Werner,

Thank you for your post. It works like charm and, since it only generates 1 pair of EBEGIN-EEND, it is much more preferable to my current scheme.

However, one problem: I have no idea how it works, and I am sure that this would also be the case with other Mr Average Users.

First I thought that the secret was in .da, in appending, and tried to simplify your case by moving things out of the macro (Scheme 3 in the schemes.pdf file). Yep, it is ok with asciihex, but not with ascii85. The secret of avoiding 'cooking' is not (only) in using .da.

Another thing: it is also a three-part series, not very simple. The auxiliary macro disrupts the flow of PS from <pre> to <post> more than a single *[something] would.

Werner, could you please explain how your scheme manages to avoid 'cooking' the image file, and why scheme 3 fails. I certainly don't know a lot of facts that would enable me to experiment with a chance of success.

If you could manage avoiding 'cooking' with a a 'one-part series' (Schemes 3 and 4), that would be GREAT. Then I would not even mind if I could not understand its working :-)

Anyway, thank you for a big step forward:

Miklos

PS I am just curious about the placing of .br after the buffer macro. Does it have to compensate for some side-effect of the macro or it is just there by 'accident'?