

# Re: Linking workbooks

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I am not sure from your comments whether you have one file accessible from two computers or two copies of the files on separate computers.

One file accessed from two computers

It is bad practice to have a file available for update by more than one person which is why, by default, any other user will be locked out. Whilst it may be inconvenient for one person to be locked out of a file having both users trying to update the same record would produce a muddle.

Two files on separate computers

Having two copies of a file means that you can both access data independently but, at the end of the day, you now have two files with a mixture of updated data which should now be merged.

I hope I have adequately covered your query.

Regards.

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Hi, I have two workbooks, exactly the same, on two different computers and both have to be updated. Updating takes place by two different people. My problem is that when I try to update the one on the other computer, the user has left it on and I get a read only file and vice versa when he tries to update mine.

We both need this file at varying times of the day, sometimes at the same time. Is there anyway that I can link these two files so that as I input data or he inputs data, both files are updated?

Thank you