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Chapter 1: How to Unprotect this Document

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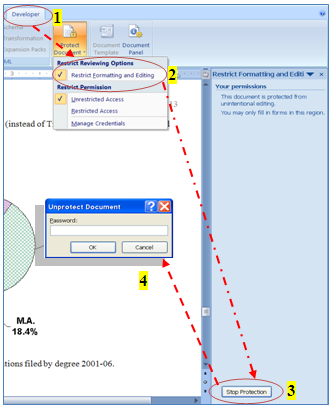


Figure 1. Steps to unprotect a document. (TAD Services suggests Figure captions be single spaced. Captions and body text may not wrap around figures. TAD Services does not recommend text boxes for use with captions.)

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**For help with this document, you may contact your supervisor.**

Chapter 2: How to Use this Document

All Qatar University colleges allow students to use the first five heading levels of the APA 5 style in all theses and dissertations (regardless of the number of heading levels in the document). Other heading styles are acceptable if writing in another style (Chicago, journal-required style, etc.) or if suggested by advisor. The first five Heading levels in this document have been modified to meet the agreed upon heading format. To format other heading levels, click in each title and select the appropriate heading level (Heading 1 through 5) while on the *Home* tab in the *Styles* group. (Note: The Chapter 2 title above has been formatted as a Heading 1 level. See Figure 2.)

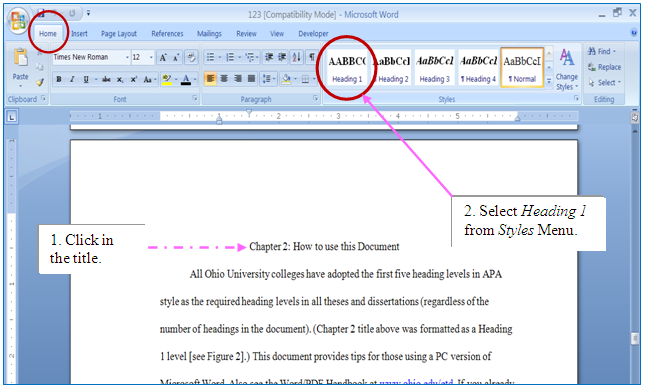


Figure 2. Formatting a title to Heading 1 level through the Style menu.

Special Heading Information for APA Style Run-In Headings

*What is a Run-In Heading?*

A run-in heading is when the first sentence of a paragraph is the heading APA 5 uses this in Heading level 5 while APA 6 uses this in heading levels 3, 4 and 5. This type of heading style cannot be applied to the paragraph and appear in the automated table of contents without a bit of extra work.

Table 1. APA 6 Heading Formats by Hierarchy Level

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Level** | **Format** |
| 1 | **Centered, Boldface Uppercase and Lowercase Heading** |
| 2 | **Left-aligned, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading** |
| 3 | **Indented, boldface, lowercase heading with a period.** Begin body text after the period. |
| 4 | ***Indented, boldface, italicized lowercase heading with a period.*** Begin body text after the period. |
| 5 | *Indented, italicized lowercase heading with a period.*Begin body text after the period. |

Table 2. APA 5 Heading Formats by Hierarchy Level

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Level** | **Format** |
| 1 | Centered, Uppercase Heading |
| 2 | Centered, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading |
| 3 | Centered, Italicized Uppercase and Lowercase Heading |
| 4 | *Left-aligned, Italicized, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading* |
| 5 | Indented, italicized lowercase heading with a period.Begin body text after the period. |

*Making Run-In Headings Work with the Automated Table of Contents*

First, type your heading and the text that follows it as separate paragraphs. I am using APA 6 Heading 3 style in this example:

**Heading formatted using Styles palette.**

Sample paragraph text lorum ipsum dolor sit amet, etc.

Format the heading using the styles palette and leave the second paragraph alone.

If you don’t have nonprinting characters displayed, press the Show/Hide button http://wordfaqs.mvps.org/RunInSidehead_files/image001.gif in the Paragraph group on the Home tab of the Ribbon in Word 2007 and 2010 and in the standard toolbar at the top of Word for Mac. You should see your paragraphs like this:

**Heading formatted using Styles palette.**¶

Sample paragraph text lorum ipsum dolor sit amet, etc. ¶

Highlight just the paragraph mark (¶) at the end of the heading and format it as Hidden (Press and hold Control+Shift then type H). You will not immediately see any change, but when you press the Show/Hide ¶ button again, your paragraphs will join. When you update your table of contents, only the section styled as Heading 3 should appear in the listing.

**Heading formatted using Styles palette.**

Sample paragraph text lorum ipsum dolor sit amet, etc.

Some caveats:

* If your Body Text style is **justified** (straight with margins on the left and right), your heading style must also be justified, or else the first line of your paragraph will not be justified. You can modify this using the information in Chapter 3.
* You must hide nonprinting characters (or at least Hidden text) before generating your TOC, or the page numbers will very likely be wrong.

Chapter 3: Formatting or Modifying Headings in a Manuscript

Click in the title above, look at the *Style* box (while on the *Home* tab in the *Styles* group) and note that the block “Heading 1” was selected. To format other heading levels, simply click in each title within your document and select the appropriate heading level (Heading 1 through 5) while on the *Home* tabin the *Styles* group. If you are using this Template document, you should not need to modify heading styles. If a heading modification is needed: on the *Home* tab in the *Styles* group, open the *Styles* task pane by clicking on the drop down menu  (see Figure 3). Next, in the *Styles* task pane click on the desired heading, then point to the drop down arrow to the right of the heading and click; select *Modify…*from the menu that appears as shown in Figure 3. The following page discusses the dialog boxes that follow.

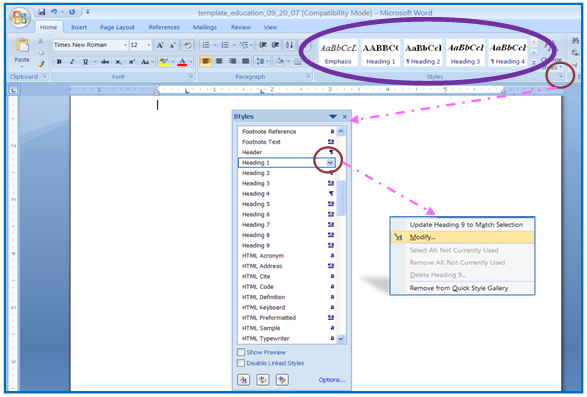


Figure 3. How to modify a heading level.

The dialog box that appears allows you to change the heading level’s font, text size, line spacing, alignment, boldface, and spacing before and after a heading (click *Format Button*/select *Paragraph*/set *Before* and *After* to zero), and more.

What Formats are Included in this Document?

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If you have elected to use this template to format your document, just delete any unwanted text and tables/figures from this document after reviewing all instructions and then copy and paste your chapters in the appropriate place. *Remember, you may need to click in each heading within your document, format them to the appropriate heading levels as discussed above, and finish by updating the Table of Contents*.

Updating the Table of Contents

While you may hand type your Table of Contents, there is an automated Table of Contents already available in this document. Simply format all heading levels as discussed, right click in any gray area of the current Table of Contents, and select *Update Table,* select *Update entire table* from the menu, and click *OK.* Any time a change is made to a heading or text is modified, the Table of Contents needs to be regenerated (using the steps just mentioned).

The Table of Contents in this document was generated originally by clicking on the *References* tab. In the *Table of Contents* group, the *Table of Contents* drop down menu was clicked and the *InsertTable of Contents*was selected. (The *Show Page Numbers* and *Right Align Page Numbers* were checked and the *Tab Leader* “….” options were selected by default.). You should not need to generate a new Table of Contents using the steps just mentioned unless your Table of Contents code becomes corrupt. For example, the dot leaders begin to function incorrectly or the case styles of titles do not appear in the correct format. To recreate the Table of Contents, click in any gray area in the present Table of Contents and click on *References* tab, in *Table of Contents* group click on the *Table of Contents* drop down menu and select *Insert Table of Contents.* A *Table of Contents* dialogue box opens, and you may select from any of the available *Formats* (*Classic*, *Distinctive*, *Fancy*, *Modern*, *Formal* and *Simple)* to replace the current Table of Contents format. Graduate Studies recommends selecting the *Formal* style, but any of Microsoft Word’s built-in template styles that include dot leaders are acceptable formats for the Table of Contents (once a new template style is selected, there is no need to modify the text style of the template, unless requested by your Committee).

Correcting Capitalization Errors in Heading 1 in the Table of Contents

In the Table of Contents, your Heading 1 titles will appear in the same case style (Title case or Uppercase) as you originally typed them. Before you format your title to Heading 1 level, this style is called Normal. To see this style (how the text was typed in originally), click in the title in the document, select the Normal style from the Styles box (on the Formatting Toolbar). Change the title to the desired case style (Title case or Uppercase) and then select Heading 1 again from the styles menu. To see this change in your Table of Contents, right click on the gray area in the Table of Contents list and select Update Field/Update Entire Table.

Removing Text from the Table of Contents that Does Not Belong

Click in the title above, look at the *Style* box (while on the *Home* tab in the *Styles* group) and note the block “Heading 3” was selected. Sometimes when you update your Table of Contents, extra text appears within the Table of Contents that should not be there. This occurs with misplaced paragraph codes (obtained by pressing the *Enter* key) or heading codes in the document text. Locate and select the text in the document that should not be in the Table of Contents. Next, select the *Normal* block from the *Style* box (while on the *Home* tab in the *Styles* group) and then regenerate the Table of Contents (right click on any gray area in the Table of Contents and select *Update Table*). If this does not correct the problem, click your *Show/Hide* icon  located on the *Home* tab in the *Paragraph* group. Move to the area of the document where it is not coded correctly and use your arrow keys to step through the document. While on the *Home* tab in the *Styles* group, watch for the heading box to be highlighted. Once you see a heading appear that should not be there, scroll to see where the code begins and ends. Select the area that is not formatted correctly and select *Normal* from the *Style* menu to reformat this text.

To correct a heading that appears twice in a Table of Contents, simply add a paragraph code in the document before the heading as follows: move to the heading in the document and press the *Enter* key once before the heading at the top of the page. You can also try to move to the bottom of the page before and pressing the *Enter* key at the end of the paragraph to correct this error. (Microsoft Word formats headings between paragraph marks [created when you press the *Enter* key], so if a title appears twice in the Table of Contents, Word is interpreting the title to expand over two pages due to the placement of the paragraph codes).

Tables and Figures

Using a Table in Your Document

Click in the title above, look at the *Style* box and note the block “Heading 3” was selected (if needed, please see figure and instructions at the beginning of Chapter 3).The Table 1 sample below is formatted in APA style. The table text is double spaced. The Table # stands alone on a line above the title. The title is italicized and is in Title Case (Initial Caps). The *Enter* key should be pressed two times while in double space mode before and after the table to separate the table from other text in the document. Tables and figures are always mentioned in text before they appear in a document. APA style requires that all tables and figures be left aligned in a document.

Table 3. Electronic Documents Processed in Academic Year 2005-06

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Quarter | No. | % |
| Fall ’05 | 45 | 21 |
| Winter ’06 | 44 | 21 |
| Spring ’06 | 60 | 28 |
| Summer ’06 | 62 | 29 |
| Total ETDs | 211 | 100 |

Note: Tables should have exactly like the above formatting and text wrapped around them. You may hand type tables or use the Table formatting (grid) tools to set up your tables. Using shading on cells should be carefully considered as anything darker than 15% gray can make text hard to read.

The space between table headings and the table is (1.5) and the space inside the table is single space. The space between the table and the text should be double space or (4) single lines. If the table is running into multiple pages, the table’s heading must be repeated in the following pages (Heading not the caption). Each table should end with a closing line at the end of the table even if the table is continuing to the next page.

Using a Figure in Your Document

Figures are formatted similarly to tables within a document. Press the *Enter* key in double space mode (leaving one blank double spaced line) before and after the figure. In most APA styles, the caption is placed below the figure in sentence case (instead of Title Case as seen on Tables) and ends with a period (see Figure 3 caption).

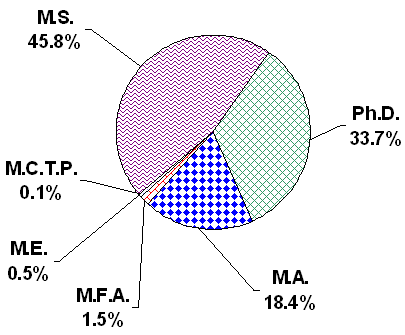


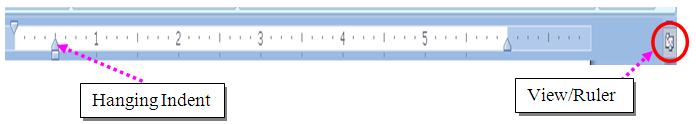
Figure 4. Electronic theses and dissertations filed by degree

The space between the figure and the figure caption is (1.5). Figure caption must be aligned left and all figures must be centered.

References

Use your departmental style requirement to format your references. Graduate Studies (Thesis and Dissertation Services) spot-checks references for completeness and consistency in format.

If hanging indents are required by your style handbook (APA, MLA, etc.), position the cursor in the reference paragraph (or select multiple paragraphs) and on the *Ruler Bar* (select *View/Ruler* if needed on the right hand side of the screen), drag the Hanging Indent icon found on the left side of the Ruler Bar to ½ inch (to indent the second line of text ½ inch from the left margin). See sample hanging indent reference below.



Sample reference with hanging indent:

Denscombe, M. *Ground Rules for Good Research*. Philadelphia, PA: Open University Press, 2003.

Appendix: How to Format Appendix Pages

The appendix contains pages that do not fit well within the body of your document or that stop the flow of your document. Appendices typically contain data tables, letters, consent forms, programming codes, etc. Any style font and text size can be used in an appendix.

**The only rules you need to follow are:**

1. **The word “Appendix” and a title should appear at the top of each appendix.**
2. **The margins remain the same as in the rest of the document.**

Use the following labels at the top of the first page of each appendix for multiple appendices: Appendix A: Title, Appendix B: Title, etc. Label each in the order in which they are mentioned in the main text**. Each appendix should appear in the Table of Contents.** Graduate Studies recommends that the title of each appendix also appear in the Table of Contents.