# **Introduction to Mail Merge**



Mail Merge is a useful tool that will allow you to easily produce multiple letters, labels, envelopes, and more using information stored in a list, database, or spreadsheet. In this lesson, you will learn how to use the **Mail Merge Wizard** to create a **data source** and a form **letter**, and explore other wizard features. Additionally, you will learn how to use the Ribbon commands to access Mail Merge tools outside of the wizard.

## To use Mail Merge:

- Select the **Mailings** on the Ribbon.
- Select the **Start Mail Merge** command.

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• Select Step by Step Mail Merge Wizard.

The Mail Merge task pane appears and will guide you through the **six main steps** to complete a merge. You will have several decisions to make during the process. The following is an example of how to create a form letter and merge the letter with a data list.

### Steps 1-3

- Choose the type of document you want to create. In this example, select Letters.
- Click Next:Starting document to move to Step 2.
- Select Use the current document.
- Click Next:Select recipients to move to Step 3.
- Select the **Type a new list** button.
- Click Create to create a data source. The New Address List dialog box appears.
  - Click **Customize** in the dialog box. The Customize Address List dialog box appears.
  - Select any field you do not need, and click **Delete**.
  - Click Yes to confirm that you want to delete the field.
  - Continue to delete any unnecessary fields.
  - Click Add. The Add Field dialog box appears.
  - $\circ$  Enter the new field name.
  - Click OK.
  - Continue to add any fields necessary.
  - Click OK to close the Customize Address List dialog box.

#### To customize the new address list:

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- o Enter the necessary data in the New Address List dialog box.
- Click New Entry to enter another record.
- Click Close when you have entered all of your data records.
- Enter the file name you want to save the data list as.
- Choose the location where you want to save the file.
- Click Save. The Mail Merge Recipients dialog box appears and displays all of the data records in the list.
- Confirm that the data list is correct, and click **OK**.
- Click Next:Write your letter to move to Step 4.

#### Steps 4-6

• Write a letter in the current Word document, or use an open existing document.

### To insert recipient data from the list:

- Place the insertion point in the document where you want the information to appear.
- Select Address block, Greeting line, or Electronic postage from the task pane. A dialog box with options will appear based on your selection.



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- Select More Items. The Insert Merge Field dialog box will appear.
- Select the field you want to insert in the document.
- Click Insert. Notice that a placeholder appears where information from the data record will eventually appear.
- Repeat these steps each time you need to enter information from your data record.
- Click Next: Preview your letters in the task pane once you have completed your letter.
- Preview the letters to make sure the information from the data record appears correctly in the letter.
- Click Next: Complete the merge.
- Click **Print** to print the letters.
- Click All.

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- Click **OK** in the Merge to Printer dialog box.
- Click **OK** to send the letters to the printer.