

## **How can I open Microsoft Word 2007 files (or Excel and PowerPoint 2007 files) in Microsoft 2003 or older versions?**

Microsoft Word 2007 saves files with an (.docx) extension. Microsoft Word 2003 and older versions save files with an (.doc) extension. Even though the file extensions look similar, Microsoft Word 2003 and older versions cannot open (.docx) files without installing additional software called the Microsoft Compatibility Pack. The Microsoft Compatibility Pack allows you to open, edit, save and create files with (.docx) extension using Microsoft Word 2003 and older versions. The Microsoft Compatibility Pack includes a compatibility option for Excel and PowerPoint 2007.

Visit Microsoft's website to download and install the free Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007 File Formats:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/products/HA101686761033.aspx>