

Quick Start Guide

New to Word for Mac? Use this guide to learn the basics.

Get quick access to tools and commands

See what Word for Mac can do by clicking the ribbon tabs and exploring new and familiar tools.

Quick Access Toolbar

Keep popular commands right at your fingertips.

Discover contextual commands

Select tables, pictures, or other objects in your documents to reveal additional tools.

Search your documents

Start typing in the Search box to instantly find what you're looking for.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Word for Mac interface with a document titled "Contoso Bistro". The ribbon is set to "Picture Format" under the "Layout" tab. The document content includes the text "CONTOSO BISTRO" in a red, bold, sans-serif font, followed by "Dinner Menu" in a smaller, italicized serif font. Below the text is a photograph of a single red maple leaf resting on a dark, textured log. The interface includes a ribbon with tabs for Home, Insert, Design, Layout, References, Mailings, Review, View, Picture Format, Table Design, and Layout. The Quick Access Toolbar is visible in the top-left corner. The status bar at the bottom shows "Page 1 of 4", "188 Words", and "English".

Navigate with ease
Use the optional sidebar for quick navigation through page thumbnails, headings, to review comments, or to use the find and replace functions.

Status bar shortcuts
Click any status bar indicator for quick access to the pages in your document, detailed word count statistics, and more.

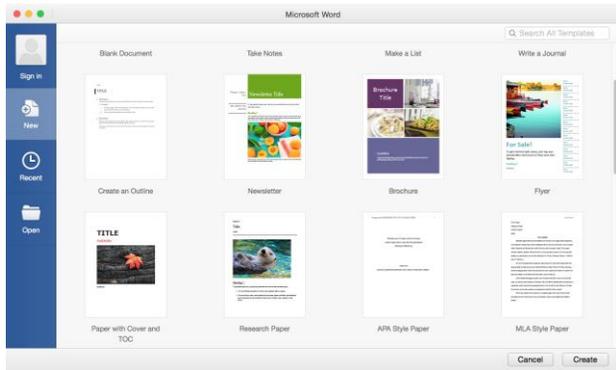
Show or hide the ribbon
Need more room on your screen? Click the arrow to hide or redisplay the ribbon.

Change your view
Click the status bar buttons to switch between view options, or use the zoom slider to magnify the page display to your liking.

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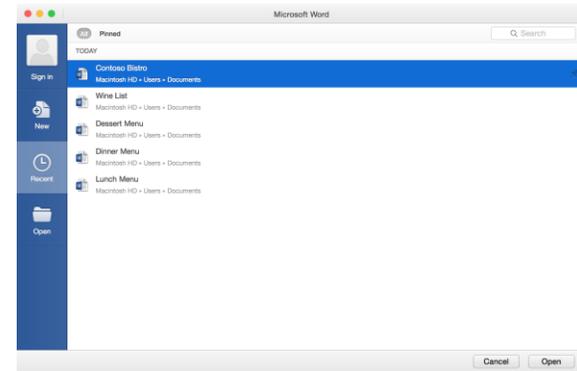
Create something

Begin with a **Blank Document** to get right to work. Or save yourself a bunch of time by selecting and then customizing a template that resembles what you need. To return to these options at any time, click **File > New from Template**.



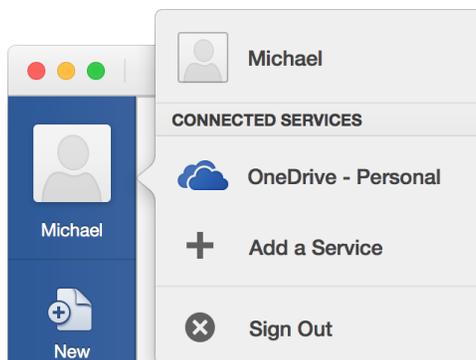
Find recent files

Whether you only work with files stored on your Mac's hard drive or you roam across various cloud services, clicking **File > Open Recent** takes you to your recently used documents and any files that you may have pinned to your list.



Stay connected

Need to work on the go and across different devices? Sign in to easily access your recently used files anywhere, on any device, through seamless integration between Office for Mac, OneDrive, OneDrive for Business, and SharePoint.



Set your preferences

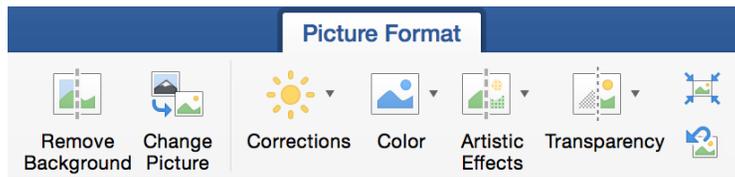
Something not working quite as expected? It's easy to change and customize options at any time. On the **Word** menu, click **Preferences**, and then set up Word the way you want.



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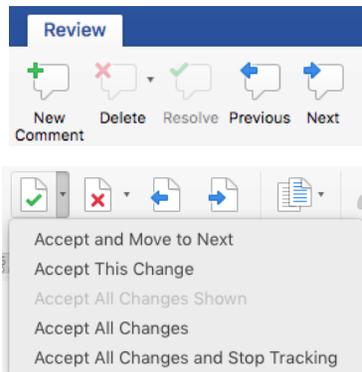
Discover contextual tools

You can display additional ribbon commands by selecting relevant objects in your document. For example, when you click within a table the **Table Design** and **Layout** tabs appear, and when you click on any inserted picture the **Picture Format** tab appears.



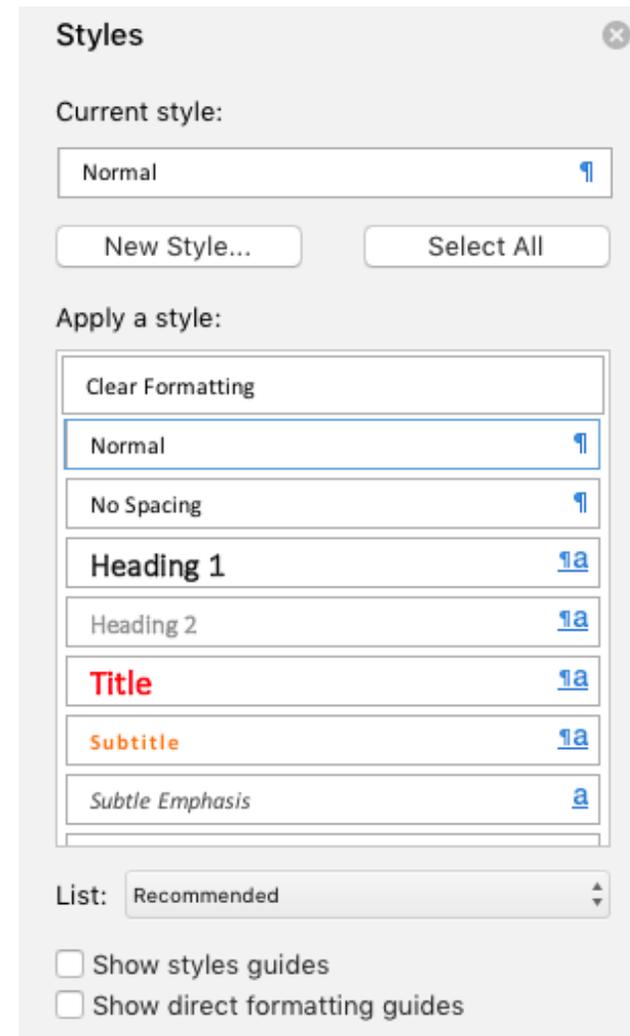
Review and track changes

Whether you want to check spelling, keep your word count in check, or collaborate with other people, the **Review** tab unveils essential commands that help you track, discuss, and manage all of the changes made to your documents.



Format documents with style

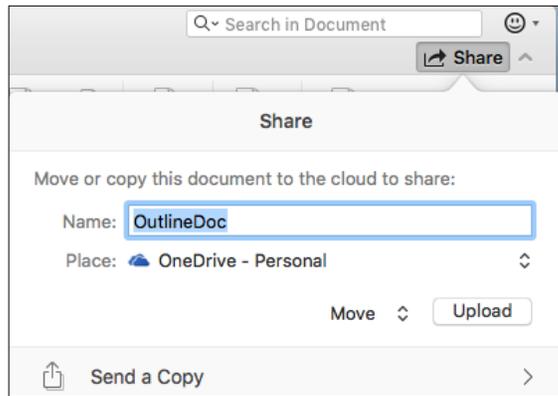
On the **Home** tab, click the **Styles Pane** button to visually create, apply, and review formatting styles in your current document. You can filter which styles to show, and you can turn the optional style and formatting guides on and off.



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Share your work with others

Click the **Share** button in the top right corner to invite others to edit your current document, to copy a link to the file's cloud location, or to send a copy as a file attachment from your preferred email service.



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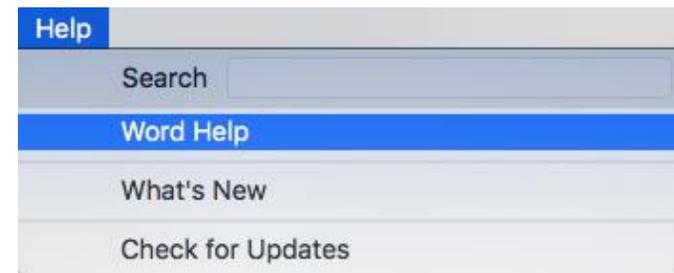
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