

# Re: Macro Security Warning

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- *From:* K <K@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:44:07 -0700
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Wow that worked great. And because your instructions were very clear the task was easy. Really appreciate your help. K.

"Jay Freedman" wrote:

Rest assured, computer challenged or not, you wouldn't have found a solution for this in the Help. Doug Robbins's article isn't really what you need, either.

The core of the problem is this: There are only a couple of folders that Word "trusts", meaning that macros in templates in those locations are allowed to run without being challenged. One of those is the Templates folder, and another is Word's Startup folder. Both of these are subfolders within C:\Documents and Settings\<your name>\Application Data.

Application Data is a hidden folder. Unless you change a setting in Windows Explorer, you can't see the hidden folder or files within it, and a file search won't find them. To be able to see the hidden stuff, start Windows Explorer, click Tools and then Folder Options, and choose the View tab. In the list of options, click "Show hidden files and folders" and click OK.

The Templates folder holds the Normal.dot template and some other templates that are used to create new documents.

The Startup folder is often empty. But any template that's stored there gets loaded whenever Word starts, and macros and toolbars in the template are available in all documents. (These templates are often called "global" because they apply to all of Word.)

There's another Startup folder, the one named in the error message you quoted: C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\OFFICE 11\STARTUP. Templates stored there will also be loaded when Word starts. But this is not a "trusted" location, so Word challenges the macros in the template. Apparently MYOB (and a number of other programs that want to add macros and toolbars to Word) either don't understand that distinction,

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or think it's too much trouble to locate the real Startup folder within your profile (the path with your name in it). So they stick their templates in the Startup under Program Files and leave you to deal with the consequences.

The fix for your problem is easy: Move (don't copy) the file MyobMn97.dot from the Startup under Program Files to the Startup under Documents and Settings.

To finish up, open Word and go to the Tools > Macro > Security dialog. Click the Trusted Publishers tab, and check the box for "Trust all installed add-ins and templates". (In this option, "installed" means specifically "stored in one of the trusted locations".)

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Regards,

Jay Freedman

Microsoft Word MVP FAQ: <http://word.mvps.org>

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On Wed, 18 Jul 2007 14:42:00 -0700, K <K@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Recently I activated Word 2002 on my XP. All was working fine until recently. Now when opening Word a Security Warning window opens saying "C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\OFFICE 11\STARTUP\MyobMn97.dot" contains macros, and a selection is provided to disable macros, enable macros, or Help. I'm sure it has something to do with the fact that I am severely computerly challenged, but when I selected Help, I didn't find anything I recognized as help for this situation. However, from a search in this forum for "macros" I found:

Subject: Re: how do I get rid of the security warning when opening Word?  
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See the article "Why is my "Blank Document" not blank?" at:  
<http://www.word.mvps.org/FAQs/AppErrors/BlankDocNotBlank.htm>  
by Doug Robbins - Word MVP

I didn't understand what the author was trying to explain or what the fix was sposed to fix but but because it offered a way to get rid of the security warning when opening Word I tried following those instructions anyway. Apparently I didn't do well because nothing changed. In addition, I just did a search for Normal.dot and didn't find anything. It's really not such a big deal. Word still works fine and having to select 'enable macros' at every Word opening will not kill me or anything. It would simply be less cumbersome if there was a fix - that computerly challenged Me can follow. Any ideas or suggestions anyone

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have to offer would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, K.