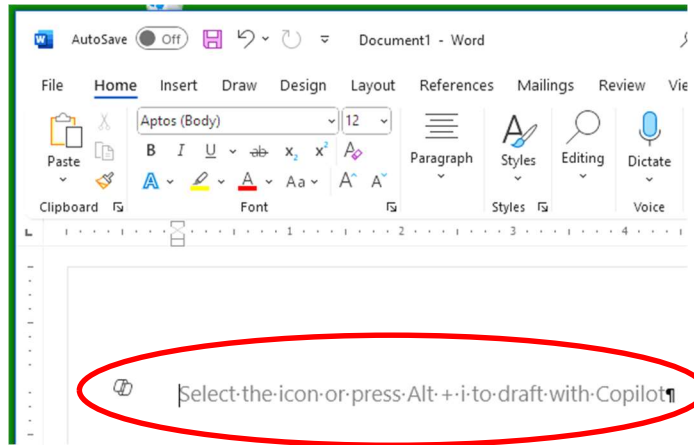# Is Copilot in your face?

*The quick technique for those who just want to get rid of it and don't need my dialog:*
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Note: At the moment - 1/18/25 – this *Microsoft Gripe* seems to only apply to "selected" users of a consumer subscription of 365 or Microsoft Office 365. No telling what that really means except that you're a Guinea pig. And remember, it's not just Copilot that's in your face. It's even more of Microsoft looking over your shoulder and recording everything you're doing. I gave up and let them do that because I've been using Office since Word1 and this old dog doesn't want to learn something else – as though there were a true and compatible equivalent.

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| I opened Word one day and got a message that gave me the "option" to *draft with Copilot*.  ⇨ I couldn't make it go away so that I could type *what **I** want*. (1) When I started to type it jumped in and "finished" with a 2-page story.<br><br>So I went looking …<br><br>I was searching "delete Copilot." (2) All that gave was screenfuls of other people wanting the same thing. Finally I landed on an MS page that told me … |  |
| **How to turn off Copilot in Microsoft 365 Family and Personal subscriptions**<br><br>Halfway down the article it gave me *three* straightforward steps:<br><br>*Why couldn't I have gotten those instructions in the first search?*  ⇨<br><br>I tweak my settings in File>Options all the time so that MSOffice works <u>like I want it to</u>! | **Clear the "Enable Copilot" checkbox on Windows devices**<br>1. In your app (for example, Word), go to **File** > **Options** > **Copilot**.<br>2. Clear the **Enable Copilot** checkbox.<br>3. Select **OK**, and then close and restart the app.<br>If you want to turn Copilot back on, repeat these steps, but select **Enable Copilot** in Step 2.<br><br>*See graphic steps at*<br>https://FromTheHelpdesk.blogspot.com |
| **Notes**<br>(1) With a lifetime as a writer and 30 years as a designer; yeah, I don't want anyone, and especially an experimental app to take my "creativity" away.<br>(2) What I and most other searchers wanted was a straight-forward, permanent way to ban Copilot from their environment, everywhere and forever, until they **invited** it back.<br>(3) PS: when I started to create those two *manual* notes, Word took it on itself to convert it to footnote format. No telling how much tweaking I'll have to go through to post it to my blog | |