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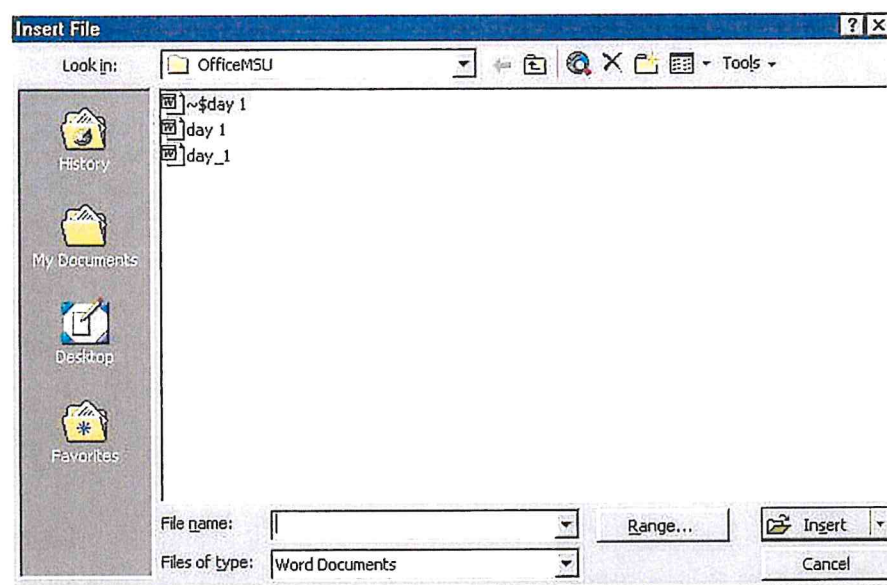
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Save Version

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You can save multiple versions of the same document with comments describing the differences using the Save Version button. This is useful when you have two or more variations of the same document. Clicking the Save Version button (found by clicking View / Toolbars / Reviewing) displays the Save Version dialog where you can enter comments about the current version.

Use the File / Versions menu selection to view different versions of the document. The date, time, and your comments are saved with each version so you can distinguish one from another.

5.8 Printing and Previewing Document

In this Section you have briefly used the File / Page Setup menu selection when you adjusted all page margins to one inch. Using the Format menu is another way to control the appearance of your document. Review the following information and then perform the hands-on activity.

Pages

Pages are formatted using the File / Page Setup menu selection to open the Page Setup dialog. The Page Setup dialog includes the Margins, Paper Size,

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Paper Source, and Layout tabs from which you may adjust the appropriate page features.

Paragraphs

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The Format / Paragraph menu option brings up the Paragraphs dialog box, which provides independent control over indents, spacing, and text flow. Indents and spacing options control the indentation from the left and right margins, line spacing, the indent level of the first line (paragraph indent), and the indent level of the second and subsequent lines (hanging indent). Text flow options control the way a selected paragraph interacts with adjacent text elements and page breaks. For example, you can change the right and left margins of an individual paragraph, keep the paragraph together (prevent it from being split by a page break), change the line spacing, and set different spacing before and after the paragraph. A typical use of a uniquely formatted paragraph might be an embedded note. For emphasis, notes are often indented from the left and right margins and sometimes receive additional spacing before and/or after the text of the note.

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Ctrl+C	Copy
Ctrl+V	Paste

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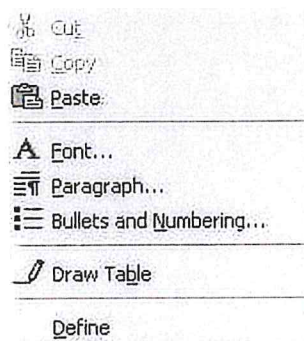
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Select text by dragging it with the mouse. You can also select a word by double-clicking it. Optionally paragraphs are selected by triple-clicking. You can select multiple words, lines, or paragraphs by holding <Shift> while moving the cursor with an arrow key or picking the different passages with your mouse. Marking text is accomplished by dragging it with the mouse or by holding the <Shift> key while pressing any key that moves the cursor including:

Home	left margin
End	margin
PgUp	one screen up
PgDn	one screen down
Ctrl+PgUp	top of screen
Ctrl+PgDn	bottom of screen
Arrow key	up, down, left, or right
Ctrl+Home	top of file
Ctrl+End	bottom of file
Ctrl+Right Arrow	next word
Ctrl+Left Arrow	previous word
Ctrl+A	entire document

Shortcut Menu

You can display a shortcut editing menu by pressing the right mouse button.



You can then pick the desired operation.

Handwritten notes:
 A list of items with checkmarks and initials, possibly a checklist or notes related to the content.

Replace All buttons—Click to replace every occurrence of the search string without user intervention.

Finding Special Characters (Advanced Search Criteria)

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You can find special characters and use wildcards with Word's Find and Replace operations using the Special button to display special characters. In addition to these, Word features advanced search criteria used for what is often referred to as pattern matching. Check Use wildcards to take advantage of the pattern-matching feature.

Character Description

- ? Wildcard for a single character; **ca?** finds the words cab, cad, cat, etc.; not available in Replace.
- * Find a string; **t*e** finds the, these, those, tease, tee, etc.
- [] Find one of the specified characters; **sh[ou]t** finds shot or shut.
- [-] Find a single character within a range; **[b-e]at** finds bat, cat, date, and eat.
- {n} Find exactly n occurrences of the preceding character string; **re{2}?** Finds reed and reel but not red.
- {n,} Find at least n occurrences of the preceding character string; **re{1,}?** Finds reed, reel, and red.
- {n,m} Find from n to m occurrences of the character or string; **3{1,4}** finds 30, 300, 3000, and 30000.
- @ Find one or more occurrences of the previous character or string; **ho@t** finds hot and hoot.
- <(beg) Find the beginning of a word; <(pre) finds words like prefix, prepare, and previous.

Most large documents make use of many different heading levels, just as a Roman-style outline has levels such as:

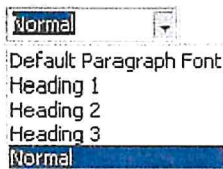
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The levels are typically used to subordinate information under different subject headings. As you can see, Word accommodates this need by providing users with built-in heading styles named Heading 1, Heading 2, and so on.

The Importance of Styles

Styles are applied by placing the cursor on a heading or passage of text and then selecting the desired style name from the Formatting toolbar's Style dialog.

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You can create styles of your own and add them. Just format a selection, highlight it, click on the style box, and type a descriptive style name. This can be saved to the global normal. dot template using the Format / Style menu selection and corresponding dialogs. It's just as easy to change existing styles. For example, many users find the default 10-point font size is too small and change it to 12 points. You can also change the heading styles to suit your personal taste.

Applying heading styles is extremely important if you plan to use the Master Document and Outline views (see the View menu). The use of heading styles is also required when generating an automatic table of contents or table of figures (see Insert / Index and Tables), as Word relies on the style levels for format control.

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Use the Format button to modify the font, size, paragraph settings, borders, and more using corresponding dialogs. If you wish, you can use the Shortcut Key button to assign a shortcut key sequence to your new style. You can also use the Modify button to assign a shortcut key sequence to existing styles. This is intended as a time saver and is optional.

5. Once the format is set to your liking, click **OK** and check the format information in the Description area.
6. When finished, click the **Apply** button to save the style with the current document or click **Close** to avoid saving the style.

Style Creations Shortcut

You can also create a new style by selecting a paragraph containing the style parameters you want. Then:

1. Pick the Style box (left edge of the Format toolbar) with your mouse.
2. Type a meaningful style name.
3. Press <Enter> to finish adding the new style to your list.

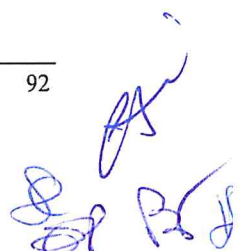
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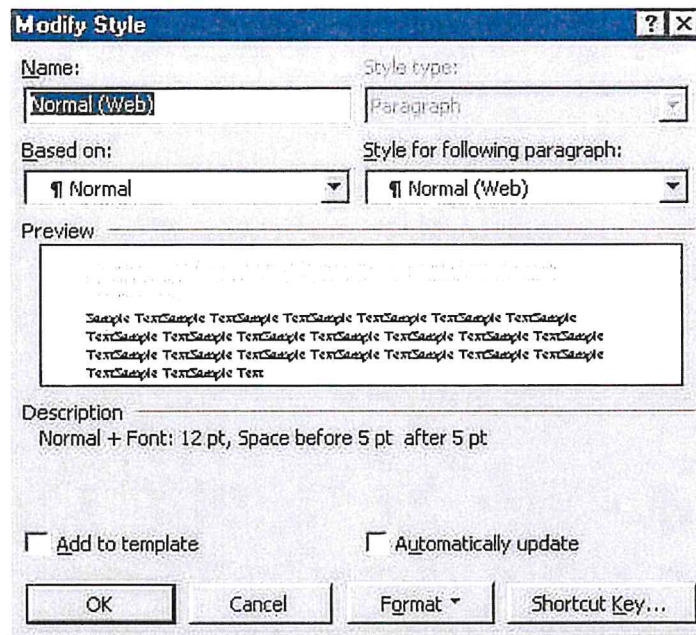
Delete an unwanted style using the Format / Style selection. Just pick the style name in the Style dialog Styles list and click the Delete button. Finally, click Close to exit the dialog.

Copying Styles to Other Documents

You can use the Style dialog box to copy a new style to a template file. For example, you may want to put a Note title style in the Normal.dot template. Begin by opening the document in which the new style is available. Then open the Style dialog. Note that you can change the List setting to pick styles from different sources. When set, click the Organizer button to display the Organizer dialog box.

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Pick the desired style name and click Copy to copy the style from the selected source document to the template. As you can see from the preceding dialog box illustration, you can also delete and rename styles here as well. Rename is often used to make a style name more descriptive or to eliminate conflicting names.

Fonts

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Available fonts depend on the installed printer and Windows applications. If you are using Windows 95/98 with Microsoft TrueType fonts, you have a nice starter set. You can also install additional fonts by purchasing available font packs. Some applications, such as Microsoft Publisher and Corel Draw, add many new fonts to Windows. If you have a PostScript printer, you may have several built-in printer fonts. Regardless of the installed printer, a type style usually requires several fonts to round out an entire font family. For example, you may have a normal, bold, and italic font. Therefore, Times New Roman normal, **bold**, and *italic* count as three fonts.

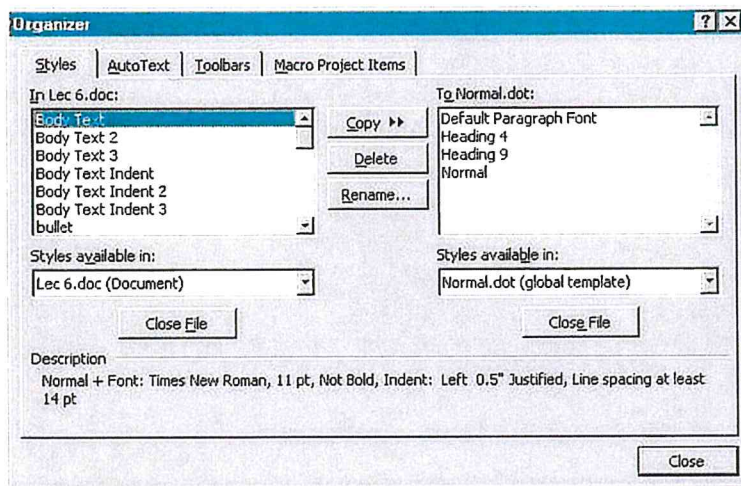
Fonts are changed by picking the font box and then pressing the Down Arrow to view a list of font names. Then pick the desired font name. You can type the first letter of a font, such as C, to move to the beginning of those fonts that start with the letter C. To change the font in an existing passage, simply highlight it and pick a new font name.

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Font Sizes

Font sizes are increased or decreased using the Font Size box on the Formatting toolbar. The down arrow displays different numbers that correspond to point sizes (a point is 1/72 of an inch). You can pick a new size from the displayed list. You can also:



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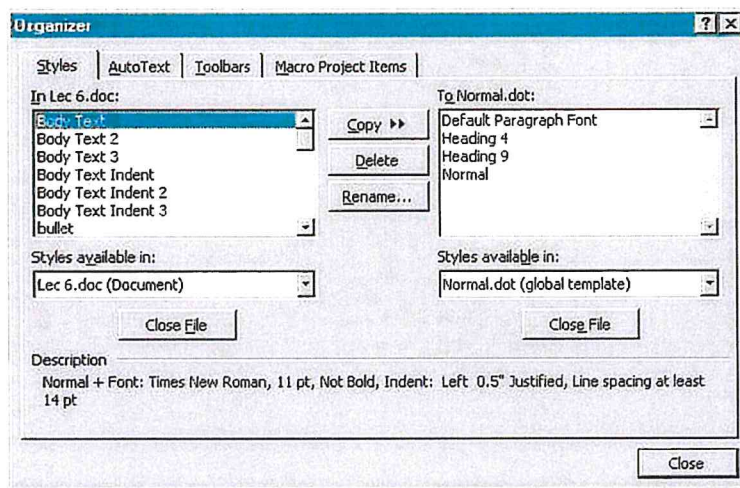
Type attributes include normal, **bold**, *italic*, and underline. The default attribute setting is normal. You can change the attribute of existing text by selecting it (so that it is highlighted) and then clicking the B, I, or U button on the formatting toolbar. If you are a keyboard person, you can also use one of the following key sequences to achieve the same result:

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To enter new text in the desired attribute, select the attribute button or key sequence and type the text. Click the button again or press the key sequence to turn off the attribute.

Changing Case

Word offers you a quick way to change uppercase to lowercase and initial capitals (first letter capitalized). To change case, select a passage of text and use the Format / Change Case menu selection to use the Change Case dialog. Or press <Shift+F3>. The first keypress changes the passage from all lowercase to an initial capital followed by lowercase. The second keypress changes it to all capitals. Pressing <Shift+F3> again changes the selection back to all lowercase.

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Hands-on Activity

In this activity you use the Sample2.doc file with the Font Style, Font, and Font Size commands described above.

1. Start Word and open Some Sample Document.
2. Use the **File / Page Setup** menu selection to set all margins to 1" and click **OK**.
3. Press <Ctrl+A> to select all. Then click the **Font Size** down arrow on the Formatting toolbar and pick **12** points.
4. Put the cursor on the first paragraph. Pick the **Style** box, type **Norm12**, and press **Enter**.
5. Notice that Norm12 is displayed in the Style box at the left end of the Format toolbar.

Note: The Norm12 style is now attached to the Sample2.doc. If saved, it can be copied to the global Normal.dot template using the Format / Style menu selection's Organizer dialog.

6. Highlight the entire first paragraph of the document.
7. Click the **Arial** font (or another available font) on the Formatting toolbar. Notice how the paragraph changes.

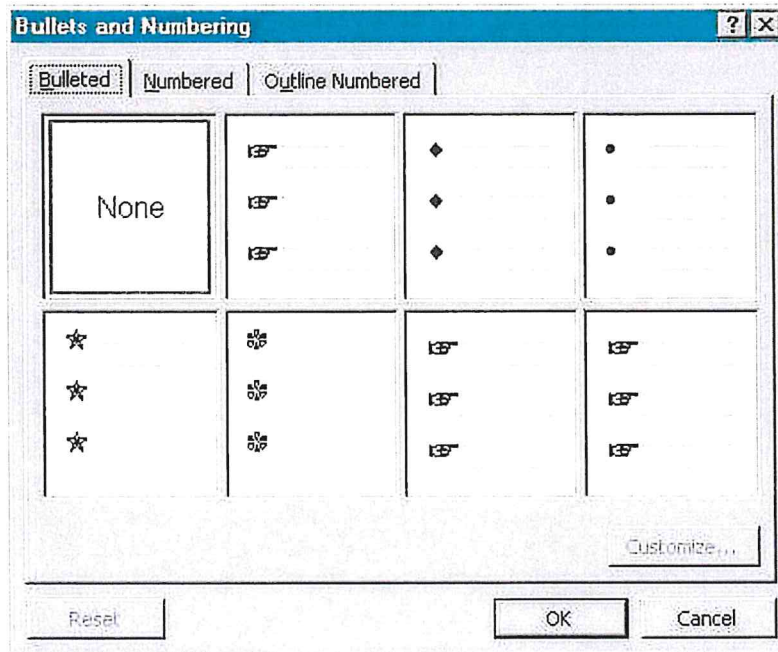
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8. With the passage still selected, pick 8 from the Font Size list. Notice how the font size of the selected passage changes.
9. Select the centered Sample2.doc title at the top of the first page, and press <Shift+F3> to change the case from uppercase to lowercase to initial capitals and then to uppercase again.
10. Exit Word with <Alt+F4> and pick the No button to avoid saving the changes.

6.5 Creating Lists and Numbering headings

Word makes list creation and conversion simple. You can convert lines of text into numbered lists or procedural steps. Word automatically assigns the proper numeric sequence to a series of selected passages. Similarly, Word lets you select one or more paragraphs (or lines) of text and then convert the selected passage into a bulleted list. The **Format / Bullets and Numbering** menu selection lets you modify the bullet style or the numbering sequence.

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The fastest way to create a numbered or bulleted list is to use the Numbering or Bullets buttons on the Format toolbar. Once text is selected, simply click the appropriate button to automatically convert your list to the desired form.

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Heading Numbering

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When you use different heading styles from the style box, i.e., Heading 1, Heading 2, etc., you can apply heading numbers using the Outline Numbered tab of the Bullets and Numbering dialog. Here, multilevel outlines and indentations are automatically applied. Just pick the style you want to use and click OK.

Tip: Styles are created, changed, and applied from the Style box on the Formatting toolbar. Just click on the text element and then choose the desired style.

8. Press <Alt0+F4> and click **No** to exit Word without saving your changes to the Sample2.doc file.

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To add a header or footer, follow these steps:

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- Type your header text. If you want to type footer text, click the toolbars switch between Header and Footer button to display the footer text box and type your footer text, click the appropriate toolbar buttons.
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6.7 Inserting Page Breaks, Page Numbers, Bookmarks, Symbols and Dates

The Insert Menu

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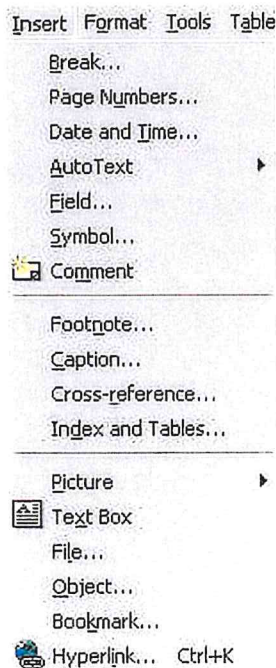
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This section deals with a few of the Insert menu's capabilities. Following sections address the remainder of the menu items. Below is a list of what each of the menu selections does. Then a hands-on activity guides you through the use of several of these.

Break—Inserts a page break, column break, or section breaks at the current cursor position.

Page Numbers—Inserts a page number and controls the format, position, and value.

Date and Time—Inserts the current date and/or time. Pick the format from a list.



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Inserting New Columns and Rows

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Not creating enough rows or columns for your table is one of the first table problems you will encounter. To insert or delete rows or columns, select a row or column and right click your mouse.

Suppose that you need to insert a column. Select the column that will appear after the new column by pointing above the column until the mouse pointer changes to a down arrow. Select multiple columns by dragging your mouse to the right after you have selected one column. Right-click your mouse to mouse to display a pop-up menu. The menu will be different depending on whether you have selected a row or column first. Select Insert Columns, and Word 2000 inserts a new column before the selected columns command.

To highlight a row, point to the margin left of the row; Word 2000 highlights the entire row. Drag your mouse down or up to select multiple rows. When you right-click your mouse, the pop-up menu contains an Insert rows and a Delete Rows command.

7.7 Short Summary

- ♣ A Comment is Word 2000 document message that you can see onscreen but that does not print.
- ♣ Tables are collections of information organized in rows and columns. Tables might contain numbers, text, even graphics, or combinations of any of these.
- ♣ A cell is a single table entry.
- ♣ WordArt offers many powerful features for emphasizing your written communications with special sizing, stretching, rotation, font selection, shading, and more.

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Excel 2000 can work with the following kinds of data:

- Labels: Text values such as names and addresses.
- Numbers: Numeric values such as 34, -291, 545.67874, and 0
- Formulas. Expressions that compute numeric results (some formulas work with text values as well)
- Special formats: Date and time values

Entering Text

If you want to put text (such as a title or a name) in a cell, just place your cursor in the cell and type the text. Excel 2000 left-justifies the text in the cell. As you type, the text appears both in the cell and in the Formula bar. Remember that the Name box to the left of the Formula bar displays the name of the cell into which you are entering data. When you press Enter, Excel 2000 moves the cell pointer down one row.

If you press Esc at any point during your text entry, Excel 2000 erases the text you typed in the cell and restore the original cell contains.

If your text is wider than the cell, Excel 2000 does one of the two things depending on the contents of the adjacent cell to the right:

- If the adjacent cell is empty , Excel 2000 erases the text you typed in the cell and restores the original cell contains
- If the adjacent cell contains data, Excel 2000 truncates (cuts off) the wide cell to show only as much text as fits in the cell's width. Excel 2000 does not remove the unseen data from the cell: however, the adjacent cell, if that cell contains data, always displays instead.

Note:

A label is text data inside an Excel 2000 cell

Entering Numbers

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Excel 2000 accepts numeric values of all kinds. You can type positive numbers, negative numbers, numbers with decimal points, zero-leading numbers, numbers with dollar signs, percent signs, and even scientific notation (a shortcut for writing extremely large and small numbers) Excel 2000 right-justifies numbers inside cells. You can change the format for a single cell or for the entire worksheet.

Entering Dates and Times

Excel 2000 supports almost every national and international date and time format. Excel 2000 uses its AutoFormat feature to convert any date or time value that you type to a special internal number that represents the number of days since midnight, January 1, 1900. As with all Office 2000 products, Excel 2000 is Y2K –complaint meaning that Excel 2000 automatically displays all dates the user enters with four-digit year values by showing the full year. Excel 2000 should have little problem with the millennium change. Although this strange internal representation might not make sense now, you use these values a lot to compute time between two or more dates.

Using Formulas

Without formulas, Excel 2000 would be little more than a word processor for tables of information. When you use formulas, however, Excel 2000 becomes an extremely powerful time saving planning, budgeting, and general-purpose financial tool.

A Formula is a calculation that produces a result. Formulas can include math operators, numbers, cell addresses, and range names.

9.4 Auto fill

Nothing is more tedious than entering a long sequence of numbers or dates in a column. So let Excel handle the drudge work. As the name implies, its AutoFill feature can automatically fill in information as you drag the mouse through a range. You can use AutoFill to enter the days of the week, months of the year, any series of numbers or dates, and even custom lists that you create.

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Entering Numbers

Excel 2000 accepts numeric values of all kinds. You can type positive numbers, negative numbers, numbers with decimal points, zero-leading numbers, numbers with dollar signs, percent signs, and even scientific notation (a shortcut for writing extremely large and small numbers) Excel 2000 right-justifies numbers inside cells. You can change the format for a single cell or for the entire worksheet.

Entering Dates and Times

Excel 2000 supports almost every national and international date and time format. Excel 2000 uses its AutoFormat feature to convert any date or time value that you type to a special internal number that represents the number of days since midnight, January 1, 1900. As with all Office 2000 products, Excel 2000 is Y2K –compliant meaning that Excel 2000 automatically displays all dates the user enters with four-digit year values by showing the full year. Excel 2000 should have little problem with the millennium change. Although this strange internal representation might not make sense now, you use these values a lot to compute time between two or more dates.

Using Formulas

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Without formulas, Excel 2000 would be little more than a word processor for tables of information. When you use formulas, however, Excel 2000 becomes an extremely powerful time saving planning, budgeting, and general-purpose financial tool.

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