## Word Boot Camp

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## Objectives

- Demonstrate basic functions in Word \& similar word processing programs, e.g., OpenOffice Writer
- Help you produce better looking documents

Easier

Faster
That are easier to revise

## Word Boot Camp

## Assumptions

You already know basic Windows/Mac functions, e.g.

Starting programs
Saving files
Switching between applications: [ALT]

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## We're not going to

Insert or manipulate clip art, photos, etc.

- Use Text Boxes
- Cover "specialized operations" like interrupting/resuming numbered lists
- Perform Mail Merge operations


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## Non-Word Preliminaries

- The Keyboard is always faster than the mouse!
$\therefore$ Learn a few keyboard shortcuts[四
CTRL V
CTRL $X$
CTRL $\mathbf{Z}$
ALT A

Copy ("C" for Copy)
Paste (an arrow pointing down)
Delete ("X" it out)
Undo
Switch applications

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## Word Preliminaries

I'm using Word 2003

- Very little is specific to Word 2003

Concepts apply to all versions of Word And other word processors, e.g. OpenOfffice Writer
Office 2007 makes very dramatic changes to the user interface

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## normal.dot

Word's "memory" for many settings

- Unique for each user account
- Must exist; basis for all documents
" "Safe" to delete;
Word will recreate a new one, if necessary
- Deleting this file corrects some problems
- Delete only when Word isn't open


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## Some Defaults are DUMB!

- You can't find an unfamiliar menu choice if Word keeps hiding them!
Fix it:
Tools>Customize>Options
Select "Always show full menus"
While you're there:
Select: "Show Standard and Formatting toolbars on two rows
Select: "List font names in their font"


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> The Computer is NOT A TYPEWRITER!
－＂Never＂more than two consecutive like characters！E．g．，〕四
－Let the computer handle new lines within paragraphs

End paragraphs with 』
Manual line breaks with sunf $\rrbracket$
Addresses

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> The Computer is NOT A TYPEWRITER!

- Tabs are easier to use than those on a typewriter
- Paragraph boundaries handle special paragraphs
- Paragraph spacing, before and after, produces consistent results


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> Consussensis ons Fonsisis:

- Choice of Fonts is highly personal Fonts with Serifs are easier to read in body text (printed)
- Sans Serif fonts work well for Headings, Titles, etc.
Avoid using many different fonts in a single document (ransom note syndrome)
* Ir's OK to have fun, sometimes (Comic Sans MS)


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## Monospaced vs. Proportional

Traditionally, typewriters used monospaced fonts, e.g., a lower case " $i$ " is as wide as an upper case "M"

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Courier New: } & \text { iii } \\
& \text { MMM }
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Proportional fonts vary character width based upon the character

Times New Roman: iii
MMM

# Proportional Font Benefits 

Increased readability
Increased text density

- Gives a more professional, typeset look


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## Times New Roman

Word's default
Generally a poor choice

- Unless you're writing a newspaper with short line lengths

Overused by people that don't know better
One better choice:

> Book Antigua
> Times New Roman

## Show/Hide (That paragraph thingy)

On the Tools Toolbar Next to the Zoom dialog

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## 9 <br> Show/Hide

Allows you to see non-printable characters, some examples:

- (Raised dot) Space
$\rightarrow \quad$ Tab
II (Pilcrow) Paragraph mark
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$\square \quad$ End of table cell
- (Raised circle) Non-breaking space


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## I <br> Show/Hide

SHOW to see what you're instructing Word to do

This should be your normal operating mode
HIDE when you want to get a quick view of what will be printed

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## Text Selection Methods

Single Click
Places the "insertion point" (I-Beam)
Click and Drag
Selects what you move over, automatic extension to "word" boundaries
Double Click
Selects the "word"

- Triple Click

Selects the Paragraph

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## Commonly Used Tabs

Left tab: The standard, sets the left edge of following text
Right tab: Sets the right edge of following text
Center tab: Centers text around the tab position
Decimal tab: Aligns columns of numbers on the decimal point

## Exotic Tabs

Leader tabs - automatically generate:
Dots (periods)
Dashes
Underbars
Useful for tables of contents, forms
Bar tabs - generate vertical bars, may pass through text
What are they good for? (I dont know)

## Paragraph

A collection of text that belongs together and generally shares attributes
Font: Family, size, attributes

- Line spacing

Alignment: Left, Center, Right, Fully Justified
Special attributes:
Indent/outdent (hanging indent) first line Extra space before Extra space after
Borders and Shading (not commonly used in plain text)

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## Styles

## The most powerful feature in Word?

Paragraph styles: "A style is a collection of formatting commands that's given a name so it can be easily accessed and all the formatting it contains applied as a group (in a single click). Better yet, when formatting is applied using styles, changing the formatting throughout a long document means changing it just once in the style itself - then it's automatically changed throughout the document wherever the style has been applied."

## Character styles:

A little too esoteric to worry about here

## "NORMAL" Style

- Basis for other styles

Very important to customize Word to your liking

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# Curt's Very Basic Preferences normal.dot "Normal" Style 

- Page Margins: $1.0^{\prime \prime}$ all around

Use what you like

- Default Font: Book Antigua Very similar to Palatino
Font Size: 11.5 points It just works well; use what you like


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## Curt's SECRET TIP

- Add 6 points of space AFTER paragraphs to your Normal style!

Use [mint (manual line break) when you don't want extra space - or change in formatting

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## Let's Look at a Letter

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| M. T. Cicero | One Appian Way |
| :---: | :---: |
| Philosophy | Rome |
|  | $1-800-$ NOPHONE |

45 BC

## Julius Casar <br> Rome, Italy

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## Another View


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## What's Wrong?



Multiple spaces instead of center alignment

- Multiple tabs instead of styled paragraphs
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## Can we do better?

Letterhead
Table: One Row, Two Columns, or

- Two Rows, Two Columns

Center alignment
Border (only bottom, or middle)
Appropriate styles:
Inside address
Salutation
Normal (body)
Closing
Signature

Let's Do It!

## Launch Word...

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## How Did We Do?

## M. T. Cicero <br> Philosopher

## Julius Caesar

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Sincerely,

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## More About Styles

Previous examples were pretty simple: Set paragraph spacing
Selected a font family, font style (regular, bold, italic, bold italic), size
Other uses:
Headings (especially if we want a Table of Contents)
Quotations

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## Let's Take A Look At What We Can Do: Before

## Word Boot Camp

My Important Report
I. M. Mee

Presented March 31, 2007

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It's OK if you can't read the example. Just look at the shapes.

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## How Did We Do?

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| My Important Report |
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## Word Boot Camp

## Find \& Replace

Similar Tools:
Shared Interface

- Find/Replace

Text
Special Characters
Formatting
Direction sensitive

- Starts at beginning of the document

Continues at the insertion point
Works with whole document or selected text


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## Replace Special Characters

Dialog easier to use than ^ combinations

- May require multiple applications
- Let's look at Cicero's original letter and clean it up just a little...



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## Tables

The most powerful feature in Word?

- Tables in Word are primarily for organizing and displaying data-if you need to compute you should probably use a spreadsheet
- Gridlines don't print; Borders do print 99.44\% of the time I allow gridlines to be shown

Can have Headings (can auto repeat each page)
Can be sorted! (Paragraphs can be sorted too, but tables are more flexible.)

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## Some Table Uses

## Organizing Data in a Document

| Mythical Wheels Bicycles |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Product Number | Product Description | Notes | Price | (108 |  |
| 476930-sz | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Thunder Road } \\ \text { BMX } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26^{*} 2.25 \text {; Frame sizes } 13^{*}, 15^{*}, 17^{*} \\ & \text { Good seller last year } \end{aligned}$ | \$259.95 | 32 | 8 |
| 853208 | $26^{*} 2.25$ Tube |  | \$6.95 | 1 | 4 |
| 934529 | $26^{*}$. 25 Tire | BXM | \$23.95 | 3 | 4 |
| 978003 | Bar End Mirror | Priced to sell | \$6.55 | 1 | 3 |

Data Source for Mail Merge Applications
Labels; Format Source for Mail Merge
Forms

## Tables 101

Defaults:
Table Width: Current margins
Alignment: Left (top)

- Border: $1 / 2$ pt solid line, all borders

Cell Margins:
Top \& Bottom: 0 (determined by paragraph) Left \& Right: 0.08"
Column width: Equal size columns

- Row Height: One line of current font/paragraph


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## Table Cell Properties

- Every Cell has/can have

Borders and Shading
Styled text
Anything you can put in "open text," even other tables Specified Text Direction:

- Right to Left (default/normal)
- Bottom to Top (read from right side)
- Top to Bottom (read from left side)

Each border is shared with the adjacent cell

- Tab key advances to next cell, or adds a row
- [rime to get a real tab in a cell


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## Turn Text Into A Table

## Before



After

| Name | LastName | E-mail |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bonnie | Anderson | **********@ *********** |
| John | Anderson | ********** @ *********** |
| Les | Anderson | ******** @ ${ }^{* * * * * * * * * * * ~}$ |
| Thomas | Bawek | ****** @ ${ }^{\text {*********** }}$ |
| Tom | Bedford | ******** $0^{* * * * * * * *}$ |
| Don | Blakely | ******** $@^{* * * * * *}$ |
| Marlys | Christiansen | ********@ ${ }^{* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *}$ |
| Norm | Christiansen | ********@ ${ }^{\text {*********** *** }}$ |
| Lyle | Dinger | ***********@ ${ }^{\text {a******* }}$ |
| Dan | Holmes | ******** @ ${ }^{* * * * * *}$ |
| Annette | Jones | ******* ***** @ *************** |
| Harris | Mallory | ****@ ${ }^{* * * * * * * * * * ~}$ |
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| Kellie | Taylor | ************ @ ${ }^{* * * * * *}$ |
| Curt | Trout | *********@ ${ }^{\text {®********* }}$ |
| Sheri | Trout | *****@ ${ }^{\text {********** }}$ |

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## Microsoft Word Training Courses On the Web

About 30 "Word 2003 " courses available at:
http://office.microsoft.com/enus/training/CR061958171033.aspx
About 5 "Word 2007" courses available at:
http://office.microsoft.com/enus/training/CR100654561033.aspx
Or Search Microsoft.com for "Word Training"


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