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MS OFFICE 2003 OPENING 2007 DOCXs

THE GENERAL ISSUE:

There is an update for Office 2003 to allow opening (and saving) of 2007 files from the Microsoft Update web site. It has a few steps including making sure other updates are done prior to the downloading of the "Compatibility Pack". Please see the two "**NOTE**" items below first before running the update. See "**UPDATE LINK**" below for details and the running the update.

NOTE: On the "UPDATE LINK" below you will see this statement which is just what we need:

By installing the Compatibility Pack in addition to Microsoft Office 2000, Office XP, or Office 2003, you will be able to open, edit, and save files using the [file formats new to Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007](#). The Compatibility Pack can also be used in conjunction with the Microsoft Office Word Viewer 2003, Excel Viewer 2003, and PowerPoint Viewer 2003 to view files saved in these new formats. For more information about the Compatibility Pack, see [Knowledge Base article 924074](#).

NOTE: On the UPDATE LINK below you will see this statement telling you to first do all High-Priority updates prior to this download:

Users of the Microsoft Office XP and 2003 programs Word, Excel, or PowerPoint—**please install all High-Priority updates from [Microsoft Update](#) before downloading the Compatibility Pack**. Once you click the Microsoft Update link, and the Windows Update page opens, then please click "Express" and install any High-Priority updates.

UPDATE LINK:

USE THIS LINK BELOW FOR THE COMPATIBILITY PACK UPDATE (after completing High-Priority Windows Updates above):

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=941B3470-3AE9-4AEE-8F43-C6BB74CD1466&displaylang=en>

SUMMARY:

This gives life to our Office 2003 Professional corporate license CD for most of our hundreds of users that do not need the new features of 2007. Some users may need the real updated version of 2007 requiring a purchase of Office 2007 Professional.

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