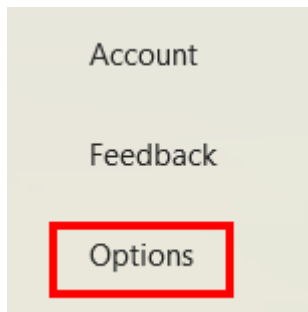


Change Word's default save location ^[1]

February 5, 2024 by [ES and UIS Communications](#) ^[2]

Recently, CU System's default file-saving location for Microsoft Word changed to the Cloud. While this default is the safest backup location, if you use the S drive for collaborative work, it can be more advantageous for Word to save there. Switch your default file-saving location in Word with these quick steps.

1. Open Word
2. Select **File** and click on **Options** in the bottom left corner



3. Select the **Save**

tab on the left sidebar

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General options for working with Word.

User Interface options

When using multiple displays: [i](#)

☒ Optimize for best appearance

☐ Optimize for compatibility (application restart required)

☒ Show Mini Toolbar on selection [i](#)

☒ Enable Live Preview [i](#)

☒ Update document content while dragging [i](#)

☐ Collapse the ribbon automatically [i](#)

☐ Collapse the Microsoft Search box by default [i](#)

☒ Enable modern comments [i](#)

ScreenTip style:

Personalize your copy of Microsoft Office

User name:

Initials:

☐ Always use these values regardless of sign in to Office.

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Office Theme:

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Start up options

☐ Open e-mail attachments and other uneditable files in reading view [i](#)

4. Select the **Save to Computer by default**

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Customize how documents are saved.

Save documents

☒ AutoSave files stored in the Cloud by default in Word [i](#)

Save files in this format:

Word Document (*.docx) ▼

☒ Save AutoRecover information every 10 minutes

☒ Keep the last AutoRecovered version if I close without saving

AutoRecover file location:

C:\Users\baldwinc\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Word\

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5. Choose your desired location by clicking **Browse** under the **Default local file location**

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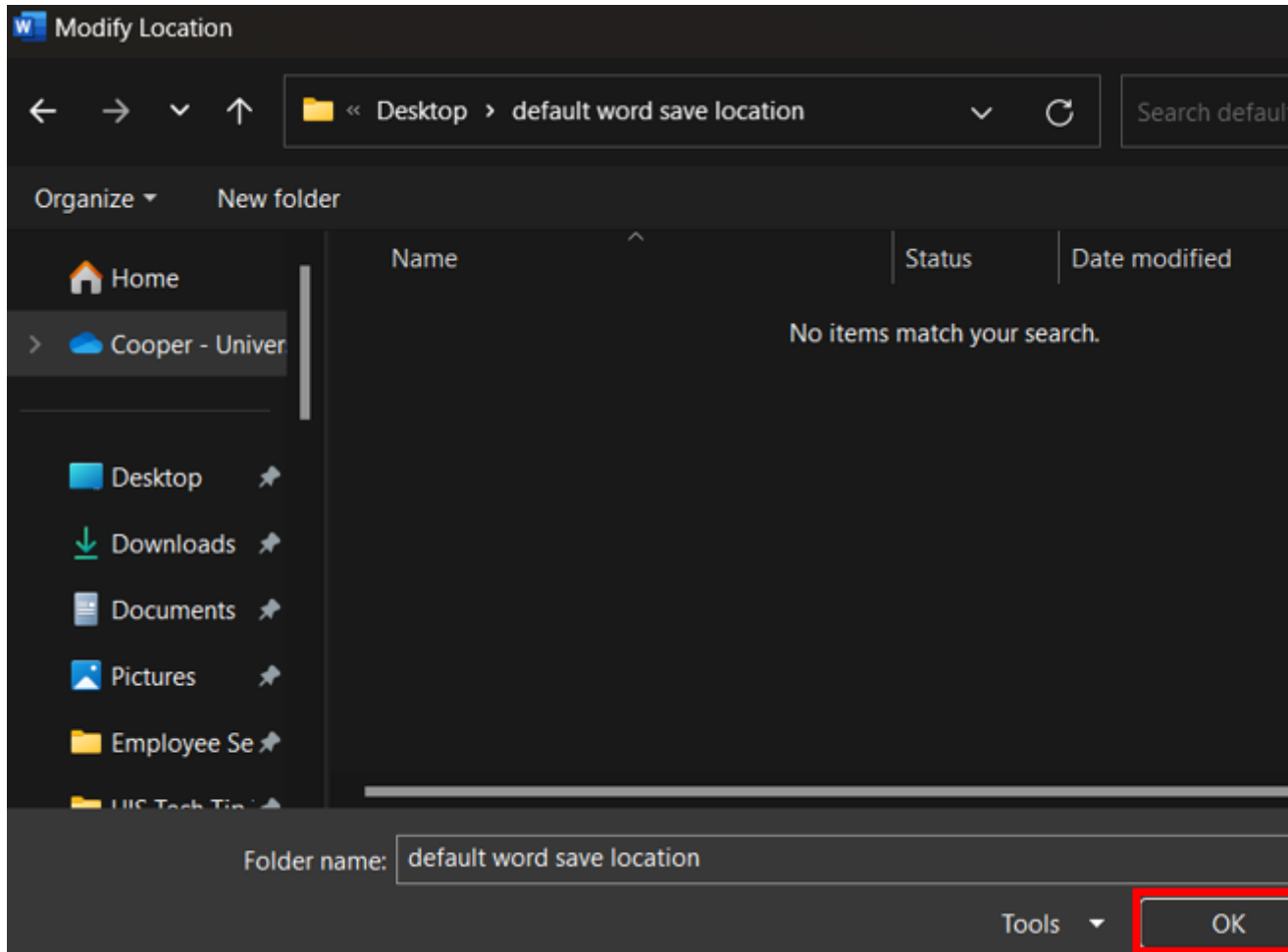
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6. Select your desired location in the File Explorer pop-up and select

OK



7. Select **OK**

to finalize the changes

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