

# SharePointIntegration.SetMailMerge(WordTemplate, Microsoft.SharePoint.SPList)

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## Description

Sets the MailMerge's data source to a SharePoint View. A MailMerge by default treats the page content as a repeat block, repeating the page content for each row unless NEXT fields are used. If the [WordTemplate.EnableNEXTFields](#) property is set to true, the NEXT field can also be used to indicate that the next row of data should be inserted instead of the current row at the next occurrence of the merge fields.

**C#**

```
public void SetMailMerge(this WordTemplate template, Microsoft.SharePoint.SPList list)
```

**vb.net**

```
Public Sub SetMailMerge(ByVal template As WordTemplate, ByVal list As  
Microsoft.SharePoint.SPList)
```

## Parameters

### *template*

Current WordTemplate that is calling SetMailMerge

### *list*

A SharePoint List to use as a data source.

## Exceptions

### **ArgumentNullException**

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

### **ArgumentException**

## Remarks

You can call [SetMailMerge](#) once for each instance of [WordTemplate](#). If you are using the Excel 2003 binary template file type (.xls/.xlt), you can call [SetMailMerge](#) or [SetRepeatBlock](#), but not both.

Additionally, only the page content is repeated for each row, not the entire page itself. If you wish to have the page itself repeat for each row, you will need to remember to place a page break at the bottom of the page.

Merge Fields for using the [SetMailMerge](#) method must not specify a data source – the data source is implied, and using a data source name will cause [WordTemplate](#) to throw an error. Valid merge field formats for use with [SetDataSource](#) include field names («**fieldname**») and field ordinals («**#1**»).



This is an extension method for the [WordTemplate](#) object to be used for binding SharePoint data to applications from within SharePoint. To use this method, you must add a reference to [SoftArtisans.OfficeWriter.WordWriter.SharePointIntegration.dll](#)

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## Examples

### C#

```
//--- Set the mail merge  
//--- The data source is the SharePoint List myList  
wt.SetMailMerge(myList);  
wt.Process();
```

### vb.net

```
'--- Set the mail merge  
'--- The data source is the SharePoint List myList  
wt.SetMailMerge(myList)  
wt.Process()
```