Format Painter

Format Painter is used to format a block of text with the same format that has been applied to another block of text. This is done in a simple three-step procedure.

- Select the text that is the source of the formatting.
  - It isn’t necessary to select a whole block of text.
  - You can just click in the word or in a paragraph that the source formatting is applied to.
- Click the Home Tab.
- In the Clipboard Group, click the Format Painter button.

- To apply the formatting to more than one area in the document, double-click the Format Painter button. This will allow you to apply the formatting to several different paragraphs without having to keep clicking the Format Painter button.
- To apply the formatting to just one other word or paragraph in the document, single-click the Format Painter button. When the button is clicked just one time, it is only possible to apply the formatting to one other word or block of text.
- Move to the first area that the formatting is to be applied to.
- Click in the word or select the text.
- When you release the mouse button, the formatting in the source text will be applied to the selected text.
- Keep selecting the text throughout the document until the original format has been applied to all the desired text.
  - If the formatting that is being applied is a Paragraph format, it isn't necessary to click at the beginning of the paragraph or to select a paragraph.
  - All that is required is for you to click somewhere inside the paragraph.
  - If the formatting is applied to characters and not a paragraph, then you must select the text that the formatting is being applied to.
- When finished, click the Format Painter button again, or press Esc to turn this option off.
- It doesn't matter where the insertion point or mouse pointer is located when you turn off the Format Painter.