

A Macro to Record Ideas
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If I don't take the time to jot down ideas for future projects, they're often lost. So, I wrote a small macro, included as IDEA.WPM, that records a short reminder on the fly and appends it to a file I've created for that purpose. When I get one of those bell-ringing ideas, I put my macro to work.

Before you play the macro, create a file called "ideas" (or whatever you wish). To do this, at a blank screen press Save (F10), type your path and filename, such as c:\wp51\docs\ideas, and press (Enter). Clear the screen by pressing Exit (F7), (N) No, (N) No.

Next, go to the Macro Editor – press (Ctrl-F10), type "idea" and press 2 Edit – and change the path and filename on line 5 to reflect your path and filename.

When you're ready to jot down an idea, make sure the second editing screen is empty, press Macro (Alt-F10), type "idea" and press (Enter). At the prompt type your idea and press (Enter). The macro does the rest. It dates and appends the idea or note to the file you specified in the macro. When you need to pull up the ideas, retrieve the file by pressing Retrieve (Shift-F10), typing "c:\wp51\docs\ideas," or whatever you named your file, and pressing (Enter).

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