

# Re: Macro for Paste Special Unformatted Text

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Hi LC,

Because that command will only bring up the Paste Special window, from which you then have to select the formatting option you want and click OK.

But if you want to avoid macros, at least it does the job half way... ;-)

(I use it so often I couldn't afford to do that.)

Clive

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On 24/12/07 6:44 AM, in article  
3da44c37-a630-4627-b6f0-8374d44144f8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,  
"little\_creature" <[little.creature.inc@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:little.creature.inc@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Hi,  
maybe I have missed something but why do you need macro? why not to simply assign a shortcut to pasteSpecial command? This works quite OK for me and the advantage is that I do not unnecessarily put macros to files, which I would be a bit careful if you share files with other people.

On Dec 23, 3:27 am, Daiya Mitchell <[daiyaNOS...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:daiyaNOS...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>  
wrote:

Hi Julie,

Couple issues. If you recorded a Paste Unformatted Macro, it comes out wrong. The recorder is broken for things involving Paste Special.

The macro you post should be fine, but I'm guessing the line break is in the wrong place. You see where there is an underscore: \_ ? Really the underscore means "this underscore of \_ should not exist and this should all be one line." So try using the VBA editor to type all that as a single line, and let it add an underscore if it needs to. In addition, copying stuff from the web might include a line break that isn't the

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same as the line break the VBA editor would use. I'd bet money that is the problem. Some judicious backspacing should fix it.

Also, you can see here for a functional macro and instructions on fixing errors.<http://word.mvps.org/Mac/PasteText.html>  
(the one you have might be a little better, but that one has never failed me)<http://word.mvps.org/Mac/InstallMacro.html>

The keyboard shortcut issue---the keyboard shortcut is not hard-coded as part of the macro. You might need to re-assign it to a new macro.

While macros are not included in Word 2008, the AppleScript support is better. For a home user, substituting AppleScript for Macros might be just as efficient, once set up.

Daiya

Julie27 wrote:

I'm copying and pasting a lot of emails into one Word document. To save steps, I created a macro to paste special unformatted text, but it's not working right. It's pasting but not in unformatted text form. My macro is:

```
Sub PasteUnformattedText()  
'  
' PasteUnformattedText Macro  
' Macro recorded 12/22/07 by Baird Julianne  
'  
Selection.PasteAndFormat (wdPasteDefault)  
End Sub
```

I searched these discussion threads and found this macro for the same action

```
Selection.PasteSpecial Link:=False,  
DataType:=wdPasteText,  
Placement:= _  
wdInLine, DisplayAsIcon:=False
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I copy and pasted those lines over my Macro commands but received an error message.

Why isn't this working? I will admit I'm not very swift at creating Macros.

Julie