

NUCLEOPHILIC ADDITION-ELIMINATION – acylation		
Reagent	acyl chloride (RCOCl) or acid anhydride (RCOOCOR)	
Conditions		
What happens	 The acyl group is R—C Acylation is the insertion of an acyl group into a compound. The H on the O of an alcohol/water is replaced by an acyl group. The H on the N of an amine/ammonia is replaced by an acyl group. The other product is an acid. With amines/ammonia, this acid reacts with a second molecule of the amine/ammonia to form an ammonium salt of the acid. OVERALL a) Replace an H on the O/N to give the main product. b) If using an amine/ammonia, the acid by-product donates H⁺ to another molecule of amine/ammonia 	
Products	Carboxylic acid (from water) Ester (from alcohols) Amide (from ammonia) N-substituted amide (from amines)	
Overall equation	e.g. acylation of an alcohol (using an acyl chloride) \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{C} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{C} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{C} \overrightarrow{O} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{HC} e.g. acylation of an amine (using an acyl chloride) \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{C} \overrightarrow{C} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{C} \overrightarrow{N} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{HC} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{H} \overrightarrow{HC} \overrightarrow{R} \overrightarrow{H}	

Example 1	e.g. ethanol + propanoyl chloride
	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ II \\ CH_3-CH_2-C-CI + HO-CH_2-CH_3 \longrightarrow CH_3-CH_2-C-O-CH_2-CH_3 + HCI \\ ethyl propanoate \end{array}$
Example 2	e.g. methylamine + ethanoic anhydride
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Example 3	e.g. water + propanoyl chloride
	$CH_{3}-CH_{2}-C-CI + HO-H \longrightarrow CH_{3}-CH_{2}-C-OH + HCI$ propanoic acid
Example 4	e.g. ammonia + ethanoyl chloride
	$CH_3-C-CI + 2 H_2N-H \longrightarrow CH_3-C-NH_2 + CI + H_4$ ethanamide
Example 5	e.g. propan-2-ol + ethanoyl chloride
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Example 6	e.g. ethylamine + propanoic anhydride
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Example 7	e.g. propylamine + butanoyl chloride
	$\begin{array}{c} O\\ II\\ CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-C-CI + 2 H_2N-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3 \end{array} \longrightarrow$
	$\begin{array}{c} O H \\ \parallel \parallel \parallel \\ CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3 + H_3N - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3 \\ N - propyl butanamide \\ \end{array}$





