

# Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?

---

*Source:*

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Mac/microsoft.public.mac.office.word/2005-11/msg00477.html>

---

- *From:* Clive Huggan <[REMOVETHISoffice@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:REMOVETHISoffice@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Sat, 19 Nov 2005 08:25:10 +1100
- 

I'll second John's remarks, Zack. They brought back recollections of my experiences four years ago when I moved from 5.1a to 2001, which I had forgotten about. In all likelihood there won't be problems in short, simple (e.g. no tables) documents, but so many profound changes have occurred in the last decade-plus since the Windows file structure was ported to the Mac that the longer, more complex type of documents — especially when operated cross-platform — \*do\* experience corruption.

I was buoyed up by advice just before my post-5.1 "experience", somewhat like that of an experienced aunt on the uneasy night before: "Don't worry, dear, everyone feels like that. Just lie back and think of England. Who knows, one day you may even get to like it".

But my experience, I have to say, has never reached the ecstatic heights of my enthusiastic colleague McGhie... ;-)

Ah well, learning to live with the realities is part of life's rich tapestry...

Cheers,

Clive Huggan

=====

On 18/11/05 8:23 PM, in article BFA3E8D4.244D3%john@xxxxxxxxxxx, "John McGhie [MVP – Word and Word Macintosh]" <[john@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:john@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

> Hi Zack:

>

> Everyone has had a go at this, so I might as well pitch in, too :-)

>

> On 18/11/05 3:06 AM, in article

> 1132243616.056915.115580@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Zack"

> <[asdfi23453@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:asdfi23453@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

>

>> 1. Going to 'Customize toolbars/menus' and choosing 'Word for

>> Macintosh 5.1' opens up the 5.1 toolbar, but does not seem to change

## Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?

>> the actual menus. I discovered elsewhere in this message group that  
>> 'control-5' can activate the 5.1 menus, but just wondered if I'm  
>> missing something about the 'Customize toolbars/menus' command.

>

> Word 2004 offers a heap of abilities that Word 5.1 did not have. I would  
> spend at least "some" of your time investigating those. The entire  
> user-base of Word spent the past ten years dreaming up ways to make a better  
> product -- are you quite confident that they were wrong about EVERYTHING??  
> :-)

>

> I used Word 5.1. I now use 2003 and 2004. Would I go back? Hell no! Did  
> it take me a while to get used to the new ways of doing things? Ummm...  
> Yes! Do I use the menus and toolbars the way they come out of the box as  
> standard? Hell no... :-) Word is built for the "average" user, who knows  
> very little about Word or word-processing. That's not me -- or you. The  
> standard user interface is designed to place the simplistic stuff within  
> easy reach for people who have no interest in the greater power, flexibility  
> and stability professional tools offer. But, like a Harley Davidson, Word  
> is built to be improved. And (as some unkind motorcyclists enjoy pointing  
> out...) just like a Harley Davidson, Word needs a lot of improvement to make  
> it really "go" :-)

>

>> 2. If I choose 'Word for Macintosh 5.1' under 'Compatibility'  
>> preference, will I create any compatibility problems if a document is  
>> opened using Word on a Windows computer? Is there any other downside  
>> to choosing 5.1 compatibility?

>

> Yep: Stability, corruption, and compatibility. The Word 5.1. Format can  
> not describe many of the things that Word 2004 can produce. If you specify  
> Word 5.1 compatibility, you are stripping things from your document each  
> time you save. The things most affected are Tables, Graphics, Numbering and  
> special characters.

>

> Many Windows users won't notice if you do this: if your documents are really  
> simple. If you produce complex documents, they will be broken, sometimes  
> badly so, on either platform and knowledgeable users will come back to you  
> asking you to re-send in "Word document format" :-)

>

>> 3. While using 5.1 menus, is there any way to turn page numbering  
>> on/off? In Word 5.1 this command would be under Format>Section, but in  
>> Word 2004 with 5.1 menus page numbering is missing from the 'Sections'  
>> screen.

>

> Double-click the header or footer that contains it and delete the field.

>

>> 3. I've set Word 2004 to open new documents by default in 'Normal  
>> view'. I'd like new documents to open by default in 'Normal view' at  
>> 125% magnification. Is there any way I can do this?

>

> Yes, but it needs a macro to make sure of it. (By default, a document will  
> open in the view and magnification it was last saved in. The macro will

Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?

```
> force-override this behaviour.)
>
> Put these three macros in your Normal template: If you can't remember how,
> Daiya explains it here:
> http://word.mvps.org/MacWordNew/InstallMacroMacContent.htm
>
>
> Sub AutoNew()
> Call AutoOpen
> End Sub
>
> Sub AutoExec()
> Call AutoOpen
> End Sub
>
> Sub AutoOpen()
> '
> ' Macro1 Macro
> ' Macro recorded 18 November 2005 by John McGhie
> '
> If ActiveWindow.View.SplitSpecial = wdPaneNone Then
> ActiveWindow.ActivePane.View.Type = wdNormalView
> Else
> ActiveWindow.View.Type = wdNormalView
> End If
> ActiveWindow.ActivePane.View.Zoom.Percentage = 125
> End Sub
>
>>
>> I'm sure I'll have more questions down the line...
>
> Good. Makes us feel useful :-)
```

```
> Cheers
```

.

---

• *References:*

- ◆ **How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?**  
◇ From: Zack
- ◆ **Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?**  
◇ From: Clive Huggan
- ◆ **Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?**  
◇ From: Elliott Roper
- ◆ **Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?**  
◇ From: Zack
- ◆ **Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?**  
◇ From: John McGhie [MVP – Word and Word Macintosh]

Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?

- Prev by Date: [\*Re: Office file associations lost on Windows server\*](#)
- Next by Date: [\*auto tab to next cell\*](#)
- Previous by thread: [\*Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?\*](#)
- Next by thread: [\*Re: How useful are Word 5.1a menus in Office 2004?\*](#)
- Index(es):
  - ◆ [\*Date\*](#)
  - ◆ [\*Thread\*](#)