

# Debenu's ARTS PDF Workshop™

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# 1. Introduction

ARTS PDF Workshop™ is an add-in for Microsoft® Excel that allows users to easily manage their PDF document collection. ARTS PDF Workshop™ creates an Excel spreadsheet that is populated using file information from these PDFs. The spreadsheet can be updated with any required changes and these changes, once applied will be reflected in the original PDF files. ARTS PDF Workshop™ offers an effective and easy to use way to update and manage important document information and control security.

Some of the features available included in ARTS PDF Workshop™ are:

- Merge multiple PDFs.
- Copy one/multiple PDFs.
- Open one/multiple PDFs.
- Review multiple PDFs Document Metadata.
- Update multiple PDFs Document Metadata (spreadsheet to PDFs).
- Print multiple PDFs.
- Apply security on PDFs.
- Set initial view in PDFs.
- Refresh Worksheet.

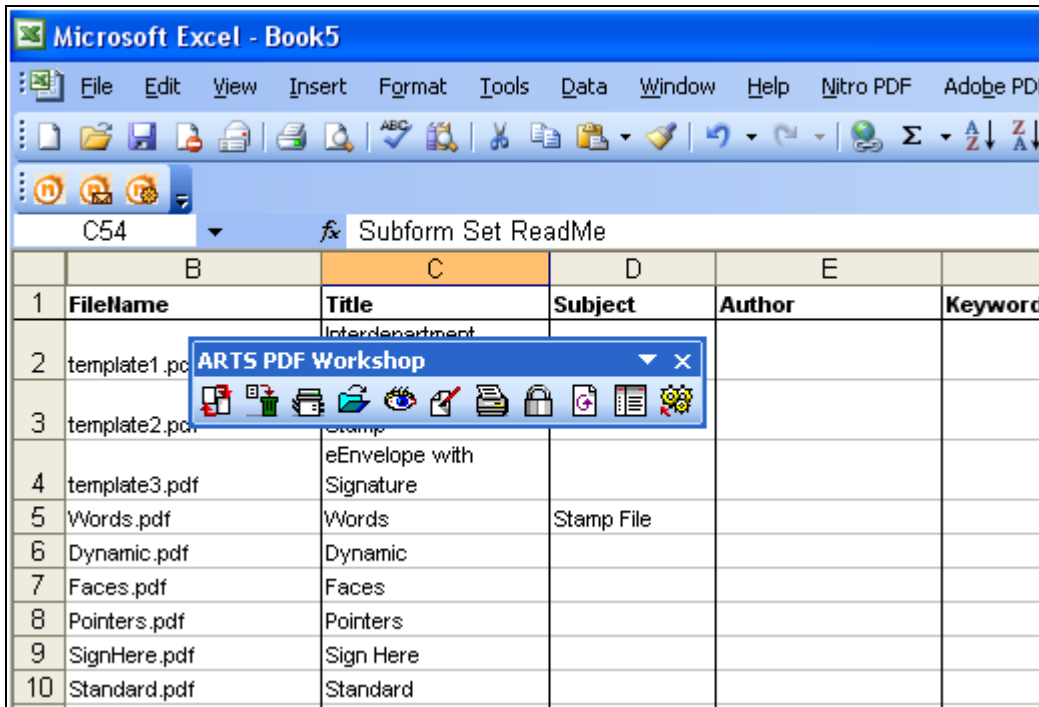
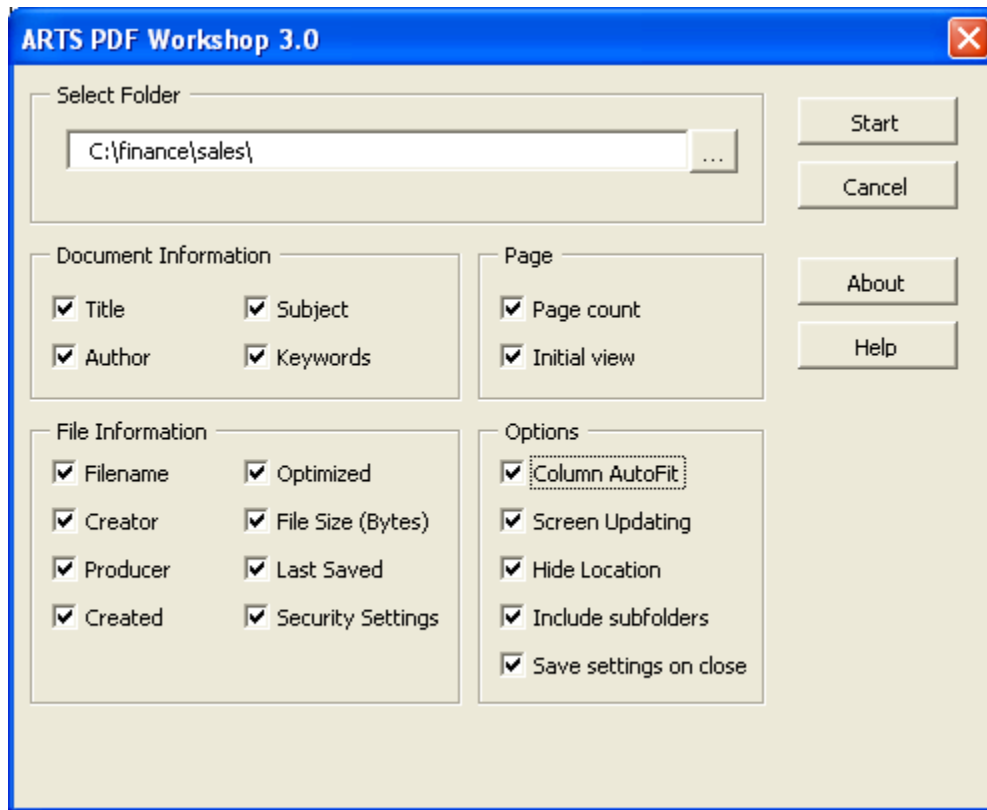


Figure 1. The ARTS PDF Workshop™ toolbar inside MS Excel



**Figure 2.** The 'Run ARTS PDF Workshop' main dialog

## 2. Setup

### 2.1. System Requirements

#### Windows

- Intel® Pentium® processor or equivalent
- Microsoft® Windows 98 SE, ME, Microsoft Windows NT® Workstation 4.0 with Service Pack 6, Windows® 2000 with Service Pack 2, Windows XP Professional or Home Edition, or Windows XP Tablet PC Edition
- Microsoft® Excel 97, 2000, XP, 2003
- 64MB of RAM (128MB recommended)
- 50MB of available hard-disk space
- 1,024x768 screen resolution

For technical support queries, please consult the Troubleshooting section of this manual or email [techsupport@artspdf.com](mailto:techsupport@artspdf.com).

### 2.2. Installation

You may have received this software on either CD-ROM or as a downloaded file.

#### Windows (CD-ROM)

To install from a CD-ROM:

1. Verify that Microsoft Excel is not running.
2. Insert the CD-ROM.
3. If the CD-ROM does not automatically start, navigate to the CD in Windows Explorer and execute the Windows Installer.exe file.
4. Navigate to ARTS PDF Workshop.
5. Click Install.
6. Follow the prompts to install ARTS PDF Workshop.

#### Windows (.exe)

If you downloaded ARTS PDF Workshop, to install:

1. Verify that Microsoft Excel is not running.
2. Execute the installation file provided.
3. Follow the prompts to install ARTS PDF Workshop.

## 2.3. Activation

If you have the demo version of ARTS PDF Workshop™ installed, activate the full version using the following steps:

1. Select 'Run ARTS PDF Workshop' the Data menu within Excel or click the 'Run ARTS PDF Workshop' toolbutton.
2. Select the 'About' button.
3. Ensure you have a valid serial. To obtain a valid serial you must purchase the product:
  - a. Select the 'Register' tab page and click on 'Buy Now' to purchase the full version.
  - b. After your purchase has been confirmed, you will receive an email containing your serial number.
4. Select the 'Register' tab page and click on 'Activate'.
5. Enter your license details, including your serial number, and click "OK".

## 2.4. Uninstall

### Windows

To install on a Windows platform:

1. Verify that MS Excel is not running.
2. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel.
3. Open Add/Remove Programs.
4. Select 'ARTS PDF Workshop™ 3.0' from the menu.
5. Click 'Add/Remove'.

## 3. Using ARTS PDF Workshop

### 3.1. Getting Started

After successfully installing ARTS PDF Workshop, open MS Excel and locate the ARTS PDF Workshop™ Toolbar (described below). If the toolbar is not present please consult the [FAQ section](#) of this user guide.

Before being able to apply any updates to your PDF document collection you must first populate a spreadsheet with document information. To do this you must first **Run ARTS PDF Workshop™** (see [section 3.13](#)). After the spreadsheet has been created by ARTS PDF Workshop™ it is then possible to execute any of the required functions on files within the selected rows.

### 3.2. ARTS PDF Workshop Toolbar

The Toolbar controls the functionality of ARTS PDF Workshop.



**Figure 3.** ARTS PDF Workshop™ Toolbar

#### *Additional information*

Alternatively, you can always right-click on the spreadsheet, which will provide you with a menu allowing you to perform all the functions the menu does. The available features are:

- Merge Files
- Remove Logs
- Copy Files
- Open PDF files
- View Metadata
- Update Metadata
- Print File
- Apply Security
- Refresh Worksheet
- Set Initial View
- Run ARTS PDF Workshop

### 3.3. Remove Logs

Removes all ARTS PDF Workshop™ logs from the current spreadsheet.



Figure 4. 'Remove Logs

#### Instructions on use

1. Select any entry in a valid ARTS PDF Workshop™ spreadsheet.
2. Press the 'Remove Logs' button (Figure 4).

#### Additional information

It is important to note that you cannot remove a single ARTS PDF Workshop™ log. Using this function will remove all logs simultaneously. Clicking on 'Remove Logs' clears all the logs in the spreadsheet.

	A	B
1	Location	Title
2	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\1-7 Exercises.pdf	Open protected
3	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\homework\1-7 Exercises.pdf	Open protected
4	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\ARTS\Acceptance Testing Report (detailed) (Vir95 - Acrobat3).pdf	Microsoft Word - Acceptance Te
5	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\ARTS\Acceptance Testing Report (overview).pdf	Acceptance Testing Report: PDF
6	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\ARTS\Specifications for Workshop\Jehan\Acceptance Testing Report II.pdf	Detailed Results
7	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\ARTS\Specifications for Workshop\Jehan\Acceptance Testing Report.pdf	Acceptance Testing Report: PDF
8	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\AMD Processor Cooling Guide.pdf	
9	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\AMD Processor installation guide.pdf	3/30/2001 8:41:47 AM Printed OK
10	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\ARTS PDF Workshop 2-5 documentation (draft 2)(feedback).pdf	ARTS PDF Workshop
11	C:\Documents and Settings\sd.BINARYTHING\Desktop\ARTS PDF Workshop 2-5 documentation (draft 2).pdf	ARTS PDF Workshop

Each log appears as a little red mark in the corner of the cell. Pointing your mouse cursor over cell makes the log appear. Above is an example of a log file.

### 3.4. Merge Selected PDFs

Merges multiple PDFs into one, and then saves the new PDF to the specified location.



Figure 5. Merge Files

*Instructions on use*

1. Select two or more PDFs to merge together from the spreadsheet.
2. Click on the 'Merge Files' button (Figure 5).
3. Select the destination for the new PDF file.
4. Choose the name for the new PDF file.

*Additional information*

This function is limited to use with PDFs containing no security of any kind (passwords and 'Do Not Allow' options). If the merging process is initiated on PDFs containing security, they will be highlighted, and the process aborted.

## 3.5. Copy Selected PDFs

Copies multiple PDFs to a specified location.



**Figure 6.** Copy Files

*Instructions on use*

1. Select the PDFs you wish to copy from the spreadsheet.
2. Press the 'Copy selected PDFs' button (Figure 6).
3. Select the destination for the copied files.

## 3.6. Apply Security on Selected PDFs

Configures multiple PDFs security – open and security passwords, as well as 'Do Not Allow' options.



**Figure 7.** Apply Security

*Instructions on use*

Adding security settings to PDFs containing no security:

1. Enter the new open and / or security passwords into the 'User Password Present' and / or 'Master Password Present' columns consecutively, for the PDFs you wish to secure.
2. Configure any 'Do Not Allow' options that you require. The options that you can change are: Printing, Changing, Selecting & Adding.

3. Select the PDFs whose security settings you wish to configure.
4. Press the 'Apply security' button (Figure 7).
5. Press the 'Update Metadata' to apply the security settings.

Changing the security settings of PDFs already containing security:

1. Enter the current open and / or security passwords into the 'Current User Password' and / or 'Current Master Password' columns, followed by the new passwords into the 'New User Password' and / or 'New Master Password' columns for the PDFs whose security settings you wish to modify (if removing the password, leave the 'New User Password' and / or 'New Master Password' columns blank).
2. Configure any 'Do Not Allow' options that you require
3. Select the PDFs whose security settings you wish to configure.
4. Press the 'Apply Security' button (Figure 7).
5. To apply the newly added feature, press 'Update Metadata'

#### *Additional information*

The 'Printing', 'Changing the Document', 'Selecting Text and Graphics' and 'Adding or Changing Annotations and Form Fields' columns return 'Y' if the option is disabled, 'N' if it is not, and '?' if it cannot be determined. When modifying the 'Do Not Allow' options, entering 'Y' will disable the feature and 'N' enables it (e.g. entering 'Y' into the 'Printing' column for a PDF will disable printing). The entry is not case sensitive (e.g. 'Y' or 'y', 'N' or 'n' will still work).

No security settings can be modified when a PDF contains a security password, unless the security password is supplied (in the 'Current Security Password' column). In the event of trying to modify the 'Do Not Allow' options for a document with an open password, but no security password, the open password must be supplied (in the 'Current User/Master Password' columns).

## 3.7. Open Selected PDFs

Opens multiple PDFs in Acrobat.



**Figure 8.** Open Files

#### *Instructions on use*

Opening non-secured PDF file:

1. Select the PDFs you wish to open.
2. Press the 'Open Files' button (Figure 8).

Opening a secured PDF file:

1. Enter the open password into the 'Current User/Master Password' columns for the corresponding PDFs that you wish to open.
2. Select the relevant PDFs.
3. Press the 'Open Files' button (Figure 8).

## 3.8. Set Initial View on Selected PDFs

Configures the way the PDFs appear when they are opened in Acrobat.



**Figure 9.** Set Initial View

### *Instructions on use*

Configuring Open Info for non-secured PDFs:

1. Select the PDFs whose Open Info you wish to configure.
2. Select one of the three appearance options
3. (Note: selecting none will reset the Open Info to default – Page Only).
4. Press the 'Set Initial View' button (Figure 9).

Configuring Open Info for open secured PDFs:

1. Enter the open password into the 'Current User/Master Password' columns for the corresponding PDFs whose Open Info you wish to configure.
2. Select the relevant PDFs.
3. Select one of the three appearance options
4. (Note: selecting none will reset the Open Info to default – Page Only).
5. Press the 'Set Initial View' button (Figure 9).

### *Additional Information*

There are three options available that can be set for the initial view. These are case sensitive and should be written with the first letter as capital. Available options are:

- Bookmarks
- Page
- Thumbnails

## 3.9. Review Document Info for Selected PDFs

Open multiple PDFs in Acrobat, and display their General Info window.



**Figure 10.** Display Metadata

### *Instructions on use*

Reviewing Document Info for non-secured PDFs:

1. Select the PDFs whose Document Info you wish to review.
2. Click the 'Display Metadata' button (Figure 10).

Reviewing Document Info for open secured PDFs:

1. Enter the open password into the 'Current User/Master Password' columns for the corresponding PDFs whose Document Info you wish to review.
2. Select the relevant PDFs.
3. Click the 'Display Metadata' button (Figure 10).

## 3.10. Update Metadata on Selected PDFs

Updates the Document Info for multiple PDFs, with that of the 'Title', 'Subject', 'Author', 'Keywords', 'Creator' and 'Producer' columns on the spreadsheet.



**Figure 11.** Update Metadata

### *Instructions on use*

1. Modify the information within the 'Title', 'Subject', 'Author', 'Keywords', 'Creator' and 'Producer' columns as required.
2. Select the PDFs that you wish to update.
3. Press the 'Update Metadata' button (Figure 11).
4. Press 'Yes' when prompted.

### *Additional information*

This function is limited to use with PDFs containing no security of any kind (passwords and 'Do Not Allow' options).

## 3.11. Refresh Spreadsheet Information

Updates the information contained within the spreadsheet, with that contained in the PDFs. Especially useful when PDFs on a spreadsheet have been modified outside of PDF Workshop, or after PDFs security settings have been modified within PDF Workshop.



**Figure 12.** Refresh Selected Rows

### *Instructions on use*

Refreshing PDFs containing no open passwords:

1. Select the PDFs whose spreadsheet information you would like to refresh.
2. Press the 'Refresh Worksheet' button (Figure 12).

Refreshing PDFs containing open passwords:

1. Enter the open password into the 'Current User/Master Password' columns for the corresponding PDFs whose spreadsheet info you wish to refresh.
2. Select the relevant PDFs.
3. Press the 'Refresh Selected Rows' button (Figure 12).

## 3.12. Print Selected PDFs

Prints multiple PDFs to the default printer.



**Figure 13.** Print Files

### *Instructions on use*

Printing non-secured PDFs:

1. Select the PDFs that you wish to print.
2. Press the 'Print Files' button (Figure 13).

Printing open secured PDFs:

1. Enter the open password into the 'Current User/Master Password' column for the corresponding PDFs that you wish to print.
2. Select the relevant PDFs.
3. Press the 'Print Files' button (Figure 13).

*Additional information*

If the PDF you attempt to print has 'Do Not Allow Printing' selected, then it will not print.

### 3.13. Run ARTS PDF Workshop

Creates an ARTS PDF Workshop™ spreadsheet. The information generated within the spreadsheet, is dependent on the options that the user selects.



Figure 14. Run ARTS PDF Workshop

#### Instructions on use

1. Press the 'Run ARTS PDF Workshop' button (Figure 14).
2. Click on 'Browse' button from the main menu to search and select a folder to run ARTS PDF Workshop™ on.
3. Select the options you want from the 'ARTS PDF Workshop™ GUI' (Figure 15).
4. Press 'Start' to initialize processing.

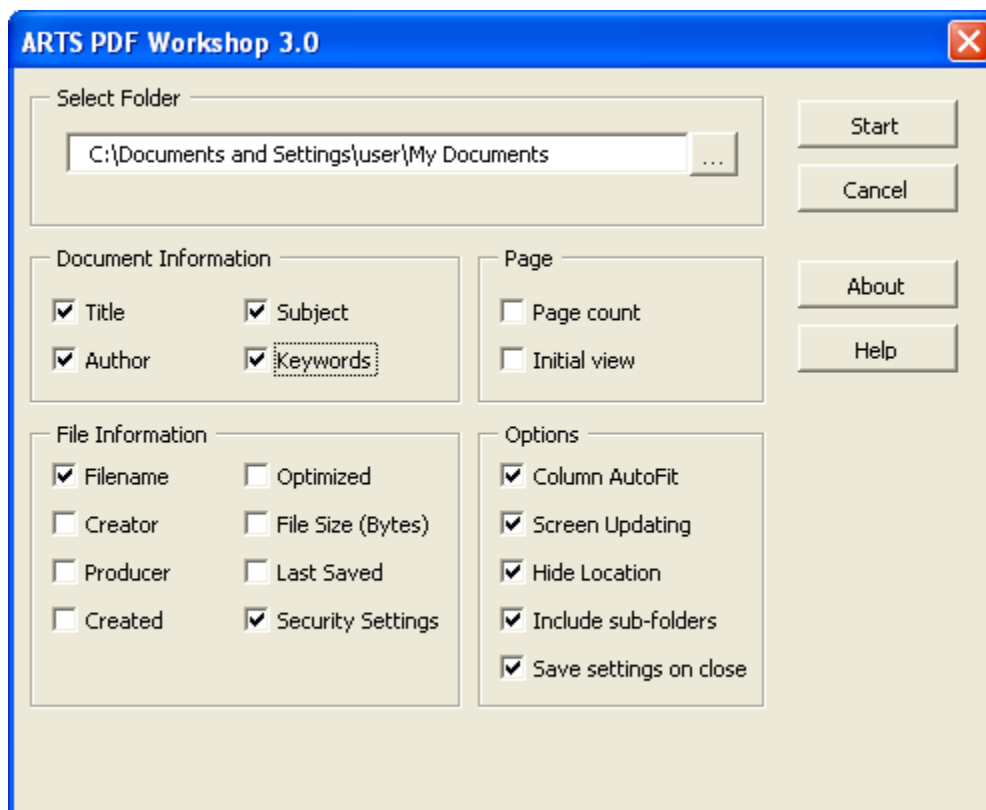


Figure 15. ARTS PDF Workshop™ Main Dialog

## 4. Appendix

### 4.1. Spreadsheet Options

When setting up a ARTS PDF Workshop™ spreadsheet, there is a range of options that can be selected.

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<i>Title</i>	Displays the PDFs Title information.
<i>Subject</i>	Displays the PDFs Subject information.
<i>Author</i>	Displays the PDFs Author information.
<i>Keywords</i>	Displays the PDFs Keywords information.
<i>Page Count</i>	Displays the number of pages in the PDFs.
<i>Initial View</i>	Displays the way the PDFs will appear when opened in Acrobat.
<i>Filename</i>	Displays the file name of the PDFs
<i>Creator</i>	Displays the PDFs Creator information.
<i>Producer</i>	Displays the PDFs Producer information.
<i>Created</i>	Displays the date the PDFs were created.
<i>Optimized</i>	Displays whether or not the PDFs are optimized.
<i>File Size (Bytes)</i>	Displays the size of the PDFs (in bytes).
<i>Last Saved</i>	Displays the date when the PDFs were last saved.
<i>Security Settings</i>	Displays whether or not the PDFs contain open and / or security passwords, and Do Not Allow options. Also allows the user to modify the security settings of multiple PDFs (if this option is not selected, security cannot be modified).
<i>Column Autofit</i>	Adjusts the column width to that of the data within it.
<i>Screen Updating</i>	Shows the information as it is written into the spreadsheet (turn off this option for faster run times).
<i>Hide Location</i>	Shows the complete file path of the PDF files in the worksheet. This is where the logs are inserted.
<i>Include Subfolders</i>	Processes the PDF documents in the subfolders
<i>Save settings on close</i>	The settings that were last set would be remembered even when application is restarted.

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## 5. Troubleshooting

### 5.1. Frequently Asked Questions

This section provides some answers to common questions and details on what to do if a problem is encountered concerning the following:

- [Document is already open](#)
- [Missing toolbars](#)
- [General](#)

#### Document is already open

*"I am getting an Error Message: "A document with the name 'APWorkshop.XLA' is already open..."*

To fix this, you need to completely remove and reinstall PDF Workshop:

1. Uninstall ARTS PDF Workshop.
2. Open Excel.
3. Select "View → Toolbars → Customize...".
4. If "ARTS PDF Workshop" toolbar is still on the list, delete it.
5. Close Excel, and reinstall PDF Workshop.

#### Missing toolbars

*"The ARTS PDF Workshop™ toolbar has disappeared. What can I do?"*

This is simply a matter of selecting it in Excel:

1. Open Excel.
2. Select "View → Toolbars".
3. Select the "ARTS PDF Workshop" toolbar from the list.

#### General

*"I am having a problem with ARTS PDF Workshop™ and it is not covered in this FAQ. What can I do?"*

- Visit our ARTS PDF Forum (<http://forum.artspdf.com>) to talk with ARTS PDF technical support and other ARTS PDF product users. Search the existing discussions and/or post your own questions. Each ARTS PDF product has its own dedicated discussion area.
- Email [techsupport@artspdf.com](mailto:techsupport@artspdf.com) and one of our team will reply as soon as possible.

## 5.2. Forum

Are you having a problem that you can't find in the Frequently Asked Questions? Then perhaps you'll find it on the ARTS PDF Forum. Visit the ARTS PDF Forum on our website at <http://forum.artspdf.com>.

## 5.3. Updates

To ensure you are up-to-date with the most recently released bug fixes and new features; check that you have the latest version of ARTS PDF Workshop™ installed.

To check if your version is the latest:

1. Start Microsoft Excel.
2. On the ARTS PDF Workshop™ toolbar click on Run ARTS PDF Workshop.
3. Click on the About button.
4. Choose Product Info and click Updates.

## 5.4. Maintenance

At times ARTS PDF will release updates that may include significant enhancements to the product. It is recommended that you take up annual maintenance to be entitled to free upgrades (whether it be minor or major release versions) over a period of 12 months from the initial purchase. Annual Maintenance also entitles you to priority phone and email support.

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## 5.5. Technical Support

Before contacting us please read the complete Troubleshooting section as the answer to your problem may be found in the FAQs or on the ARTS PDF Forum. To contact ARTS PDF Technical Support, please e-mail [techsupport@artspdf.com](mailto:techsupport@artspdf.com) and supply the information below to help us replicate the problem you are experiencing.

- a. The exact version of ARTS PDF Workshop™ you are using (this is located by running ARTS PDF Workshop, and then clicking Help > About Third-Party Plug-Ins > ARTS PDF Workshop™ > Product Info). Please also specify whether you are using a demo or full registered version.
- b. Whether or not you purchased Maintenance with ARTS PDF Workshop. If you did purchase Maintenance, please supply your ARTS PDF Workshop™ serial number.
- c. The exact version of the Operating System you are using.
- d. The amount of free disk space remaining.
- e. The CPU speed and amount of RAM for the system on which ARTS PDF Workshop™ is running (e.g. Pentium 233 MMX, 32MB RAM).
- f. Any other programs that are running at the time of the error (e.g. Outlook, Internet Explorer, etc).
- g. All error messages that were displayed when the error occurred.
- h. The exact series of steps that led to the error.
- i. Whether this error occurs on every PDF document or just a selected amount. If possible, please send us a sample of the file that caused the error.
- j. What program was used to create the PDF documents? E.g. Acrobat Distiller, Crystal Reports, Zeon PDF Driver, etc.

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