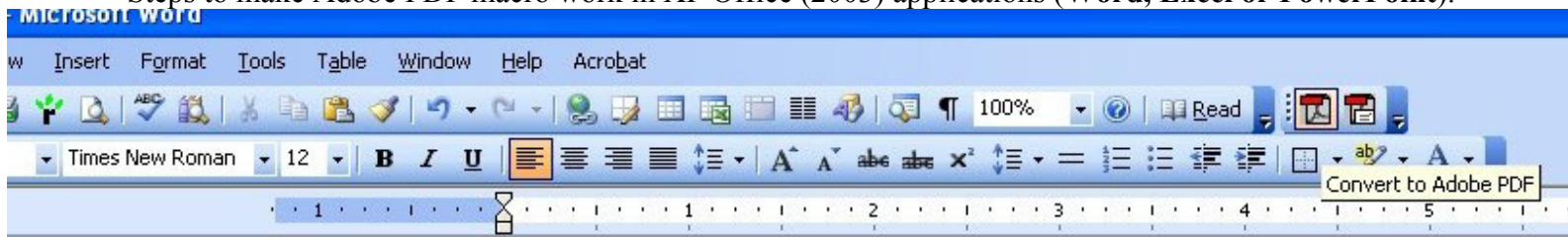# NEED to create a PDF file from MS-Office and have the hidden URLs work?

(Versions of Adobe Acrobat Writer older than 6.0 won't do it using XP Office (2003) progs. without some Jerry-rigging.)
http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/assistance/HA010983221033.aspx (<< read this, but don't do anything they say.)
If all you need to do is READ a PDF, click here.
Steps to make Adobe PDF macro work in XP Office (2003) applications (**Word, Excel or PowerPoint**).

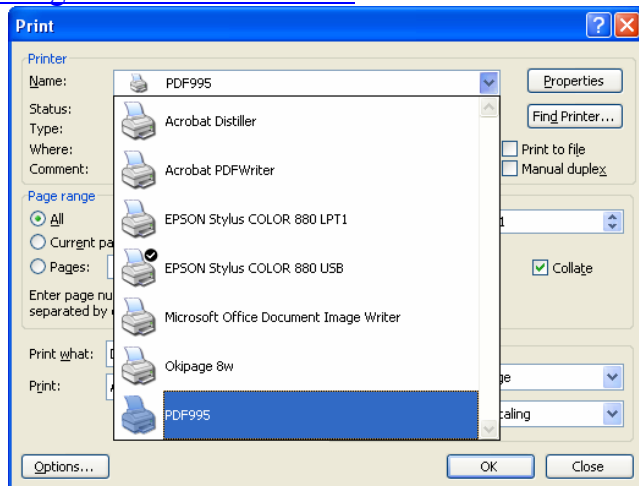WARNING: MS-Word may still be goofy and unstable even after making this work.

Using the Macro is necessary to make embedded (hidden) URLs work. Here is an example:
LINKS: to my special picks" of "What every 12th grader should know." (This is a hidden URL that you can click on)

Otherwise just print using the PDFWriter or Acrobat Distiller (these come with Acrobat Writer, not Reader.)
…or any FREE PDF maker out there will convert a WORD.doc to a PDF file. In the result, URLs will be HOT.
http://integrative.homestead.com/ <<This will still be a HOT url regardless, when you print to PDF995 for example.

You can just download PDF995 and run the EXE file
and the PDFmaker (PDF995) will show up as a printer in your Print menu. (Select and print to it.)
(but if you use ANY of these printers… **LINKS: to my special picks"** will NOT be a hot URL using this method.)
Incidentally, the PDFWriter makes the smallest file, the PDF995 is next I believe and the Distiller is largest, and nearly twice the size as the Writer. PDF995 is the way to go if you don't have Acrobat (writer) and don't need hidden URLs.
So here's what you do – Refer to the following URLs first:
http://beqiraj.com/office/2003/pdfmaker/index.asp (but don't read any of these.)
http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/assistance/HA010983221033.aspx (This one is only helpful if you want to get rid of it.)
http://www.adobe.com/support/techdocs/326505.html (You would need to read this too to get rid of it.)
But let's get on with how to install the MACRO into Word, Excel or PowerPoint:
Adobe acknowledges the problem, but doesn't really support 5.05 with a real stable solution.
http://www.adobe.com/support/techdocs/323749.html (This makes it look like they do, but this is a cluge. Still we use it.)
Similar problems exist with ALL Adobe versions: http://www.adobe.com/support/techdocs/317147.html
STEP ONE: Install your Office programs, then Acrobat, and then **RUN an update** from the following Adobe site:
http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/detail.jsp?ftpID=1309
http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/thankyou.jsp?ftpID=1309&fileID=1301 (more specifically)
to make the 2003 version of XP WORD more stable with Acrobat 5.05
STEP TWO: Click on TOOLS / Macro/Security and set the level to Very High or High (preferred)
STEP THREE: Click on the Trusted Publishers Tab and check the box to Trust all installed add-ins and templates.
STEP FOUR: Click on TOOLS / Templates and Add-ins and check the box for PDFMaker.dot (Repeat this step 4 every time you start MS-Word if the PDFMaker icons do not appear on your tool bar (shown at the top of this page). However…

This STEP FOUR does NOT have to be repeated every time you start Word if you do the following:

Copy the "PDFMaker.dot" file into the following Folder if you don't want to have to open the TOOLS / templates and select it every time you start Word: C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\OFFICE11\STARTUP. (However, every time Word starts you will still be asked to confirm that you want the Marcro to run, but at least this will save you a step and you won't have to remember what to do. The 5.05 macro will NOT run automatically with the later versions of XP office, so this is the Jerry-rig solution.)

Now you will see this EVERY time you start Word:

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RECOMMENDATION: (if you are worried about instability of Word on days you aren't using PDF maker)
If you don't intend to use the PDF maker on any given start-up you can opt NOT to continue
by choosing the button on the right: "Disable Add-in for this Session"
You can even remove the "PDFMaker.dot" file from the C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\OFFICE11\STARTUP folder
if you think this is more annoying than useful.

Second recommendation: (if you are worried about instability of Word on days you ARE using PDF maker)
If you HAVE been making PDFs on a given day and have the Marco installed (icons appear in the toolbar)
you can always deselect the "PDFMaker.dot" in the Tools/Templates and Add-ins
and thereby disable the macro except when you want to use it.
(Icons will disappear.)

FINAL NOTES:
Some say that TWO files are required to convert an MS Word doc to PDF format - PDFMakerA.dot and PDFMaker.dot, but that is not my experience. Seems that only PDFMaker.dot is required, though the PDFMakerA.dot WILL show up in the Add-ins template after you activate the MACRO. I select ONLY the PDFMaker.dot, but leave the PDFMakerA.dot there (unchecked).
PDFMakerA.dot   (<< you may wish to refer to some of these LINKS here to learn more.)

More technical info than you need, but just in case…
http://www.gmayor.com/lose_that_adobe_acrobat_toolbar.htm
http://www.standards.com/OhMyWord/VBABugsFeatures/PDFMakerandWordMacros.html
http://www.officekb.com/Uwe/Forum.aspx/word-menus/2112/I-lost-my-Acrobat-PDF-icons-in-the-toolbar

There are other free PDF makers out there (which create PDF files in which embedded URLs don't work),
…but PDF995 is the only one I tested.
It works great... if you can put up with the advertisements. http://www.pdf995.com/ (Pay $9.95 to get rid of ads.)
Exact download link, click here >> http://www.freeware995.com/bin/pdf995s.exe
This printer driver should work with WordPerfect and other software.

For PDF "converters" see:
http://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-a&rls=org.mozilla%3Aen-
US%3Aofficial_s&hl=en&q=Free+PDF+converters&btnG=Google+Search