

Quick Start Guide

New to Word? Use this guide to learn the basics.

Quick Access Toolbar

Keep favorite commands permanently visible.

Discover contextual commands

Select tables, pictures, or other objects in a document to reveal additional tabs.

Explore the ribbon

See what Word can do by selecting the ribbon tabs and exploring available tools.

Find whatever you need

Look up Word commands, get Help, or search the Web.

Share your work with others

Invite other people to view and edit cloud-based documents.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Word interface with several callout boxes pointing to specific features:

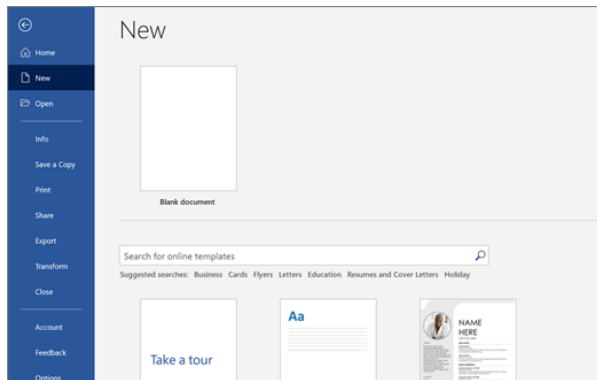
- Quick Access Toolbar:** Located at the top left, it contains icons for Save, Undo, and Redo.
- Discover contextual commands:** Points to the ribbon tabs that change based on the selected content.
- Explore the ribbon:** Points to the ribbon tabs themselves, such as File, Home, Insert, Design, Layout, References, Mailings, Review, View, and Help.
- Find whatever you need:** Points to the Search box in the top right corner.
- Share your work with others:** Points to the Share button in the top right corner.
- Navigation:** Points to the left sidebar, which includes a search box and tabs for Headings, Pages, Results, and Follow Ups.
- Navigate with ease:** Points to the 'Pages' tab in the navigation sidebar, which shows a thumbnail of the document's pages.
- Format with the Mini Toolbar:** Points to a small floating toolbar that appears when text is selected, containing basic formatting options like Bold, Italic, Underline, and text color.
- Status bar shortcuts:** Points to the bottom status bar, which displays page information (Page 1 of 2, 198 words) and an Accessibility Investigate icon.
- Show or hide the ribbon:** Points to the ribbon display toggle icon in the top right corner.
- Change your view:** Points to the view buttons (Focus, Print, Read, Edit) and the zoom slider in the bottom right corner.

The main document content includes a 'Sales' section with text about quarterly revenue and a 'Research and Development' section with a line chart titled 'Research and Development Expense Sep By Department'.

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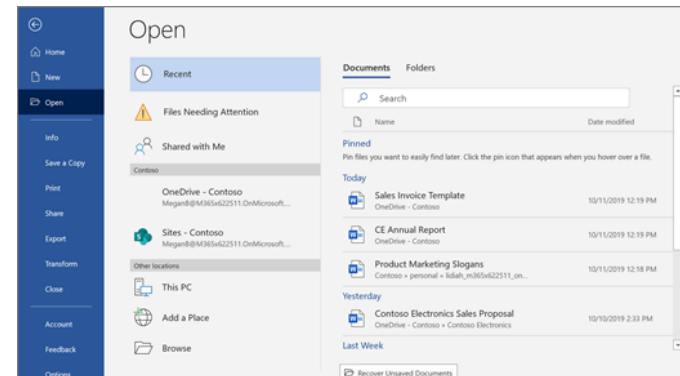
Create something

Begin with a **Blank document** to get right to work. Or start with a template to save yourself time and steps. Just select **File > New**, and then select or search for the template you want.



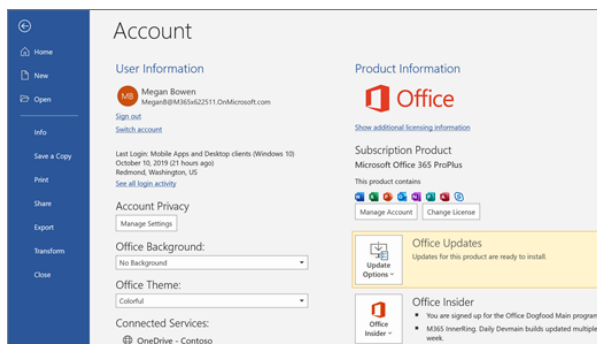
Find recent files

Whether you only work with files stored on your PC's local hard drive or you roam across various cloud services, selecting **File > Open** takes you to your recently used documents and any files that you may have pinned to your list.



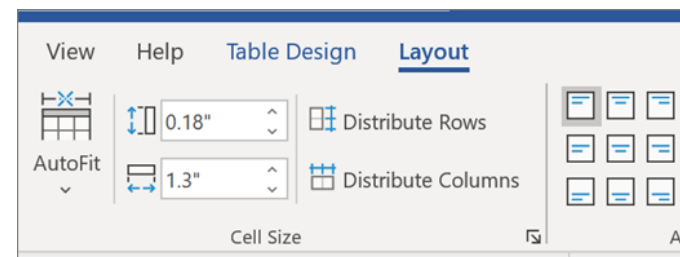
Stay connected

Need to work on the go and across different devices? Click **File > Account** to sign in and access your recently used files anywhere, on any device, through seamless integration between Office, OneDrive, OneDrive for Business, and SharePoint.



Discover contextual tools

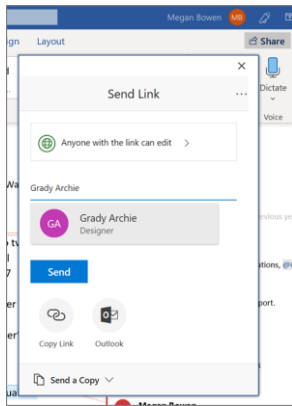
You can make contextual ribbon commands available by selecting relevant objects in your document. For example, selecting within a table displays the **Table Tools** tab, which offers additional options for the **Table Design** and **Layout** of your tables.



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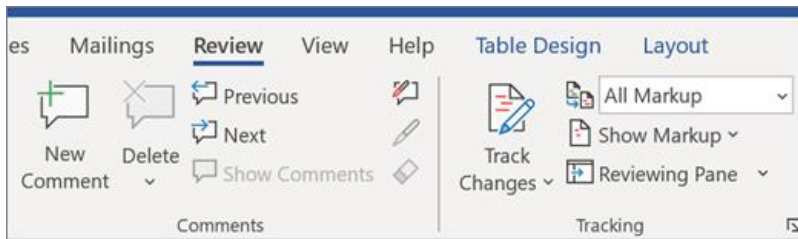
Share your work with others

To invite others to view or edit your documents in the cloud, select the **Share** button in the top right corner of the app window. In the **Share** pane that opens, you can get a sharing link or send invitations to the people you select.



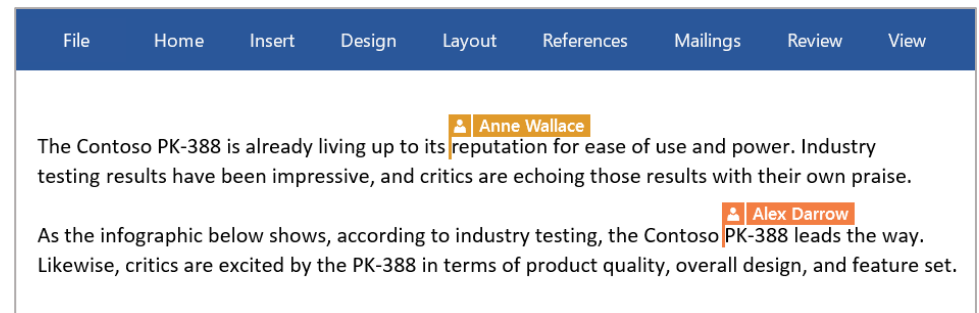
Review and track changes

Whether you just want to check spelling, keep your word count in check, or fully collaborate with other people, the **Review** tab unveils essential commands to track, discuss, and manage all of the changes made to your documents.



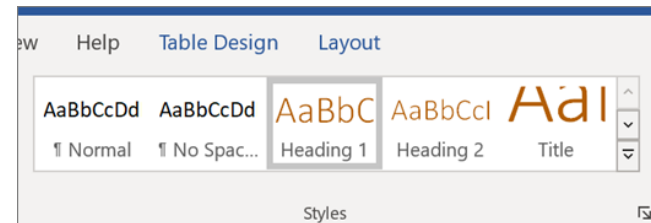
See who else is typing

Co-authoring Word documents that are shared on OneDrive or on a SharePoint site happens in real-time, which means you can easily see where other authors are making changes in the same document that you're currently working in.



Format with styles

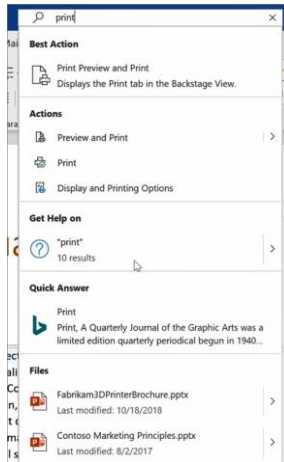
The **Styles** pane lets you visually create, apply, and review the formatting styles in your current document. To open it, select the **Home** tab, and then select the small arrow in the lower right corner of the Styles gallery.



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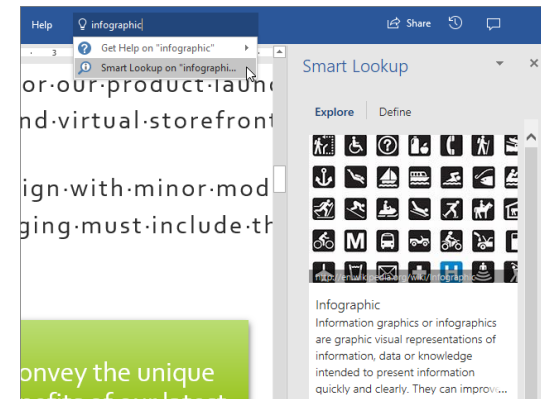
Find whatever you need

Type a keyword or phrase into the **Tell me what you want to do** search box on the ribbon to quickly find the Word features and commands you're looking for, to discover **Help** content, or to get more information online.



Look up relevant information

With **Smart Lookup**, Word searches the Internet for relevant information to define words, phrases, and concepts. Search results shown on the task pane can provide useful context for the data and information in your documents.



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