

PDF files have an internal document format that requires a software object that "understands" the format. Since many of you might have used the functions of Office in your VB code, let's look briefly at Microsoft Word as an example of processing a formatted document to make sure we understand the concept. If you want to work with a Word document, you have to add a Reference to the Microsoft Word 12.0 Object Library (for Word 2007) and then instantiate the Word Application object in your code.