

Re: Variables/fields

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There's no practical way to do this. Once you've created the PDF, it's content is effectively locked. It is possible to make minor changes (text touch-up), but this is not easy to automate even if you DO know a lot of VB/VBA. PDFs don't have embedded fields similar to Word, and it has no way to reflow the text if your customers' corporate or product names are significantly longer or shorter than the originals.

An easier approach is to create a standard set of Document properties. Define these in your master control file. In your Word templates and documents, define these property names with dummy values, using the File > Properties > Custom tab. In the body of your document use { DocProperty [PropertyName] } fields to display the field value.

Find someone who knows some VBA to write a routine that opens the control file and reads the property values, then opens each of your customer documents, sets the values, updates fields, and creates a new PDF.

"MichaelD" <Mike@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:D503B383-741B-4C0F-9712-DF832842546C@microsoft.com...

> *Can anyone provide tips about how to set up variables for names in Word files*

> *so that they can be changed globally, from a control file, after that Word*

> *file is converted to PDF? I would rather not have to add fields to the PDFs*

> *after authoring if I can avoid it, since there are many of them.*

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> *This is to enable customers who lease the product to change corporate and*

> *product names to their own names, without recreating the PDF.*

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> *By the way, I am unfamiliar with VBA.*

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> *Thanks,*

> *Mike Long*