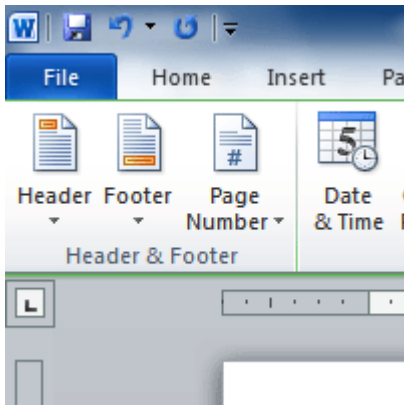


Working with Headers and Footers

Introduction



You can make your document look **professional and polished** by utilizing the header and footer sections. The **header** is a section of the document that appears in the **top margin**, while the **footer** is a section of the document that appears in the **bottom margin**. Headers and footers generally contain information such as the page number, date, and document name.

In this lesson, you will learn how to **insert and edit headers and footers**.

Headers and footers

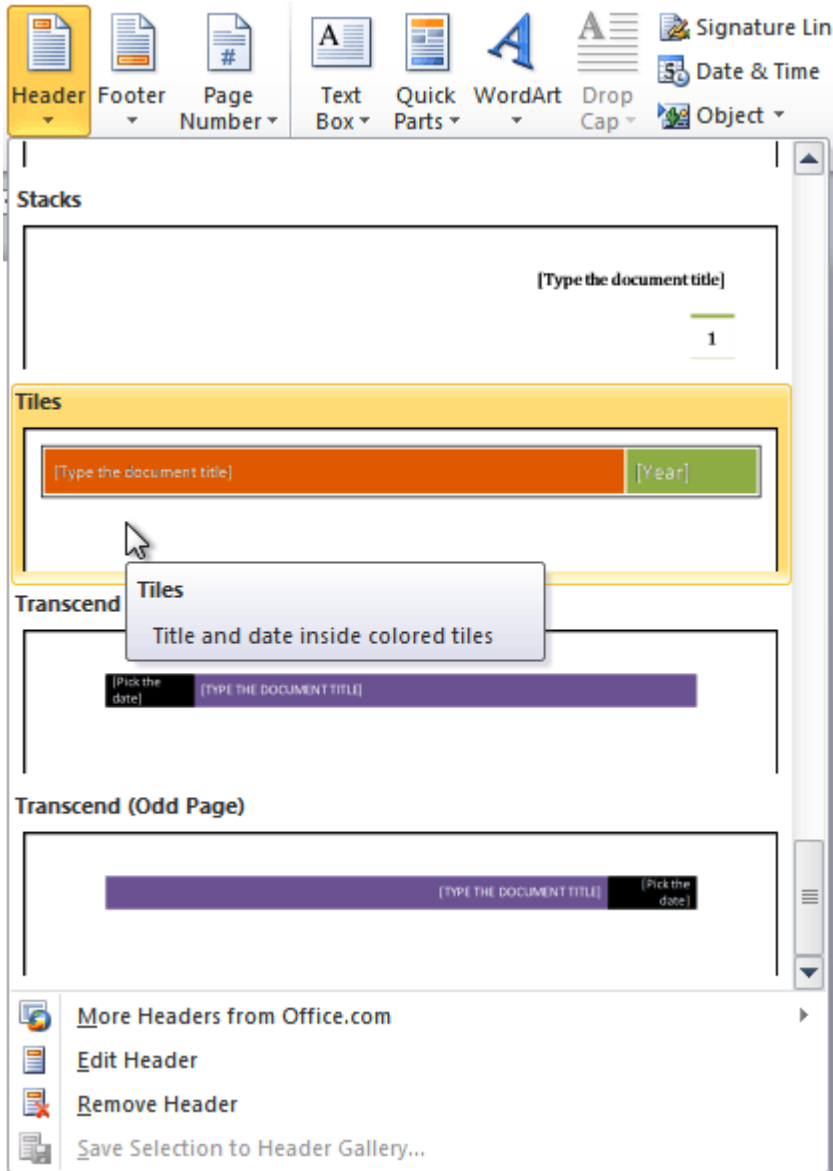
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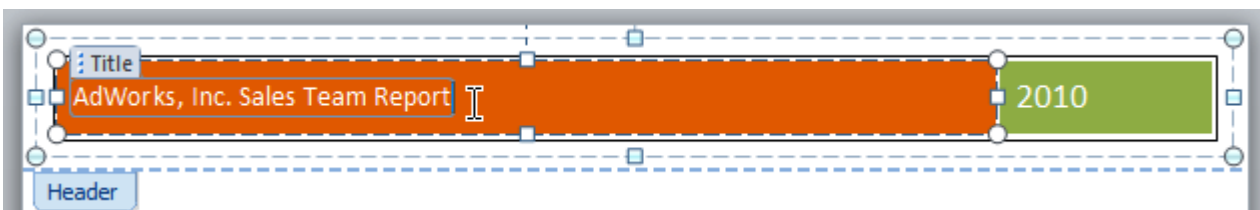
Headers and footers can help keep longer documents organized and make them easier to read. Text entered in the header or footer will appear on **each page** of the document.

To insert a header or footer:

1. Select the **Insert** tab.
2. Click either the **Header** or **Footer** command. A drop-down menu will appear.
3. From the drop-down menu, select **Blank** to insert a blank header or footer, or choose one of the **built-in options**.



4. The **Design** tab will appear on the Ribbon, and the header or footer will appear in the document.
5. Type the desired information into the header or footer.

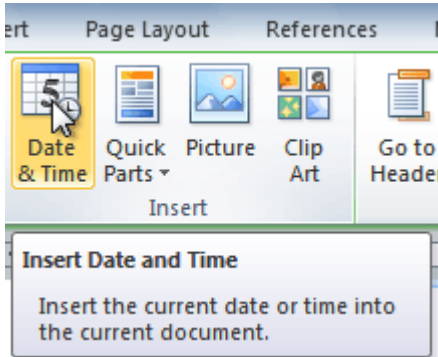


6. When you're finished, click **Close Header and Footer** in the **Design** tab, or hit the **Esc** key.

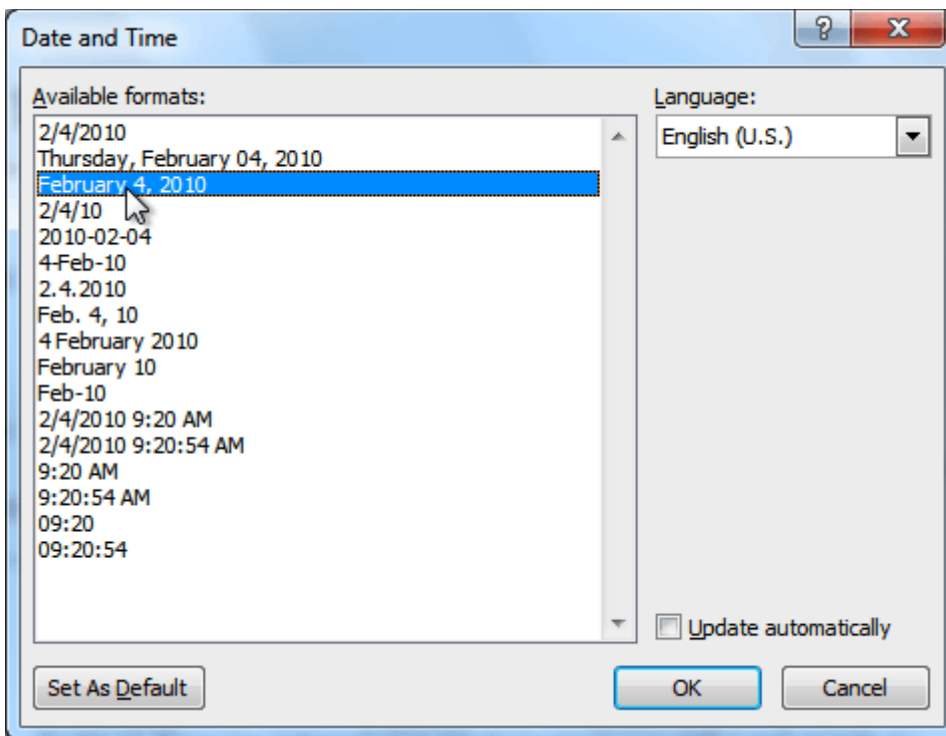
After you close the header or footer, it will still be visible, but it will be **locked**. To edit it again, just double-click anywhere on the header or footer, and it will become unlocked.

To insert the date or time into a header or footer:

1. **Double-click** anywhere on the header or footer to **unlock** it. The **Design** tab will appear.
2. From the **Design** tab, click the **Date & Time** command.



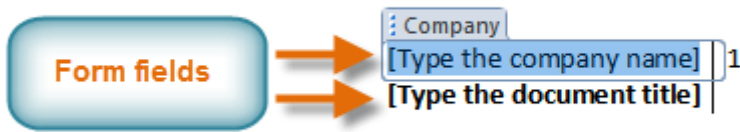
3. Select a **date format** in the dialog box that appears.



4. Place a check mark in the **Update Automatically** box if you would like it to always reflect the current date. Otherwise, it will not change when the document is opened at a later date.
5. Click **OK**. The date and time now appears in the document.

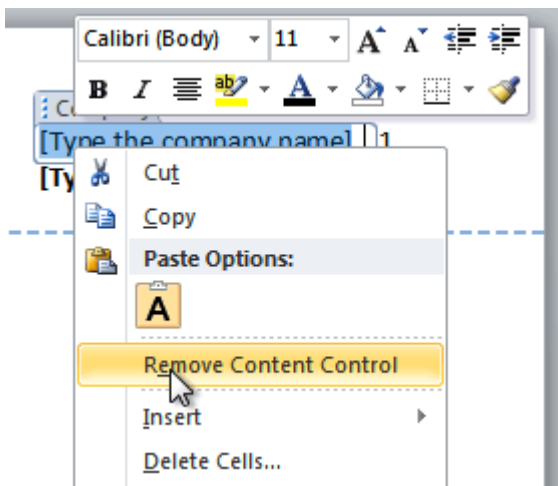
To remove content controls:

By default, some of the built-in headers and footers have snippets of text that are called **content controls**. Content controls can contain information such as the **document title** or **company name**, and they allow you to enter this information into a **form field**.



However, you'll often just want to type a normal header without any content controls. To do this, you'll need to remove any content control fields from the header or footer.

1. With the header or footer section active, right-click the **content control** field you want to remove. A drop-down menu will appear.
2. Click **Remove Content Control**. The content control field will disappear.



Other header and footer options

There are many other **header and footer options** you can use to design these sections of your document. You can review the **Header & Footer Tools Design tab** to view and explore these options.

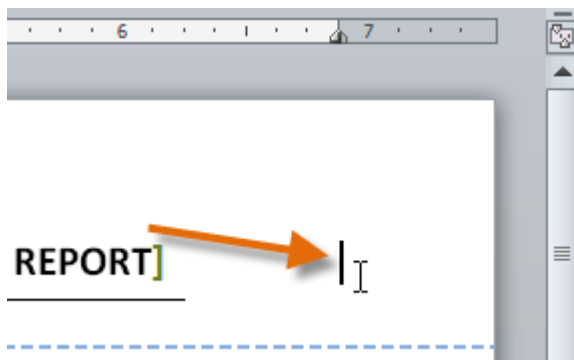


Adding page numbers

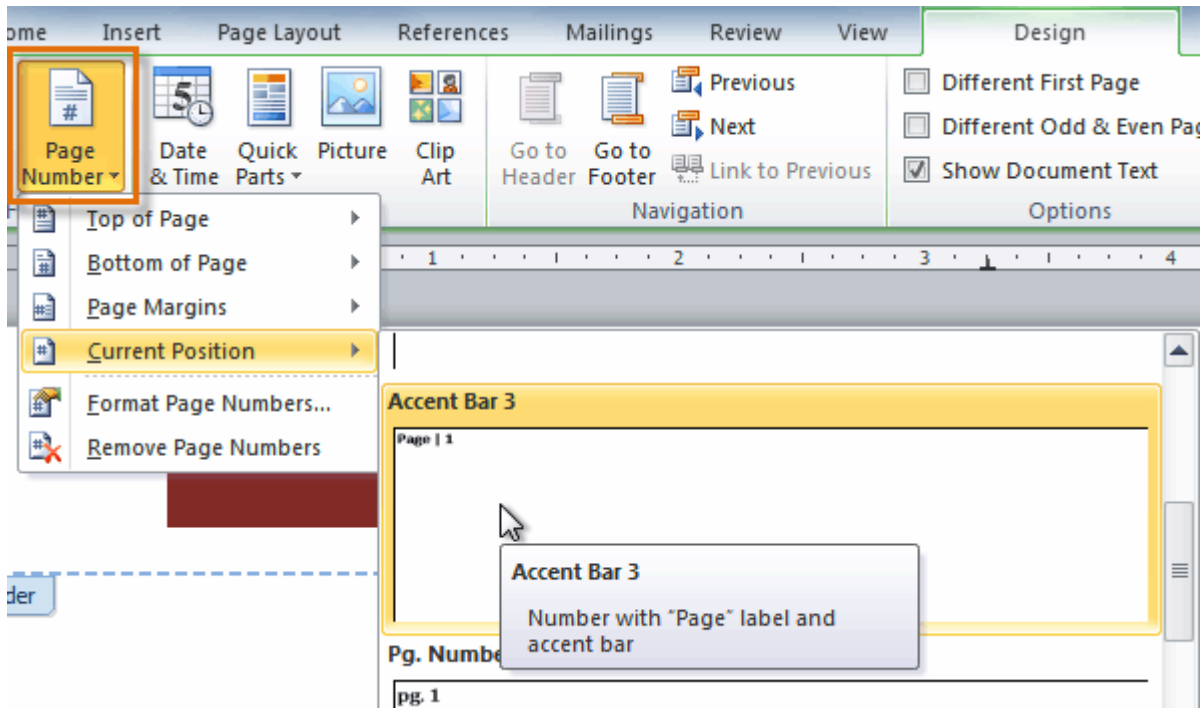
Word can automatically label each page with a page number and place it in a **header, footer, or side margin**. You can add page numbers to an **existing header or footer**, or you can insert page numbers into a **new header or footer**.

To add page numbers to an existing header or footer:

1. Select the **header or footer**. The **Design** tab will appear.
2. Place the **insertion point** where you want the page number to be. You can place it anywhere **except** inside a **content control field**.



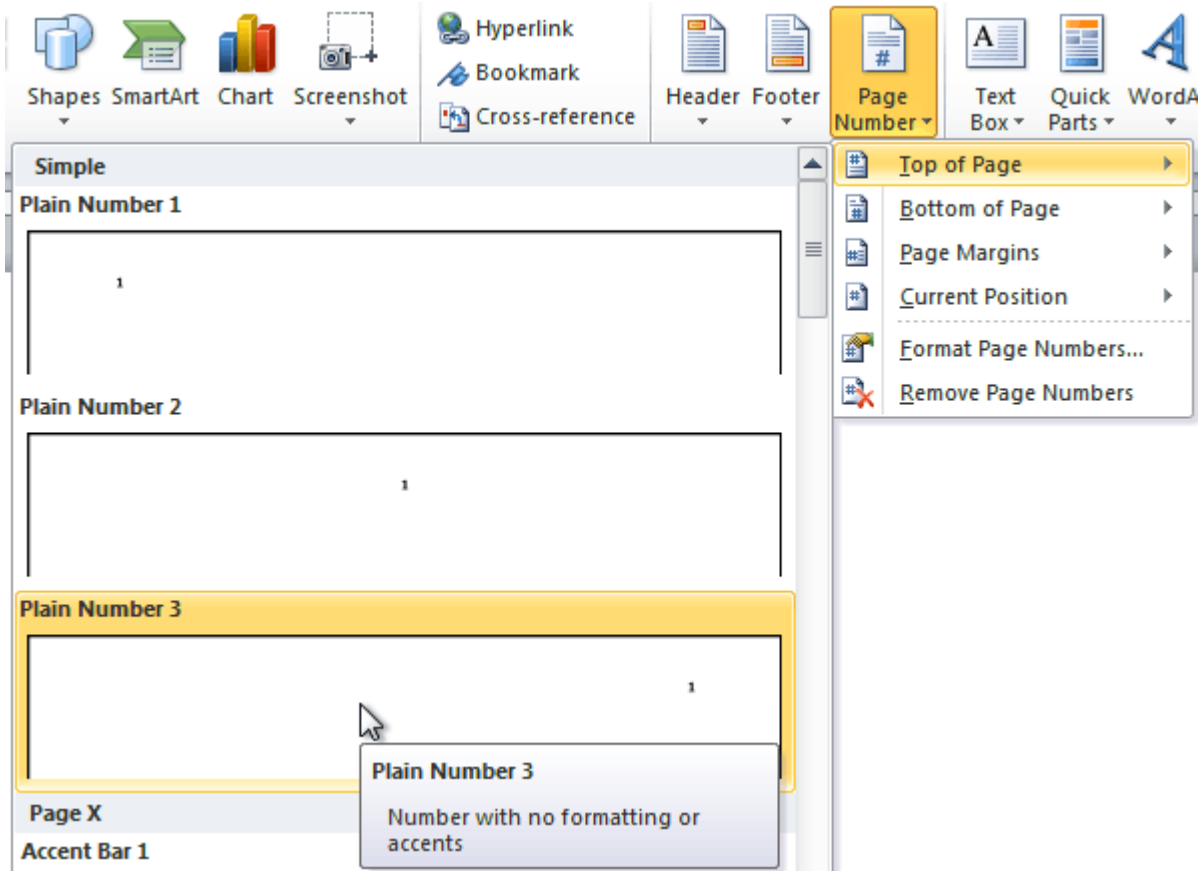
3. From the Design tab, select the **Page Number** command.
4. Click **Current Position**, then select the desired style. The page number will appear in the document.



If you've already typed information into your header or footer, it's important to place the page number at the **Current Position** to avoid losing anything. If you select a page number from **Top of Page** or **Bottom of Page**, it will **delete anything you've already added** to the header or footer.

To insert page numbers into a new header or footer:

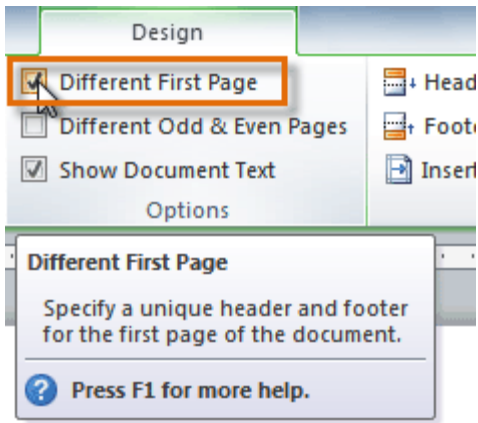
1. From the **Insert** tab, click **Page Number**. A drop-down menu will appear.
2. Select the desired **page number style**, and it will appear in your document.



To hide the page number on the first page:

In some documents, you may not want the first page to show the page number. You can **hide the first page number** without affecting the rest of the pages.

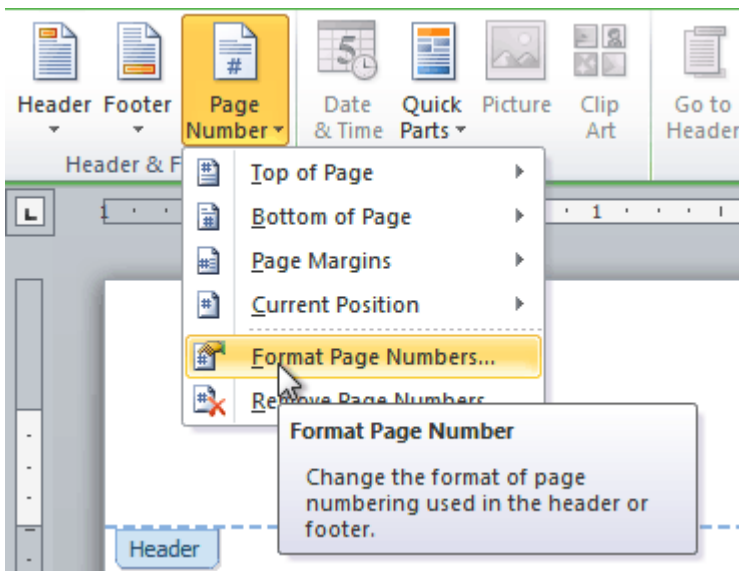
1. Select the **header** or **footer** that contains the page number.
2. From the **Design** tab, place a check mark next to **Different First Page**. The header and footer will disappear from the first page. If you want, you can **type something new** in the header or footer, and it will only affect the **first page**.



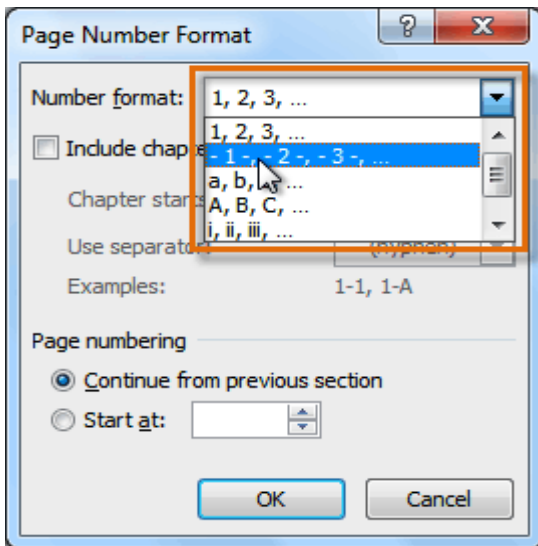
If you're unable to select **Different First Page**, it may be because an object within the header or footer is selected. Click in an **empty area** within the header or footer to make sure nothing is selected.

To format page numbers:

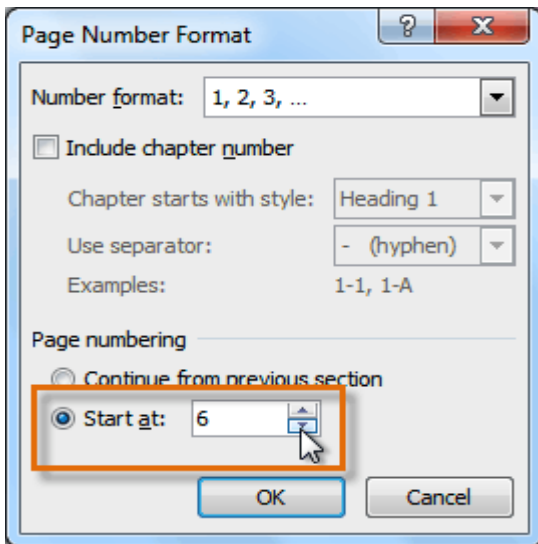
1. Select the **header** or **footer** that contains the page number.
2. From the **Design** tab, select the Page Number command.
3. Click **Format Page Numbers**.



4. From the dialog box, select the desired **Number format**.



5. Next to **Start at**, enter the number you want the page numbers to start with.



If you've created a page number in the **side margin**, it's still considered part of the header or footer. You won't be able to select the page number unless the **header or footer is selected**.

An alternative way to modify your page numbering is by using section breaks. To learn how to do this, read our article on [Modifying Page Numbers in Word](#).

Challenge!

1. Create a **new** Word document.
2. Create a blank **header**.
3. Add your name in the **header** of a document.
4. **Right-align** the text in the header.
5. Select a **built-in footer**.