

# ExcelTemplate.Open(ExcelApplication, Workbook)

## Description

Passes a spreadsheet from [ExcelApplication](#) to [ExcelTemplate](#).

### C#

```
public virtual void Open(ExcelApplication excelApplication, Workbook workbook)
```

### vb.net

```
Public Overridable Sub Open(ByVal excelApplication As ExcelApplication, ByVal workbook As Workbook)
```

## Parameters

### *excelApplication*

The instance of [ExcelApplication](#) that was used to create the spreadsheet.

### *workbook*

A [Workbook](#) object representing the Excel file created with [ExcelApplication](#).

## Exceptions

### *ArgumentNullException*

[Open](#) will throw this exception if `null` (C#) or `Nothing` (VB.NET) is passed to the method.

### *ArgumentException*

## Remarks

You can use [ExcelApplication](#) to create a document with data markers (a template) and pass the file to [ExcelTemplate](#) to populate the data markers.

If your template file is the new Office Open XML (.xlsx) format, you cannot open it using [ExcelApplication](#) in [ExcelWriter](#) version 7.

## Examples

## C#

```
ExcelApplication xla = new ExcelApplication();  
Workbook wb = xla.Create();  
ExcelTemplate xlt = new ExcelTemplate();  
xlt.Open(xla, wb);
```

## vb.net

```
Dim xla As New ExcelApplication()  
Dim wb As Workbook = xla.Create()  
Dim xlt As New ExcelTemplate()  
xlt.Open(xla, wb)
```