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Using the Application

First Steps with Word Processing

Opening and closing Microsoft Word

To start Word using the Windows Start menu

- Click on the **Start** icon to display the **Start** menu and then click on the **Microsoft Word** icon.
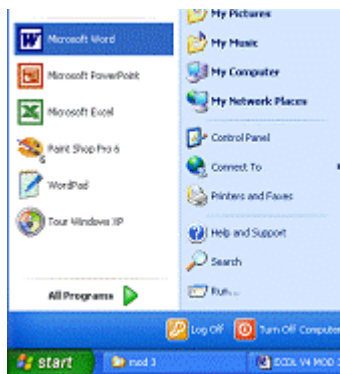
To close the Word program

- Click on the **Close** icon displayed at the top right of the Microsoft Word window

    OR press **Alt+F4**.

    If you have not saved your work, a dialog box will be displayed which asks you if you wish to save your changes. Make your choice from one of the following:
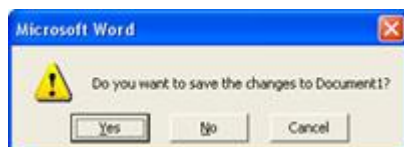
    Yes: Saves the changes and exits the program.

    No: Does not save the changes and exits the program. Choosing **No** will lose any work which you have done since you last saved the file.

    Cancel: Cancels the command and stays in the Word program.

Opening one or several documents

To open a file
- Click on the **Open** icon and from the dialog box displayed select the required file.
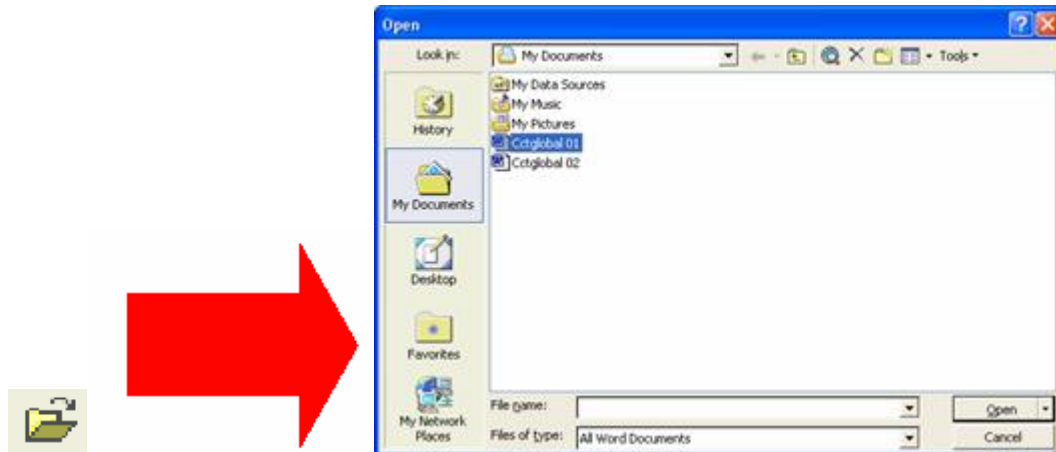
- Use the **Look in** drop down menu to select the drive or folder which contains the file you want.
- To open the file you require either double click on the file name
  OR select the file name by clicking on it, and then click on the **Open** button.

Opening a file from a diskette (floppy disk)
- Click on the **Open** icon and a dialog box is displayed.
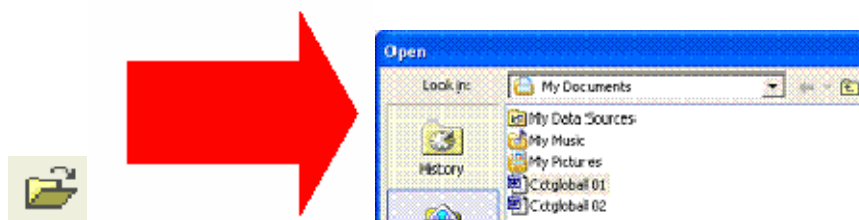
- Click on the **down arrow** to the right of the **Look in** section.
- From the list displayed select **3½ Floppy (A:)**
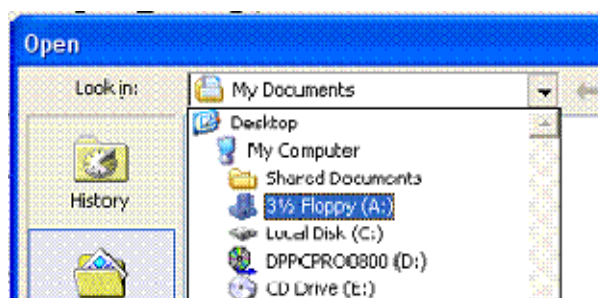
- Select the required file and then click on the **Open** button.

Tools to help you with opening files

- You can use the buttons across the top of this dialog box to help you in selecting the required file.

See recent files: Click here to access recently opened files or folders (acts like a **Back** button within an Internet browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer).

Move up one folder level: Click here to move up one level through your folder (directory) tree.
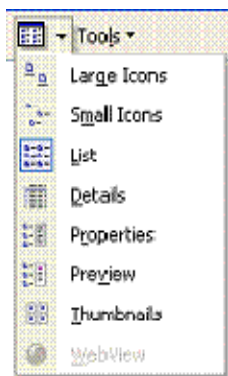
Search the Web: Click here to search the Internet (assuming that you are connected to the Web!).

Delete the selected file: Click here to delete the selected file or folder.

Create a new folder: Click here to create a new folder beneath the selected folder.

See different "opening views": Click here to see a drop down menu, from which you can select commands, as illustrated.

To select a continuous block of files to open

- You can open files one at a time, or if you know how to select multiple files, you can open two or more files at the same time. This technique can save you time!
- Click on the **Open** icon, which will display the Open dialog box.
- Click on the first file of the block you wish to select, and then while depressing the **Shift** key, click on the last file of the required block. When you release the **Shift** key the entire block will remain selected.
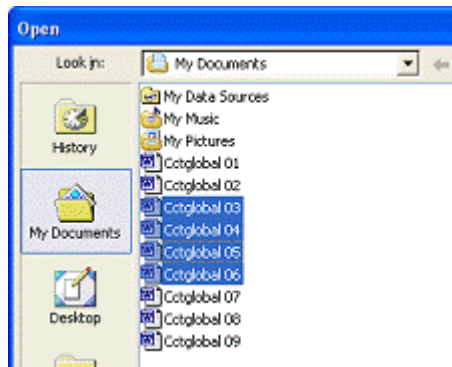
To select multiple files (to open) which are not in a continuous block

- Click on the **Open** icon, which will display the Open dialog box.
- Click on the first file which you wish to select and while keeping the **Ctrl** key depressed, click on the other files which you wish to select. When you release the **Ctrl** key, the selected files will continue to be highlighted.
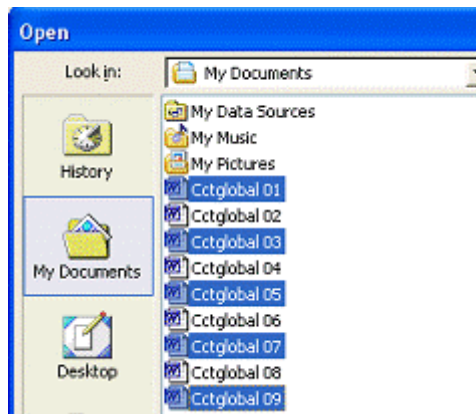
- In either case outlined above, clicking on the **Open** button, once multiple files have been selected, will cause all the selected files to open within Word.

Creating a new document based on default or other templates

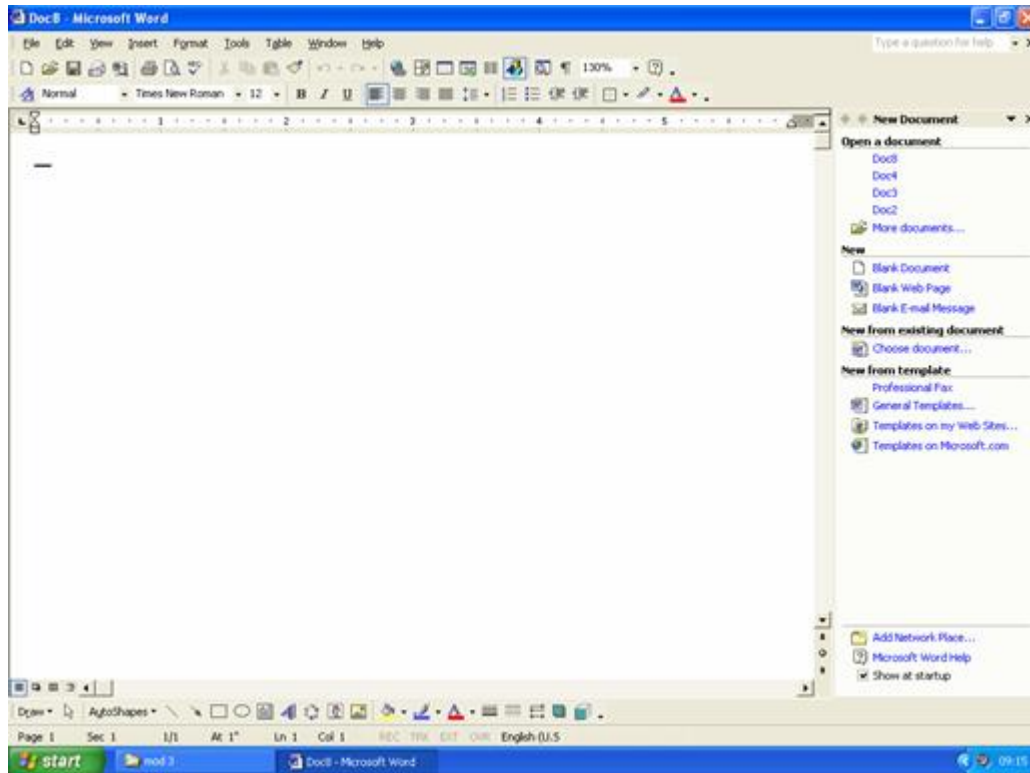### To create a new document based on the default template

- Click on the **New** icon and a new blank document will be displayed on the screen. This document will be based on the default template within Word.
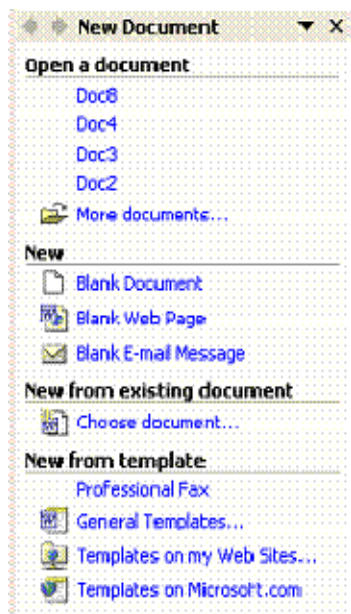
- To save your new document after you have entered your text, click on the **Save** icon and supply a name for the document file.

## To create a new document based on another template

- From the **File** menu select **New** to display the **New Document** task pane.


- You will see a range of options displayed within the Task Pane.

- You can create a new document based on a range of templates. For instance if you wished to create a professional looking memo, then within the **New from template** section, click on **General Templates** and the following dialog will be displayed.
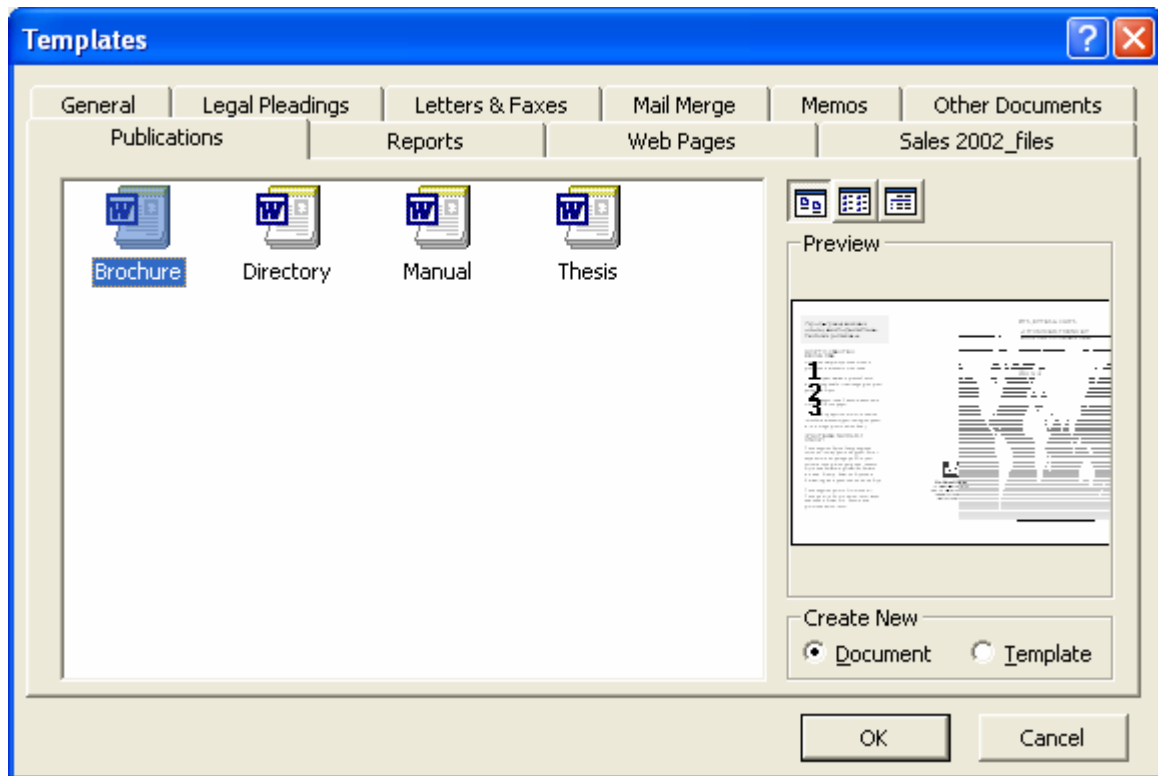
- Clicking on the **Memos** tab and selecting the **Professional Memo** icon will display the following.
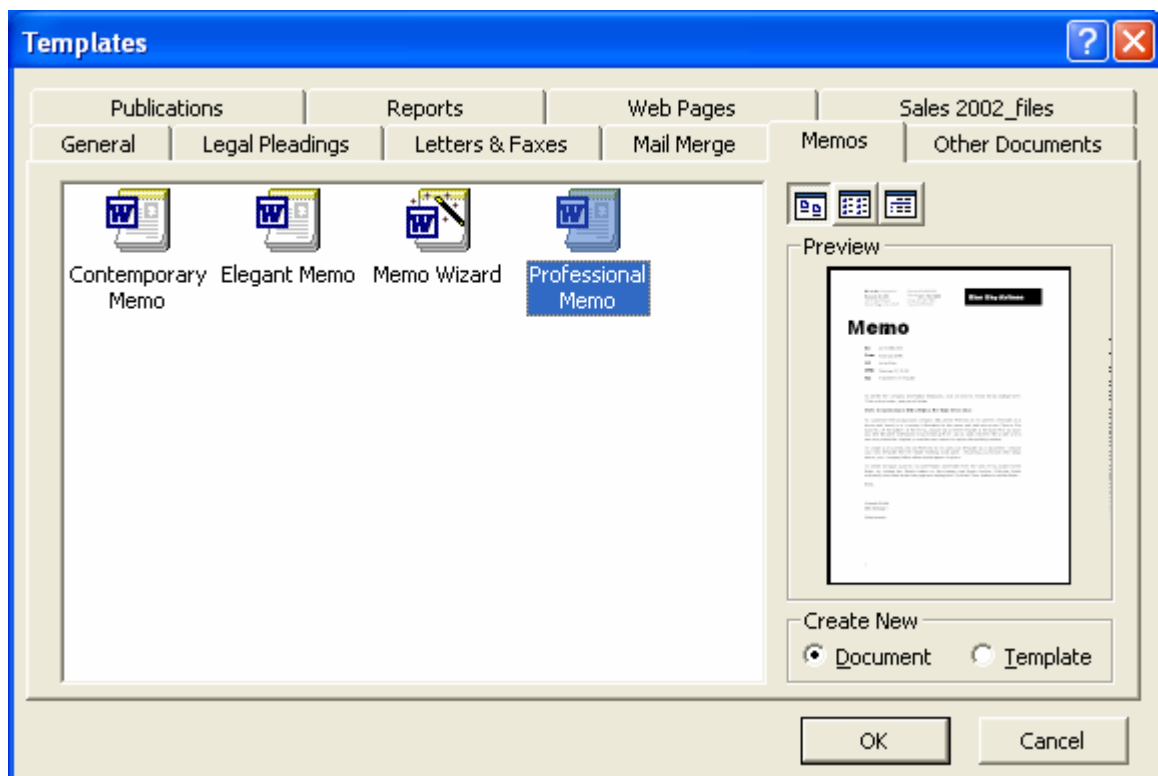
- Clicking on the **OK** button will display the outline of a memo on your screen, which you can adapt.