

Creating a table of contents

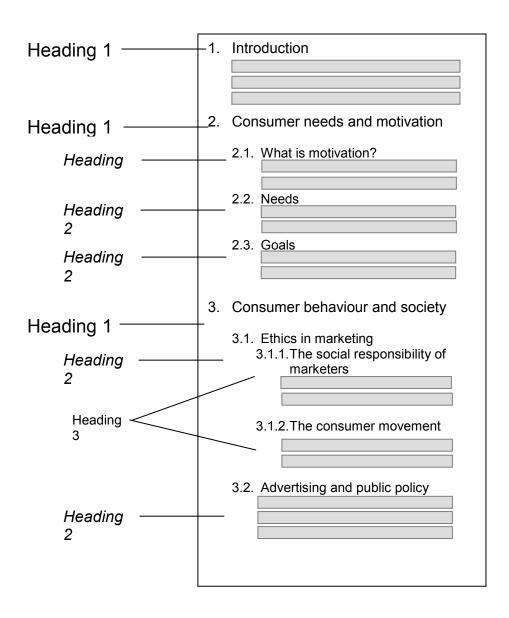
Microsoft Word 2007

MS Word creates a table of contents or index for your document. It is a list of the headings and it is essential to mark text that you wish to include in your table of contents.



For example, you can apply Heading 1 for main heading (level 1), Heading 2 for sub-main heading (level 2), and Heading 3 for sub-sub heading (level 3).

If your headings haven't had a **Heading** style applied, it won't appear in your table of contents. Usually Heading 1-3 are enough unless if you are writing a very long document such as a thesis.



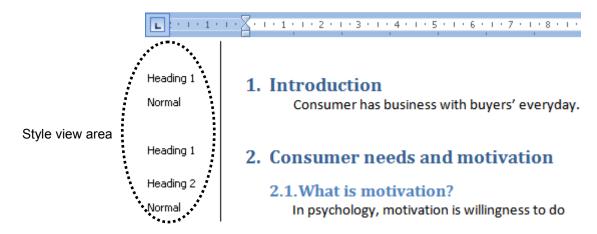


Viewing style area while creating table of contents

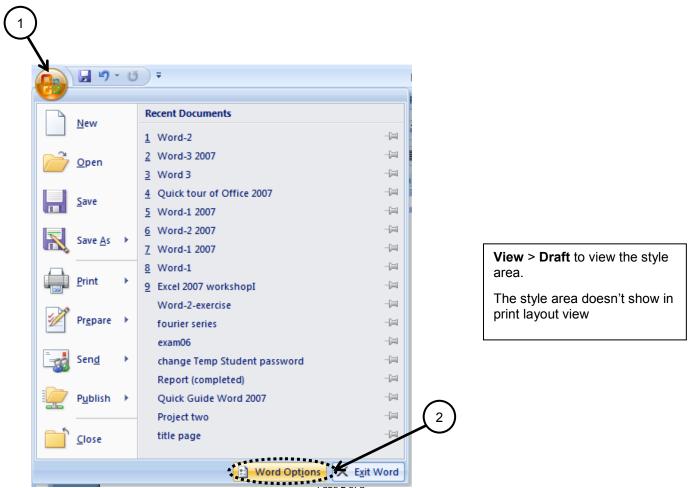
Viewing the style area may be useful while applying Heading styles because you can see where all of your styles are applied and what level they are. You can increase the viewing style area.

NB: To view the style area, you have to be in Draft view, View > Draft

This isn't a vital step to create a table of contents but it can help when things go wrong.

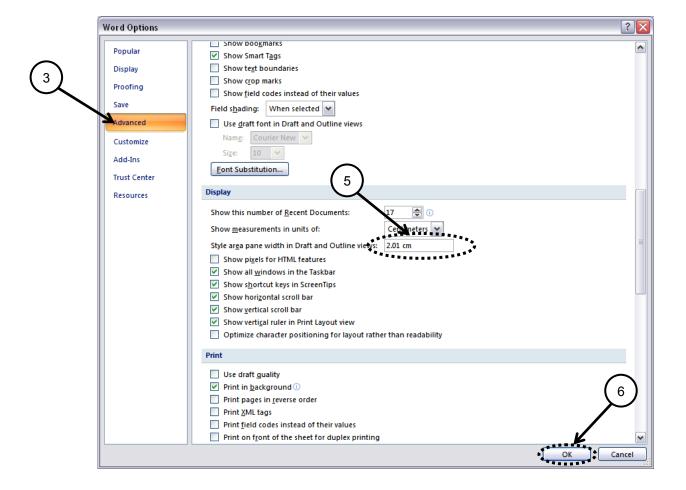


- 1. Click on the Office Button
- 2. Go to Word Options





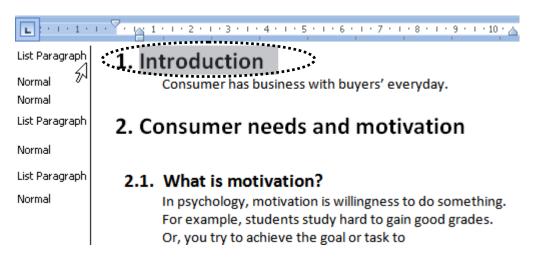
- 3. Click on Advanced
- 4. Scroll down to the Display Section
- 5. Type any width size, e.g. 2cm in Style area pane width to 2cm
- 6. Click OK





Marking entries for a table of contents

1. Select a heading, e.g., main heading



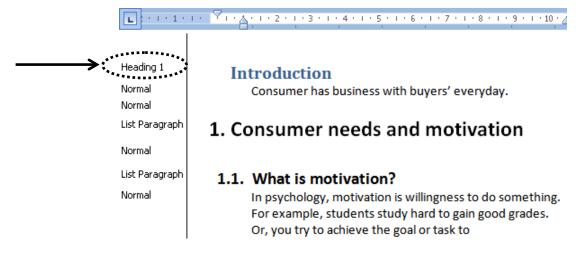
Tip: A quick way of selecting a heading

Mouse over to the left margin > click next to the heading. This should highlight the entire heading.

2. Select a Heading style, e.g., Heading 1

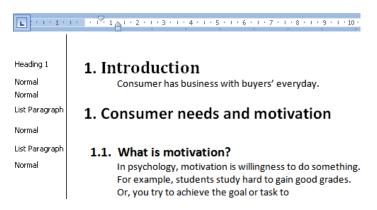


3. ('1. Introduction' is now set as **Heading 1** style.)

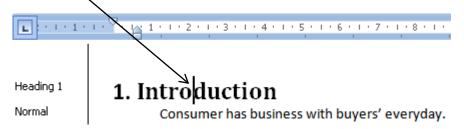




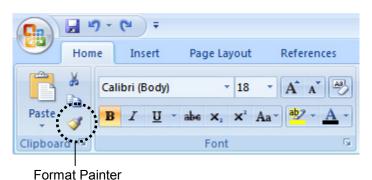
3.1. If your heading has lost the text format, apply format now. (For example, applying numbering and changing the font style and size to how they are supposed to be.)



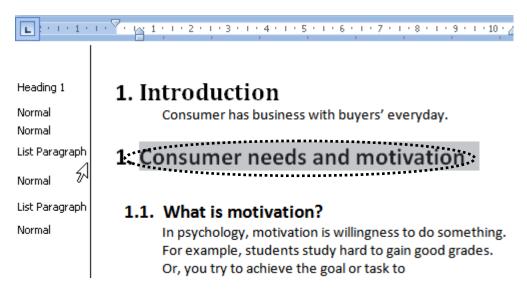
4. Place your cursor somewhere in the heading that you have just applied the Heading style to at step 3.



5. Double click on the Format Painter (this will copy the format so you can apply it elsewhere)

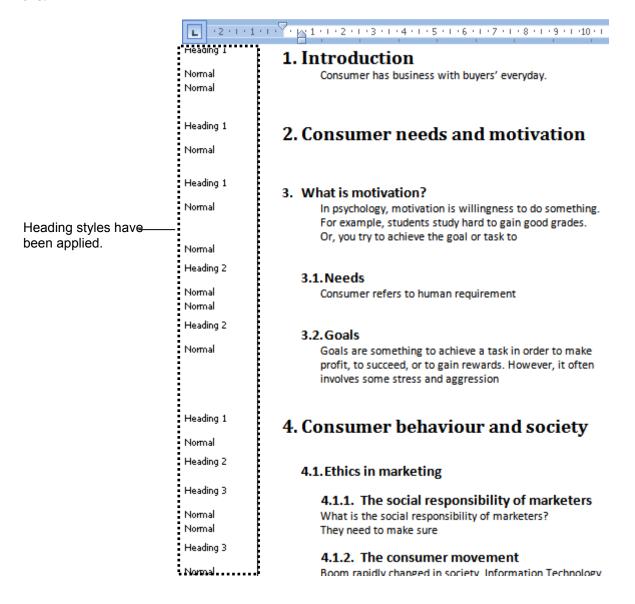


6. Now apply the format you have copied with the format painter to all the other headings at the same level





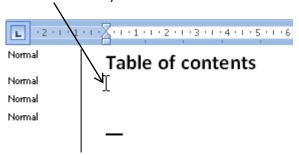
- 7. Press **ESC** key when you have finished.
- 8. Repeat steps from 1 to 7 for each level, i.e., Heading 2 (level 2), Heading 3 (level 3) and so on.
- 9. Done!



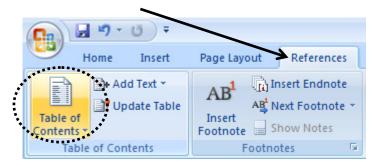


Inserting a table of contents

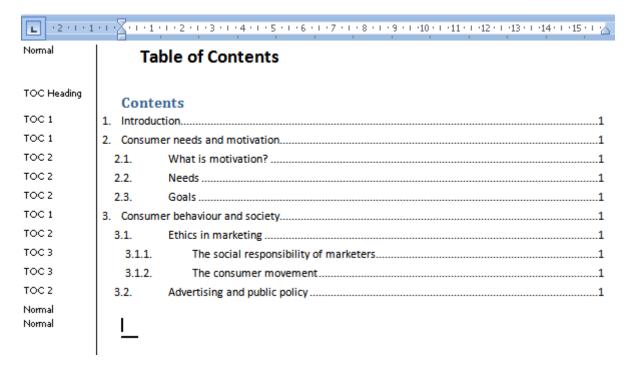
1. Place the cursor where you wish to insert a table of contents.



2. References > Table of Contents



3. **Table of Contents** should appear similar to the example below.

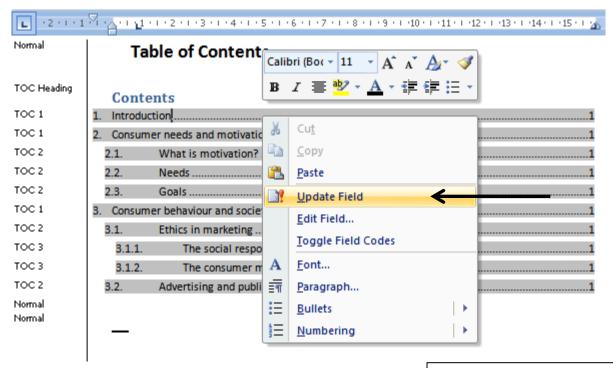




Updating the table of contents

When you have made any changes to your Table of Contents, after you inserted it, you can simply update it.

1. Right click on the table of contents > Click Update Field



2. Click Update entire table > Select Update entire table > Click OK



Tip: Update Table of Contents

Press F9 to update Table of Contents (TOC must be selected first)