

# Re: Tab key problem in a protected document containing a VB control

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Not that it is any comfort for you, but the same behaviour occurs in Word 2007.

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Hope this helps.

Please reply to the newsgroup unless you wish to avail yourself of my services on a paid consulting basis.

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Steps to reproduce the problem:

- 1) Create a document with protected and non-protected sections
- 2) Create a table in a non-protected section.
- 3) Protect the document. Note that the tab key advances the cursor to the next cell in the table, as expected.
- 4) Unprotect the document and turn on design mode.
- 5) Add any Visual Basic control anywhere in the document.
- 6) Turn off design mode and protect the document again. Now try to press tab in the table – it will jump to the next unprotected section (or back to the top). Even if you remove the VB control, the tab behavior is still affected.

I tried overriding the tab key behavior by creating a macro named NextCell, but I found that once you add the VB control it no longer calls this function – it's doing something else. I couldn't find anything on Microsoft's support site about this issue, and couldn't find a solution via google searching either.

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This problem is very annoying as I could benefit from being able to use VB controls in a protected document. But if the users can't navigate the table as usual (especially tabbing past the end to create new rows), I have to find workarounds using macros and toolbar buttons.

I am using Word 2000, so maybe the problem was fixed in a later version. I'm rather doubtful, but please let me know if it works in your version so at least I know I can use VB controls in the future (if we ever get around to upgrading). Any suggestions for workarounds are also appreciated.

Thanks,  
Elbyron