

# ExcelApplication.Open(ExcelTemplate)

## Description

Opens a [Workbook](#) from an [ExcelTemplate](#) object.

**C#**

```
public virtual Workbook Open(ExcelTemplate excelTemplate)
```

**vb.net**

```
Public Overridable Function Open(ByVal excelTemplate As ExcelTemplate) As Workbook
```

## Parameters

### *excelTemplate*

An [ExcelTemplate](#) object representing the workbook to open.

## Returns

Workbook that is opened.

## Remarks

If your template file is the new Office Open XML (.xlsx) format, you can pass it into the [ExcelApplication.Open](#) method just as you would a BIFF8 (.xls) Excel file. You will need to remember to give the output file a ".xlsx" extension when you call [Save](#) as [ExcelWriter](#) cannot convert .xlsx files to .xls

## Exceptions

### *System.Exception*

If there is a problem creating, opening, or writing to the file specified, or reading from the [Workbook](#) object.

## Examples

## C#

```
ExcelTemplate xlt = new ExcelTemplate();

//--- Do something with template here

ExcelApplication xla = new ExcelApplication();
xla.Open(xlt);
```

## vb.net

```
Dim xlt As New ExcelTemplate()

'--- Do something with template here

Dim xla As New ExcelApplication()
xla.Open(xlt)
```