

With the release of Office 2003, Microsoft has deemed it necessary to burden The World with the unnecessary complication of Macro Security.

Our experience has shown that we have spent more time messing about trying to get customer databases received by email, opened and secured than we ever spent before on dealing with databases that contained viruses or other security threats. The cure is far worse than the problem ever was!

However, we are all stuck with it and must live with it or change to another product.

All of our databases are therefore necessarily issued with a digital certificate to prove who we are, that the database came from us and that it has not been tampered with in any way before it got to you. Unfortunately, these certificates are time stamped and last for just one year. Why? We haven't got the faintest idea.

When our certificate time stamp expires you will be prompted with a security message every time that you open the database warning you that the certificate has lapsed and do you still want to open it.

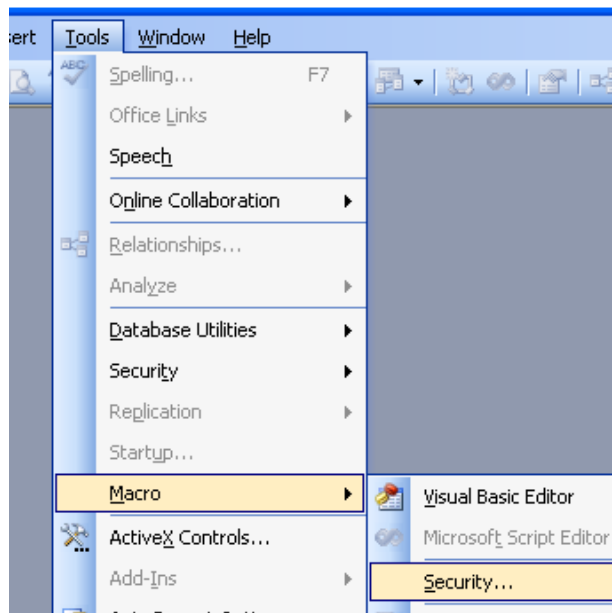
How can you get rid of this message? Either, turn down your Access macro security level (very simple) or, remove our certificate from the database and create your own (straight forward but time consuming).

How to turn down your macro security level

Open Access 2003 (not a database)

and on the menu bar select:

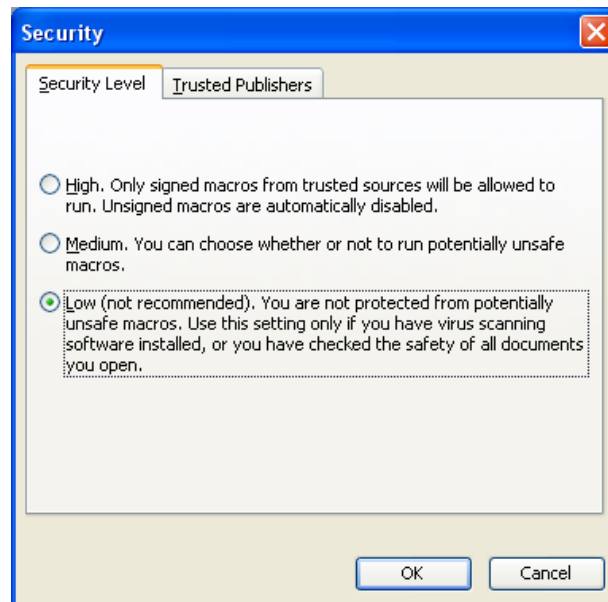
- Tools
- - Macro
- - - Security



Set the Security Level to Low

Click OK

Now, you will never get a security warning again.



How to remove our digital certificate

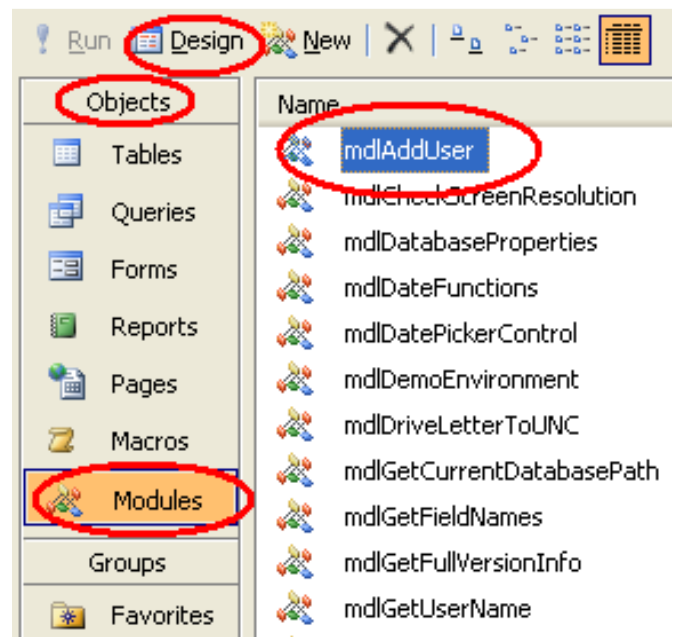
Open the database in design mode by holding down the SHIFT key on your keyboard while it is opening.

Select Modules under Objects

Select any module in the list

Click Design on the button bar

The Visual Basic editor will open

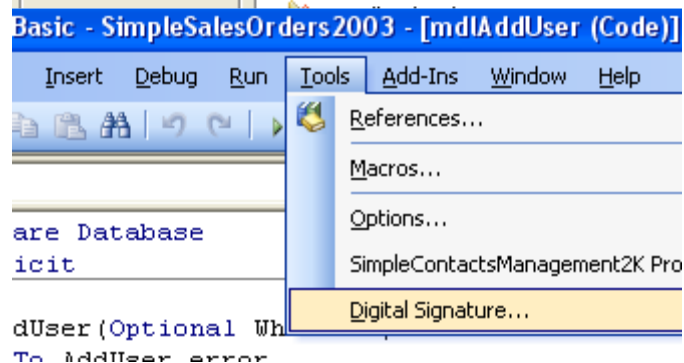


On the menu bar select:

Tools

Digital Signature

The signature dialogue window will open



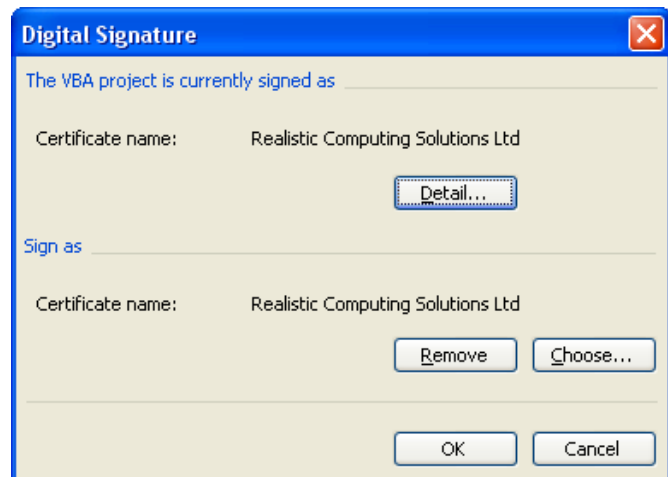
Click Remove

Click OK

The dialogue window will close and take you back to the VB Editor. On the menu bar select:

- File and Save
- then File and Close

Our digital signature is now removed



How to create your own digital certificate

You can create your own digital certificate to use with any of our databases. See the Microsoft tutorial at

<http://office.microsoft.com/training/Training.aspx?AssetID=RC011615881033>