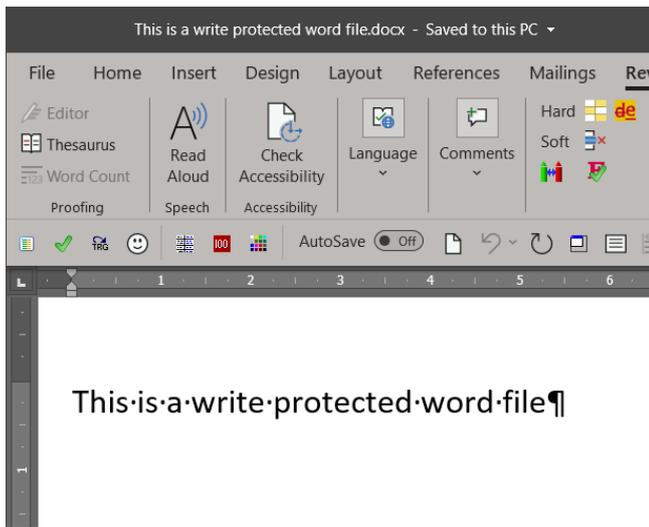
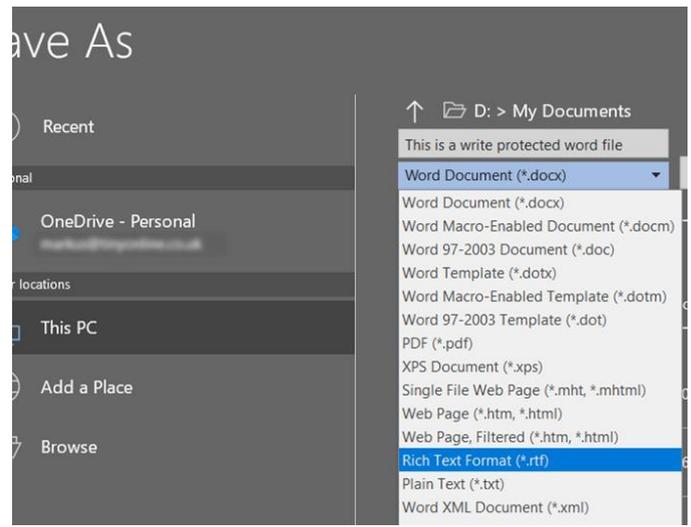


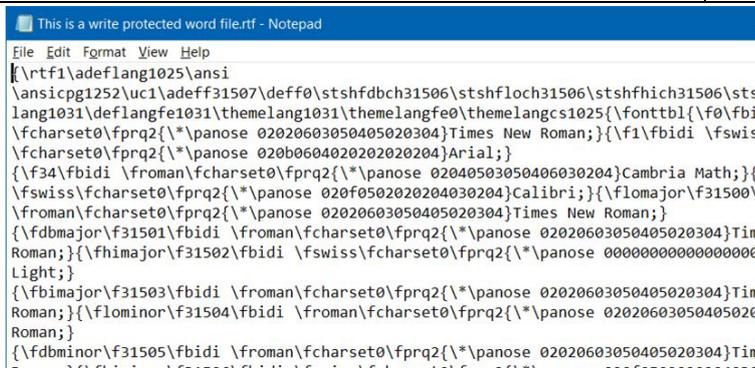
**A very old trick which still works. Use on .doc, .docx, .rtf, ... For .rtf you can skip the save as step (obviously)**



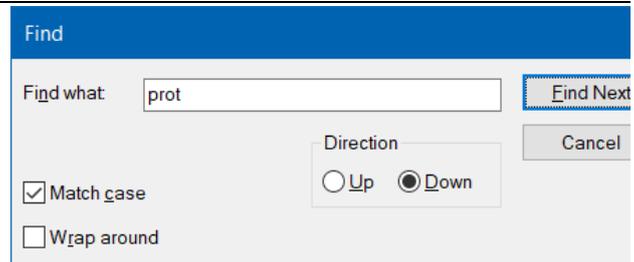
*If you have a write protected MS Word file (NOT open protected!) ...*



*... then save it as a RTF file.*



*RTF files are simple ASCII text files which you can open eg. in Notepad*



*Search for prot*

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isbdb\nospaceforu1\formshade\annotprot
lghshow1\dgvshow1
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kcnstfrctbl\notvatxbx\krnprsnet\cachedcolb:
er
atcInup0\enforceprot1\protlevel13\ltrpar \se
lsx708\endnhere\sectlinegrid360\sectdefault
clv11

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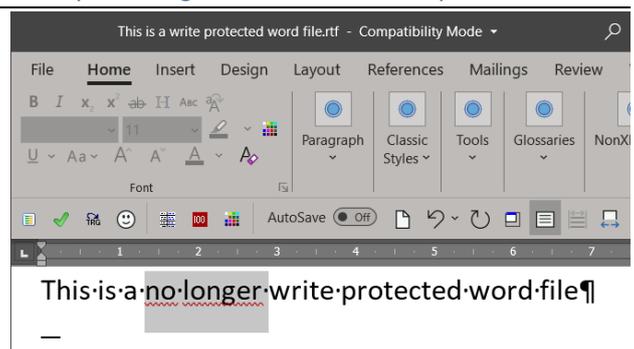
*Expand the found instance to capture the whole tag ("word") plus the preceding slash and delete. Repeat.*

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\af31507 \ltrch\fcs0
id12657426 This is a }}{\rtlch\fcs1
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id12657426 protected}}{\rtlch\fcs1
id9133116 word file}}{\rtlch\fcs1

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*Be sure not to edit actual text but only tags. Save, close ...*



*... and open the RTF file in Word. Save it back to the original format.*