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Microsoft Product Support Services Application Note (Text File)
EXCEL 4.0 CONVERTER

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The following information applies to Microsoft Word for Windows,
version 4.0.

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Overview

The disk included with this application note contains an update of the
Microsoft Excel for Windows converter for Microsoft Word for Windows,
which adds support for Excel version 4.0 conversions.

To use the updated converter, copy the file XLBIFF.CNV to your
Word for Windows program directory (usually C:\WINWORD).

copy C:\winword\xlbiff.cnv

Your old Excel converter is automatically replaced, and no further
steps are necessary to make use of the new converter.

If you have questions about installing or using the converter, one of
our Product Support Services technicians will be glad to assist you.
In the United States call (206) 462-WORD (462-9673) between 6:00 A.M.
and 6:00 P.M. Pacific time. Outside the United States, contact your
local Microsoft subsidiary. If you do not know the number for your
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(206) 936-8661 to obtain the number.

Notes

1. Excel 4.0 allows you to press alt+enter to begin a new line within a text cell. The resulting newline character is translated to a paragraph mark in a table if the original Excel worksheet width is 32 columns or less, or to a newline character in tab-delimited text. These conversions ensure print merge compatibility.
2. Word for Windows versions 2.0 and 2.0a automatically recognize Excel 2.0 and 3.0 worksheet files but do not yet automatically recognize Excel 4.0 worksheet files. Therefore, if an Excel 4.0 file does not have the default .XLS extension, Word for Windows will suggest opening the spreadsheet as Text Only. You can either select the Excel 4.0 format option from the list and choose the OK button each time you want to open an Excel file with a custom file extension, or you can change the converter's default (expected) file extension by modifying the Excel 4.0 converter line in the [MS Word Text Converters] section of your WIN.INI file.
3. For more information about Excel worksheet conversion, see the online document CONVINFO.DOC in your Word for Windows program directory.