

# WordApplication.Open(System.IO.Stream)

## Description

Opens and returns an existing [Document](#) from the specified [Stream](#).

**C#**

```
public Document Open(System.IO.Stream stream)
```

**vb.net**

```
Public Function Open(ByVal stream As System.IO.Stream) As Document
```

## Parameters

### *stream*

Stream to read the document from.

## Returns

The document contained in the specified stream.

## Exceptions

### *System.Exception*

Thrown if there is an error opening the document.

## Remarks

Though the [WordTemplate](#) object currently supports Office Open XML (Word 2007) format files, [WordApplication.Open\(\)](#) does not yet support them.

## Examples

**C#**

```
Document doc = app.Open(strm);
```

**vb.net**

```
Dim doc As Document = app.Open(strm)
```