

## Re: how do you automatically generate a letter on certain dates

---

*Source:*

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Word/microsoft.public.word.vba.general/2008-07/msg00272.html>

---

- *From:* "Jay Freedman" <[jay.freedman@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jay.freedman@xxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Mon, 14 Jul 2008 13:21:36 -0400
- 

Solly wrote:

bsd

I would like to automatically generate a birthday greeting letter in word2000 to my friends a day before their birthdays wich I have a tendency to forget

Word can't automatically start itself on particular dates. It would be possible to write an AutoExec macro to check the current date each time you start Word, to see if it's in a list of dates on which to print letters — but if you forgot to start Word on the proper day, then nothing would happen. And if you keep Word running all the time, then the AutoExec macro doesn't run after the initial startup. That doesn't seem to me to be a good scheme.

Do you use Outlook? It has a calendar feature with reminders, all built in and ready to use. You can put in all your friends' birthdays, and have a reminder for each one pop up a few days ahead.

If you don't use Outlook, check Google for free or low-cost calendar programs — or just hang a paper calendar on the wall and enter all the birthdays on it.

—

Regards,

Jay Freedman

Microsoft Word MVP FAQ: <http://word.mvps.org>

Email cannot be acknowledged; please post all follow-ups to the newsgroup so all may benefit.

.