

Word 2000 Template and VBA Script Deployment

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I develop forms in Word 2000 for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and need a way to deploy Form Templates with scripts to approximately 3000 employees using templates from two different storage locations ("C:\MSHP Forms " and a Network drive "\\svrghq\MSHP Forms"), these employees also need to share the documents they create from different template storage locations with each other.

We have officers using portable computers in cars that have templates loaded on their local C:\ drive, because they are not always connected to the network. The office personnel using desktop computers access templates from the network because they are connected all the time.

Unless I am doing something wrong, when a document is created from a template in Word 2000, none of the scripts transfer from the template to the child document. Instead, a reference to the template is placed in the VBA Project. When a script is called in the document, it is accessed from the referenced template.

Here's the problem: When an officer in a car creates a document from a template stored on C:\, the document has a reference to the template on C:\. When that document is sent to the office, the clerks can open and read the document, but none of the scripts work because they do not have the template stored on their C:\ drive; their templates are on the network. The problem exists in reverse when someone in the office originates a document and sends it out to an officer in the field. I can copy templates (there will be around 700) to everyone's C:\ drive, but that causes a tremendous amount of overhead and is very inefficient, so I'd prefer another way.

I created a script using the "Application.OrganizerCopy" method to copy all the scripts from the template to the new document, thus making every document a self-contained

uint; however, VirusScan sees this as a W97M/Generic virus and deletes all the scripts from the document and template.

Is there a way to deploy the Word 2000 templates without copying them all to C:\ on all 3000 computers?

Should I use something other than templates to deploy these forms?

Am I developing the templates wrong?

Is there a way to make the documents (.doc's) self-contained units with all the scripts without tripping virus scanning software?

I'll be glad to send you examples or whatever you need.

I've been fighting this for about 3 years and am at wits end.

NOTE: Excel automatically copies all scripts from templates to new workbooks. Is there a setting that will allow or make Word do the same thing?

Thank you