



Office AppleScript resources

Some of the AppleScript dictionary definitions are sparse. The format for AppleScript dictionaries and their definitions are determined by Apple. The .sdef type dictionaries used in Macintosh Script Editor in Mac OS X v10.3 (Panther) and later give more scope. The Help in Microsoft Visual Basic Editor is even more thorough, however. If you're a real Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) expert, you may not need longer descriptions and examples for terms you're translating to AppleScript. But they are available.

[AppleScript reference guides](#)

Microsoft provides [AppleScript Office reference guides](#)  (www.microsoft.com/mac/developers) for Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. They provide in-depth descriptions and examples of usage for every term in the dictionaries, and essential introductory essays explaining how to script. For example, the [Microsoft Word 2004 AppleScript Reference](#)  (http://download.microsoft.com/download/1/3/E/13E8AE25-78F7-41A8-B252-F09C465CE29C/Word2004AppleScriptRef.pdf) guide provides a full discussion about how to use ranges, and shows examples.

The main body of each guide consists of the application's full VBA Help adapted to AppleScript, sometimes with unique AppleScript-only information. These reference guides will be your most important resources for scripting Microsoft Office for Mac.

[Newsgroups](#)


For personal help, write to the appropriate Office for Mac newsgroup:

- microsoft.public.mac.office
- microsoft.public.mac.office.entourage
- microsoft.public.mac.office.excel
- microsoft.public.mac.office.powerpoint
- microsoft.public.mac.office.word

You can subscribe to a newsgroup by using a newsreader or a Google Group. A newsreader posts your questions very quickly, usually within seconds. If you use a Google Group, it can take longer.

If you want to use a newsreader, you can subscribe using the Microsoft News Server (msnews.microsoft.com) in Microsoft Entourage by doing the following:


1. In Entourage, in the folder list, click **Microsoft News Server**.
If you see a message asking if you want to receive the list of newsgroups from this server, click **Receive**.
2. In the **Display newsgroups containing** box, type **.mac**.
3. Hold down CONTROL and click the newsgroup that you want, and then click **Subscribe**.

To use a Google Group, click the appropriate **Browser** link on the [Product forums page](#)  (www.microsoft.com/mac) on the Office for Mac Web site.

[Mailing lists](#)

Another place to get AppleScript help, particularly help that is not specific to the Office applications, is by joining the [AppleScript-Users Apple Mailing List](#)  (http://lists.apple.com/mailman/listinfo/applescript-users).

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