention is indeed to provide the reader with a blank page, all text should be omitted. Parallel Computational Fluid Dynamics and the control page from this study provides an example that may be replicated in other contexts. It should be noted that a number of interesting alternatives are found outside the traditional scientific literature. However, we have been unable to verify whether the pages remain blank when translated into English from the original Persian. Directions for Future Research In light of the significance of these new findings, we suggest that this paper represents the dawning of brave new era beginning in the field of bibliometrics. In addition to their prevalence in English, we suspect that IBPs are found in other languages. Whether these are present in the scientific literature is unknown, since the scientific community largely uses English as a lingua Franca. Regardless, further investigation may reveal further insights and as such, should be examined in much more detail. Personal communication from ScienceDirect indicates their intention to remove these pages. This would hamper future efforts to analyse IBPs. However, blankness itself may be an interesting topic of further study, and prevalence of blankness in other areas remains unclear at this juncture. Further avenues of research that may prove fruitful include the blankness of: Conclusion We recommend the use of our blank control page for situations where a truly blank page is desired, or where a landscape orientation is required, since publishers have not allowed for their blank pages to be used in such situations. Alternatively, the blank page from Parallel Computational Fluid Dynamics provides a peer-reviewed alternative for high-quality applications. Where there is a need to maintain the functionality of the additional text, any of the options proposed in this paper are appropriate. Indeed, different options are suitable for different applications, depending particularly on the need for brevity, accuracy, and humour in each unique case. In response to this development, we have taken the decision make these papers publicly available to ensure that these important contributions to science are not lost to future generations of researchers. While we are aware that this action is in violation of copyright laws, we urge ScienceDirect, and the publishers of the IBPs, not to seek legal redress. Additional Resources Accurate intentionally blank page:

Chapter 2 : This Page Intentionally Left Blank

An intentionally blank page or vacat page (from Latin: vacare for "being empty") is a page that is devoid of content and may be unexpected. Such pages may serve purposes ranging from place-holding to space-filling and content separation.

The sentence This page intentionally left blank. It is a sentence that is always false whereever it appears, but it is not a sentence that is both truth and false. And there is nothing unusual about sentences that are false wherever they appear, most false sentences are like that: Also, note that it is not self-contradictory. A self-contradictory sentence is one that asserts both P and Not-P or is equivalent to a sentence that does so. But "This page is intentionally left blank" is not equivalent to any "P and Not-P" statement. It contradicts the facts of the matter as all false sentences do but it does not contradict itself. Nevertheless, from the standpoint of logic, it is just one more false sentence. It is not really a paradox. Is the reference to Godel supposed to be funny? It is a clear liar paradox. If the phrase is printed it therefore exists. And it exists on the page. There is no equivocation about the type of content that is printed in the phrase. Adjectives and adverbs are often assumed to be true in English, whereas nouns, direct objects, and verbs are usually habitually more thoroughly questioned, and this might be an example of this. If something is written on the page saying it is blank, then something is written on the page. Therefore it is not blank. However, if you are talking about the logic of the statement, it is not actually made. If this is the case, the second user might want to create an account. Another way could be to specifically index blank pages in the beginning of books, papers and so on. I believe this is a serious problem, and should be addressed. I swear that this is all relevant: Where I work, we have lots of software documentation that goes back many years. In some instances, it was another contractor entirely who produced it. In those pre-PC days, these things were typed on a typewriter, occasionally updated with white-out and retyping, or even pasted in text or pen strokes. The whole mess was photocopied whenever copies were needed, often on some horrible copy machine that only took one sheet at a time. To avoid having to change dozens or hundreds of page numbers, you might put page Or you may have to put a blank page in between two others that should be consecutive. One document that came into my possession had an intentionally-blank page in it. The two-word text itself seems to have been awkwardly cut out from another page with dull scissors and roughly pasted in with loose corners: In fact, it looked as if this particular operation had been performed in several past iterations, i. Furthermore, it seemed that all four edges of this page had, at various times, been replaced with new strips cut from some clean paper and pasted into place. On top of being photocopied through many generations, this particular document had been shrunken and stored on microfilm and then blown up and printed on paper from that. So, in summary, you have a piece of white paper with big bold text in the middle, surrounded by lines, streaks, arcs, curves, angles, smudges, striations, curliqueues, all in varying shades of gray, like a relief map of some mountain range or contours of geological strata. There was very little white space left on the thing. It was downright oxymoronic. The Andy Warhol "Blank Page. For example, folded to make 8 pages, it is called an octavo. More commonly, 16mo and 32mo are used in modern printing. The generic term is signature. What if the page is blank and appears blank, but the book is written in a language in which blank space means "This page is blank"? If this can be corroborated, it should go in the article. Better still would be getting a scan of one of the original official blank pages. I will keep looking. Most important is the reason. As software was changed the technical manuals had to be updated. The manuals were all loose leaf binders so only the changed pages were sent by IBM. These were manually inserted. Suppose it was a long section of the document, that might mean that say 10 pages may have to be shuffled-up. This left two contiguous blank pages. Some IBMer with a sense of humour had one page set with "The page opposite has been left intentionally blank". Blank section[edit] A blank section is not a good idea to put in the article. It does not demonstrate any of the reasons why intentionally blank pages are used, and is not in itself an intentionally blank page anyway. The images are enough demonstration and example. This one just looks stranger than the rest. This is so incredibly pointless. That guideline is about avoiding references to Wikipedia itself. Sections that talk about "this section" do. The main problem with not referencing Wikipedia

is so that the content will look alright on mirror sites, which this would. The article contains several, in fact. But is there anyone who believes readers will be serviced by an intentionally blank section, or is this one of those "too cute to leave out" things again? Actual examples that illustrate where this is used in real life whether visible or not are valuable, but an artificial example we think up ourselves not as a simplification or as an instance of a general problem is dubious. Have you ever heard of or seen an "intentionally blank section" other than in this article? The Zork mention hardly counts, since it amuses by being deliberately incongruous. Suppose a blind person uses a text-to-speech reader for this page. They have already read the common version of the "this page Why not use alt texts for the images? Furthermore, for the majority of users, the section looks ridiculous. So the section is redundant in the least amount of cases and looks silly for the rest. We should act with a bit of professionalism. Printing "this page intentionally left blank" on a page is self-refuting, since a blank page cannot have any writing. Some organizations, such as the College Board, have realized this and changed the blank page notice; for example, on the SAT exams, the message now reads, "No test content on this page. IMHO, the original usage with a dose of common sense is more appropriate. The statement is obviously self-refuting, just as it obviously conveys the idea that the page was intentionally left blank except for the sentence that conveys it was intentionally left blank. The current revision of the article reads "have avoided this problem" rather than "have realized this", which should take away any objection over implying foolishness. Yeah, I like the change to "avoided this problem". Mind if insert the phrase "if read literally" so that the paragraph says, "Printing "this page intentionally left blank" on a page is self-refuting if taken literally since a blank page cannot have any writing. Some organizations, such as the College Board, have avoided this problem by changing the notice; for example, on the SAT exams, the message now reads, "No test content on this page. One can often make sentences shorter by leaving parts out. I consider this an important point to note for anyone, or are you targeting in changing semantic rules? As a reason it was stated that this contribution has no source and is irrelevant. I would call it valid statistics data about the current real world usage of the phrases in questions and further a listing of the forms those phrase is used. For me Wikipedia is always a melting pot where quality meets information. You cant reach quality of an article without getting all major parts of information on the topic. Documenting nowadays use of some wording is as essential as e. Find a reliable source that lists this data. I would still argue that this content is irrelevant. What if i just make a web page out of the data above, writing a PD license below the values and only afterwards copying this values into wikipedia? Man, the information is already there. The extra value is just done by composing a set of related values into a listing or a table inside the wikipedia. Repeating the searches today, ghits: Such pages also may contain -- will often contain, in my experience -- page numbers, another kind of metacontent. The error arises, to some degree, if the present tense is used, because the metacontent then contradicts itself. But without the verb, or if some form of past tense is used, there is no contradiction at all. Further, even if the present tense is used, the statement is simply glossed with an understood "Except for this notice and the page number Or were you talking about things that hang down? BlankPage in the Examples section? Not sure how helpful it is because I can see only the first page. A lot of material has been deleted from this article in the past, because it lacked sources or for other reasons; I suspect that some of that material, if it can be properly sourced, might provide a basis to get started on the rebuilding of this article.

Chapter 3 : Why are Some Pages "Intentionally Left Blank" and Why Do They Say This?

If you might accidentally leave the page blank, you might accidentally insert a page This page left intentionally blank where a proper page should be (for example, a misfeed in a collating machine). A better way of expressing a blank page would be to have the page number and document title in the header/footer as usual, which in itself confirms.

The document has 80 printable pages, and content ends on page Intentionally blank pages are usually the result of printing conventions and techniques. Chapters conventionally start on an odd-numbered page recto page ; therefore, if the preceding chapter happens to have an odd number of pages, a blank page is inserted at the end. Book pages are often printed on large sheets because of technical and financial considerations. Thus, a group of 8, 16, or 32 consecutive pages will be printed on a single sheet in such a way that when the sheet is mechanically folded and cut, the pages will be in the correct order for binding. This is called an even working , and the group of pages is called a section or signature. Books printed in this manner will always have a number of pages that is a multiple of the number in such a signature, such as a multiple of 8, 16, or As a result, these books will usually have pages left blank, unless by chance or editorial ingenuity the exact number of pages are printed. For example, if a book with pages of content is printed using page signatures, it will require 10 signatures, pages in total. At the very end of the book â€" that is, at the end of the last signature â€" there will be 2 unused blank pages. Intentionally blank pages are ubiquitous in technical and instructional manuals, directories, and other large, mass-produced volumes of text. This automation of manual generation leads to intentionally blank pages to fit the requirements for mass printing. In digital documents, pages are intentionally left blank so that the document can be printed correctly in double-sided format, rather than have new chapters start on the backs of pages. Intentionally blank pages have also been used in documents distributed in ring binders. This allows updates to be made to a document while requiring minimal new pages, reducing printing costs. The only drawback is the increased time required by the reader to manually insert various newly updated pages into their correct locations in the document. Because all of these separate sections are printed consecutively in the examination booklet, it may be possible for a test-taker who has finished the section early to see through the page and read the problems in the next section. By placing intentionally blank pages between these sections, the test-taker is prevented from cheating in this way. By printing a notice on the page, such as "this page has been intentionally left blank", test-takers will not be concerned that their test has been misprinted, especially as test instructions often instruct students to check for missing or blank pages and to report any defective test booklets to a proctor. These pages may also be useful as scratch paper. Sheet music In books of sheet music , relatively short pieces of music that span two to four pages often need to be arranged so the number of page turns for the performer is minimized. For example, a three-page work starting on the left-hand sheet followed immediately by a two-page work involves one page turn during each work. If a blank page immediately followed the three-page work on the right-hand sheet , the two-page work will span the left and right pages, alleviating the need for a page turn during the second work. Intentionally blank pages may also prevent a page turn during a difficult passage. Classified documents In the United States armed forces, classified[how? Variations Intentionally blank pages placed at the end of books are often used to balance the folios that make up the book see bookbinding. Often these pages are completely blank with no such statement or are used as "Notes" pages, serving a practical purpose. In the case of telephone-number directories , these pages are often used to list important numbers and addresses. These pages may list other books available from the same publisher. Book publishers have also used stylized designs dingbats underneath the last paragraph of a chapter to indicate that no other content is to be expected until the next chapter, allowing for the possibility of blank pages without misunderstandings by the readers. There are also published books that, as a novelty, contain nothing but blank pages. In their first title, Zork 1 , inspecting an engraved wooden door resulted in the text:

Chapter 4 : This Post is Intentionally Left Blank - Academia Obscura

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK. Form () Page 3 Use Form to figure the amount of investment interest expense you.

Chapter 5 : Intentionally blank page - Wikipedia

1. Context. The phrase "This Page is Intentionally Left Blank" is ubiquitous in the world of printed text, appearing most notably in instruction manuals and exam papers.

Chapter 6 : grammar - This page intentionally left blank - English Language & Usage Stack Exchange

Pages are numbered sequentially and in most of them there are several blank pages with the "this page intentionally blank" on it so people don't think there are pages missing. That would be bad when dealing with classified.

Chapter 7 : Inserting a â€˜This page intentionally left blankâ€™ message | CyberText Newsletter

In the example below, I've entered 'This page intentionally left blank' as the watermark text and set the font, font color, and font size. I only wanted to put this watermark on a single page in the document (page 2), so I clicked the Page Range Options link (top right of the window), and set the page.

Chapter 8 : Talk:Intentionally blank page - Wikipedia

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