

Creating a Letterhead Using Macros in Microsoft Word 2011 for Mac

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This guide covers how to create a letterhead macro in Microsoft Word 2011 for Mac.

ABOUT MACROS

Macros automate common tasks. A macro can be created for virtually any task that you perform in Word. The amount of steps is irrelevant. You can even create a macro that automatically places certain text in a document with as many attributes as you'd like!

Macros are created with a recording device similar to a common tape recorder. Once you start recording your macro, a toolbar pops up with standard stop and pause buttons. The following is an example of how to create a macro for your customized letterhead paper.

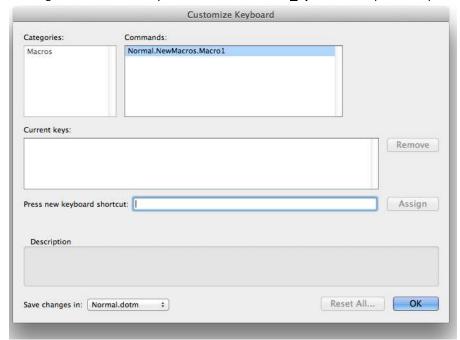
CREATING THE LETTERHEAD MACRO

- 1. Open a blank document. You want to assign your macro to all documents.
- 2. From the **Tools** menu, choose **Macro** and **Record New Macro**. The Record Macro dialog box is displayed as shown below.
- 3. Type a name for your macro, such as Letterhead. (Spaces are not allowed use an underscore to indicate spacing).



- 4. Under **Store macro in:** make sure that **All Documents (Normal)** is selected.
- 5. Add a **Description** if you would like, this is helpful if you are creating a lot of macros and need to keep everything organized.

6. To assign the macro to a keyboard shortcut click on **Keyboard**. This provides quick access to your macro.



- a. The **Customize Keyboard** dialog box appears as shown above.
- Assign a key combination. For this macro, since we're creating a letterhead, we'll use Control-L. On your keyboard, press the Control key and the letter L at the same time. The combination is automatically placed in the Current Keys field.
- c. Click Assign
- 7. Click **OK**.

RECORDING THE MACRO

After you choose **Close**, the recording of the macro immediately begins. To **Stop Recording**, you will need to click on **Tools** and then **Macro** again and click **Stop Recording**.

When you record your macro make sure that the following is included in your letterhead.

- 1. Type the Letterhead information
 - a. **Ex:**

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

1101 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, MD 21801-6860

410-543-6011

1-888-543-0148

TTY 410-543-6083

FAX 410-548-2587

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- 2. Once you have completed the letterhead information, place your cursor at the end of the text and click the **Layout** tab.
- 3. Click Break.
- 4. From the drop-down menu, select **Continuous**.
- 5. Hold down the **Shift** key and press the **Up Arrow** \uparrow on the keyboard multiple times until all of your text is highlighted.
- 6. Click on Home tab.
- 7. In the **Font** group, click on the **Font Name** drop-down box.

- 8. Select Arial.
- 9. Click on the Font Size drop-down box.
- 10. Enter 7 and then press the Enter key on your keyboard.
- 11. Make sure the text is still selected (highlighted)
- 12. Click on the Format
- 13. Click Paragraph. You should have a window pop up with the following areas in the Indents and Spacing tab.
 - a. Under Alignment: select Right from the drop-down menu.
 - b. Under Indentation, make sure both Left: and Right: are set to 0.
 - c. Under Spacing, for both Before: and After: enter 8pt.
- 14. Click **OK**.
- 15. In the Page Setup group in the Layout tab, click Margins.
- 16. Select Custom Margins.
- 17. In the Margins tab, make sure the Apply to: option in the lower left hand corner is set to Selected Sections.
- 18. Under **Margins** make sure that both **Top:** and **Right:** are set to **.375**. You may leave the **Bottom:** and **Left:** margins at the default.
- 19. Click OK.
- 20. Press the **Down Arrow** \downarrow on the keyboard once to set the cursor at the start of the document, below the letterhead.

Once you have completed these steps, click **Tools**. Click **Macro** and select **Stop Recording**.

Click File>Close to close the document you just created. If asked to save the document you may do so.

TESTING THE MACRO

- 1. Click File.
- 2. Click New Blank Document.
- 3. If you set a keyboard shortcut above, then click it now. For this example, press the **Control** key and the letter **L** at the same time. Your letterhead should appear at the top right hand corner of the document.
 - a. If you did not choose to set a keyboard shortcut for your macro, click **Tools**.
 - b. Click Macro, and then Macros....
 - c. In the **Macro** window, select your macro and click **Run**.
- 4. Once your letterhead appears, you may need to change your document font back to the default font, size and/or justification under the **Font** and **Paragraph** groups found in the **Home** tab.