

Re: lock text

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Mike,

Please note that Jay's suggestion will only be fool-proof if you can force your students to always enable macros when opening the assignment. Which you can only do if they will always be doing the assignment under your supervision, so it seems to kind of defeat the purpose. Unfortunately, there IS no fool-proof way of locking content in a Word document.

Here's a suggestion, though: create a template for assignments, and using VBA, create a document variable which will store the student's name in the individual assignment files. Use a docvariable field in the header of the template to reference this document variable. Create the individual assignment files from the template and in each file, assign a different student's name to the document variable (this could easily be automated). Now, a document variable can't be modified or deleted through the Word interface, only by using VBA. So chances are, though your students can delete the field in the header and type a different name in its place, they won't know how to tamper with the underlying document variable; then you can discover the value of that variable either using VBA or by inserting a new docvariable field.

Regards,
Chad

"Jay Freedman" <jay.freedman@verizon.net> wrote in message
news:%23o9uf3EjEHA.396@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> *Hi Mike,*

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> *Try the method of protecting headers described at*

> <http://word.mvps.org/FAQs/Customization/ProtectWord2000PlusHeader.htm>.

> *Don't use a field, just plain text. If the text is in a textbox or frame,*

it

> *can be placed anywhere on the page, not just in the header area.*

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> *Regards,*

> *Jay Freedman*

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> *Microsoft Word MVP FAQ: <http://word.mvps.org>*
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> *mike wrote:*
>> *I am a HS teacher and trying to create a template to be used by*
>> *students for daily assignments. My goal is to create a template for*
>> *each student w/ their name already filled out to prevent students*
>> *from copying each others work.*
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>> *I want to be able to lock certain the student info portion in the doc*
>> *so the students cannot alter the it.*
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>> *1. I've tried inserting a field and locking it but I can still*
>> *modify/delete the field*
>> *2. Protect document is not a viable solution b/c any info added by the*
>> *student is tracked. This would be ok if I could protect certain text.*
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>> *Any suggestions?*
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