

# Windows Operating System

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Open-Save-Print

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## Overview





Most programs use very similar dialog boxes to allow you to open, save, and print files. To save time in other courses, you'll learn how to use these dialog boxes now.

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<p><b>OPENING A FILE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access the Open dialog box<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Click File, then Open <b>OR</b></li><li>- Many programs have an Open  toolbar button, click it, <b>OR</b></li><li>- Press Ctrl-O (quick-key)</li><li>- In Office 2007, Ctrl-O works or you can click the Office  button, then click Open</li></ul></li><li>• Set the Open options<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Select the drive where the file exists<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ If the <b>Look in:</b> drop-down list box does not have the correct drive, click the drop-down arrow and click on the correct drive</li></ul></li><li>- Select the folder the file is in<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ If the correct folder is not open, double-click folders until the correct folder is listed in the <b>Look in:</b> box. If you need to back up one level, click the Up One Level  button</li></ul></li><li>- Set the file type. Usually, this is automatically set by the application. Change it if you need to by dropping down the list of file types (<b>Files of type:</b> drop-down list box)</li><li>- Specify the file's name<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Click or Double-click the file's icon or name in the file list box, or</li><li>➤ Type the file's name in the <b>File name:</b> text box</li></ul></li><li>- Click the <b>Open</b> button (not needed if file name double-clicked)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Click the <b>Cancel</b> button or the close button  if you change your mind about opening a file.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Use Word to Open a document file from the student disk.</p>

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<p><b>SAVING A FILE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saving a file is not as straight forward as opening one. There are two kinds of saving: <b>Save</b> and <b>Save As</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Save As</b> is used to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ save a file for the first time or,</li> <li>➤ save another copy of a previously saved file with a different, new name.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Save</b> is used to save an updated version of a previously saved file, <b>replacing</b> the original file with the new, updated one.</li> <li>- <b>Save</b> can also be used to save a file for the first time. The Windows application recognizes that this file has not been saved before and opens the <b>Save As</b> dialog box for you.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Normally you'll use <b>Save</b>. This option effectively saves a file for the first time and then replaces older versions of a file with a new one (saving disk space, only one copy).</li> <li>• Use <b>Save As</b> only when you need to save the updated <b>and</b> the original version of a file.</li> <li>• <b>Save</b> the File <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Click File, then Save on the menu <b>OR</b></li> <li>- Many programs have a Save  toolbar button, click it, <b>OR</b></li> <li>- Press Ctrl-S (quick-key)</li> <li>- In Office 2007, Ctrl-S works or you can click the Office  button, then click Save</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Save As</b> the File <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Click File, then Save As on the menu</li> <li>- Enter a new name for the file</li> <li>- Most programs don't include a toolbar button for Save As and quick-keys are not consistent.</li> <li>- In Office 2007, click the Office  button, then <b>point to</b> Save As (a submenu will appear)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Set the <b>Save As</b> options (no options necessary for Save) See the options for Open, the options are the same!</li> <li>• Click the <b>Save</b> button</li> <li>• Click the <b>Cancel</b> button or the close button  if you change your mind about opening a file.</li> </ul>	<p>Make changes to the file and use the <b>Save As</b> option to save it.</p> <p>Make more changes and use the <b>Save</b> option to save it.</p>

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## PRINTING A FILE

- Spell check the document before printing it.
- Preview the document on the screen before printing it (saves paper!)
  - Click File, then Print Preview on the menu, or
  - Many programs have a Print Preview  button, click it
  - In Office 2007, click the Office  button, then **point to** Print, then click Print Preview
- Access the Print Dialog Box
  - Click File, then Print, or
  - Many programs have a Print  toolbar button, click it, or
  - Press Ctrl-P (quick-key)
  - In Office 2007, Ctrl-P works or you can click the Office  button, then click Print
    - Or, **point to** Print for more print options.

**Caution:** Some programs **do not** display the Print dialog box when you use the toolbar button or use the quick-key. They assume you want a quick print, so they use the print defaults, typically printing one copy of the entire file on the current printer.

You might be able to change the effects of the button on the toolbar. If not, I recommend you ALWAYS use File | Print from the menu, so you can choose your print options.

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- Set the Print options
  - **Name:** If your computer system has more than one printer (like those in our labs)
    - make sure the right printer is specified here (not a bad idea to check even if you only have one printer)
  - Click the properties button if you need to change the printer's *orientation*. Portrait orientation is the default, it prints with the long side of the paper on the sides. Landscape mode prints with the long side on the top/bottom.
  - You can completely control your printer's features from the properties dialog box.
  - **Print to file:** Rarely used feature that allows you send the printed image to a file rather than the printer.
  - **Print range:** Click the **Pages** option if you don't want to print all the pages in the file. Specify the first page to print (from:) and the last page to print (to:) (they can be the same)
    - Some programs include a *print current page* option (MS Office). Use this option to get a copy of the page **the cursor is currently on**.
  - **Copies:** If you'd like more than one copy of the document, use the spin bar to change the number of copies.
  - **Collate:** If your printer has the capability, you can have the copies collated by checking the collate check box.
- Click the **OK** button
- Click the **Cancel** button or the close button  if you change your mind about opening a file.
- The Print dialog boxes may be changed based on the printer installed on your computer. Browse through the dialog box that appears on your computer to investigate the options available.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microsoft Office Document Image Writer<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Office 2003 and Office 2007 include the Microsoft Office Document Image Writer.</li><li>- The Image Writer appears on the list of printers</li><li>- Instead of printing, the Image Writer allows you to save an image of what would have printed to a file.</li><li>- For most people, Print Preview does the same thing</li><li>- Programmers use the Image Writer to preview the results of their programs without having to actually print to a printer.</li></ul></li></ul>	