

## Making pdfs non printable



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25-Mar-2011, 15:44 #1 I was asked at work if it was possible to create PDFs that could not be printed or could not be copied, that is, Select All, copy and paste into a document. After some research, it turns out that you can. And very simple! The World Wildlife Fund came up with its own file type that could not be printed. This uses file extension wwf and is actually a non-printable PDF. They want you to use their own converter when you can actually do everything with the free office suites of OpenOffice.org or LibreOffice. Both are Microsoft Office compatible and a great option for people who like free open source software. How far you are willing to take the free bite depends on your own point of view. Here's a nice write-up on both -&gt; Open Office Dilemma: OpenOffice.org vs LibreOffice I did this tutorial in Windows (that's what we use at work), but I'm sure it's the same no matter what OS you use as long as you use OpenOffice.org or LibreOffice. I would also like to remind people that there is no such thing as perfect security, and no doubt these files can be cracked and unlocked, but it should at least make it a little harder! Just follow the following steps: Open the document in either OpenOffice.org or LibreOffice and select File Export as PDF Click on the Security tab and set a permission password by clicking the corresponding button. In the Print and Changes sections, select the Not allowed check box. Uncheck the box next to Enable copying content. The finished screen should look like this. Click Export to start converting the document. Select an appropriate name and location for the new PDF. By default, it is the same folder and the same file name as the original document. The document has now been converted. When you open this document in Adobe Reader, the default application for viewing PDFs for many people when you use Windows, the top of the screen will look like this: Notice that the print button cannot be selected, nor edit copy! To err is human... to really foul up requires the root password. 25-Mar-2011, 4:35 p.m. #2 All How To's are welcome and have their place here. I must say that a PDF file that cannot be printed is like buying a printer that cannot print. A PDF file, at least at the beginning, was to allow the original formatting to be displayed and printed. It had the ability not to require you to send out the original document or the need for the original program for which it was written. So, the changes create a kind of For Your Eyes Only document that only needs to even destroy after it's read to be complete I guess. Maybe the person at your work who asked for this should be the first Guinea pig then. Again, a nice write up, but only a curiosities topic in a Linux forum. Thank you, 25-Mar-2011, 5:32 p.m. #3 Originally Posted by Dexter1979 World Wildlife Fund came up with its own file type that could not be printed. This uses file extension wwf and is a non-utscribable PDF. They would you use their [FONT =Arial] own converter when you can actually do everything with free office packages of OpenOffice.org or LibreOffice. Both are Microsoft Office compatible and a great option for people who like free open source software. How far you are willing to take the free bite depends on your own point of view. Here's a nice write-up on both -&gt; Open Office Dilemma: OpenOffice.org vs LibreOffice IMHO, World Wildlife Fund format (.wwf) is greenwash. It is also a form of DRM (Digital Rights Management), which is bad. The .wwf converter also adds a WWF advertising banner to each document: last time I checked, that banner could not be removed. The All wwf format automatically disables the PDF print flag. You can do it yourself without using WWF converter. And a .wwf can actually be cracked and printed using GhostScript. As disturbing, .wwf can be FOSS-unfriendly. 25-Mar-2011, 8:36 p.m. #4 yes, that's stupid. They promote as their ability that OOo has had for a while. There is no way to really prevent printing/copying. If you can see it, you can print/copy it - even if it takes a few extra steps. Some viewers also let you disregard restrictions. The only way I know to avoid direct copy (character clip/paste) is to rattle PDF. KPDF can do this, that's what it's protecting tab does. Of course, the copier can enter the text back, but it will at least make him do some work. 26.03.2011, 0:59 #5 a pdf that can not be printed or copied IMPOSABLE there is always a way It is like that burn alert episode with NOT copyable usb flash drive -- It is not possible - by the way there is always a screenshot 26-Mar-2011, 1:32 #6 You can also do this to existing PDFs using the command line pdftk. It requires encryption and a password to be delivered. See the allow pdftk command. This type of protection only works when all PDF viewers collaborate. It is always possible to crack the password and change permissions. A rogue app can be used to do this. Therefore, this should not be relied on for secrecy, but only to make things a little harder for the informal viewer to bypass. 26-Mar-2011, 5:19 #7 Originally Posted by ken\_yap It is always possible to crack the password and change permissions. A rogue app can be used to do this. Therefore, this should not be relied on for secrecy, but only to make things a little harder for the informal viewer to bypass. This is very true and mentioned in write up. There is no such thing as perfect security when it comes to this type of documents. This particular case was to enable departments at our hospital to view document-controlled documents on a read-only basis. All printed copies are logged and recorded. But in this way they are available digitally. 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It served a business need, and I just thought that other people could benefit from this knowledge. To err is human... to really foul up requires the root password. 26-Mar-2011, 7:02 #10 I actually use this feature. The last was when you submit a write-up of one of my blogs to some possible future collaborators/publishers/institutions. I don't want to write a stranger and then see my hard work issued in the name of others. Although I tend to trust most I also would like not to make copy/paste too easily and effectively impossible to 99.9% of people out there who would not be able to think in a way around this security. Correct me if I'm wrong. Benno Hansen, M.Sc., Journalist How to use? Drag and drop the file into the toolbox above to begin. Word, Excel, PPT, and image files are converted to PDF format. PDFs are converted to the file type you choose. Don't worry about security. Your safety is our priority. All our file transfers are secured with an advanced level of SSL encryption. 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