











Skills Centre



Microsoft Word

- Microsoft Word is a Word Processing software used to write essays, reports and other academic assignments.
- MSWord is available to all UCC students for free through Mircosoft365 – you just need to long in using your student IT username and password.
- Word has a lot of features that can seem daunting and confusing, but they're really useful once you come to terms with them!



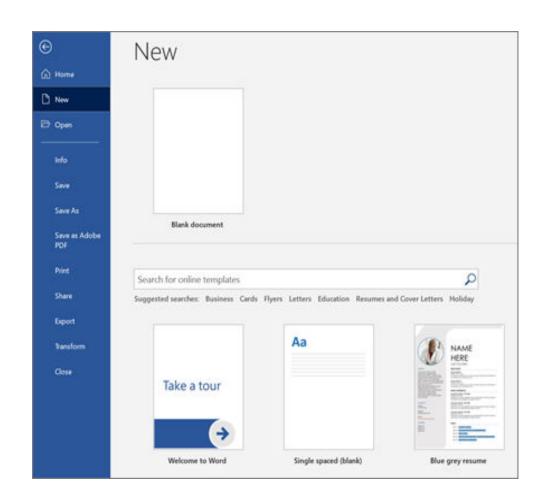


Creating Documents

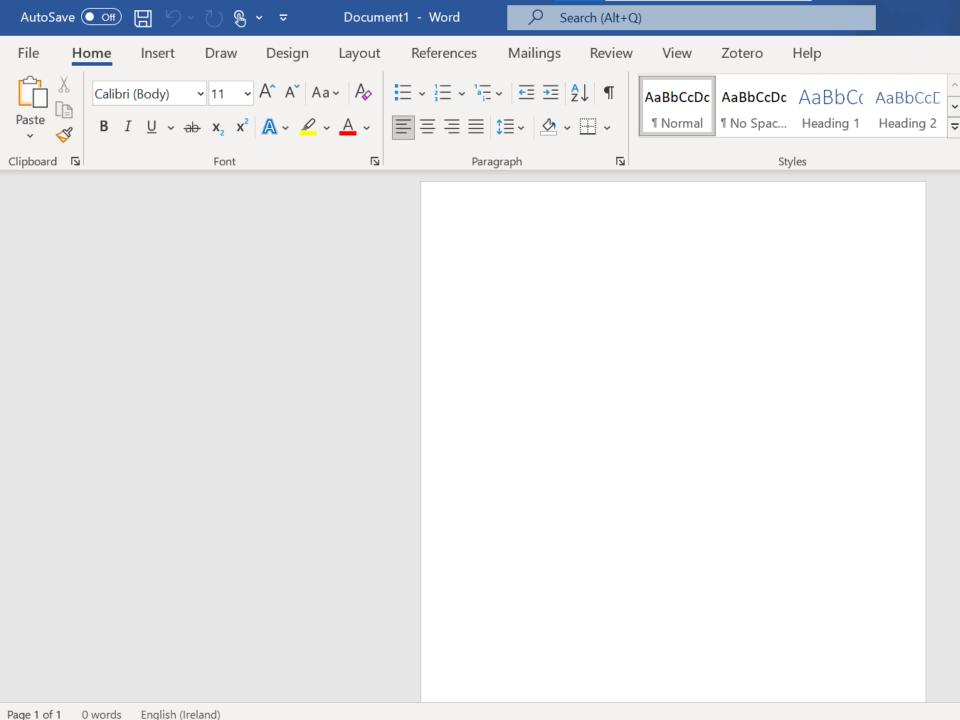
- When you open Word, you'll see this screen.
- On the bar on the left of the screen, select **New**.
- ➤ Then, either select

 Blank Document

 or use the search
 bar to search for a
 specific template.

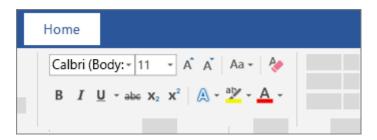






Formatting

Once you've made your new document, you can now start typing!



Use this box to select things like font, font size, colour and or to make the text **bold**, *italic* or underlined!

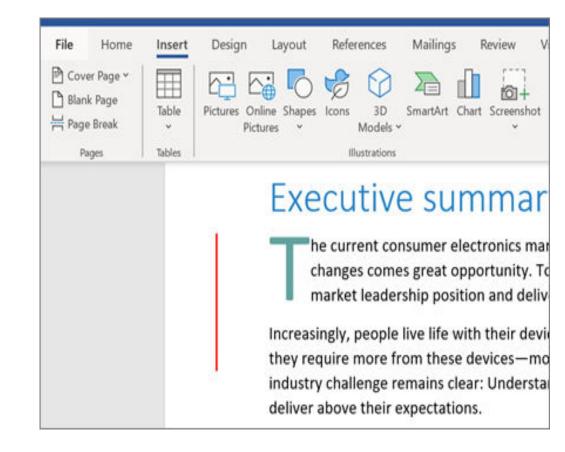


Use this box to add **bullets**, **numbers**, **line spacing** or to **align** and **justify** the text!



Pictures, Shapes and Charts

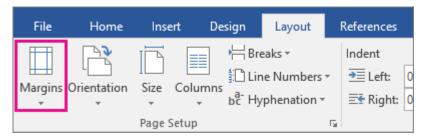
- Navigate to the Insert tab along the top of the programme.
- Here you can add pictures, shapes, charts or SmartArt!
- These can be really useful for adding information or statistic to reports.





Page Layout

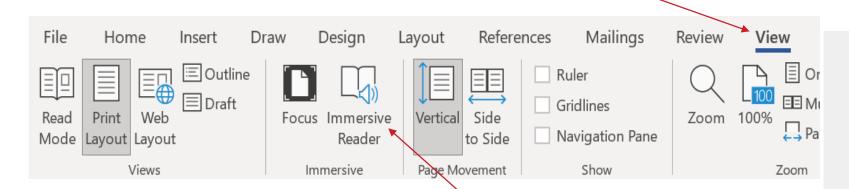
You can also change the page layout and margins easily!



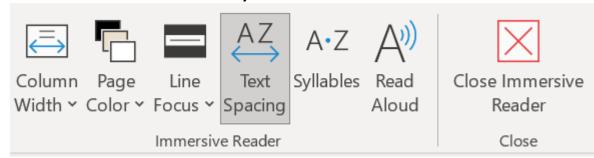
Navigate to the 'Layout' tab along the top. Here you can change the **margin size**, the **page orientation** or whether the text is displayed in separate **columns**.



Accessibility



- ➤ All Microsoft365 programmes come with built-in accessibility features like **Immersive Reader**.
- Navigate to the View tab and select the Immersive Reader; it'll start reading out your text automatically!

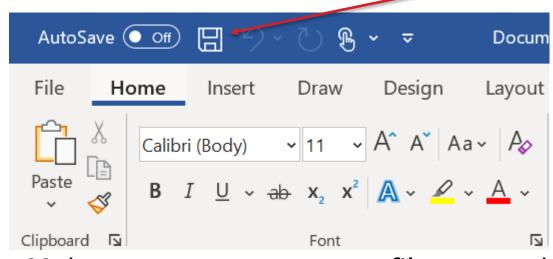


You can customise the reader to suit your own preferences very easily.



Saving

- When you're finished with your document, don't forget to save!
- Save a document by clicking on 'File', then choosing Save or Save As. Alternatively, you can use Ctrl + S, or click on the save icon in the top left.



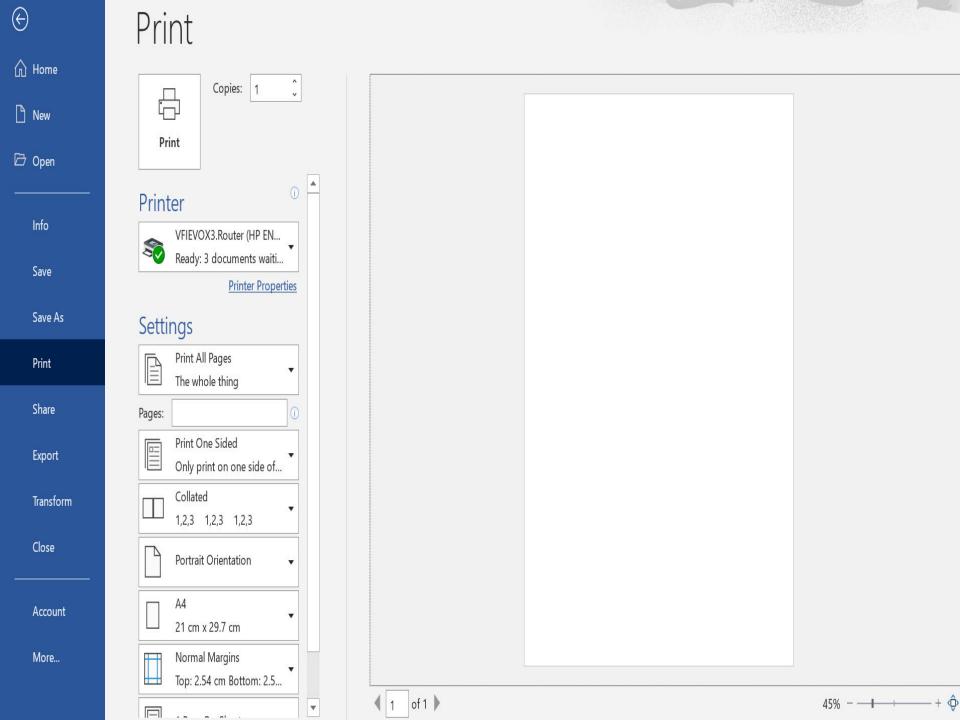
Make sure you save your file somewhere you know! File management is very important!!



Printing

- You can **print** your documents straight from Word.
- Select File, then select Print. On the right, you'll see a preview of your document. On the left, you'll see the Print button and the configurable Settings.
- Make sure the settings are set up as you intend; don't forget to set whether to print in colour or monochrome!
- Set the number of copies to print and select the printer you're using.
- Then all that's left is to hit print!





Questions?



