

RE: Style format does not work

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I just solved my own problem.

Who would have thought that instead of making changes to the style and selecting "automatic update, you need to go to the ribbon?

First you select the text you want to reformat, apply a style, or create a new style and apply that, then you have to change the formatting to what you really want it to be, and, finally, right click on the style in the ribbon and pick "Update Style to Match Selection".

It would not change the formatting when I told it to reapply the style, or when I edited the style and told it to update. But from that right click menu it will change all the Heading 1's to what I want.

I got this tip from another grad student: there are two of us who are trying to find disks of older versions so we can go back and focus on our mid-terms.

Tim

"Blacksmith Tim" wrote:

I've been running into something similar.

My particular problem is that I repeatedly assign styles to paragraphs and they just don't take.

For example I took some things from an intranet blog for a class and was going to rework them for a hard copy.

I tagged the headings "Heading 1" via search and replace (there was common wording) and then changed "Normal" to a different font, and justified.

That's all I wanted to do.

If I follow this thread right I have to remove the formatting of the whole document and basically start from scratch to reformat it. And the way to do that is a keyboard command that I just found out about.

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I've been a Word user since 2.0 (1991?) and I've been working with Word Processors since 1981, so I'm hardly new to this. (And getting very frustrated by the process.

So I guess my questions are:

Is there a way to force it to reapply an updated style to all occurrences in a document?

Is there a way to clear formatting for an entire document (or at least "paste without formatting")?

It seems to me that if styles will sometimes not be updated, then what's the point of styles anyway?

And in the for what it's worth category ...

I'm back to grad school, I bought the Student Version of Office 2007 because I didn't want to "mess with it" and there were rumors that older versions of Office would not work well with Vista. What a *shock*. More of a shock than 2.0 to 6.0.

I'm currently digging around for my Office '97 disks to see if it will run with Vista because:

- 1) I'm presently keeping my old Win98 desktop with Word '97 running so that I can track down the old menu shortcuts *because it's quicker to figure it out in the old Word on the other computer and then use the keyboard shortcuts in 2007 than to try and figure out how to do things I've been doing for years with the ribbon.
- 2) If I have serious document work to do I'm going back to that old machine because I can rework a serious writing project faster and easier with '97. (Yes, I have prepared a rough on my 4 week old laptop, in Word 2007, saved it in the compatible format, and transferred it back to the Win98 box with Word'97 to finish up because it's more efficient.)
- 3) RMR does not seem to exist for Word 2007 and no one will talk about it except one post where someone says "it works mostly". Maybe I'm one of the few who used it, but I'm working on becoming a teacher, and I can make documents that Reader can *read* (text to voice or whatever it's called) to people with vision impairments. I've had people who have speech impairments use it to make presentations. It's *useful* ... and I can do it on my old machine but not my new one.
- 4) I just don't have time to sort out the "easier, more efficient ribbon". I spent about 4 hours working through the tutorials and some FAQs ... I'm not an idiot. But I need to spend more time actually writing my documents than figuring out how to make them look like they used to.

Sorry for the rant, but I don't know where else to post that.

Tim

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