

How best to distribute Excel 2003 spreadsheet with VBA Macros?

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Ok not as simple as it may sound! LOL!

I have an Excel 2003 spreadsheet app that needs to be distributed within the organization I work for. However, many of the users of this spreadsheet will be mobile and often not connected to any network (stand alone users). The spreadsheet has VBA macros I've written of course. Now everytime we try to open the spreadsheet on any PC besides the one I developed it on, there's this 20 something second delay before the "Enable Macros?" warning message pops up... I believe it's looking for my self-signed digital certificate from my development PC on every other PC we try to run the spreadsheet on! Since that certificate was a "self-signed" certificate it only exists on my development PC.

The startup delay while Excel times out looking for that certificate is unacceptable. How do I handle this? We can't use an internet based certification authority as many times the user's PC's won't be connected to the internet at all (the file will be sent to them on memory sticks and cd's).

Also or alternatively, how do I get Excel to stop looking for that self-certificate I had on my development PC? Simply removing it from the Trusted Certificates list doesn't seem to have stopped Excel from looking for it... it apparently remembers that I used a self-signed certificate to create the VBA macro's and keeps trying to find that certificate anyways.

Help! I'm still Googling the problem but not finding any solutions here. :-(

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