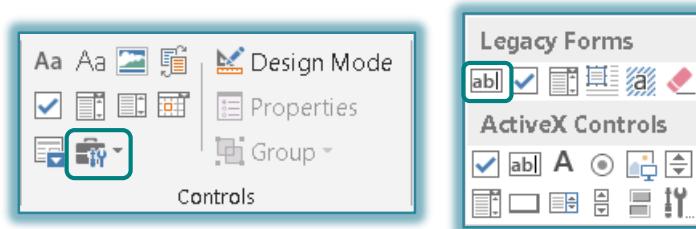


Current Date-Time Form Field

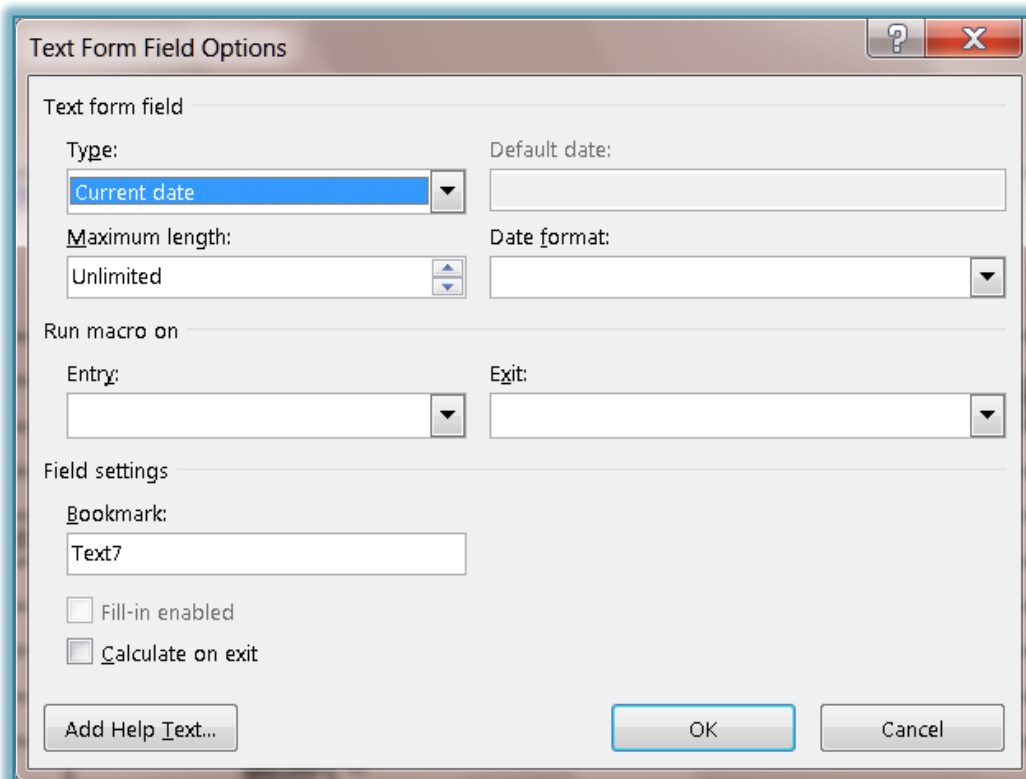
When a Current Date Form Field is used in a form, the current date is automatically inserted. It is not possible to change this date. However, the length of the field and the format for the field can be specified. In order to create this field type, the **Developer Tab** must be available. If this tab is not available, follow the instructions in the [Forms General Information](#) document. This document can be found on the [Word 2013](#) page on the [Training Web Site](#).

This lesson will use the [Online Forms Practice Exercise](#). This document can be found on the [Word 2013](#) page on the [Training Web Site](#).

- ✦ Place the insertion point to the right of **Date of Call** in the form.
- ✦ Click the **Developer Tab**.
- ✦ In the **Controls Group**, click the **Legacy Tools** button (see illustration below left).



- ✦ Click the **Text Form Field** button under **Legacy Forms** (see illustration above right).
- ✦ The **Field** will be inserted next to the **Date of Call** button.
- ✦ Click the **Properties** button in the **Controls Group**.
- ✦ The **Text Form Field Options** dialog box will appear (see illustration below).



Text Form Field Options

Text form field

Type: **Current date** Default date:

Maximum length: **Unlimited** Date format:

Run macro on

Entry: Exit:

Field settings

Bookmark:

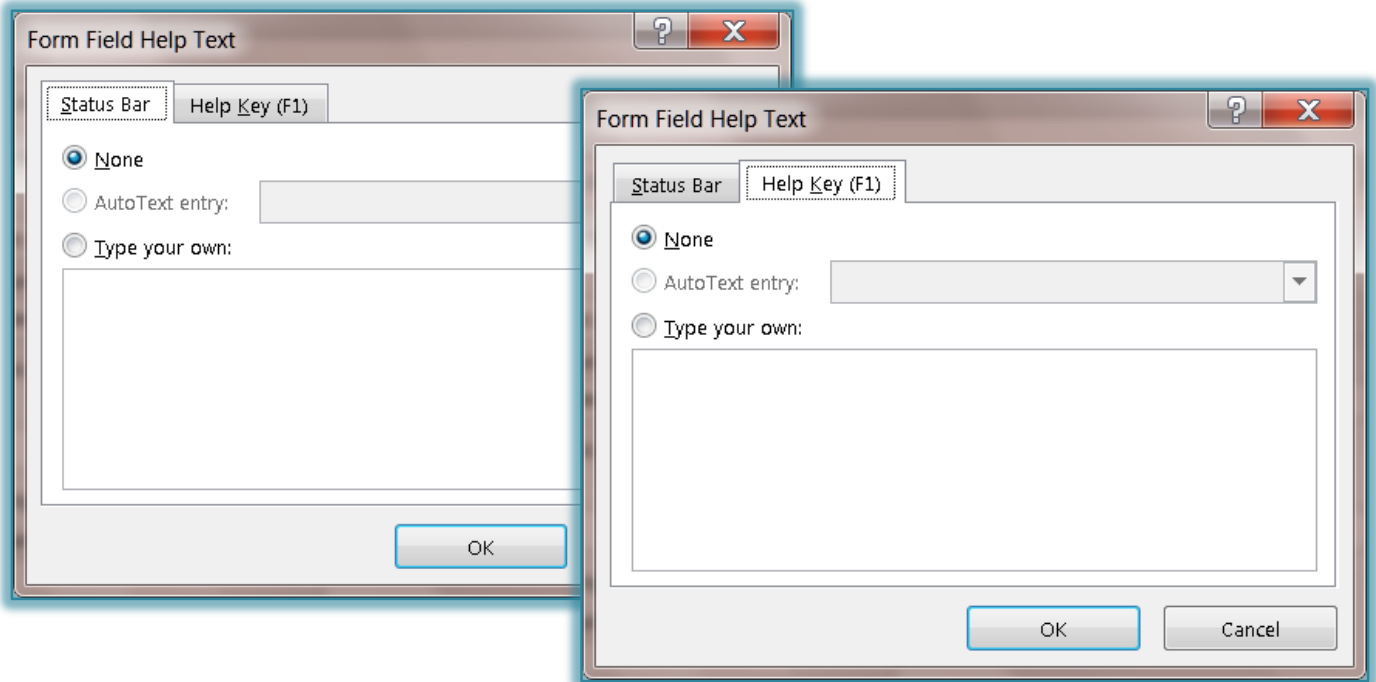
Fill-in enabled

Calculate on exit

Add Help Text... OK Cancel

- ✦ Change the **Type** option to **Current Date**.
- ✦ Change the **Maximum Length** to the desired length.

- † Change the **Date Format** to an appropriate format.
- † Click the **Add Help Text** button to open the **Form Field Help Text** dialog box.
- † Click the **Status Bar** tab (see illustration below left).
- † Click in the text box under **Type your own**.



- † When the text box is clicked, the **Type your own** option button is automatically selected.
- † Click the **Help Key (F1)** tab (see illustration above right).
- † Click the **Type your own** option button.
- † In this box input something that will explain what the person filling out the form should do.
- † Input the text for this option.
 - ★ When text is inserted into the **Status Bar** area of the dialog box, that text is displayed on the **Status Bar** of the window when the form has been protected.
 - ★ When the **Help Key** option is selected, the user will be able to view the text that is input on the **Status Bar** or they may press the **F1** key to obtain help with the item.
- † The **Run Macro on** and **Bookmark** options are used to determine the order in which the **Tab** moves throughout the form.
- † Click **OK** to exit the **Form Field Help Text** dialog box.
- † Click **OK** again to exit the **Text Form Field Options** dialog box.