

## Re: Microsoft® Office 2007 Beta

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Beth,

Thanks for all your help.

About Adobe:

Uninstalling Adobe caused me a new set of grief. I started to get a series of errors that stated "compile error in hidden module: AutoExec". A search of the Internet resulted in a site that instructed me how to remove the pdfmaker.dot file (I had to delete the pdfmaker.dot file in the Office 11 Startup folder). Many people use Adobe products to PDF their documents . I imagine many who are beta testers are frustrated with Microsoft and likely don't realize the source of the problem.

About Microsoft's PDF Maker:

The Microsoft PDF Maker is okay. However, it doesn't have the advanced features I have come to like in Adobe's product (or I just can't find them). I like being able to customize my bookmarks and set security settings. The Microsoft PDF Maker seems to be made for people who want an easy way to have people view files. However, my reasons for transferring files into PDF format are to allow people to view my files, but not be able to change them.

Keyboard Shortcuts:

Nope, I can't make keyboard shortcuts for my styles...Try this and tell me if you get the same "screen glitch". I have found that when I press several keyboard shortcut combinations (alt+n, alt+w) that I typically use in Word 2003, in Word 2007 my screen changes and a pile of letter buttons appear below the ribbon icons. You can not click on the buttons, and they go away when you click the mouse.

Sending you the File:

I am sending you the file. It is quite large so I will provide you with a link in the email that will allow you to download it. Please note, that this file is not the only one we are having troubles with. I have opened up numerous documents made based on the same template and they all have the same problem. As well, I have opened up other documents based on other templates

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with different custom styles and they too have the same issue.

"Beth Melton" wrote:

Why doesn't it surprise me that the Adobe add-in is causing some of the problems? Actually that one was my first thought!

There have been issues with the Adobe PDF add-ins in every version of Word. It's Adobe that needs to get their act together – the problems stem from poorly created add-ins. <sigh> I suspect you'll find the add-in has issues in Word 2003 as well.

If you need only the pdf format then is there are reason you aren't using Save as PDF under the Save As flyout? (Under the Office Button menu)

So then are you able to create keyboard shortcuts for your styles now?

Could you share the document you are working on with me? I'd like to take a look at it and see if I can determine the exact problem. You can email it to me directly at bmelton@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Remove "NoSpam4Me" to obtain a valid email address.

Please post all follow-up questions to the newsgroup. Requests for assistance by email can not be acknowledged.

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Beth Melton  
Microsoft Office MVP

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"technochrista" <technochrista@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:AA4BC410-4156-4A06-96C4-93020B85CFA9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:AA4BC410-4156-4A06-96C4-93020B85CFA9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Beth,

Thanks for writing back.

Regarding the Shortcuts:

There is an inconsistency in my ability to use shortcuts. For example, standard shortcuts such as ctrl+b to make something bold, work great. As

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well, I created a macro with a keyboard shortcut and it seems to be working.  
However, I can not make shortcuts for my styles. When I do I get the error message "Word can not change the function of the specified key".

Add-Ins:

I checked my add-ins. I believe the pdf.maker was causing me grief. When I uninstalled the program I found both Outlook and Word have been a lot more stable. However, this leaves me in a bad spot because I can't pdf files. My co-worker has downloaded a trial version of the latest Adobe product (version 7). We can use it for 30 days. We are waiting to see if Office 2007 has issues with this software.

Header/Footers:

I took your advice and converted the document. However the page numbers are still incorrect. I have tried reapplying the style to the Chapter Names but have had no luck. I imagine this may not be a problem if I had made the file from scratch in the newer version. However, personally, I will want to migrate many of my older files into Office 2007 and I will need the new program to be able to read the styles that are part of the existing file.

"Beth Melton" wrote:

You aren't the first to mention that you can't create keyboard shortcuts for your styles. I have no problems with this either. So...do you know if you have any add-ins installed?

Go to the Office Button and select Word options. Then select the Add-ins section and take a look at your Active Application Add-ins.

I'm wondering if one may be causing a conflict.

Regarding your style and page numbering issues, first I'm

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curious  
to  
know if it is a compatibility issue. Create a copy of the  
document  
and  
then go to the Office Button and select Convert. See if you  
still  
encounter the problems.

btw, the current versions for Office 2007 are version 12 but  
they  
are  
called Word 2007, Excel 2007 and so on. Version 11 is  
Office 2003.  
:-)

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<technochrista@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in  
message  
<news:3D87A504-23C7-42CA-9776-41E174670B50@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Beth,

You are very lucky. I wish I knew what your  
secret was. I have  
had  
numerous  
problems. On Friday I was working with the  
new Office 2007. My  
computer froze  
and had to restart Word 11 times. I am  
working with an Office  
2003  
file that  
has built-in styles. Office 2007 seems to  
have difficulties using  
the  
existing styles which are part of the file. In

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the document I  
have  
page  
numbers read the chapter number (1–1,  
1–2). The chapter numbers  
are  
based on  
a style. Office 2007 can not properly create  
the page numbers.  
That  
is just  
one example, of the numerous problems I  
have in working with the  
beta version  
of Word. Another example, is that I typically  
apply styles using  
keyboard  
shortcuts. I set up Word so that alt+N is the  
Normal style, alt+B  
is  
Body,  
etc. Every time I try to setup these type of  
shortcuts in Word  
2007,  
the  
program gives me an error message and says  
that it can not  
perform  
that  
function. By the end of the day, on Friday I  
was very frustrated  
(I  
just  
don't have that much time to waste). I  
resaved the document as an  
Office 2003  
file and opened it in Word 2003. My page  
numbers started working  
properly and  
my keyboard shortcuts all worked ...and  
more importantly I had no  
more  
crashes. I downloaded the "Smiley" program  
from Microsoft. While  
working with  
the beta version I sent many Smiles because  
there are some great  
features in  
the program that I know I will like to use.  
However, I also sent  
some Frowns.

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"Beth Melton" wrote:

Can you expand on some of this or provide some repro steps?

I haven't encountered Word crashing if I link page numbers to the heading styles or when creating macros – I've also used a lot of the advanced functionality.

I'm not sure what you mean about customizing the workspace but I have several customizations, options, keyboard shortcuts, etc and no crashes.

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I find that it has some excellent features. However, it is a bit unstable. If you are a person that typically uses advanced program features you may find it frustrating. I have noticed that when I work with styles, try to customize the workspace, create macros, design keyboard shortcuts, or create custom page numbers based on heading styles the program crashes. If I just do simple things like type and make the text bold it seems to be

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okay.  
However,  
if you are a  
person that  
needs to do  
more than  
that, you  
may  
find  
the beta  
version a  
source of  
frustration.

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