

PDF Reader Controller

1. Introduction

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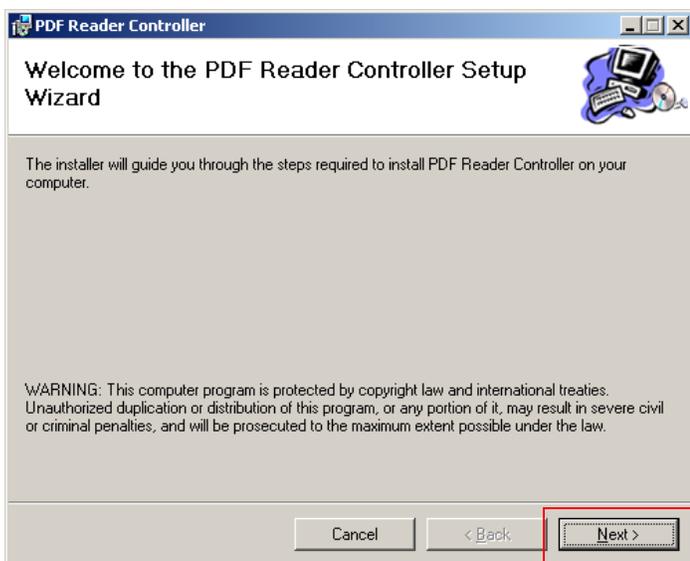
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PDF Reader Controller is a Window's Service that runs in the background which controls access to specific windows and menus in Adobe Reader versions 9 and 10 (X). With PDF Reader Controller it is not necessary to password-protect your PDF files! Simply specify which PDFs files a machine cannot open via a list of file specifications (example: p*.pdf, s???.pdf) and PDF Reader Controller will prevent a user from opening them. Other features of PDF Reader Controller include:

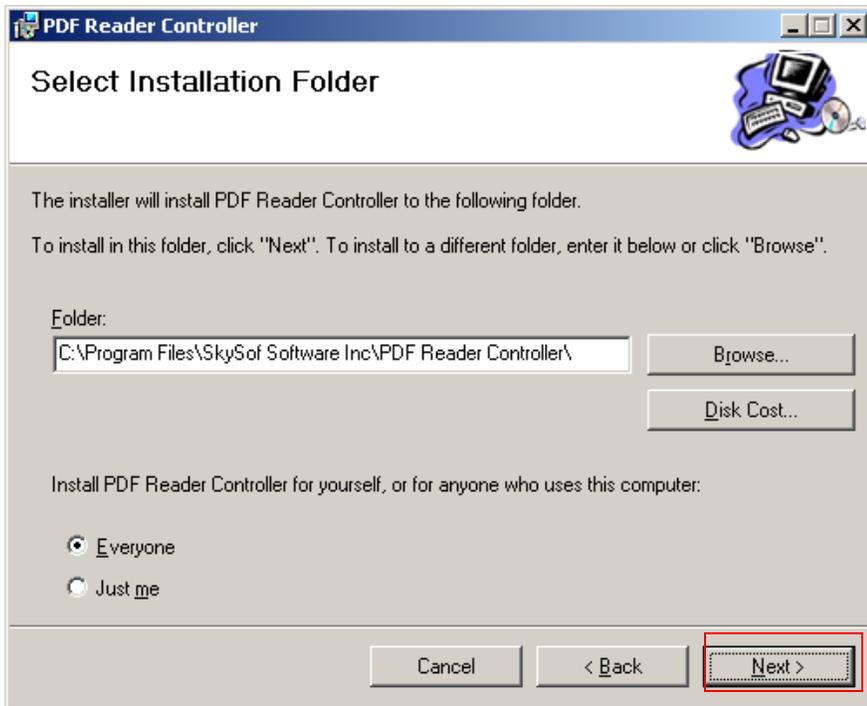
- Prohibit access to the Toolbar
- Prohibit access to the File Menu
- Prohibit access to the Edit Menu
- Prohibit access to the Document Menu
- Prohibit access to the Tools Menu
- Prohibit access to the View Menu
- Prohibit access to the Help Menu
- Prohibit access to the Bookmark Popup Menu (to prevent printing the PDF)
- Prohibit access to the Page Popup Menu
- Prohibit access to the Print Dialog Window (to prevent printing the PDF)
- Prohibit access to the Document Properties Dialog
- Prohibit access to the Page Display Preferences Dialog Window
- Prohibit access to the Save As Dialog Window (to prevent saving the PDF file)

2. Installation and Configuration

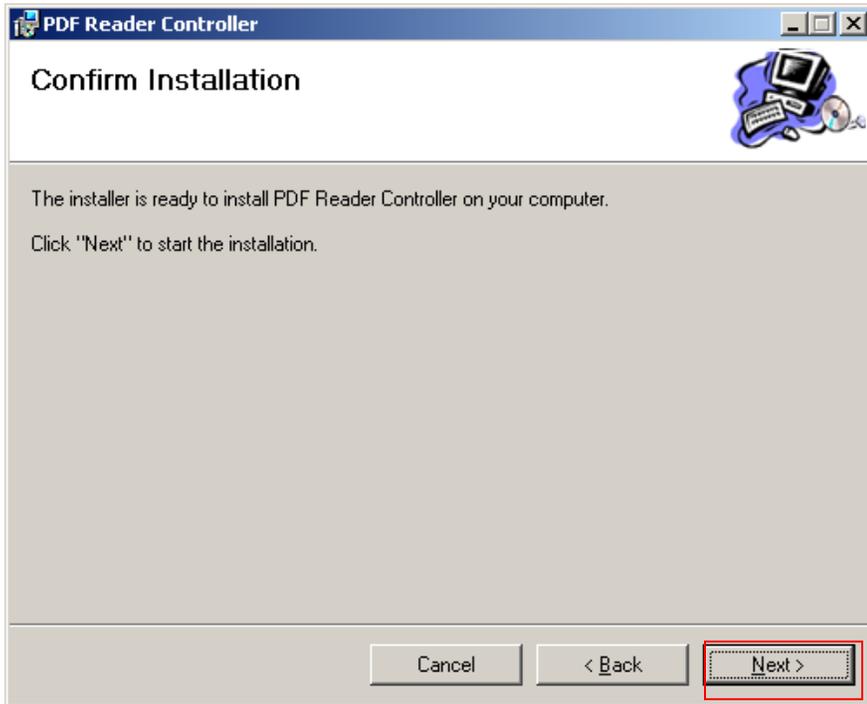
- a. Unzip file PDFRDR.ZIP into a folder on your local drive such as C:\TEMP
- b. Run SETUP.EXE to install. Click the Next button.



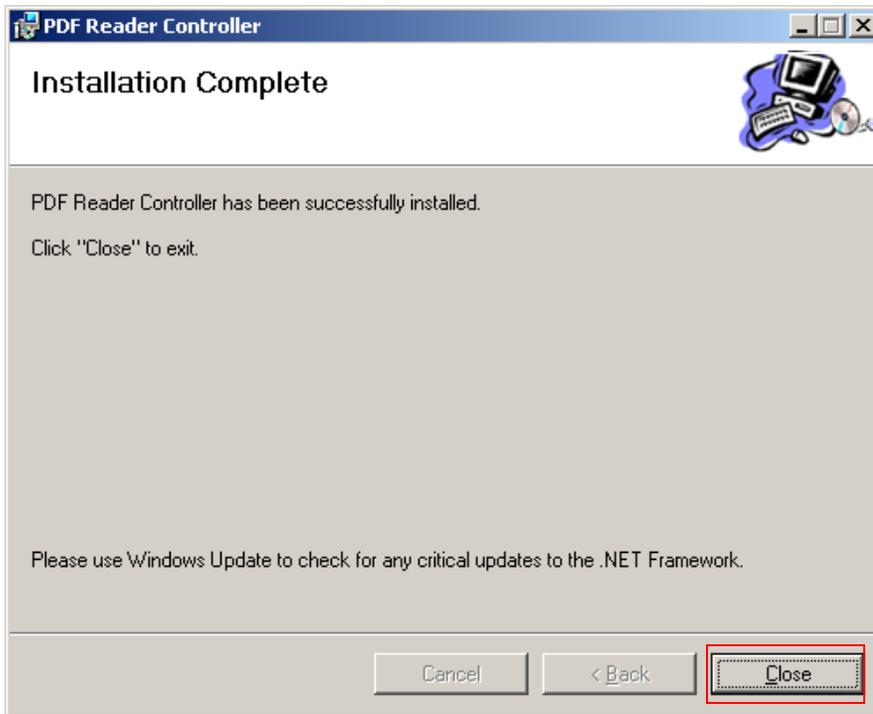
c. Leave the default settings as they are and click the Next button.



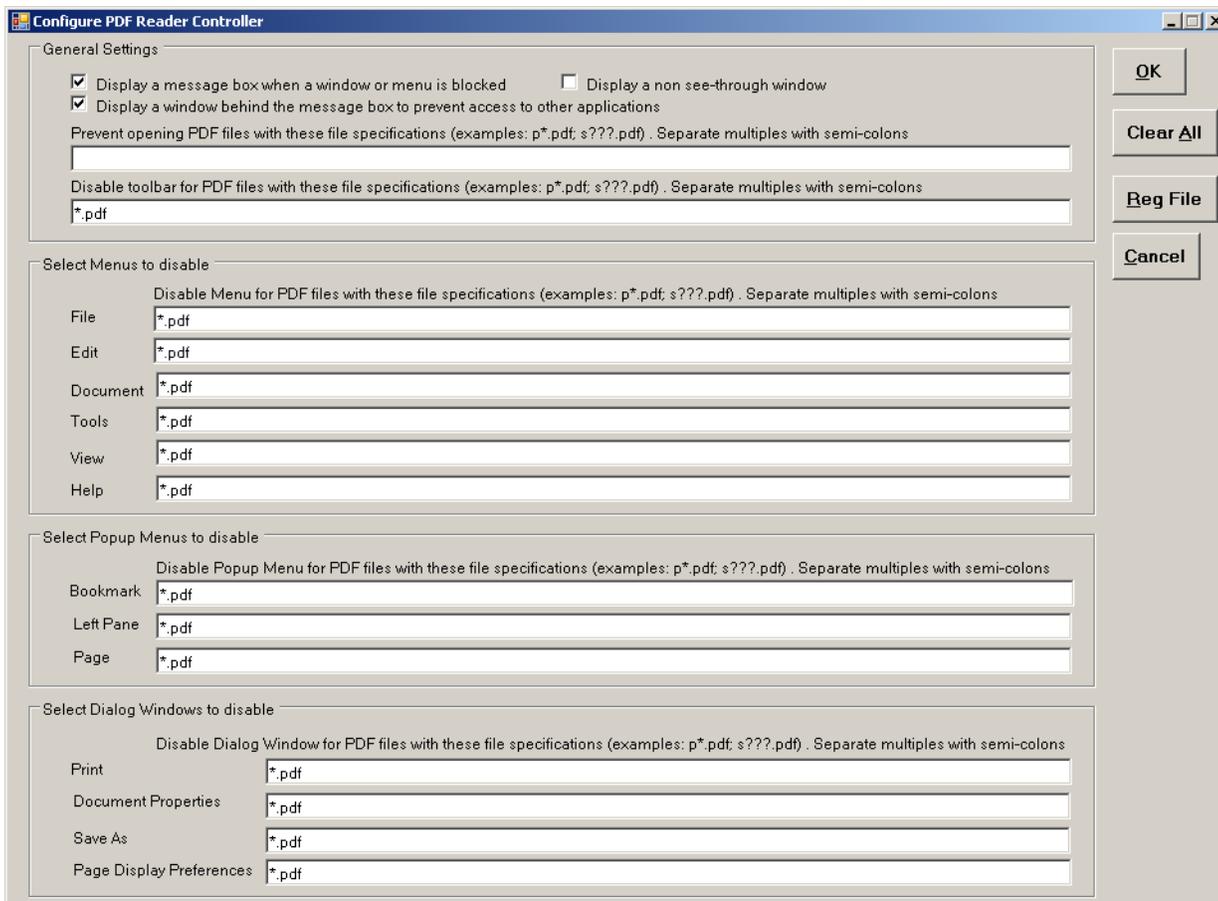
d. Click the Next button.



e. If the installation was successful you will see this screen. Click the Close button to exit.



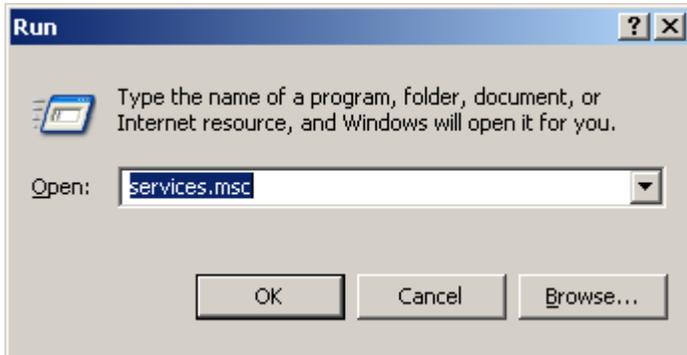
f. The next step is to configure PDF Reader Controller. To run the configuration application run C:\Program Files\SkySof Software Inc\PDF Reader Controller\CONFIGURE.EXE



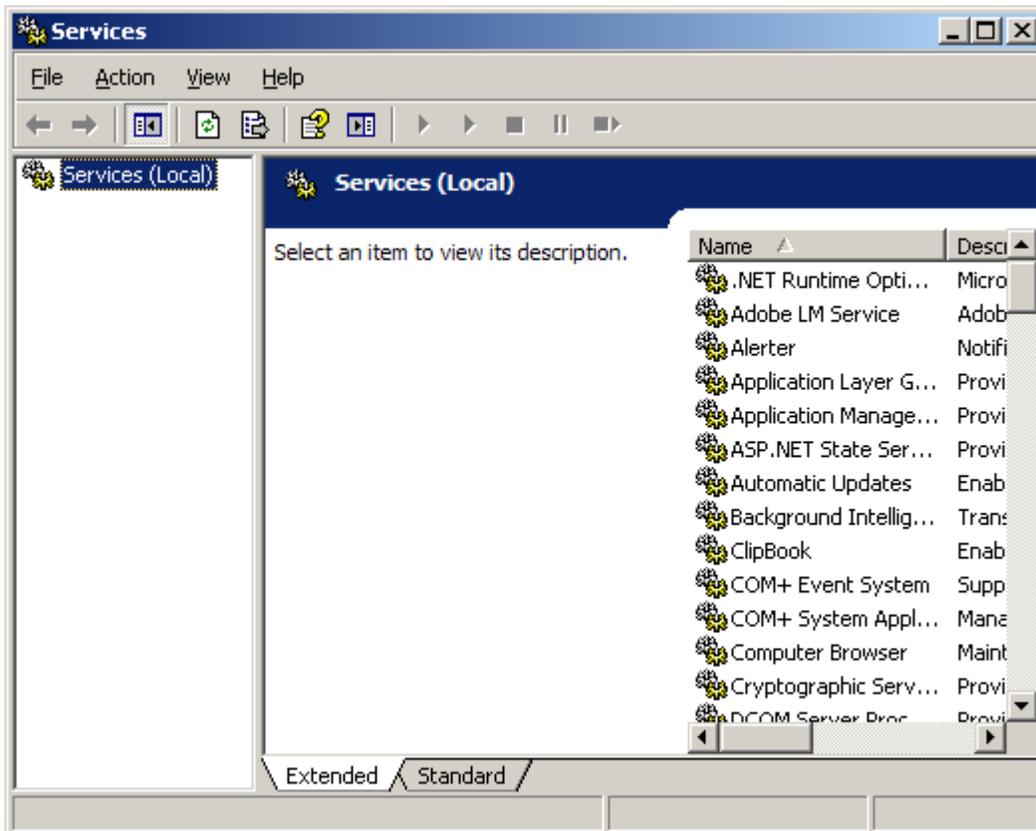
- g. In the first text box labeled “Prevent opening PDF files” enter **p*.pdf** and leave all the other settings as is then press the OK button to save the settings in the Window’s Registry. Click the Cancel button to close the application.



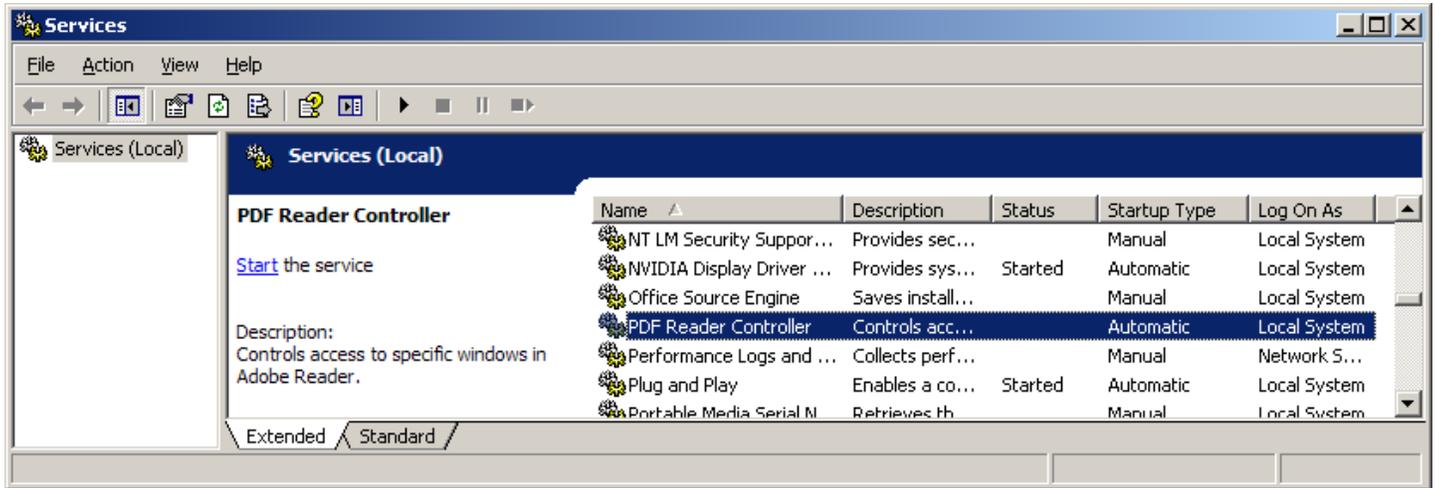
- h. The next step is to configure the PDF Reader Controller Window’s Service. Click the Start button and select Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services. Another way to open the Window’s Services screen is to click the Start button then select Run... and type in **services.msc**



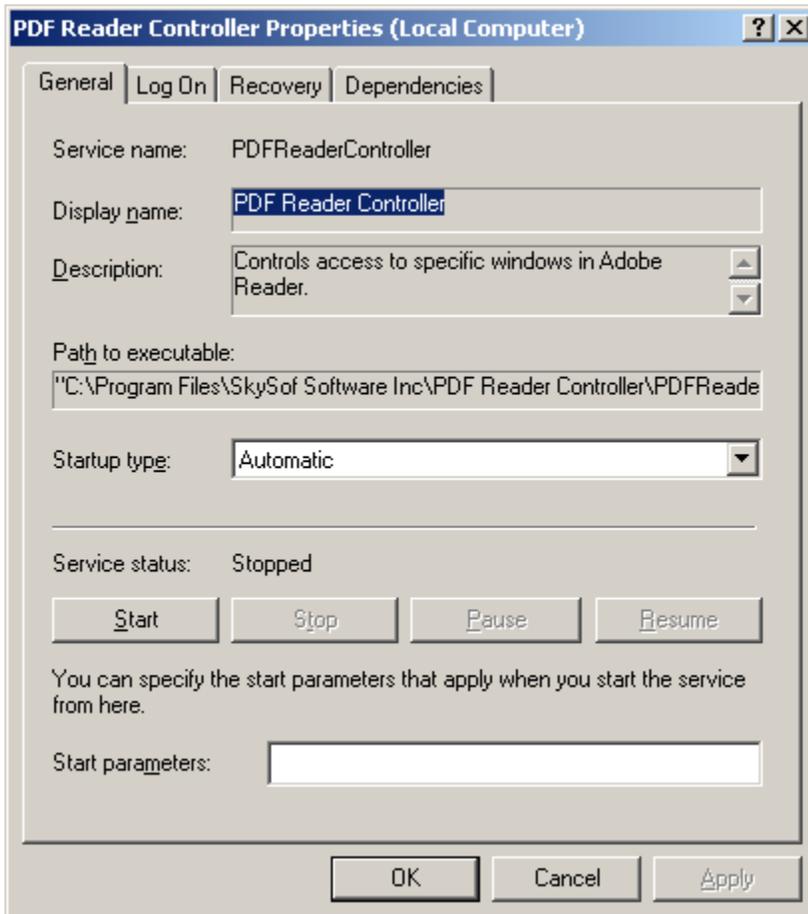
- i. The Window’s Service screen looks similar to this:



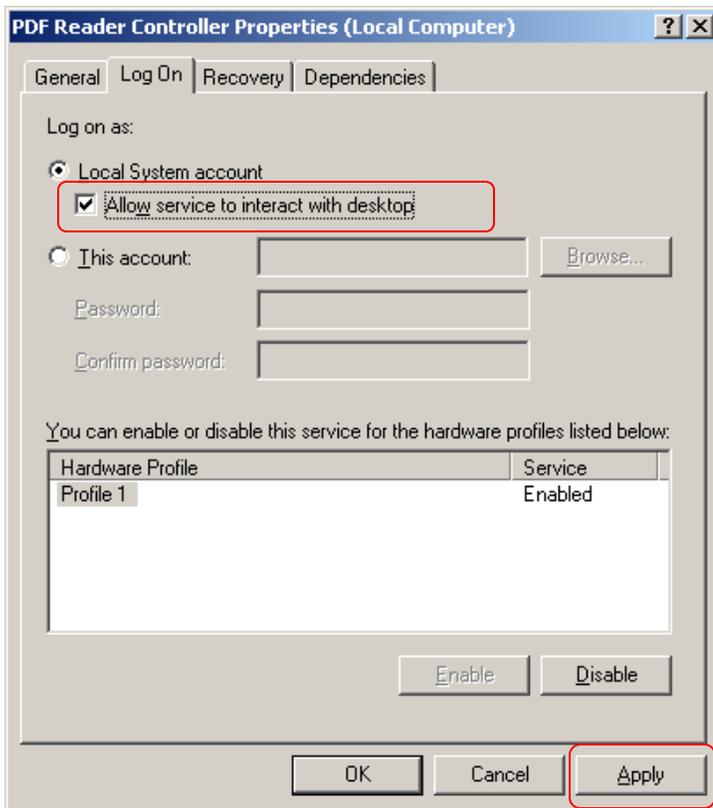
j. Scroll down the list of services and search for the service named PDF Reader Controller.



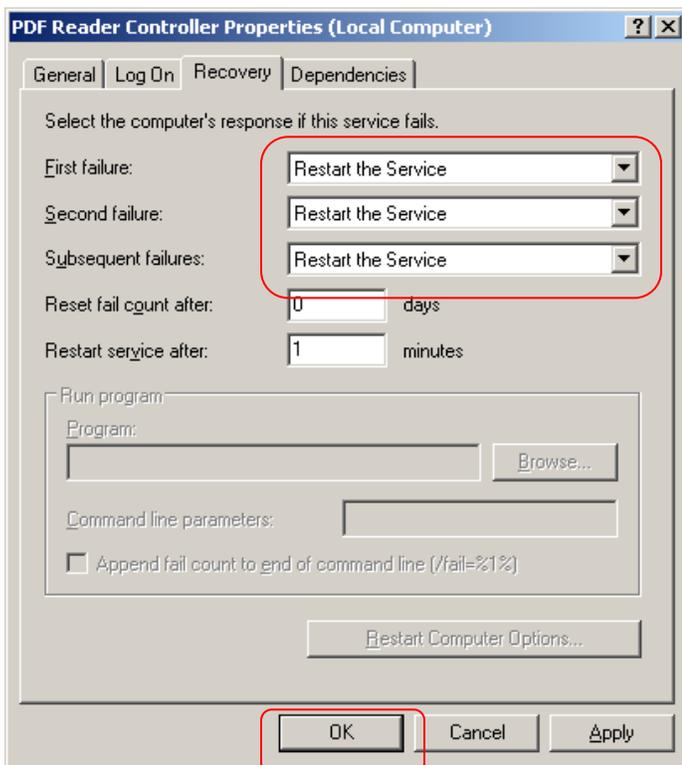
k. Right-click on this service to invoke the popup menu and select **Properties**. The Properties Window should look like this:



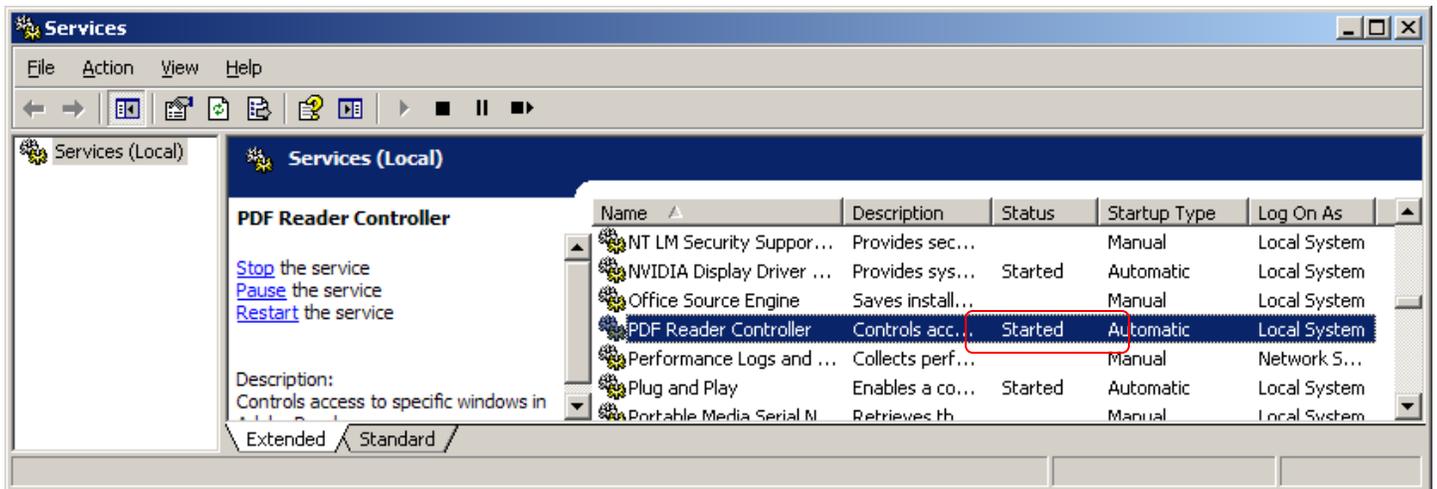
1. Click on tab **Log On** and select “Allow service to interact with desktop” then click the Apply button to save the change.



- m. Click on tab **Recovery** and change setting to “Restart the Service” for failures. Click the OK button to save the changes.



- n. Now the service is ready to be started. Right-click on this service to invoke the popup menu and select **Start**. If the service started successfully you will see “Started” in the Status column.



- o. Test the service by attempting to open a PDF file that begins with the letter P. Recall that in step G above the service to block the opening of all PDF files beginning with the letter P. Try opening C:\Program Files\SkySof Software Inc\PDF Reader Controller\PDFRDR.PDF. You should see the following message:

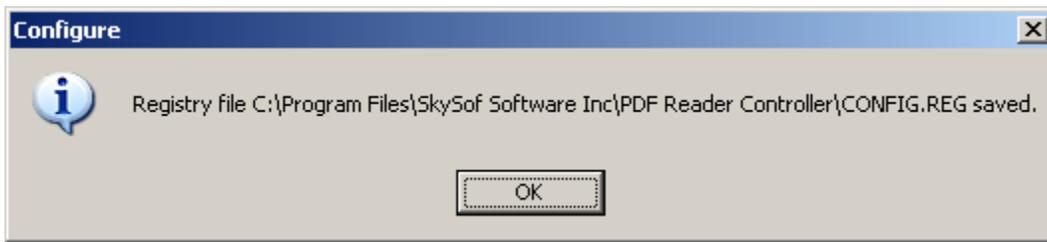


- p. Test the other operations of the service by opening any PDF file and attempting to access the menus, popup menus and dialog windows. You can pause the service at any time and make changes using C:\Program Files\SkySof Software Inc\PDF Reader Controller\CONFIGURE.EXE then resume the service. By following file naming conventions with your PDF files you can enable or disable access to specific features in Adobe Reader. For example: by preceding your PDF files with **MGR_** you can restrict access to these files to managers only. Some sample file names could be **MGR_Budget.PDF** or **MGR_Sales.PDF**. For non-manager machines you would set the file specification in step G above to **mgr_*.pdf** to prevent the user from opening these files.

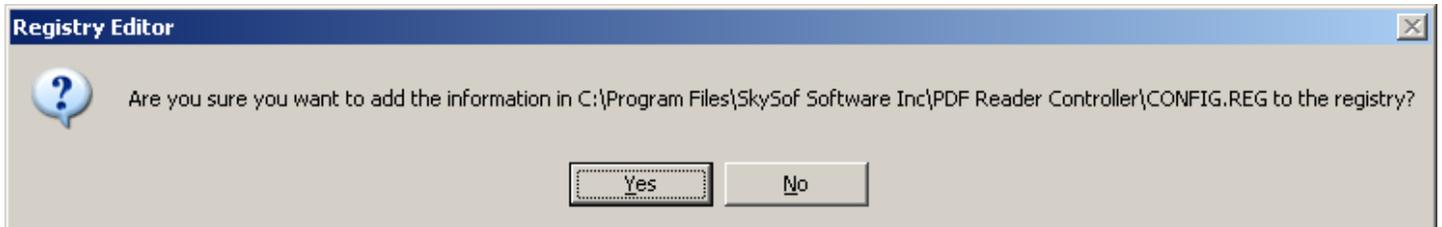
If you are interested in a Window's Service that prohibits access to features in Foxit Reader, PDF-Xchange or any other PDF reading program please send an email to Frank at Kusluski@nc.rr.com

3. Configuring on Many Machines

If you intend to install PDF Reader Controller on many machines that will have the same settings you can create a Window's Registry File (REG) that can be copied to the machine then executed. Doing so will greatly ease installation on multiple machines. To do so run C:\Program Files\SkySof Software Inc\PDF Reader Controller\CONFIGURE.EXE, make changes, then click the “Reg File” button to create the Window's Registry File named CONFIG.REG. You should see the following screen:



Next, copy file C:\Program Files\SkySof Software Inc\PDF Reader Controller\CONFIG.REG to the target machine and then double-click on the file to run and import settings into the Window's Registry.



Click the Yes button.



4. Pricing

The trial version of PDF Reader Controller expires after 30 days. If you are interested in purchasing the registered version with no expiration please go to:

<https://www.regnow.com/checkout/product/4459-66>

The price of PDF Reader Controller per machine depends on the quantity ordered. The greater the quantity ordered the lower the price will be per machine. Please see table below for more detail. All amounts are in US dollars.

| <u>Cost per Machine</u> | <u>Quantity</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| \$49.95 | 1 to 100 |
| \$39.95 | 101 to 200 |
| \$29.95 | 201 to 500 |
| \$19.95 | 501 to 1000 |
| \$14.95 | 1001 or more |