

## Create an interactive fillable field for a text value

- 1 When you're editing an existing template or creating a new one, decide where you need an interactive fillable field and put the cursor there. Then click the **Insert macro** button.

Your discount

I'm happy to offer you a |discount for any product of your choice.

Save Cancel

- 2 Select **What to enter**.

Select macro

what to enter

Interactive fillable fields  
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What to enter  
Create an interactive fillable field for a text value, a dropdown list, a date or time picker etc.

Select Cancel Hide descriptions

- 3 In the **What to enter** dialog, keep **Text field** selected.

- Specify the **field name**.
- Enter a **default value** that you can always replace with another one.

With the selected **Required** checkbox, the template won't be inserted if a value isn't entered.

Click **OK**.

What to enter

General Advanced

Type  
Text field

Field name  
Percentage

Default value  
10%

☒ Required

OK Cancel

The **HTML** icon means that you can enter a piece of HTML code.

HTML

<b>Some text</b>

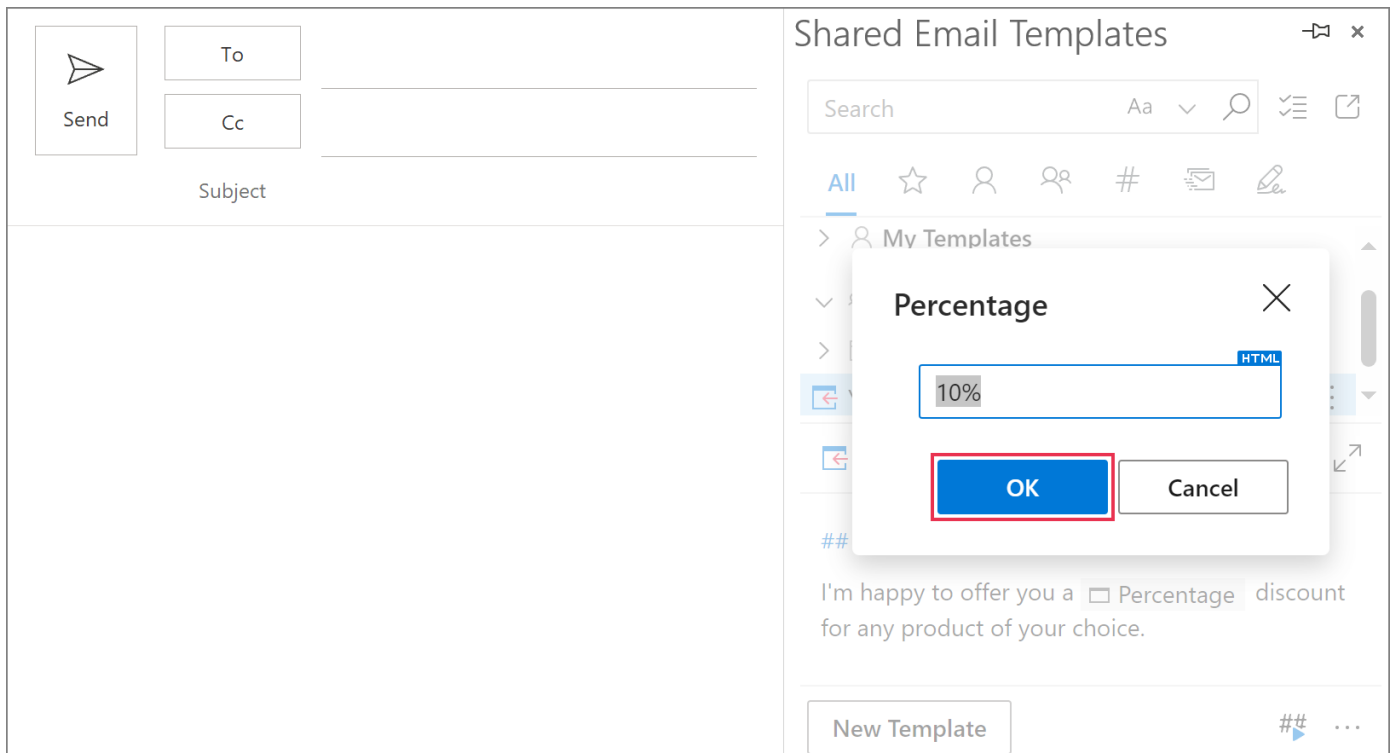
If you select **For Insert-if sections only** (on the *Advanced* tab), the value returned by [WTE](#) won't be inserted into an email message and will be used only for checking a [condition](#).

- 4 When an interactive fillable field appears in your template, click **Save**.

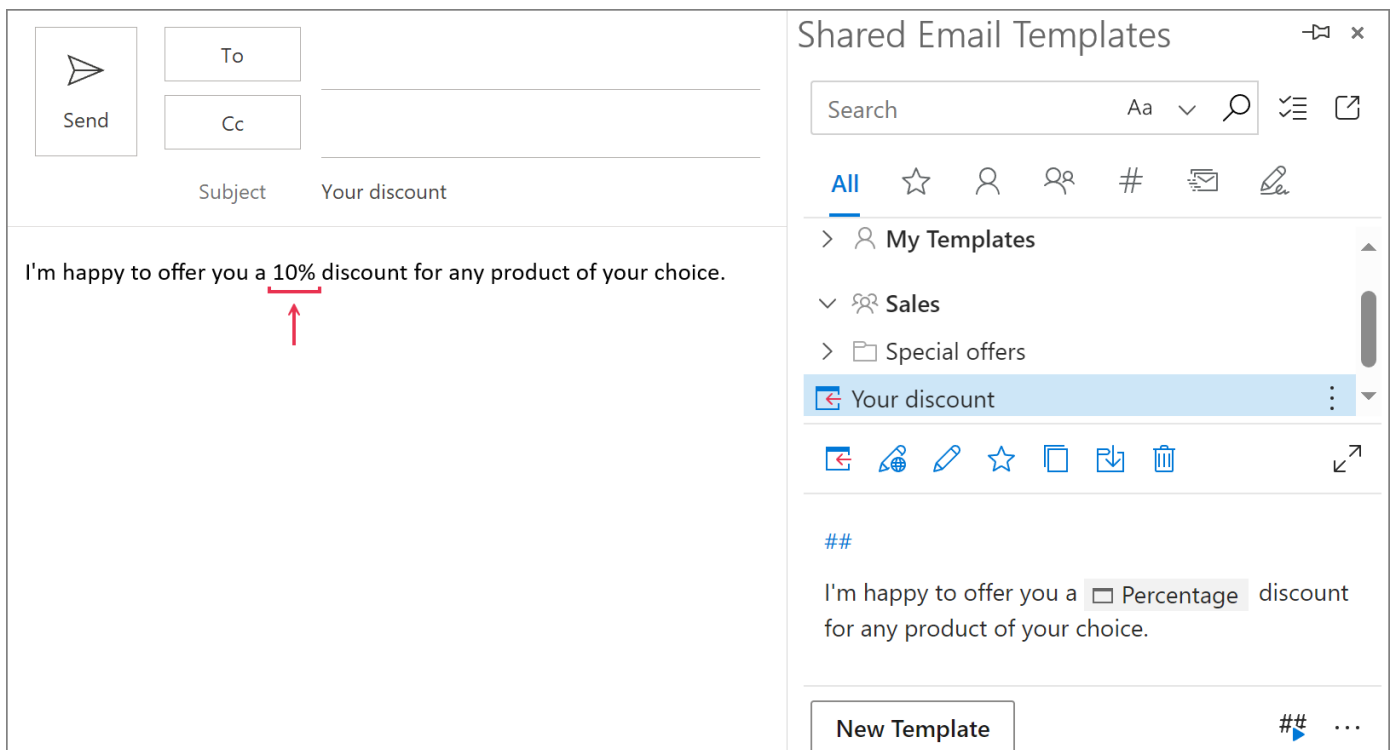
I'm happy to offer you a Percentage discount for any product of your choice.

Save Cancel

When you insert such a template into an email message, you'll see a dialog. Enter the necessary value (or keep the default one), and then click **OK**.

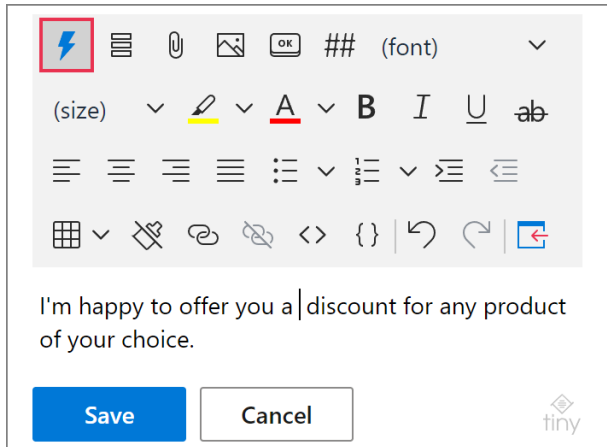


The value that you specified via the dialog will appear in the email message.

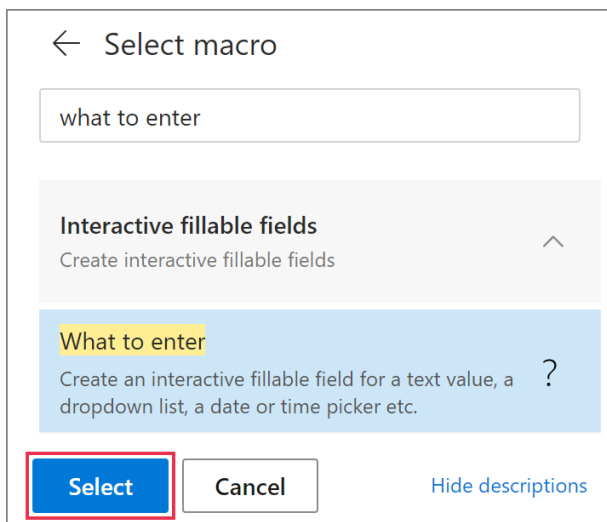


## Create an interactive fillable field for a dropdown list

- 1 When creating or editing a template, place the cursor where an interactive fillable field is needed. Click the **Insert macro** button.



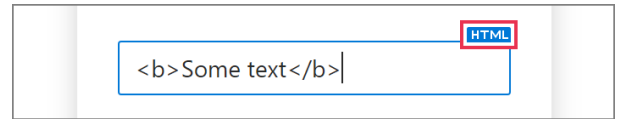
- 2 Select **What to enter**.



- 3 In the **What to enter** dialog, select **Dropdown list**.

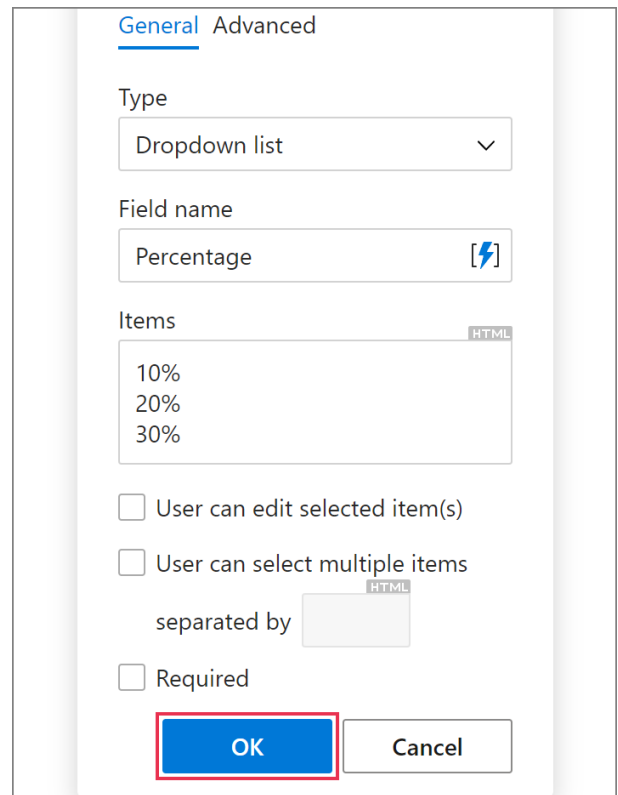
- Specify the **field name**.
- Enter list **items** (one per line).

The **HTML** icon means that you can enter a piece of HTML code.



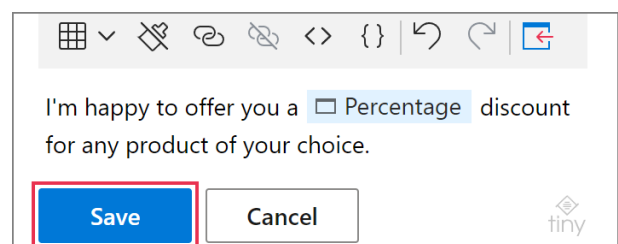
With the selected **Required** checkbox, the template won't be inserted if a value isn't entered.

Click **OK**.

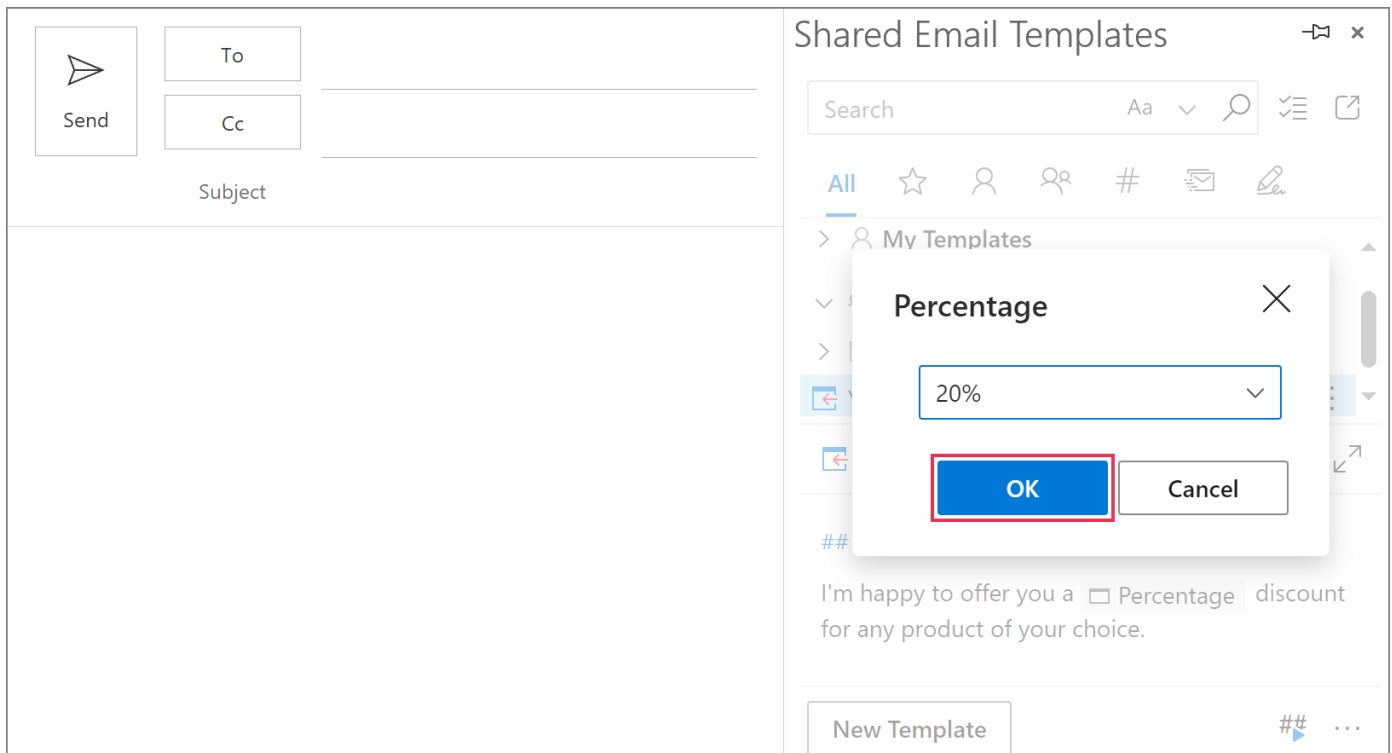


If you select **For Insert-if sections only** (on the *Advanced* tab), the value returned by [WTE](#) won't be inserted into an email message and will be used only for checking a [condition](#).

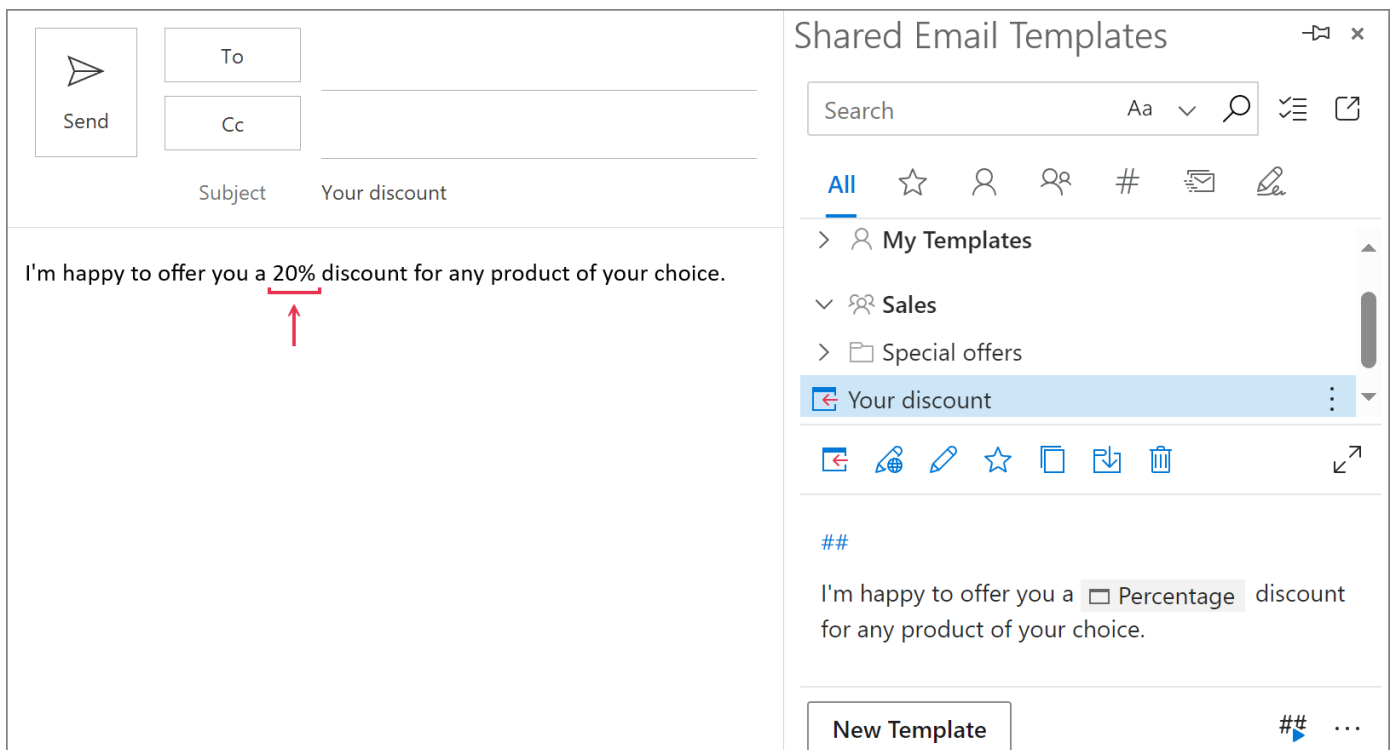
- 4 Click **Save**.



When you insert such a template into an email message, a dialog will appear. Select the necessary list item and click **OK**.



The list item you selected will appear in the email message.



## Create an interactive fillable field for a date picker

- 1 In your template, choose a place where you want to add an interactive fillable field for a date picker. Put the cursor there and click **Insert macro**.

- 2 Select **What to enter**.

- 3 In the **What to enter** dialog, select **Date**.

- Enter the **field name**.
- Select a **date format**.
- Select a **language tag (locale)**.

- To get a certain number of days subtracted or added automatically, enter the necessary value under **Days before/after current date**.

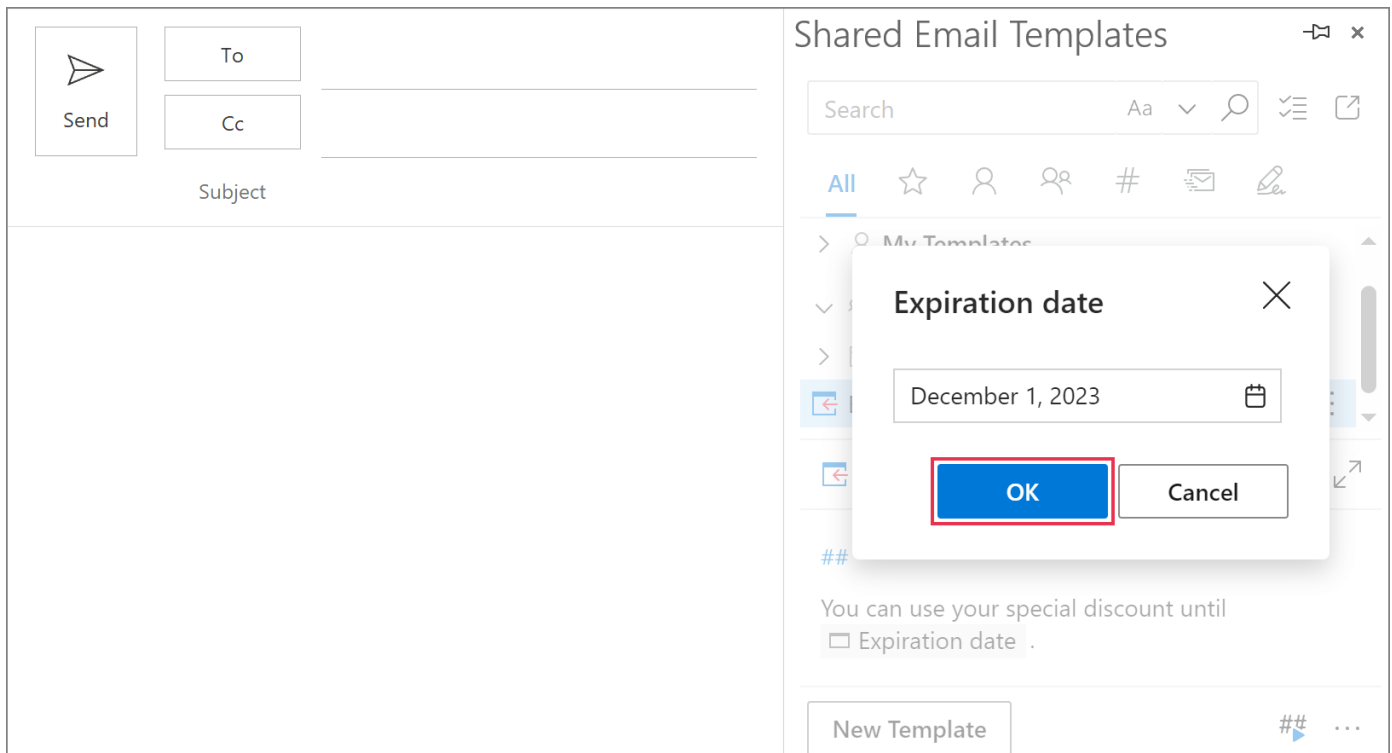
With the **Required** checkbox selected, your template won't be inserted into an email message without a date.

Click **OK**.

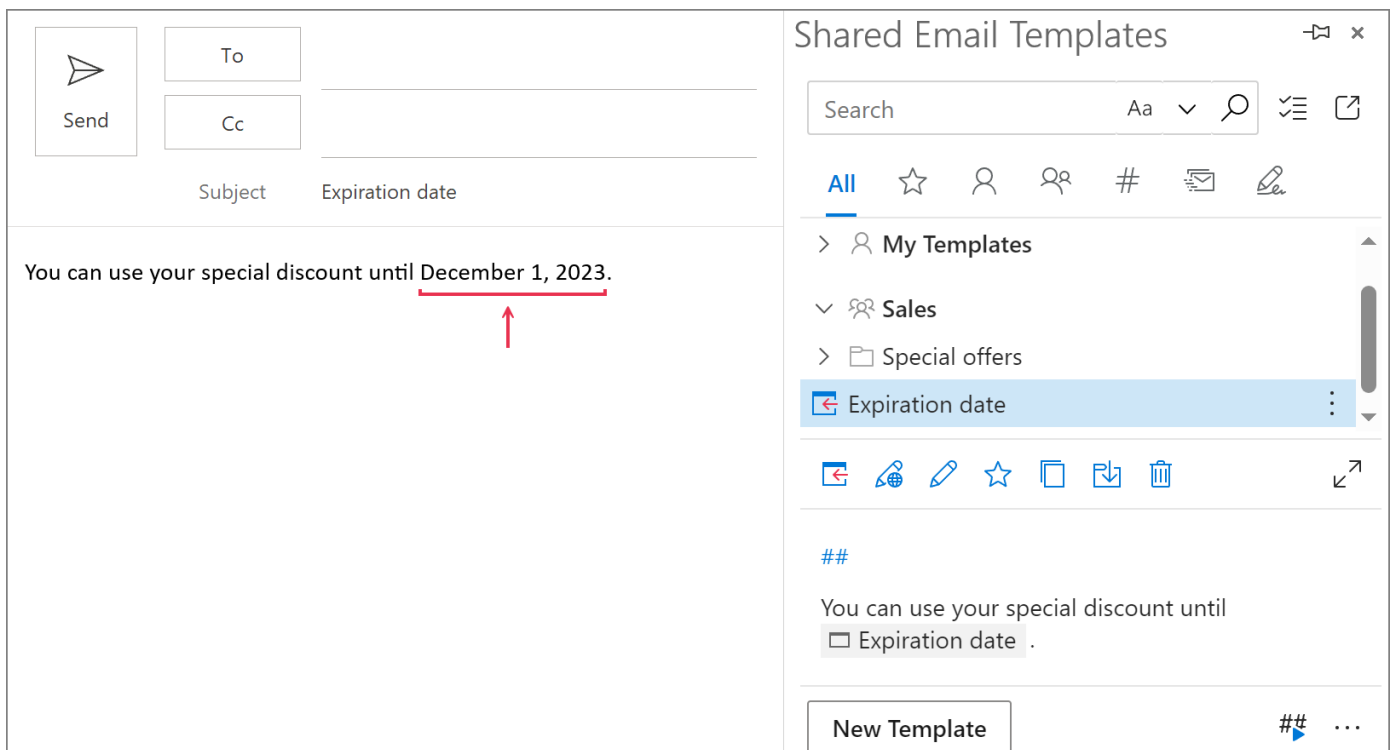
If you select **For Insert-if sections only** (on the *Advanced* tab), the value returned by [WTE](#) won't be inserted into an email message and will be used only for checking a [condition](#).

- 4 An interactive fillable field will appear in your template. Click **Save**.

When you insert such a template into an email message, a dialog will show up making it possible for you to select a date from the calendar. When you're done, click **OK**.

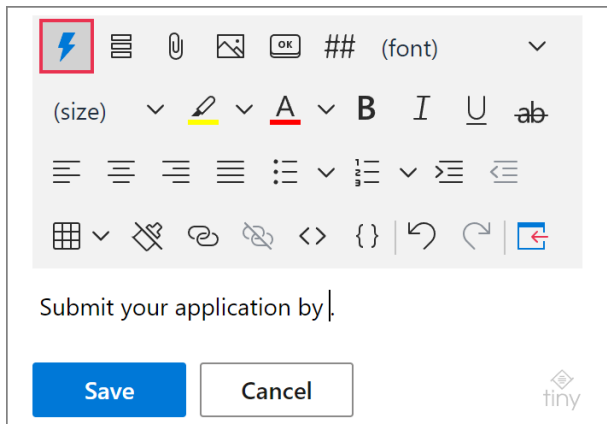


The date returned by the WhatToEnter macro will be added to the email message.

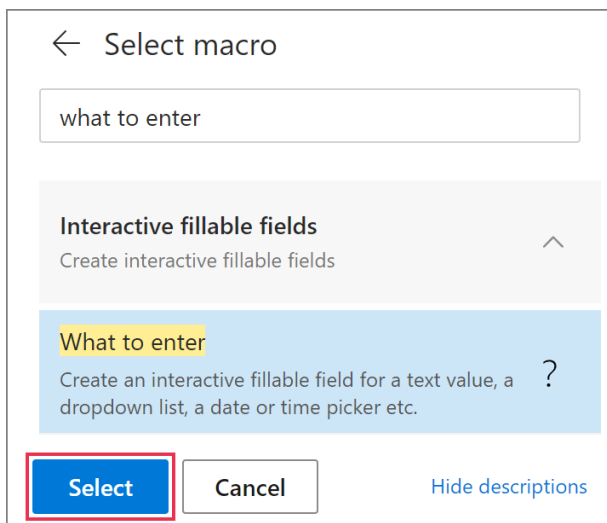


## Create an interactive fillable field for a time picker

- 1 When creating or editing a template, decide where you'd like to have an interactive fillable field for a time picker and place the cursor there. Then click **Insert macro**.



- 2 Select **What to enter**.



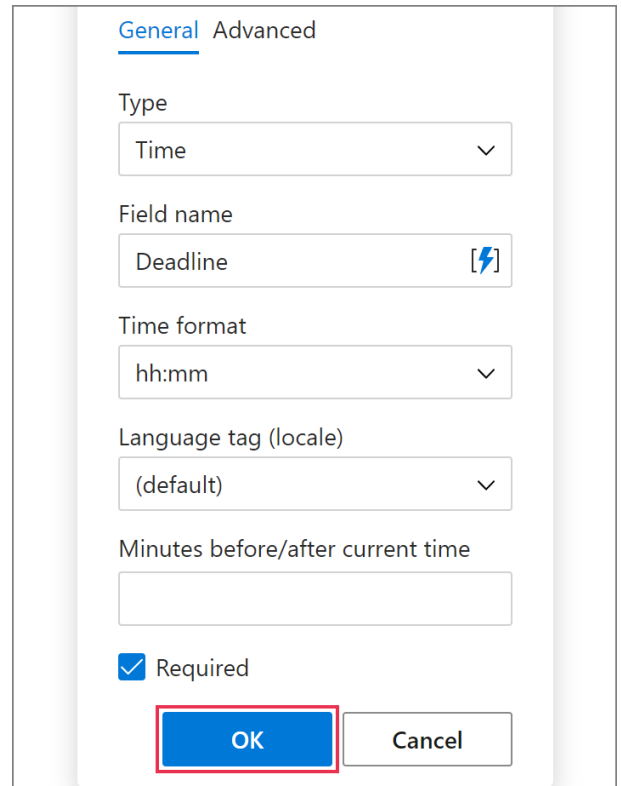
- 3 In the **What to enter** dialog, select **Time**.

- Enter the **field name**.
- Select a **time format**.
- Select a **language tag (locale)**.
- To get a certain number of minutes subtracted or added automatically, enter the

necessary value under **Minutes before/after current time**.

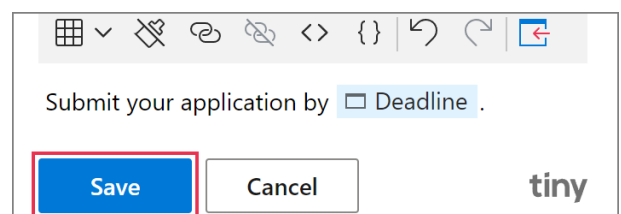
With the **Required** checkbox selected, it won't be possible to insert your template into an email message without including the time.

Click **OK**.

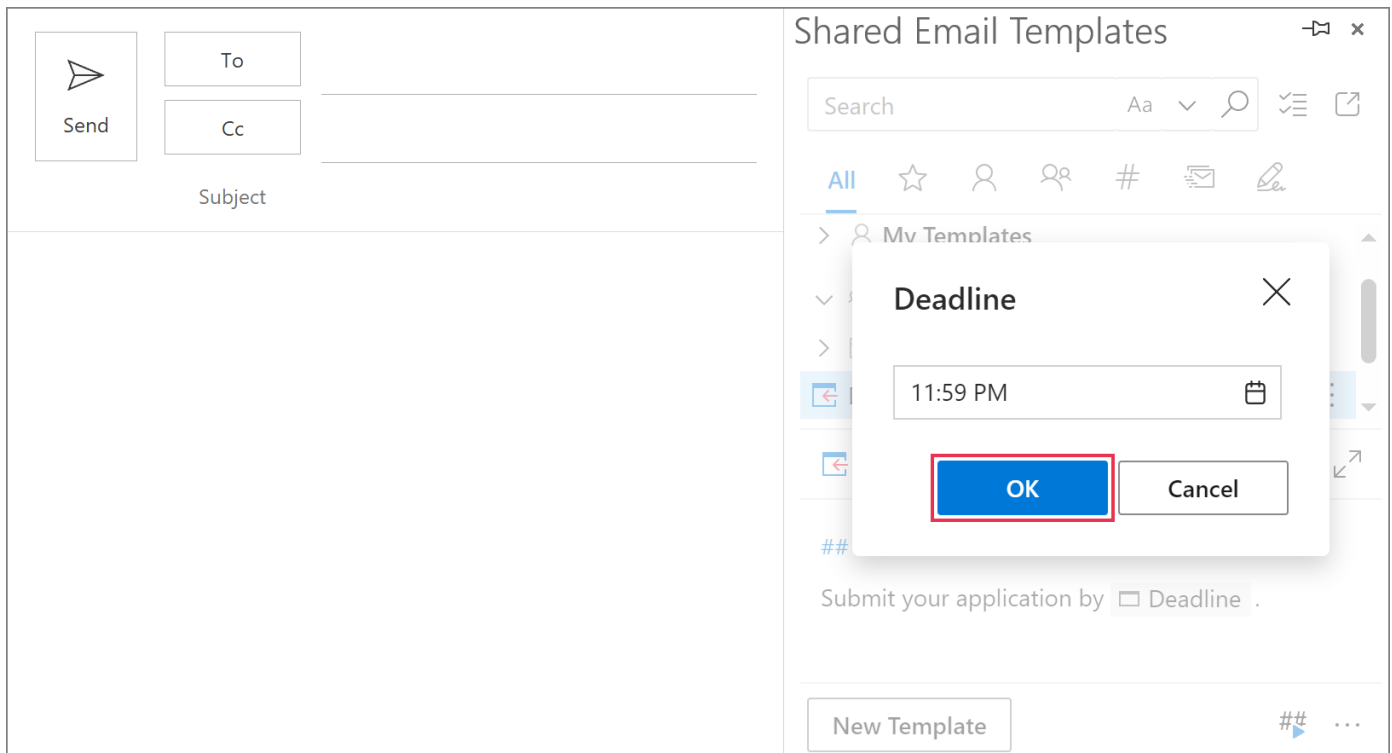


If you select **For Insert-if sections only** (on the *Advanced* tab), the value returned by [WTE](#) won't be inserted into an email message and will be used only for checking a [condition](#).

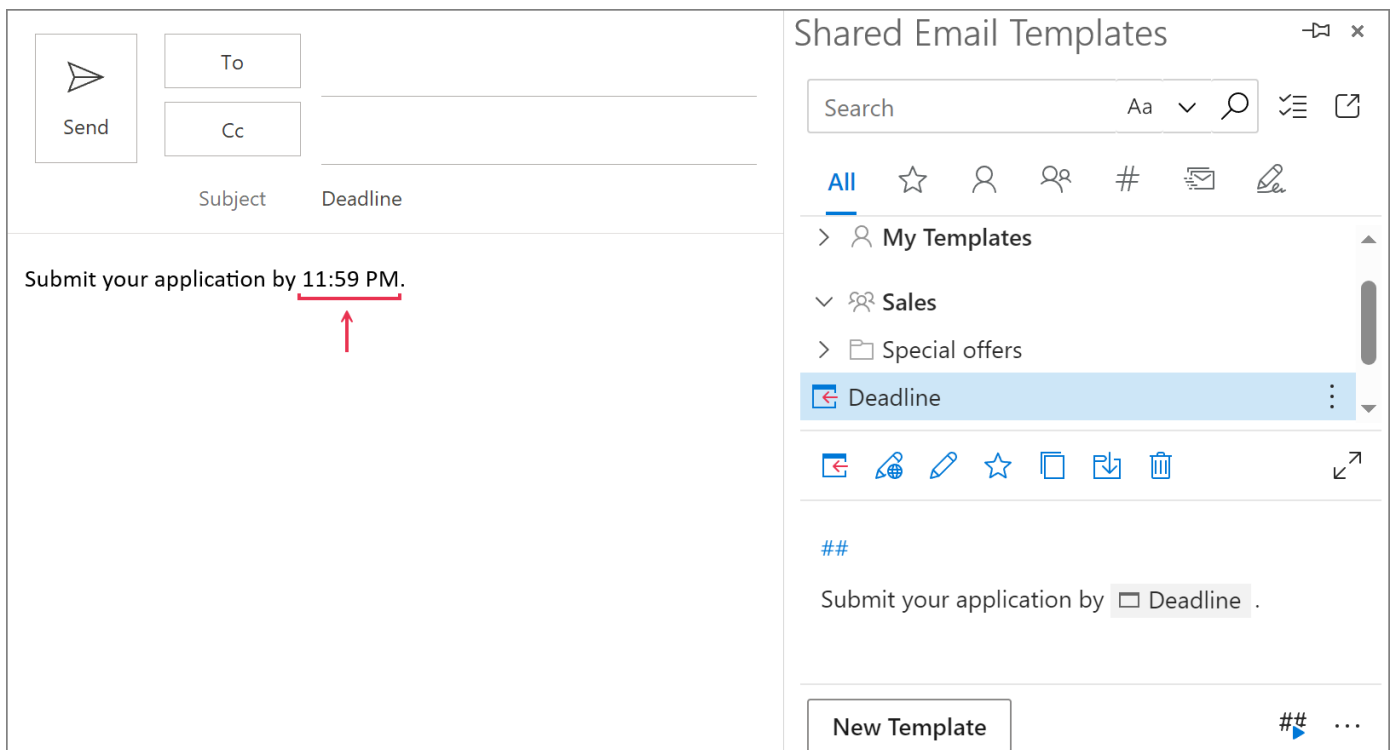
- 4 An interactive fillable field shown with the macro placeholder will be added to the template. Click **Save**.



When you insert such a template into an email message, a dialog shows up so that you can specify the time. When you're done, click **OK**.



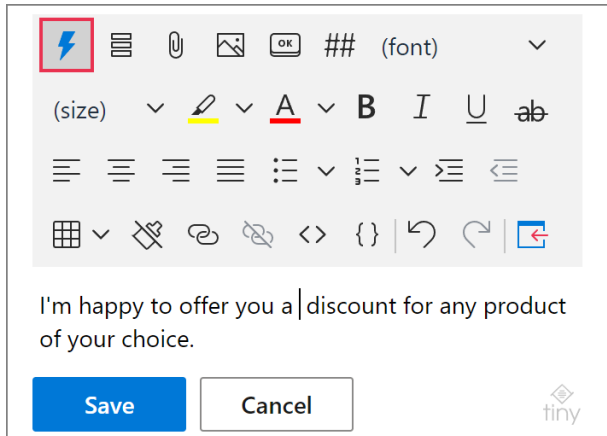
The value returned by the macro will appear in the email message.



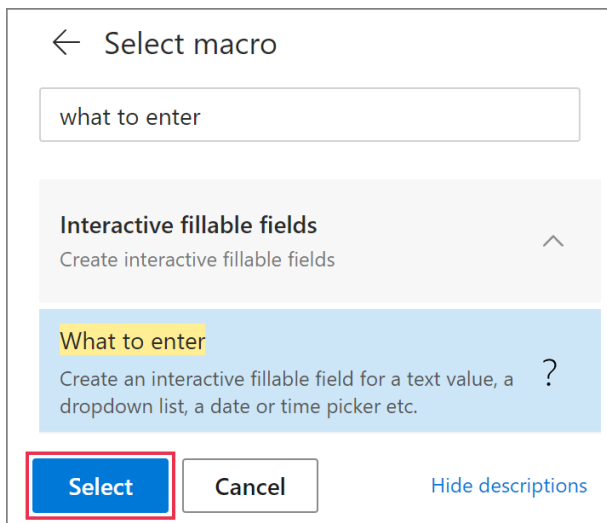


## Create an interactive fillable field for a value from a dataset

- 1 When editing a template or creating a new one, place the cursor where you want an interactive fillable field to appear. Click **Insert macro**.



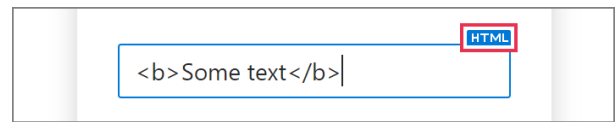
- 2 Select **What to enter**.



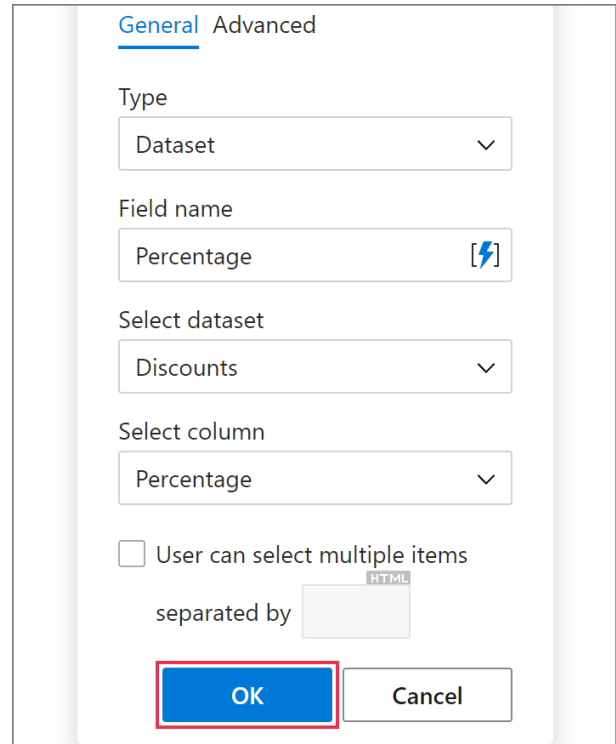
- 3 In the **What to enter** dialog, select **Dataset**.

- Enter the **field name**.
- Select a **dataset** containing values that you want the **WhatToEnter** macro to return.
- Select the necessary **column**.

The **HTML** icon means that you can enter a piece of HTML code.

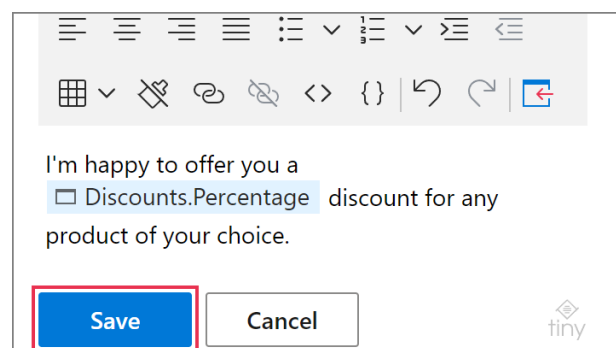


Click **OK**.

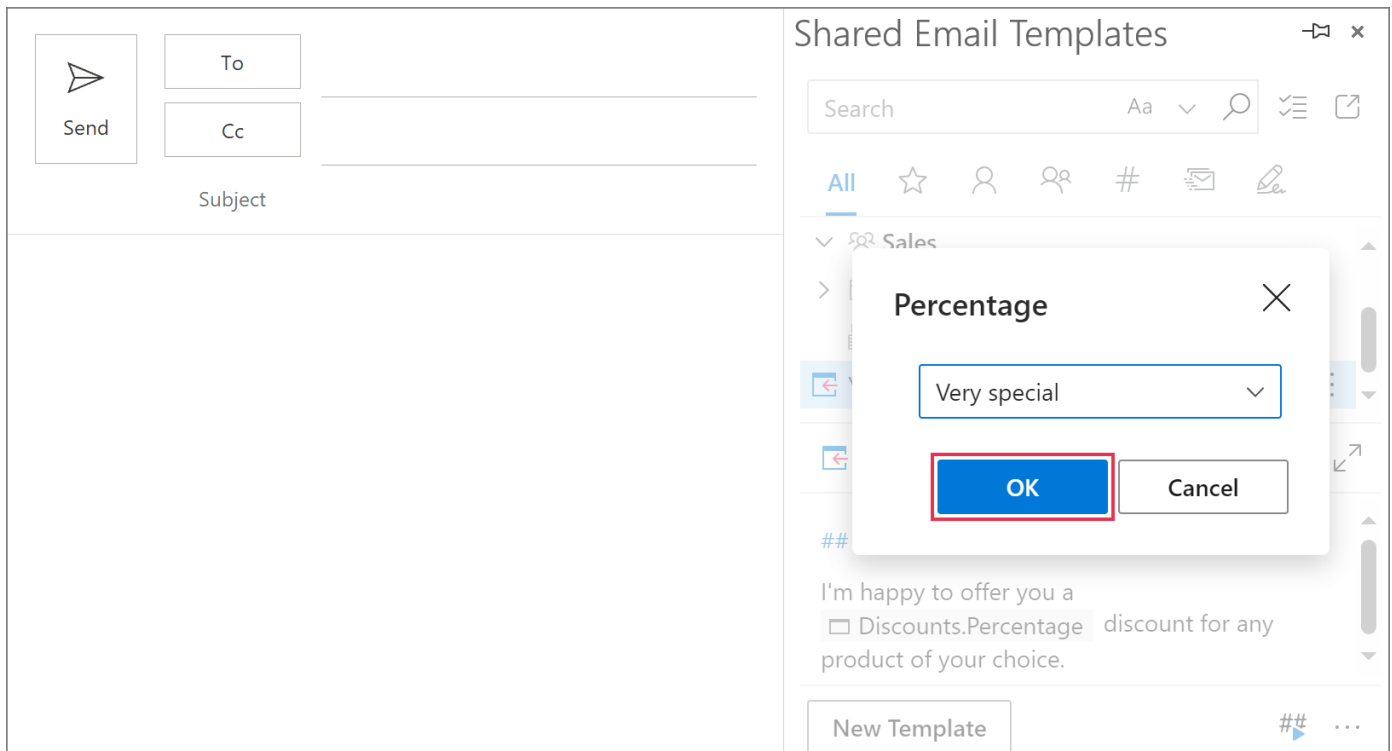


If you select **For Insert-if sections only** (on the *Advanced* tab), the value returned by **WTE** won't be inserted into an email message and will be used only for checking a **condition**.

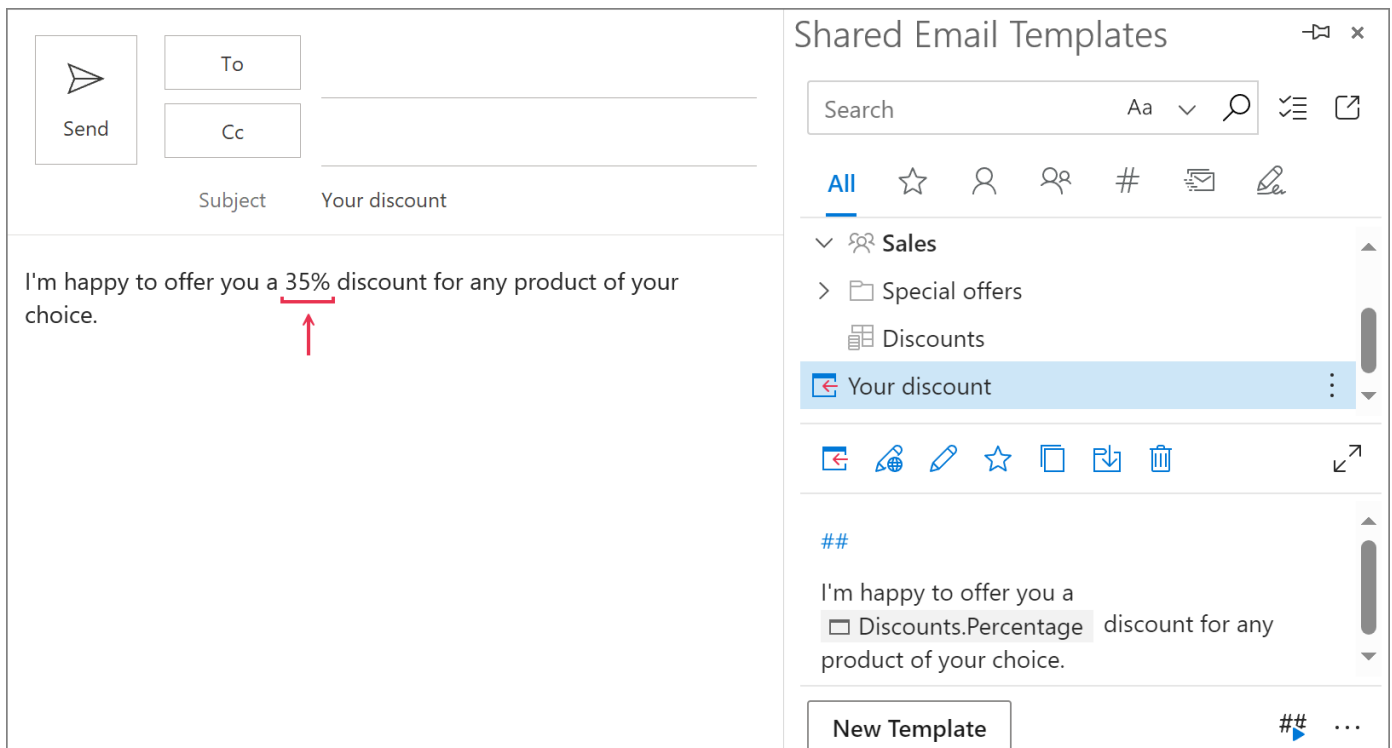
- 4 Save the changes by clicking **Save**.



When you insert such a template into an email message, you'll see a dialog prompting you to select a value that the [key column](#) of the dataset contains. Select a value and click **OK**.



The value returned by the WhatToEnter macro will appear in the email message.



## Repeat an interactive fillable field

To repeat the same interactive fillable field several times in a template, insert [WhatToEnter](#) (WTE) only once and then select it from the list under **Copy from another WTE** in the macro dialog.

You can also right-click the macro placeholder in a template, select **Copy**, and paste the macro.

## Nest the WTE macro

Nest [WhatToEnter](#) (WTE) to make it work together with another macro. For example, if you want to add the result returned by a WTE to the subject line, nest the WTE within the [Add](#) macro.

- 1 When creating or editing a template, place the cursor where you want to have the Add macro placeholder. Then click **Insert macro**.

- 2 Select **Add to Subject**.

- 3 Select **Insert nested macro**.

## 4 Select **What to enter**.

← Select nested macro

what to enter

**Interactive fillable fields**  
Create interactive fillable fields

**What to enter**  
Create an interactive fillable field for a text value, a dropdown list, a date or time picker etc. ?

**Select** Cancel Hide descriptions

## 5 In the **What to enter** dialog, specify the macro parameters, and then click **OK**.

**What to enter**

General Advanced

Type  
Dropdown list

Field name  
Discount

Items  
Your 40% discount  
Your 50% discount  
Your 60% discount

☐ User can edit selected item(s)

☐ User can select multiple items  
separated by

☐ Required

**OK** Cancel

## 6 The WhatToEnter macro will appear in the **Add to Subject line** dialog. Click **OK**.

**Add to Subject line**

: ~%WhatToEnter{"type":', [⚡] ⚡

☐ Before

**OK** Cancel

When you insert such a template into an email message, a dialog will show up prompting you to enter or select some data. When you're done, click **OK**.

**Discount**

Your 40% discount

**OK** Cancel

The data you entered or selected will be added to the subject line.

## Create one prompt for several identical WTEs

If you want the result returned by the same [WhatToEnter](#) macro to appear in two or more places in an email message, for example in the message body and in the subject line, and you also want to enter or select the necessary data via a dialog only once, create one prompt for identical WTEs.

## 1 In the template you're creating or editing, place the cursor where you want to have the WTE

that is needed for the message body. On the template editor toolbar, click **Insert macro**.

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Hello Insert RecipientFirstName,

I'm happy to offer you |

**Save** **Cancel**

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## 2 Select **What to enter**.

← Select macro

what to enter

**Interactive fillable fields**  
Create interactive fillable fields

**What to enter**  
Create an interactive fillable field for a text value, a dropdown list, a date or time picker etc. ?

**Select** **Cancel** [Hide descriptions](#)

## 3 Decide which of the WTE options you need (Text field, Dropdown list, Date, Time, or Dataset), select the necessary one, and then specify the macro parameters. When you're done, click **OK**.

**What to enter**

[General](#) [Advanced](#)

Type  
Dropdown list ▼

Field name  
Discount ⚡ ⚡

Items HTML  
a 40% discount  
a 50% discount  
a 60% discount

☐ User can edit selected item(s)

☐ User can select multiple items  
separated by HTML

☐ Required

**OK** **Cancel**

## 4 Place the cursor where you want to see the **Fill** macro placeholder, and then click **Insert macro** again. Select **Fill Subject**.

← Select macro

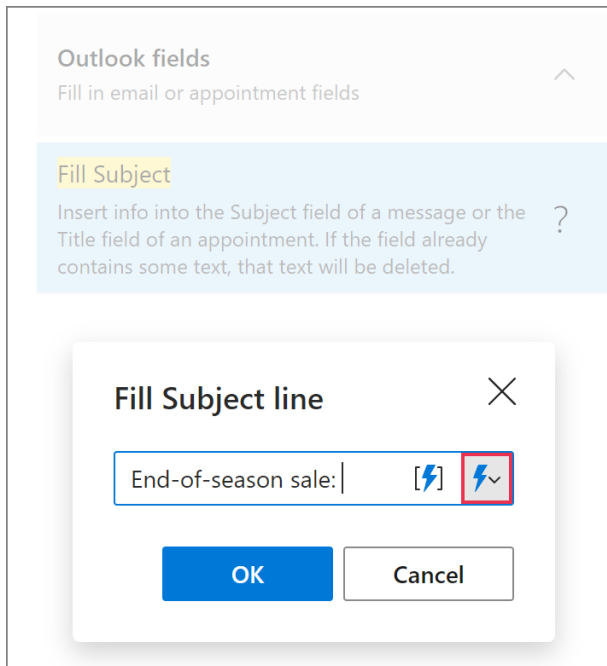
fill subject

**Outlook fields**  
Fill in email or appointment fields

**Fill Subject**  
Insert info into the Subject field of a message or the Title field of an appointment. If the field already contains some text, that text will be deleted. ?

**Select** **Cancel** [Hide descriptions](#)

- 5 If some text besides the data that will be returned by the WTE is needed for the subject line, enter that text into the **Fill Subject line** dialog, and then open the dropdown list.



**Outlook fields**  
Fill in email or appointment fields

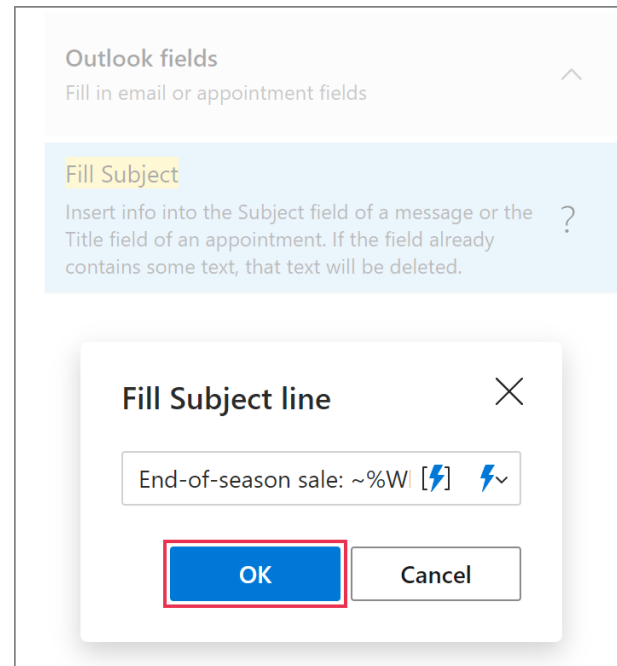
**Fill Subject**  
Insert info into the Subject field of a message or the Title field of an appointment. If the field already contains some text, that text will be deleted.

**Fill Subject line** ✕

End-of-season sale: [⚡] [⚡~]

**OK** **Cancel**

- 6 The dropdown list contains all the fillable fields your template already has. Select the fillable field that you've just created by inserting the WTE. Then click **OK**.



**Outlook fields**  
Fill in email or appointment fields

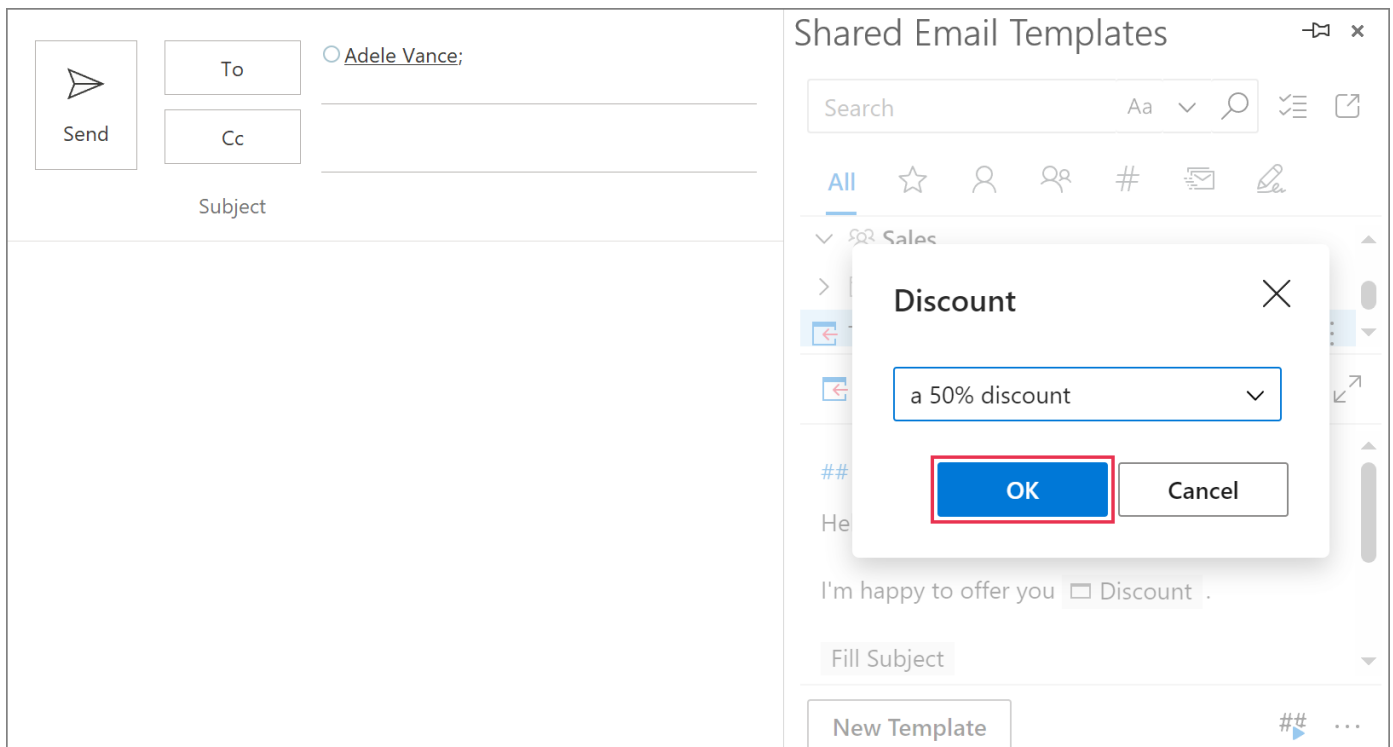
**Fill Subject**  
Insert info into the Subject field of a message or the Title field of an appointment. If the field already contains some text, that text will be deleted.

**Fill Subject line** ✕

End-of-season sale: ~%W [⚡] [⚡~]

**OK** **Cancel**

When you insert such a template into an email message, a dialog prompting you to enter or select some data will appear. Enter or select the necessary data. Then click **OK**.



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I'm happy to offer you ☐ Discount .

**Discount** ✕

a 50% discount ▼

**OK** **Cancel**

Fill Subject

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Subject

The data you've entered or selected will appear both in the message body and in the subject line.

## How to validate user input with a regex

By using regular expressions, you can allow entering or selecting only those values that match a specific pattern.

- 1 When inserting the [WhatToEnter](#) macro into your template, go to the **Advanced** tab of the **What to enter** dialog.
- 2 Under **Validate with regex**, enter a regular expression specifying the pattern that the values that will be entered or selected via the macro dialog must match.
- 3 Select **OK**.

An attempt to enter or select a value that doesn't match the specified pattern will fail.

## Learn more

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