I just found (and fixed) a bug in mupdf.

Routine loadcolorkey ("fitz\mupdf\pdf_image.c" line 181) and defines (tbit, ttwo, tfour in "fitz\raster\imageunpack.c" line 93) scale palette pixel values.

Thus a 4 bit/pixel bitmap pixel with value 14 becomes 14*17 = 238.

Routine pdf_loadtile ("fitz\mupdf\pdf_image.c" line 514) tries to undo the scaling by multiplying the scaled pixel value with 65536/scale.

Thus the pixel palette index from above becomes HIWORD((65536/17)*238) = 13. That completely mixes up colors.

I understand that multiplying is faster than dividing, but a scale factor of 16 for 4 Bit, 64 for 2 Bit and 128 for one bit would help better.

I don't know for what the scale is good for anyway. Leaving the pixels untouched would be speedy and correct.

Comment 1 by kkowalczyk, Today (5 minutes ago)

Could you post a PDF that shows this problem somewhere? That would help convince mupdf people that the fix is right.