

Re: Create macro which automatically creates PDF of a report

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I haven't used Stephen's tool, so I cannot suggest an approach. May I suggest that you post a new question about the use of the tool? Stephen or others who've used it are more likely to see your question if you make a new question.

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Ken Snell
<MS ACCESS MVP>

"ChuckW" <haji@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Ken,

Thanks for your help. I actually downloaded and install the leban application. It will automatically convert a report into a pdf file. It has a form in it that lists all of the reports available. There is a button at the bottom that says "Click here to save this report as a pdf file". When I click this button it opens the report in pdf format. What I really want to do is the run this entirely in batch mode. I want to set up a scheduled task so that at 6:00 am, the pdf file will be created and then saved to a certain file. Any idea how I go from have to manually click on a report listed on a form and manually saving the file to a certain folder to actually doing this as a scheduled task? The report would be done once a week and would have the same name and location every week.

Thanks,

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Chuck W

"Ken Snell (MVP)" wrote:

If the PC on which your database runs has the CutePDF printer set as the default printer, then all you need do is print the reports (macro action OpenReport); they'll be printed to PDF format. I haven't used CutePDF in a while, so I don't recall if it requires user intervention for naming the file that is to be created — if it does, a user would need to be involved when the macro is executing.

Otherwise, Stephen Lebens has a neat PDF utility for creating PDF files — haven't used it, but other MVPs have raved about its usefulness and versatility. See <http://www.lebens.com/reporttopdf.htm> for the info and code. This will require use of VBA programming, not macro, although you can run VBA code from a macro using the RunCode action that calls a public function that then runs the desired VBA code.

Let us know what you decide you want to try to do.

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Ken Snell
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Ken,

Thanks for your help. I have a main database that many people use and I am attempting to create a separate database whose sole purpose is to create pdf files based on reports. I have an autoexec macro that imports tables in from the main database and I have scheduled it to run every day. I have

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imported various queries and reports from the main database as well. I want to schedule this to run in the morning on our fileserv. We do have a pdf write called Cute PDF which is a free writer I downloaded and installed on our server. So I won't need to application to switch the printer back and forth. I only need it to print a report. I want to include this is part of my autoexec macro. How would I imbed code into this macro and should I still use the code you were suggesting?

Thanks,

Chuck

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Chuck W

"Ken Snell (MVP)" wrote:

You'll need a PDF printer driver to be installed on your machine. Then you'll need to use VBA code (not a macro) to change the printer assignment to the PDF driver, print the report, and then change the printer back to the default printer. Note that this will work using Application.Printers object in ACCESS 2002 and 2003.

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Hi,

I want to create a macro that
when run will automatically
create a
PDF
of
an
access report and save it to a
certain folder. Can someone
help?

Thanks,

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Chuck W