

# Re: DDE mailmerge between Word and Excel

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The only thing I can think of is the MDAC (Microsoft Data Access Components) version on the machine.

I don't know much about it, but I had a similar very perplexing problem that required me to find and update the MDAC components. Search the Microsoft site for them...

On 9/2/07 11:24 AM, in article  
7AEDAF5C-5D36-4259-84D1-777E4ED61732@xxxxxxxxxxxxx, "jpccol"  
<[jpccol@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jpccol@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Until recently, I've been successfully merging my Word 2003 forms with my Excel 2003 database using DDE. After loading Window XP updates on one machine, the mailmerge is not working properly. The database does not stay connected after file is closed. I can reopen and reconnect with the database, and everything works fine, but when the file is closed and a new document is later opened with the document template, no database is connected, and I must go through the connection process again.

I think I've narrowed it down to a Windows Xp Pro (or Explorer 7) problem. My Win 2k machine is not having the problem (with the same templates and databases). My older XP Pro machine is having the problem, as is a new XP Pro laptop I installed this week (all running the most recent Windows and Explorer updates).

Any suggestions? Any new settings I'm overlooking?

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